

Superconducting qubits as a quantum detector

Yasunobu Nakamura 中村 泰信

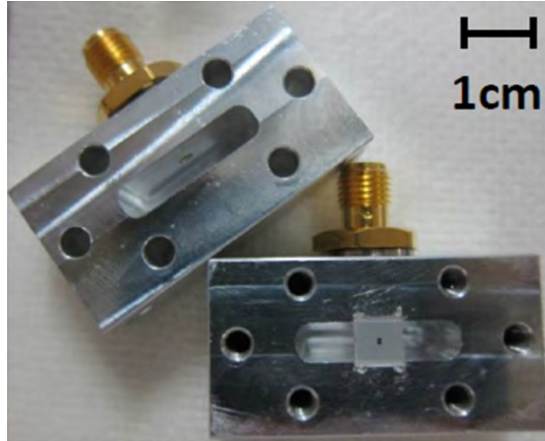
RIKEN Center for Quantum Computing (RQC)

Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST),
The University of Tokyo



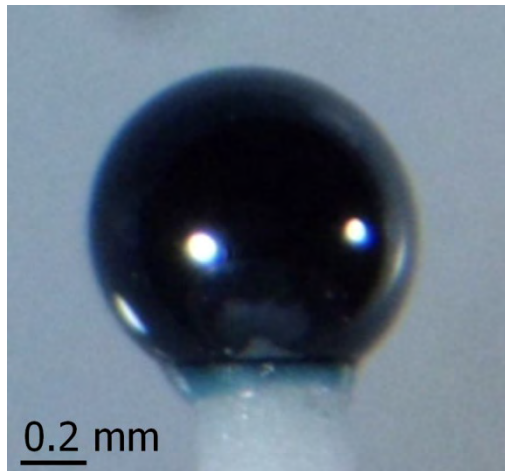
Hybrid quantum systems using collective modes

Superconducting quantum electronics

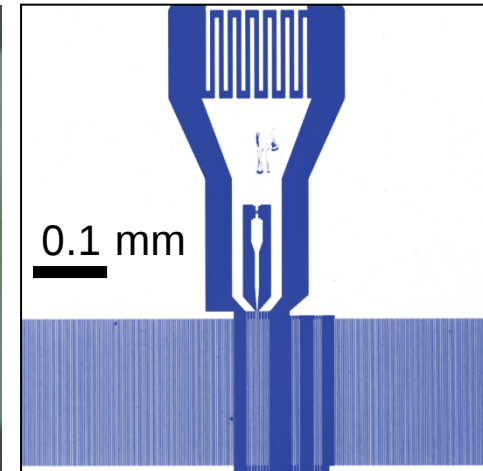
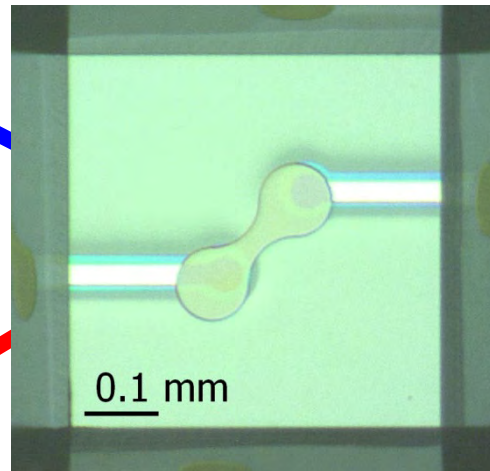


Nonlinearity

**Quantum
magnonics**



**Quantum
nanomechanics**



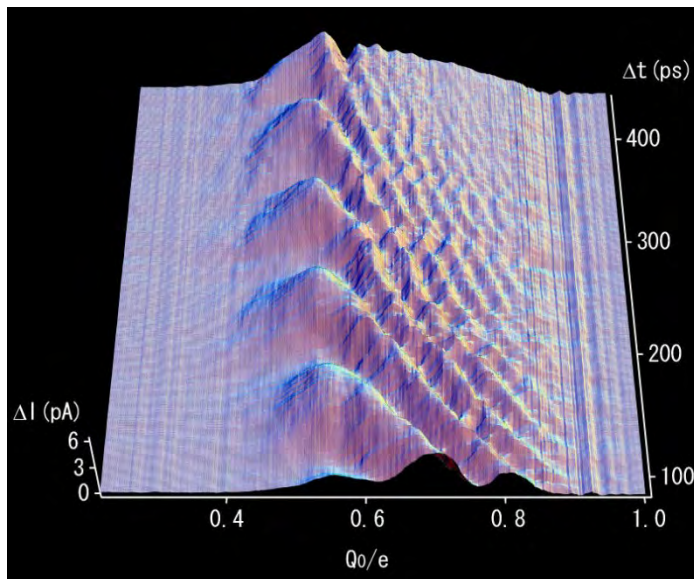
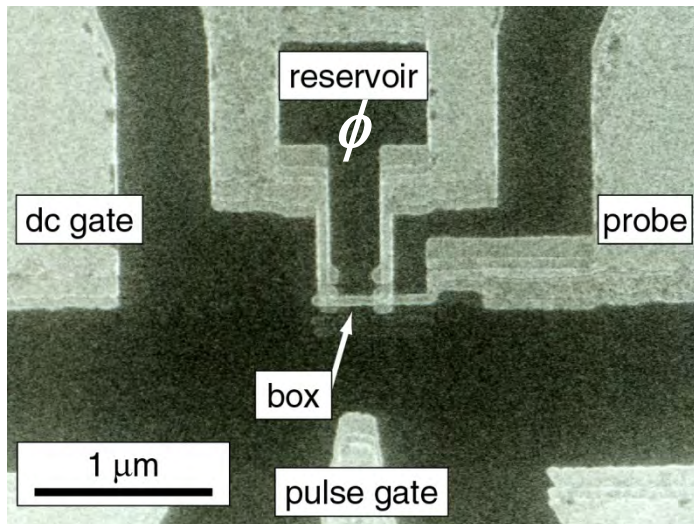
Microwave

Light

Superconducting qubits

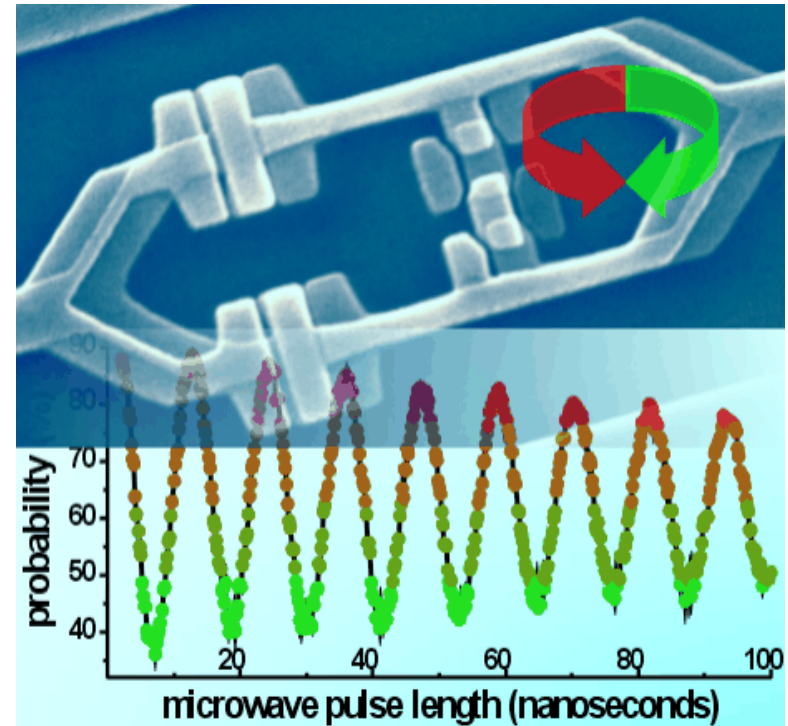
Superconducting qubit

Charge qubit



Nakamura, Pashkin, Tsai, Nature (1999)

Flux qubit



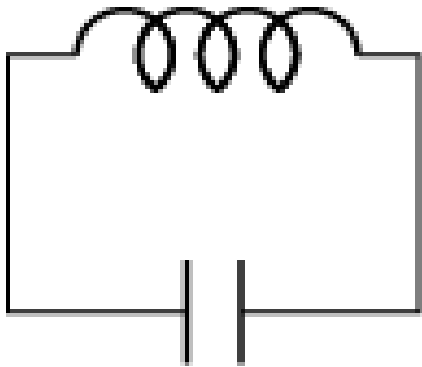
Chiorescu, Nakamura, Harmans, Mooij, Science (2003)

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

Coherent manipulation of quantum states in circuits

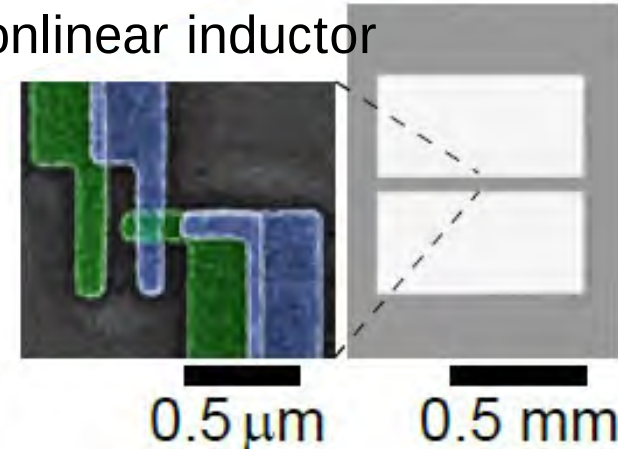
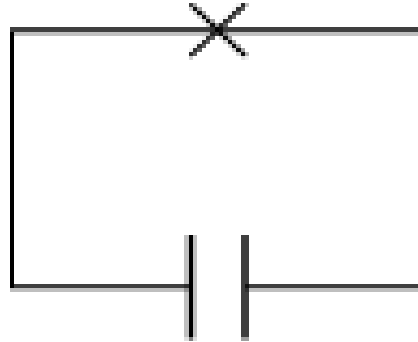
Superconducting qubit – nonlinear resonator

LC resonator

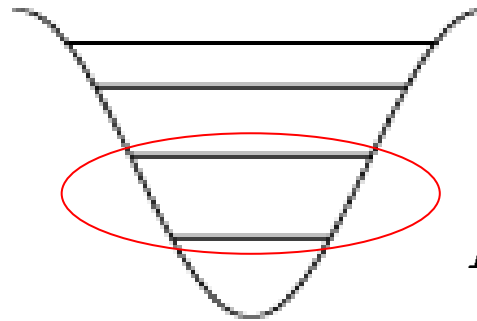
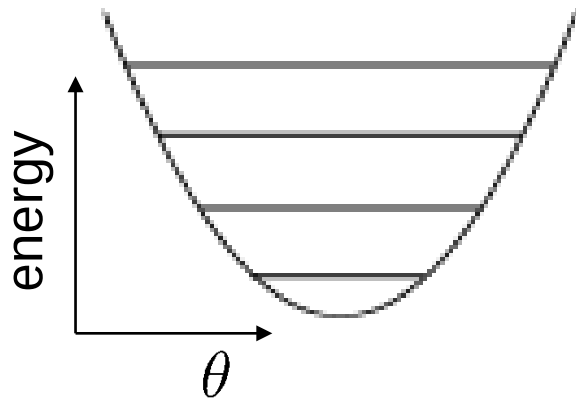


Josephson junction resonator

Josephson junction = nonlinear inductor



anharmonicity $\Rightarrow$ effective two-level system



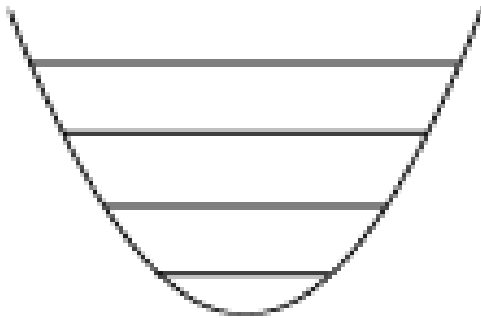
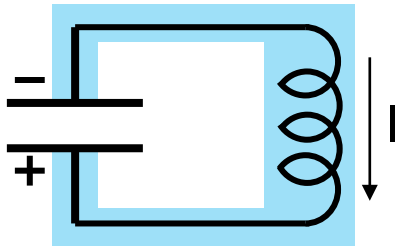
$$E_{01} \sim 10 \text{ GHz} \sim 0.5 \text{ K}$$

$$T \sim 0.01 \text{ K}$$

inductive energy = confinement potential
charging energy = kinetic energy $\Rightarrow$ quantized states

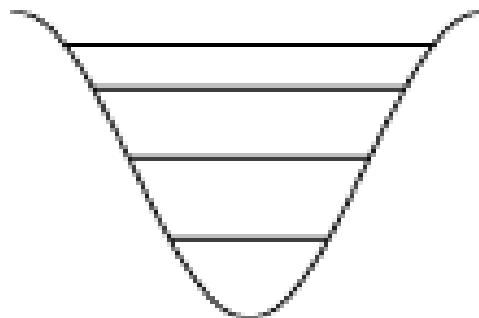
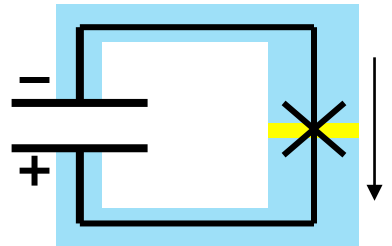
Superconducting qubit – nonlinear resonator

LC resonator



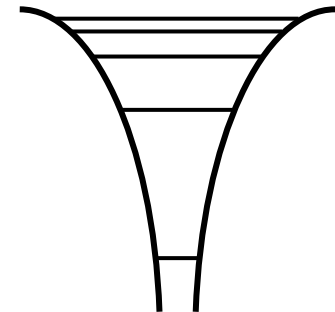
Superconducting qubit

= Artificial atom
~ mm



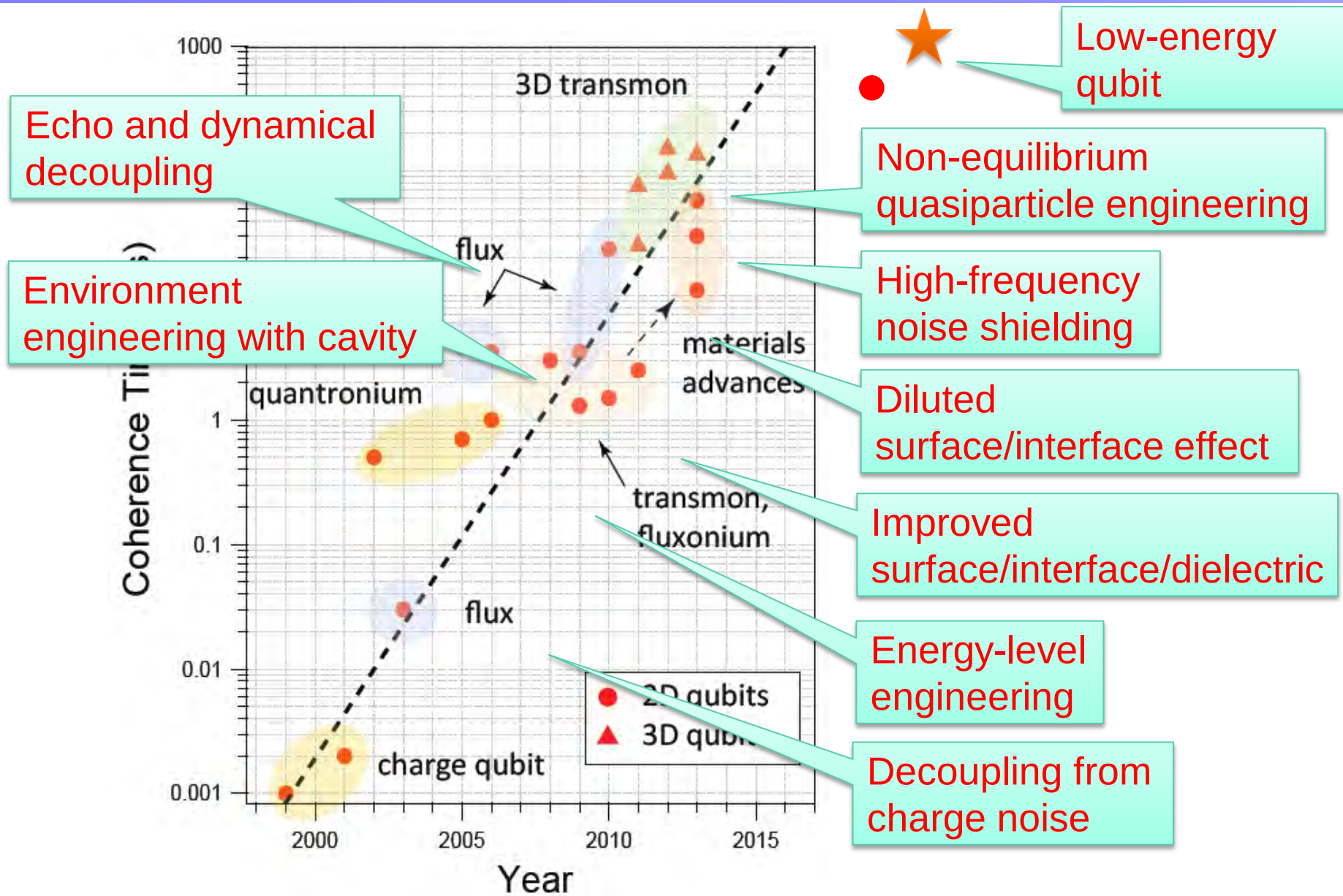
Atom

~ Å

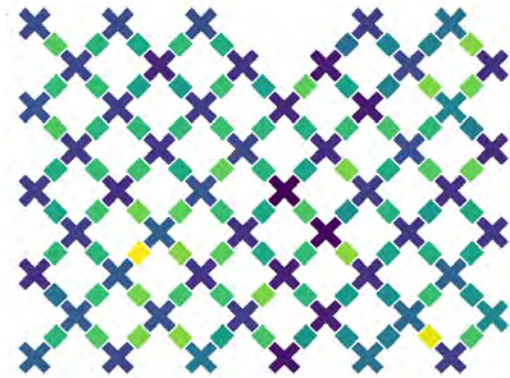
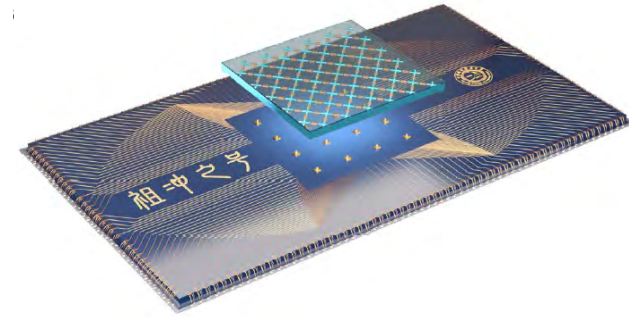
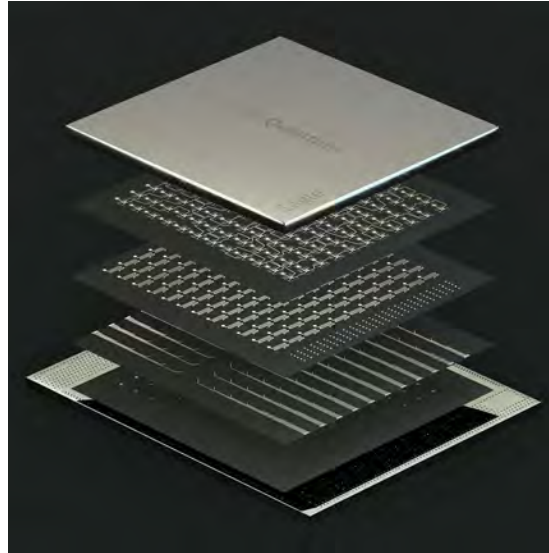
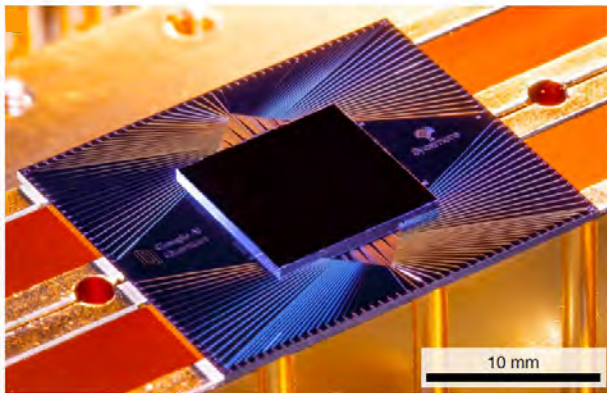


- Superconductivity $\Rightarrow$ low-loss
- Josephson effect $\Rightarrow$ Strong nonlinearity
- Macroscopic size $\Rightarrow$ Strong coupling

Coherence time of superconducting qubits

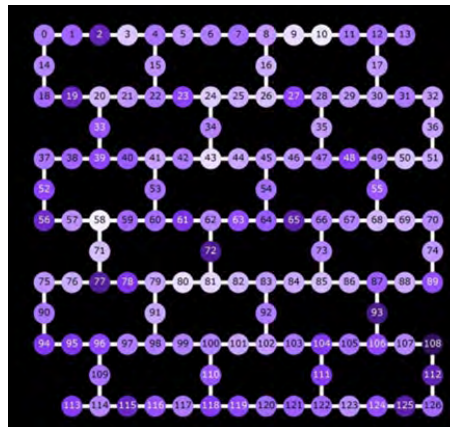


Scaling-up superconducting quantum computers



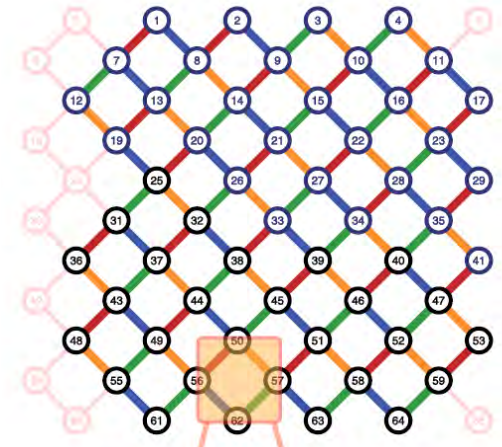
54 qubits

Google AI Quantum
Nature 574, 505 (2019)



127 qubits

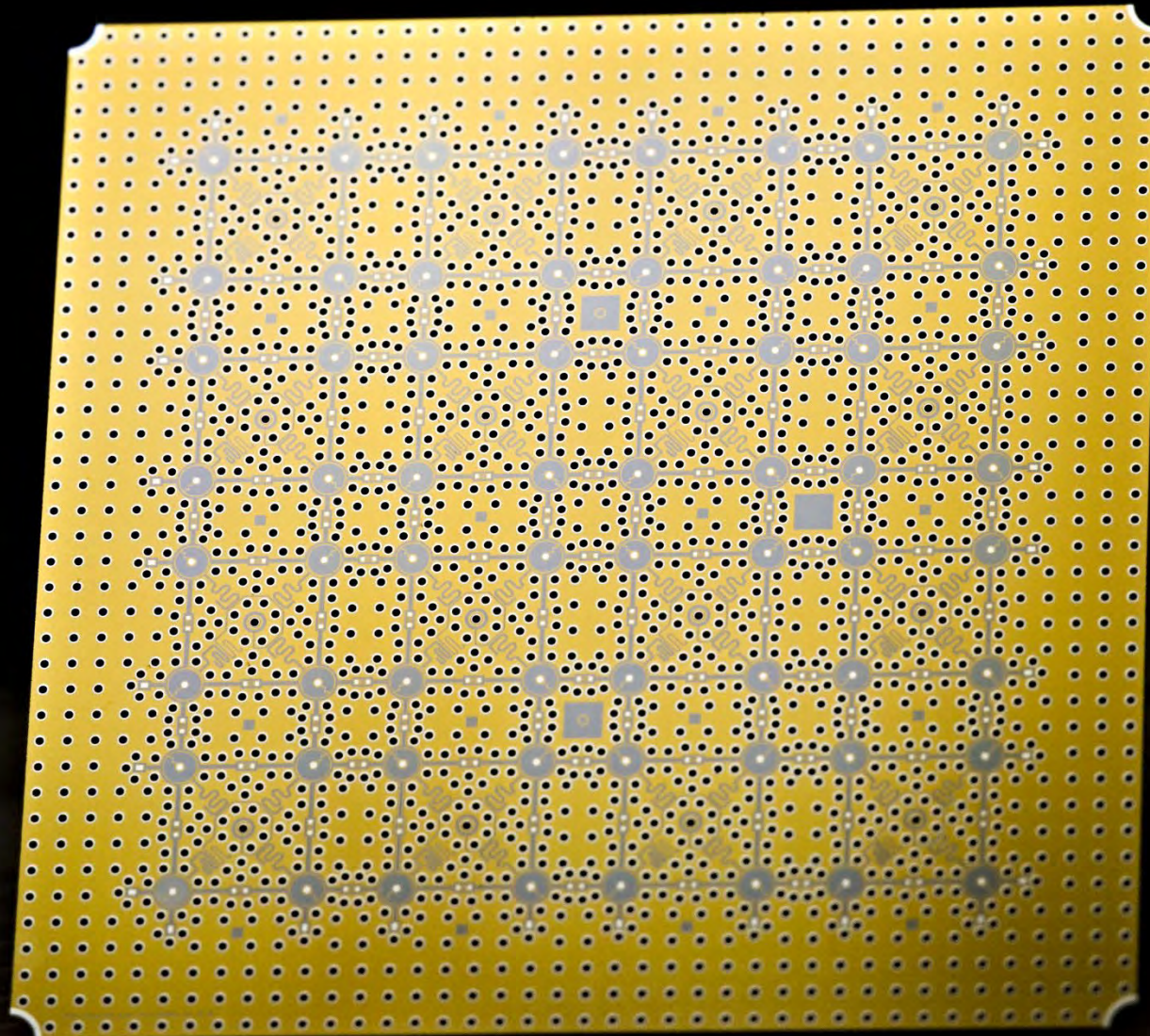
IBM
https://www.ibm.com/blogs/think/jp-ja/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2021/11/IBM_ChipOpen_BLK_1000x1000.jpg



66 qubits

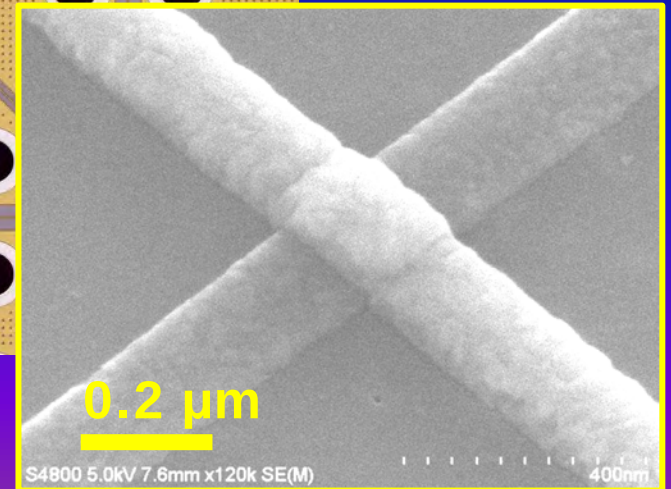
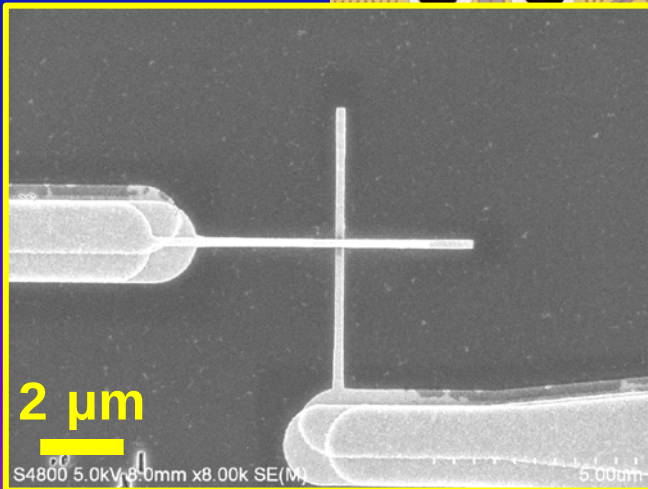
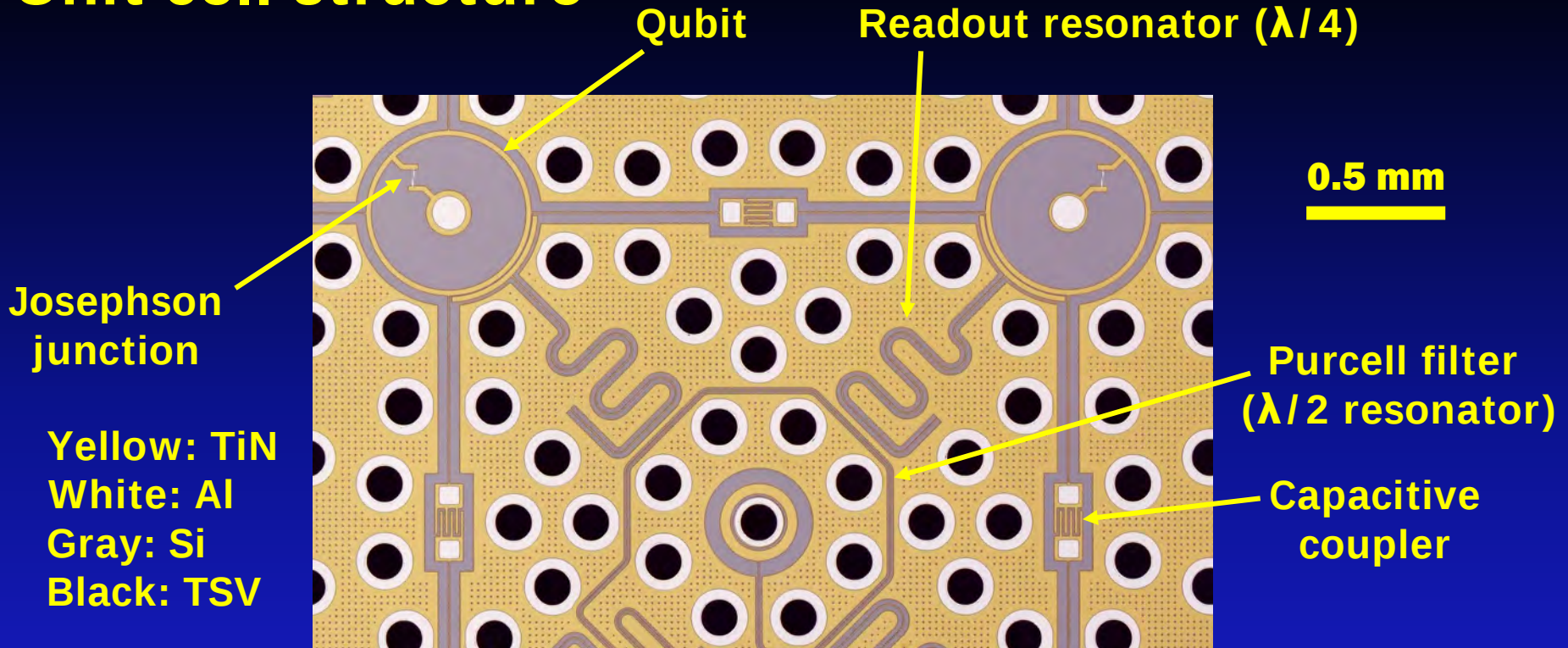
USTC
Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 180501 (2021)

64-qubit chip @RIKEN



5 mm

Unit cell structure



Qubit as a quantum detector — relaxation

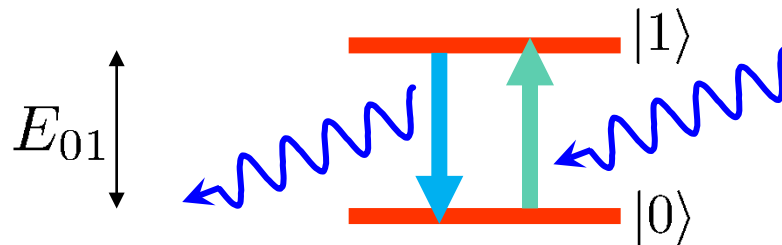
Fermi's golden rule

Energy relaxation

$$\Gamma_{\downarrow} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar^2} \underbrace{S_{\lambda}(\omega_{01})}_{\text{Double-sided power spectral density of the noise in the environment}} \left| \left\langle 1 \left| \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} \right| 0 \right\rangle \right|^2$$

Energy excitation

$$\Gamma_{\uparrow} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar^2} \underbrace{S_{\lambda}(-\omega_{01})}_{\text{Double-sided power spectral density of the noise in the environment}} \left| \left\langle 1 \left| \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} \right| 0 \right\rangle \right|^2$$



Qubit as a quantum detector — dephasing

free evolution of the qubit phase

$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \longrightarrow \alpha|0\rangle + \beta e^{i\varphi(t)}|1\rangle$$

$$\varphi(t) = \bar{\varphi}(t) + \underbrace{\tilde{\varphi}(t)}_{\text{dephasing}} \quad \bar{\varphi}(t) = \frac{\overline{E_{01}}}{\hbar} t$$

Energy level diagram showing states $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ with energy E_{01} and a fluctuating field $\tilde{E}_{01}(t)$.

$$\langle \exp i\tilde{\varphi}(t) \rangle = \left\langle \exp \left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^\tau dt \tilde{E}_{01}(t) \right) \right\rangle$$

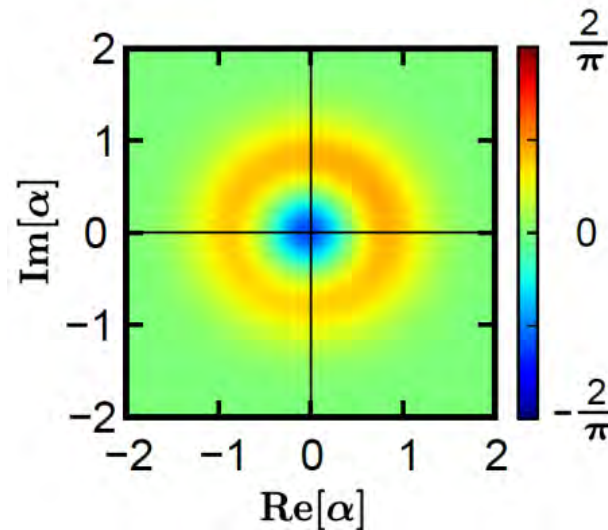
$$= \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\hbar^2} \left(\frac{\partial E_{01}}{\partial \lambda} \right)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \underbrace{S_\lambda(\omega)}_{\text{tunable}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\sin(\omega t/2)}{\omega/2} \right)^2}_{\text{tunable}} \right]$$

for Gaussian fluctuations

sensitivity of qubit energy to the fluctuations of external parameter

information of $S(\omega)$ at low frequencies

Quantum nondemolition (QND) detection of an itinerant microwave photon



S. Kono et al. Nature Physics 14, 546 (2018).

See also, J.-C. Besse et al., PRX 8, 021003 (2018). ETH Zurich

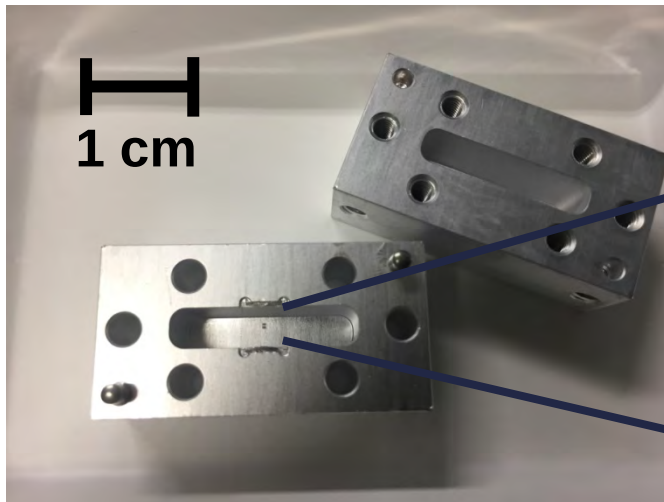
A. Reiserer et al. Science 342, 1350 (2011) MPQ

Circuit quantum electrodynamics

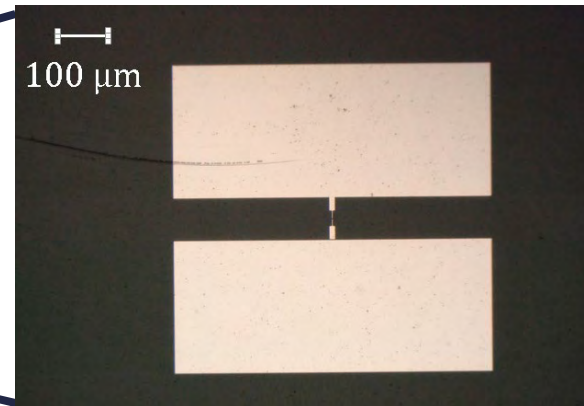
$$H_{JC} = \underbrace{\frac{\hbar\omega_q}{2}\hat{\sigma}_z}_{\text{Qubit}} + \underbrace{\hbar\omega_c\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}}_{\text{Cavity mode}} + \underbrace{\hbar g(\hat{\sigma}_+\hat{a} + \hat{\sigma}_-\hat{a}^\dagger)}_{\text{Interaction}}$$

Al 3D cavity $\longleftrightarrow$ transmon qubit

$g/2\pi = 0.2$ GHz
 $|\omega_c - \omega_q|/2\pi = 2.7$ GHz



$$\omega_c/2\pi = 10.6 \text{ GHz}$$



$$\omega_q/2\pi = 7.9 \text{ GHz}$$

Circuit QED in dispersive regime

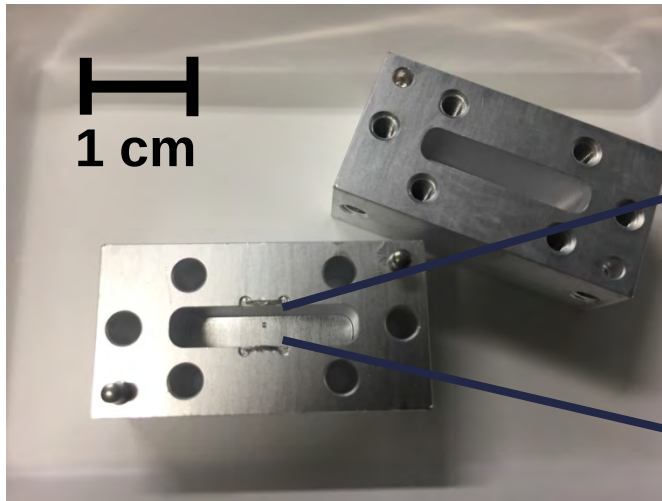
$$H_{\text{dispersive}} = \underbrace{\frac{\hbar(\omega_q - \chi)}{2} \hat{\sigma}_z}_{\text{Qubit}} + \underbrace{\hbar\omega_c \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}}_{\text{Cavity mode}} - \underbrace{\hbar\chi \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{\sigma}_z}_{\text{Interaction}}$$

$$\chi = g^2/\Delta$$

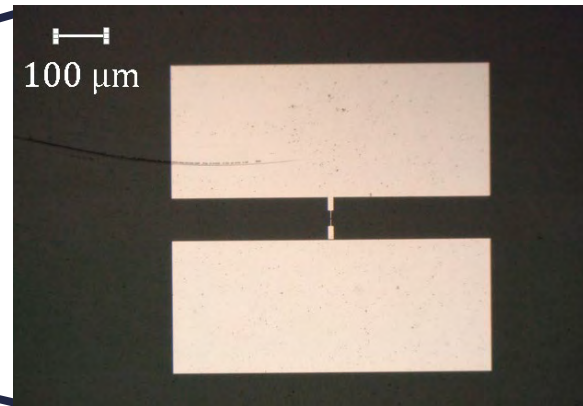
Al 3D cavity

$$\chi/2\pi = 1.5 \text{ MHz}$$

transmon qubit



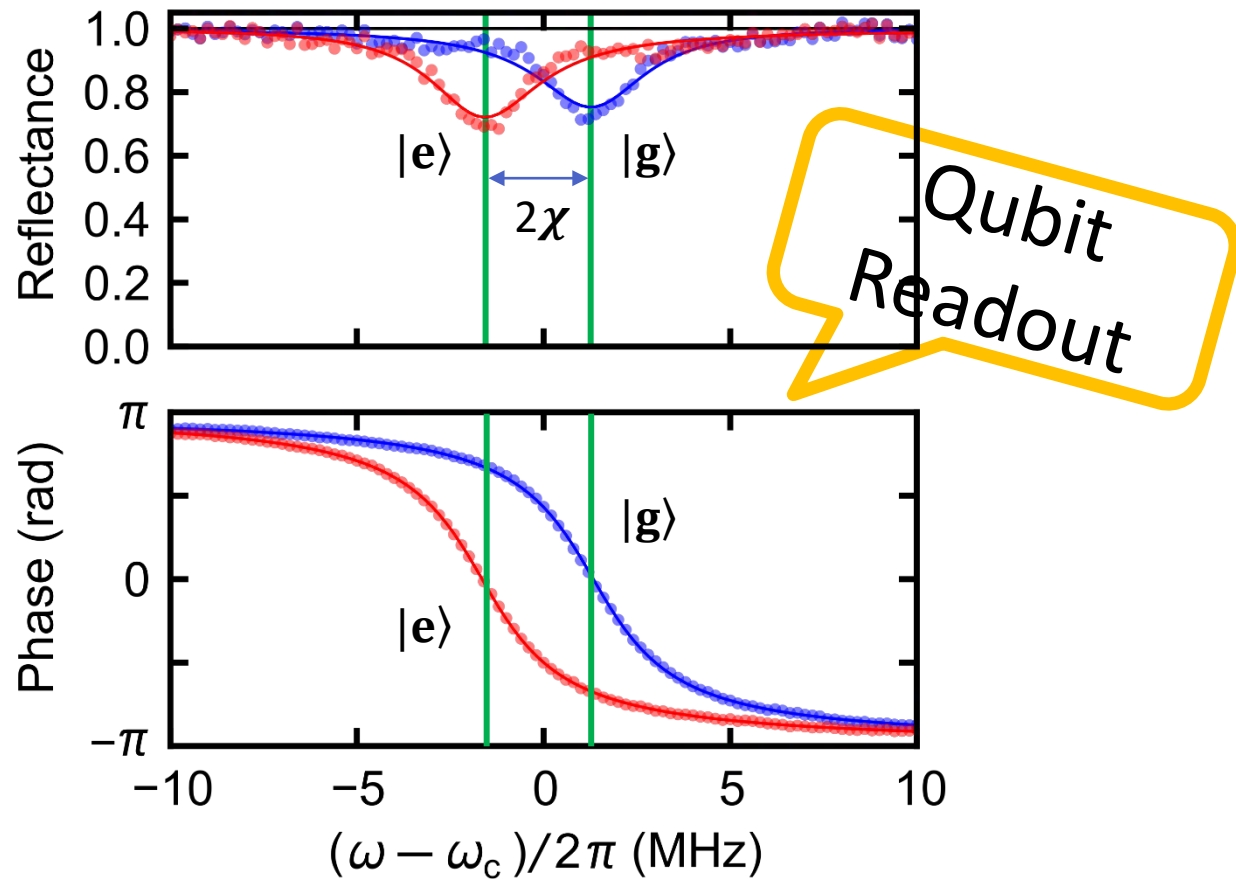
$$\omega_c/2\pi = 10.6 \text{ GHz}$$



$$\omega_q/2\pi = 7.9 \text{ GHz}$$

Circuit QED in dispersive regime

$$H_{\text{dispersive}} = \frac{\hbar(\omega_q - \chi)}{2} \hat{\sigma}_z + \hbar(\omega_c - \chi \hat{\sigma}_z) \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}$$

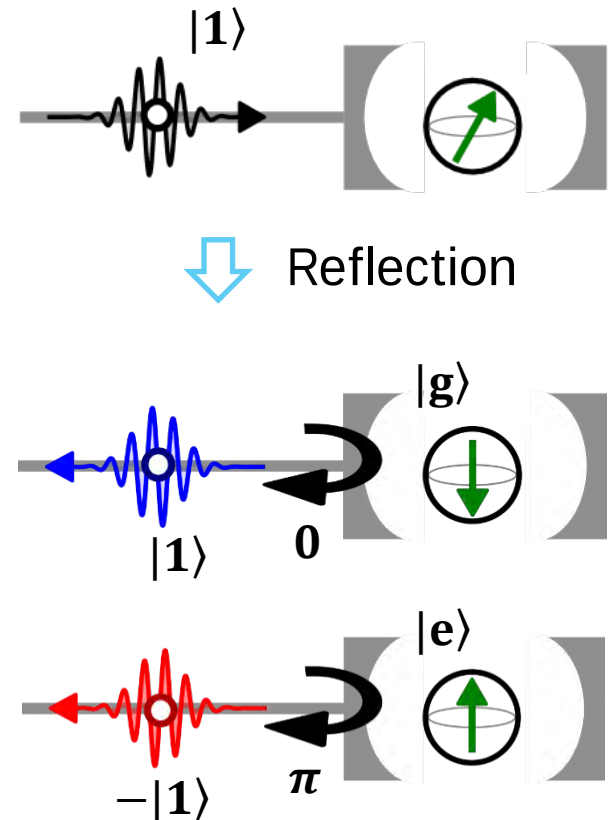
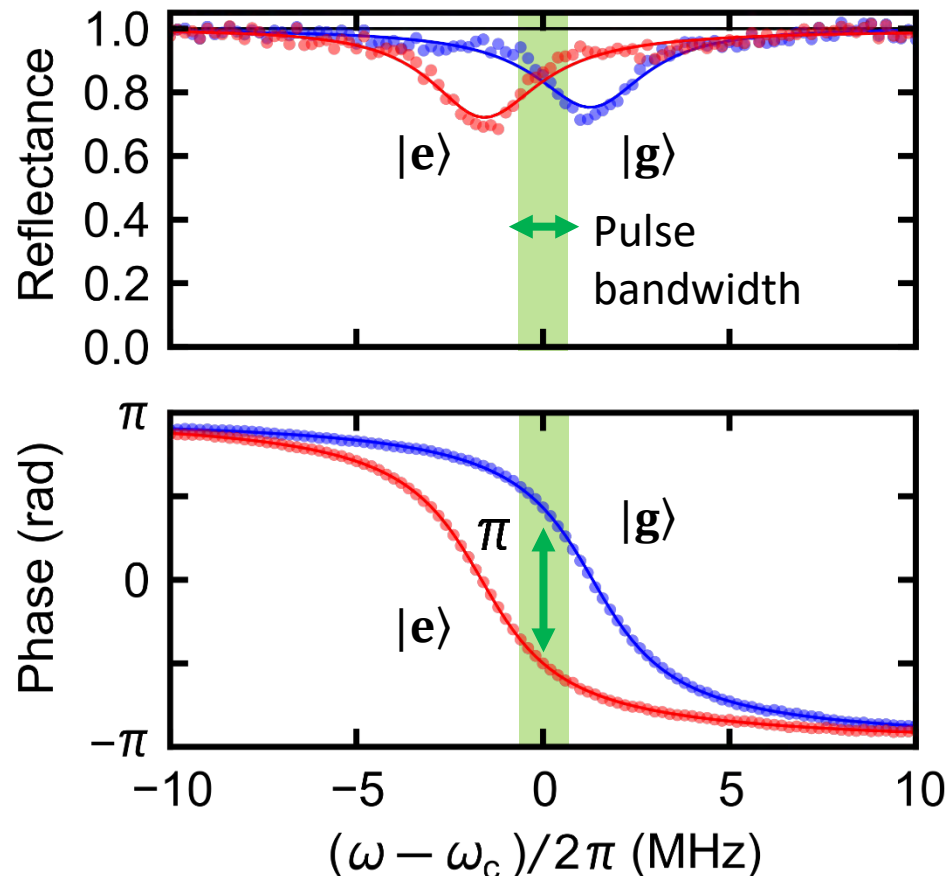


Interaction between itinerant photon and qubit

Optimal condition for large bandwidth

$$\kappa_{\text{ex}} = 2\chi$$

Controlled π -phase gate depending on qubit state

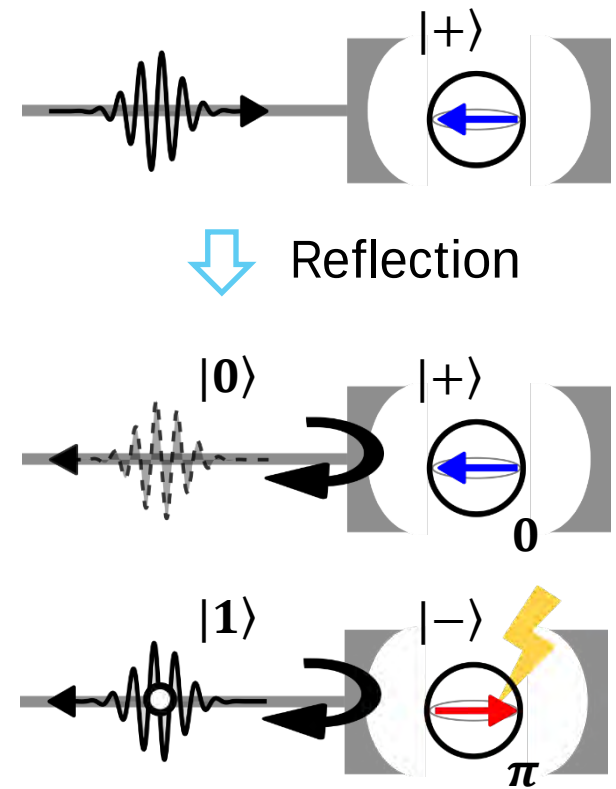
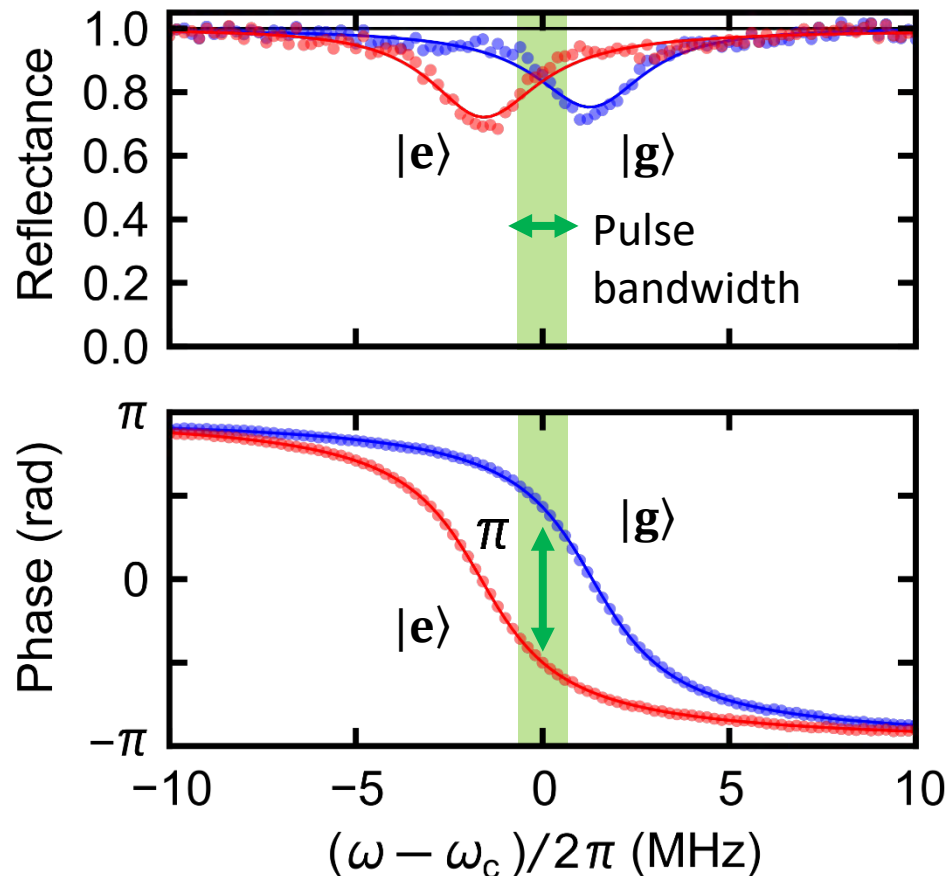


QND detection of itinerant photon

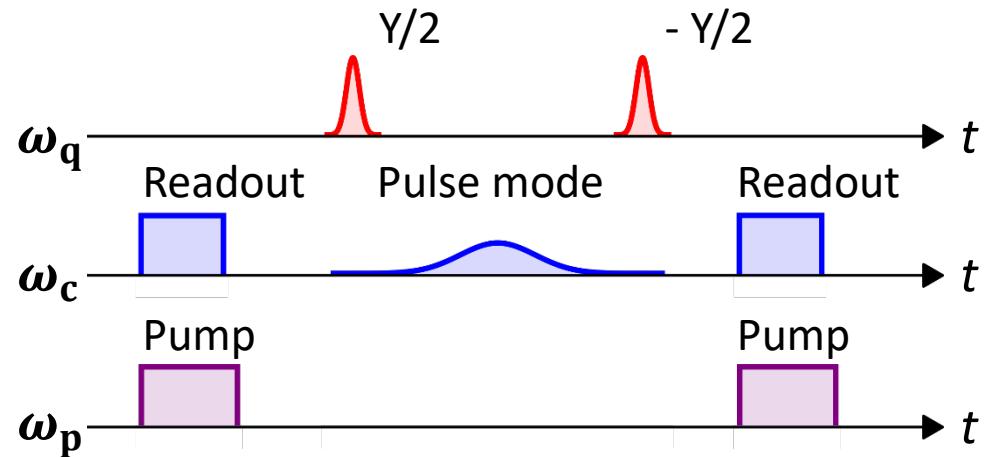
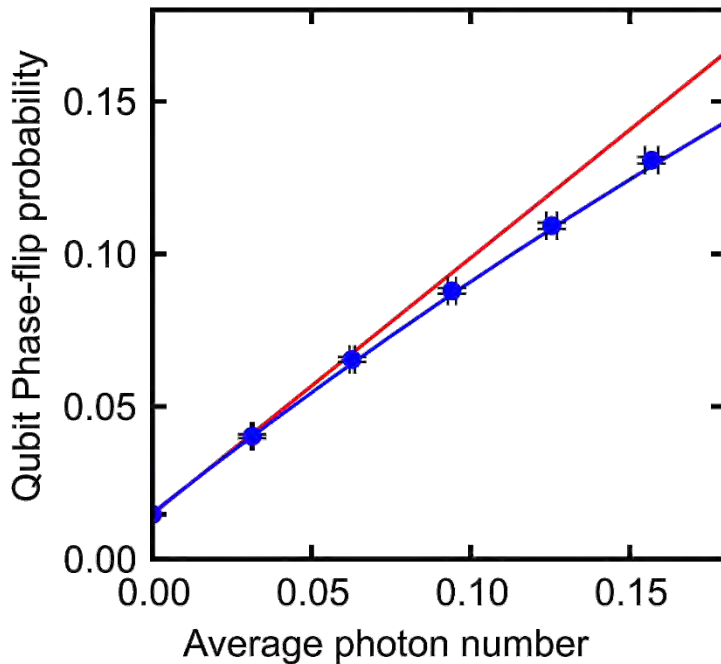
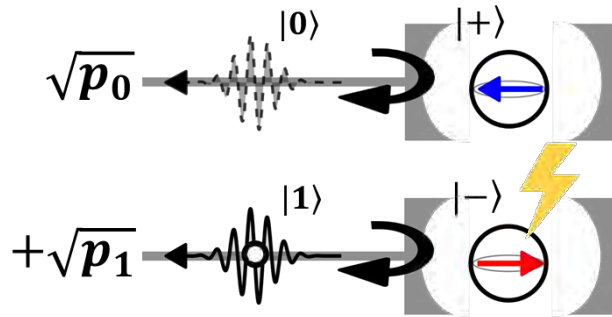
Optimal condition for large bandwidth

$$\kappa_{\text{ex}} = 2\chi$$

Controlled π -phase gate depending on **photon** state



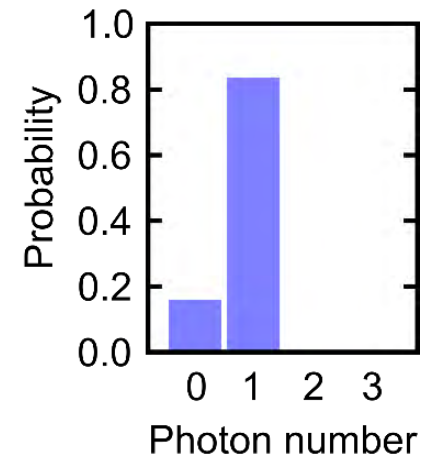
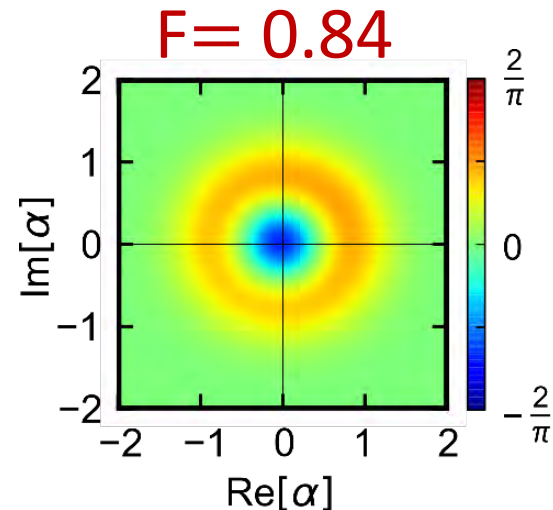
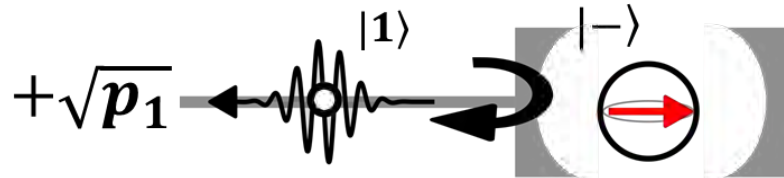
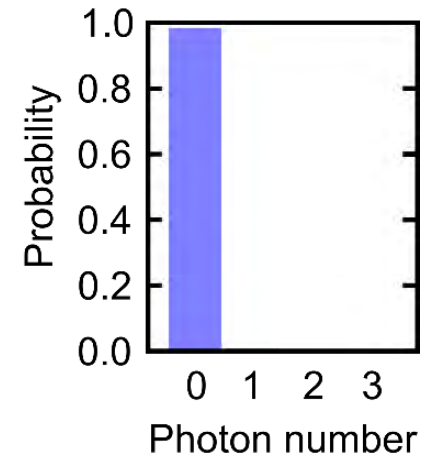
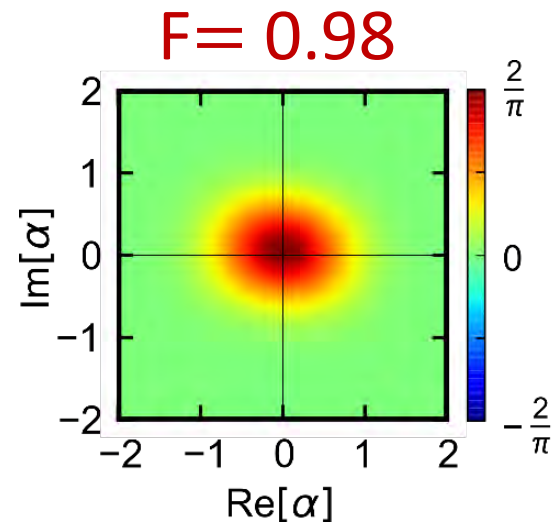
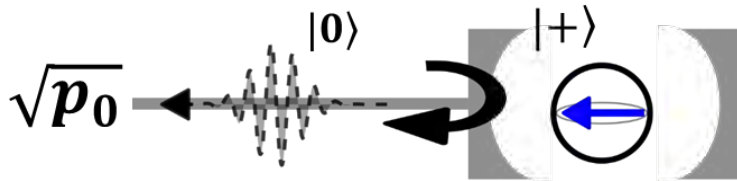
Quantum efficiency



- Dark counts due to qubit dephasing
 $P_{dc} = 0.0147$
- Quantum efficiency
 $\eta = 0.84$
 - Internal loss of the cavity
 - Dephasing
 - Mismatch of κ and 2χ

Conditional Wigner function of pulse mode

Corrected
for $\eta_{\text{det}} = 0.43$

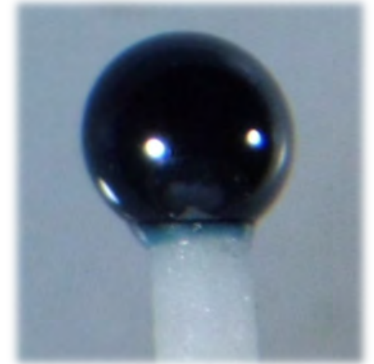


Heralded
single photon generation

Quantum magnonics

Quantum magnonics

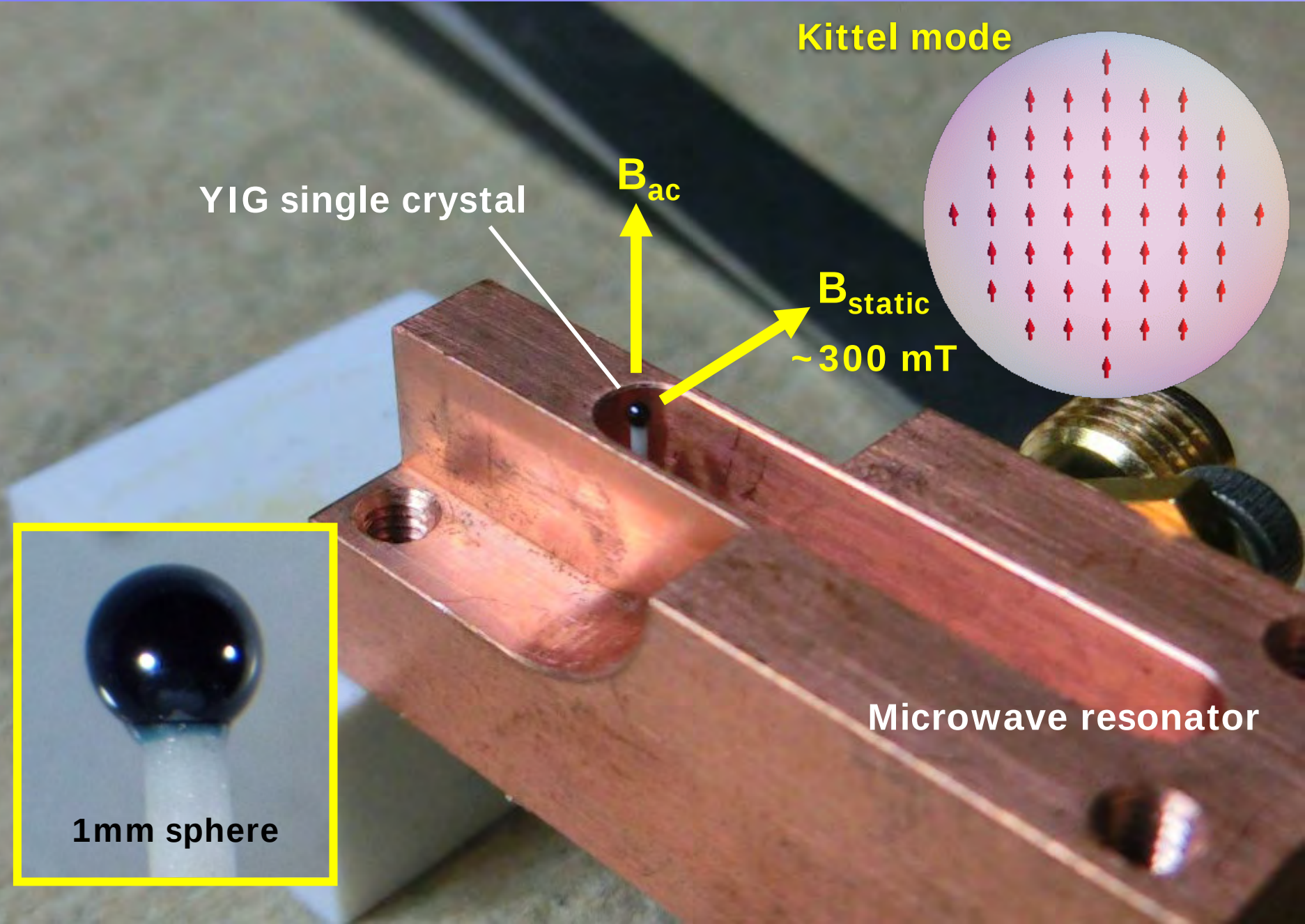
Magnon is a quantum of collective spin excitation in a magnetically ordered system



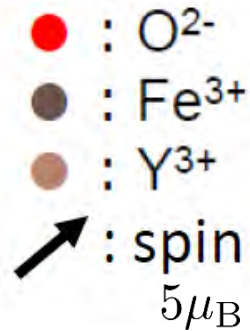
**Can we control and detect a single magnon
(with an angular momentum of $1\hbar$)
in a macroscopic object?**

Yes, we can, with an aid of a superconducting qubit.

Hybrid with ferromagnet magnons



Yttrium Iron Garnet (YIG)



- Ferrimagnetic **insulator**
- Narrow FMR line
- Transparent at infrared
- High Curie temperature: ~550 K
- Large spin density: $2.1 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Microwave oscillators



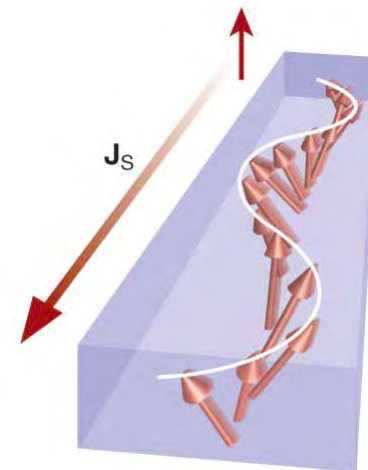
CANDOX Corporation

Optical isolators



FDK Corporation

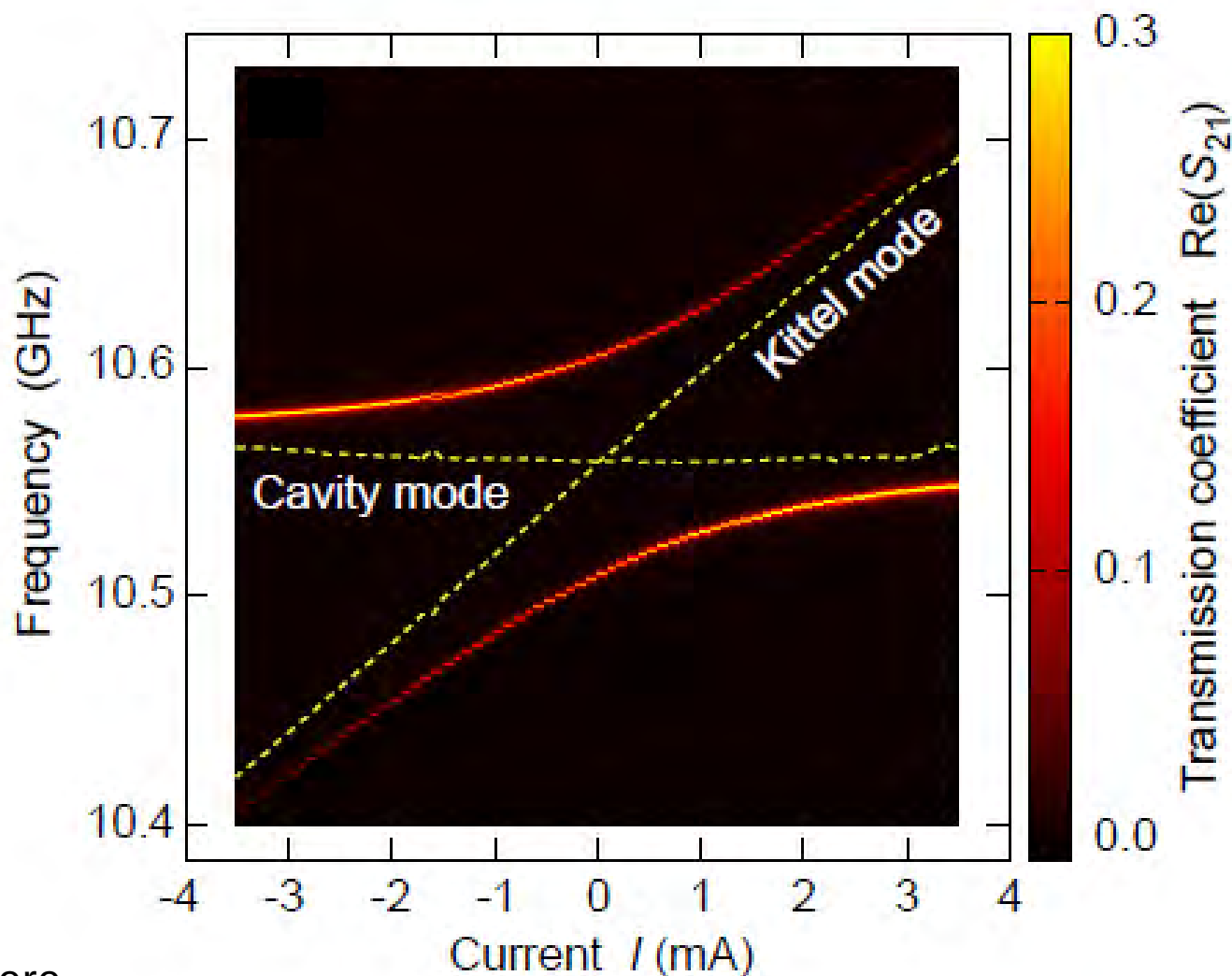
Spintronics



Kajiwara et al.
Nature 2010

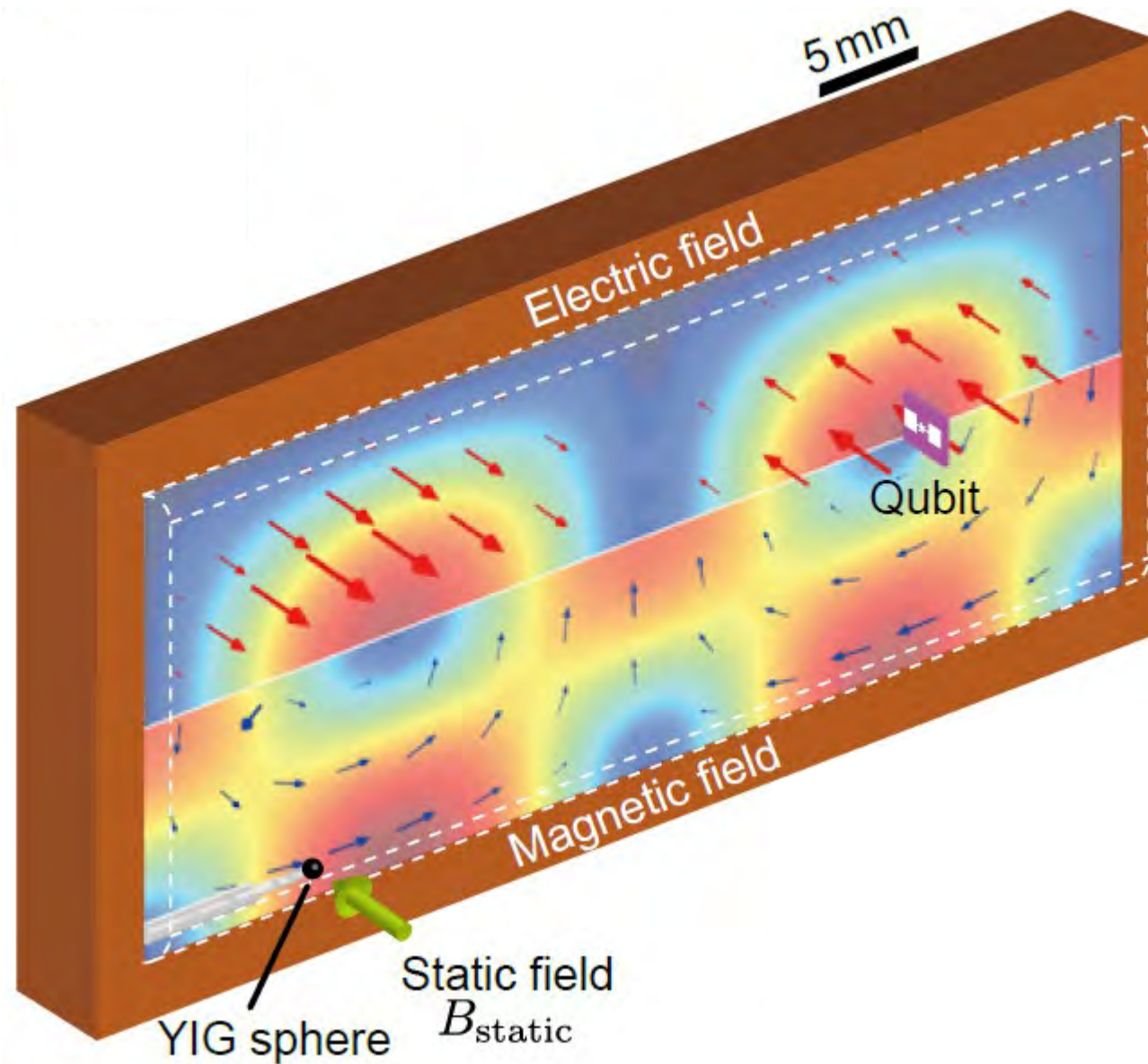
Magnetic-field dependence

Low temperature ~ 10 mK; ~ 0 thermal magnon & photon
Microwave power: ~ 0.9 photons in cavity

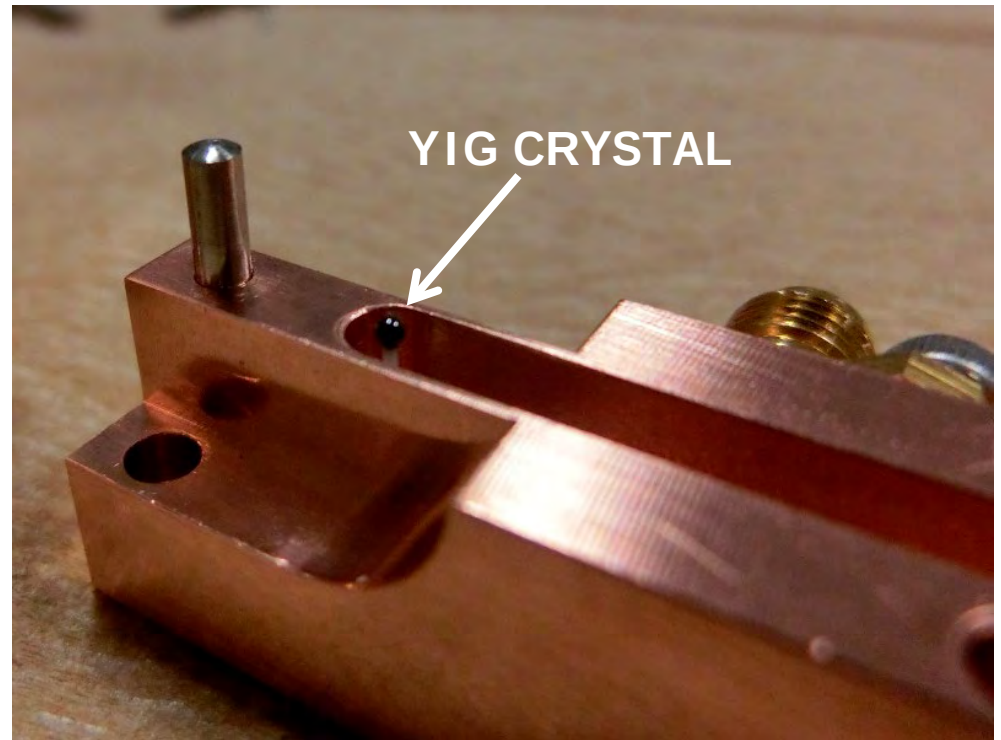
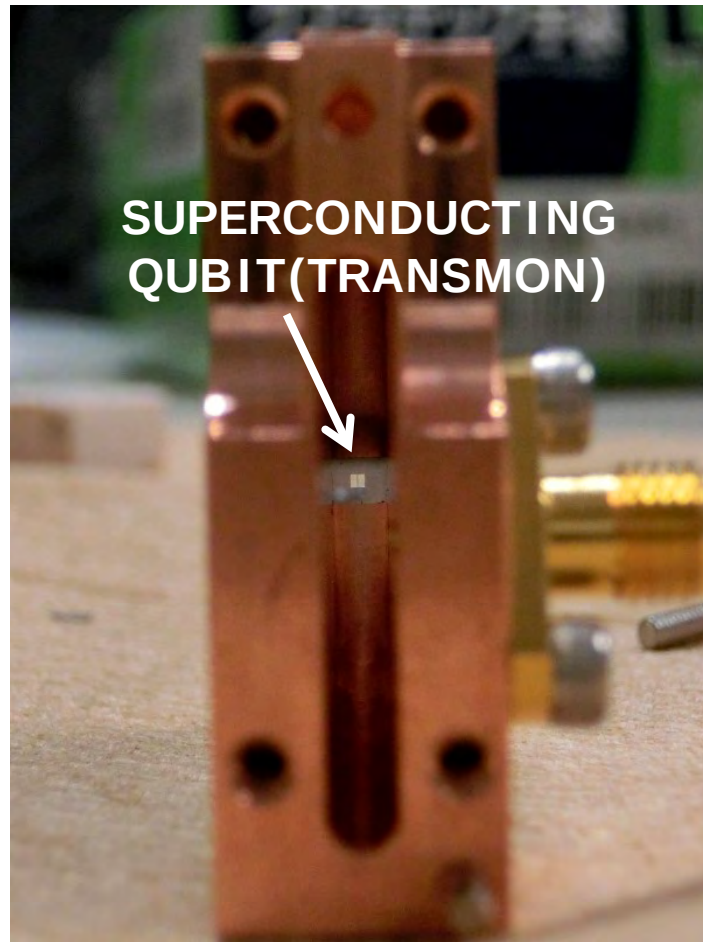


0.5-mm sphere

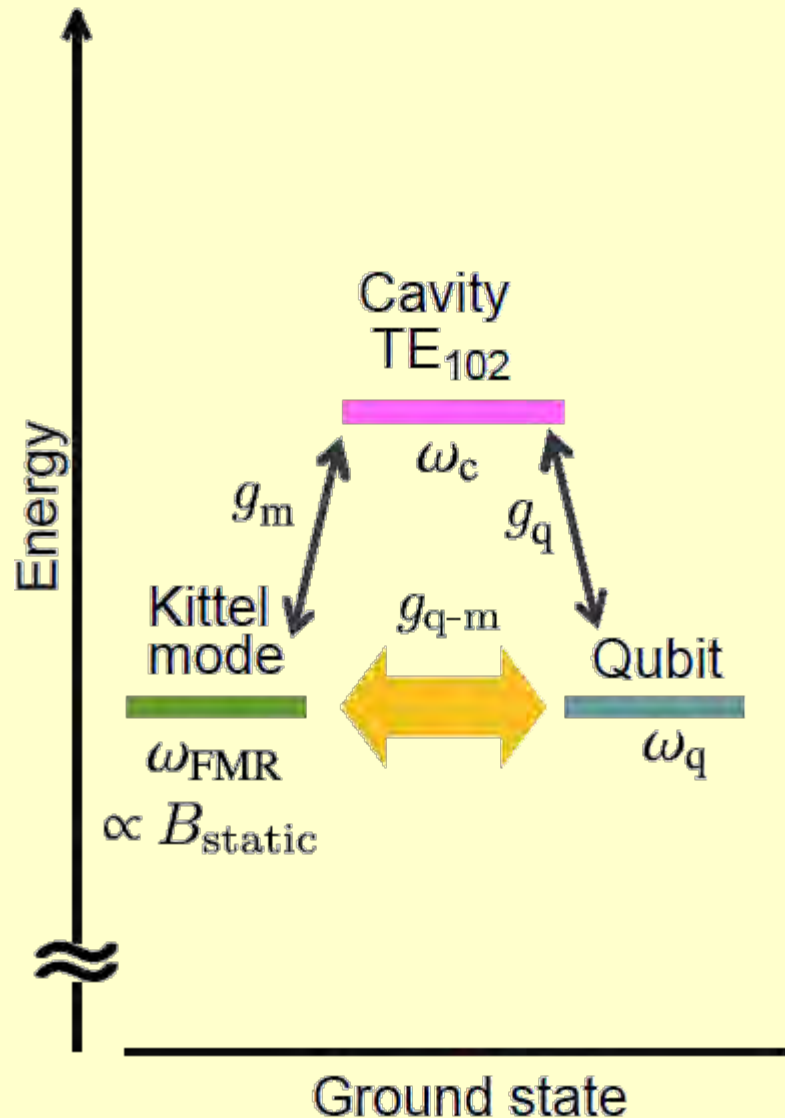
Coupling with a superconducting qubit



Inside the cavity



Qubit-magnon coupling



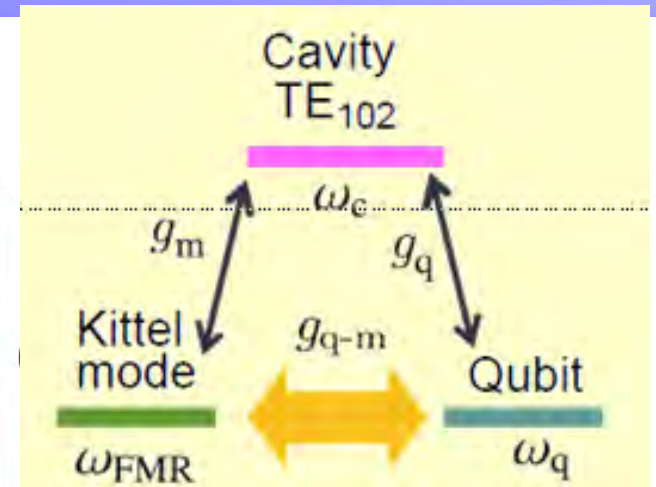
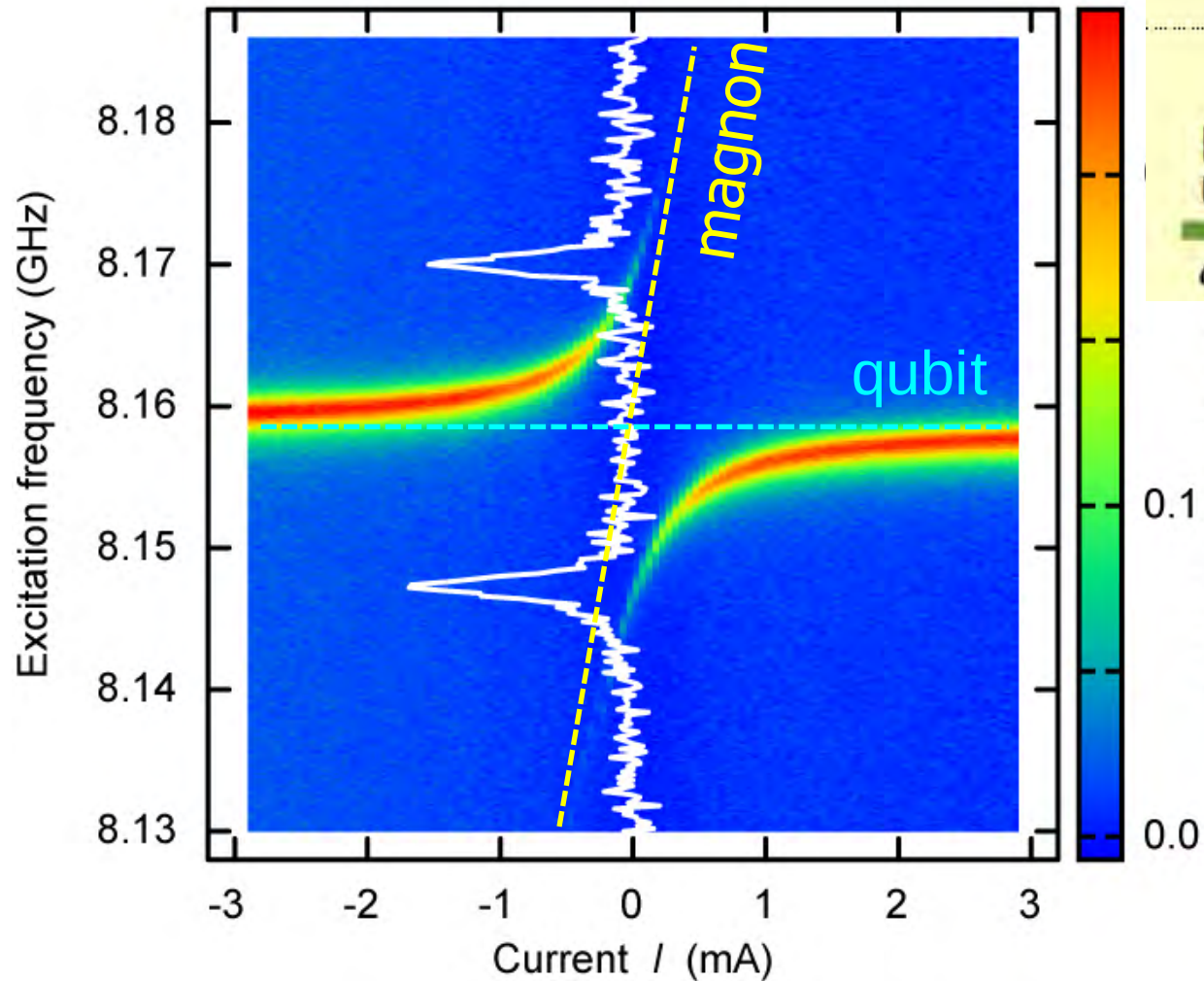
Qubit-magnon coupling
mediated by virtual photon excitation
in cavity

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{q-m}/\hbar \sim g_{q-m} (\hat{a}_m^\dagger \hat{\sigma}_- + \hat{a}_m \hat{\sigma}_+)$$

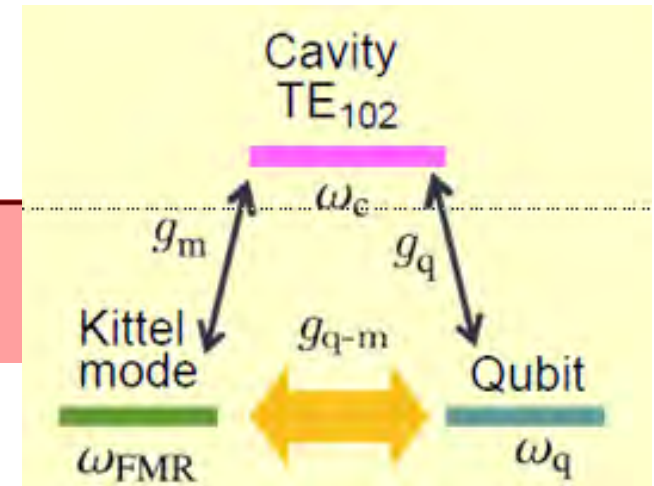
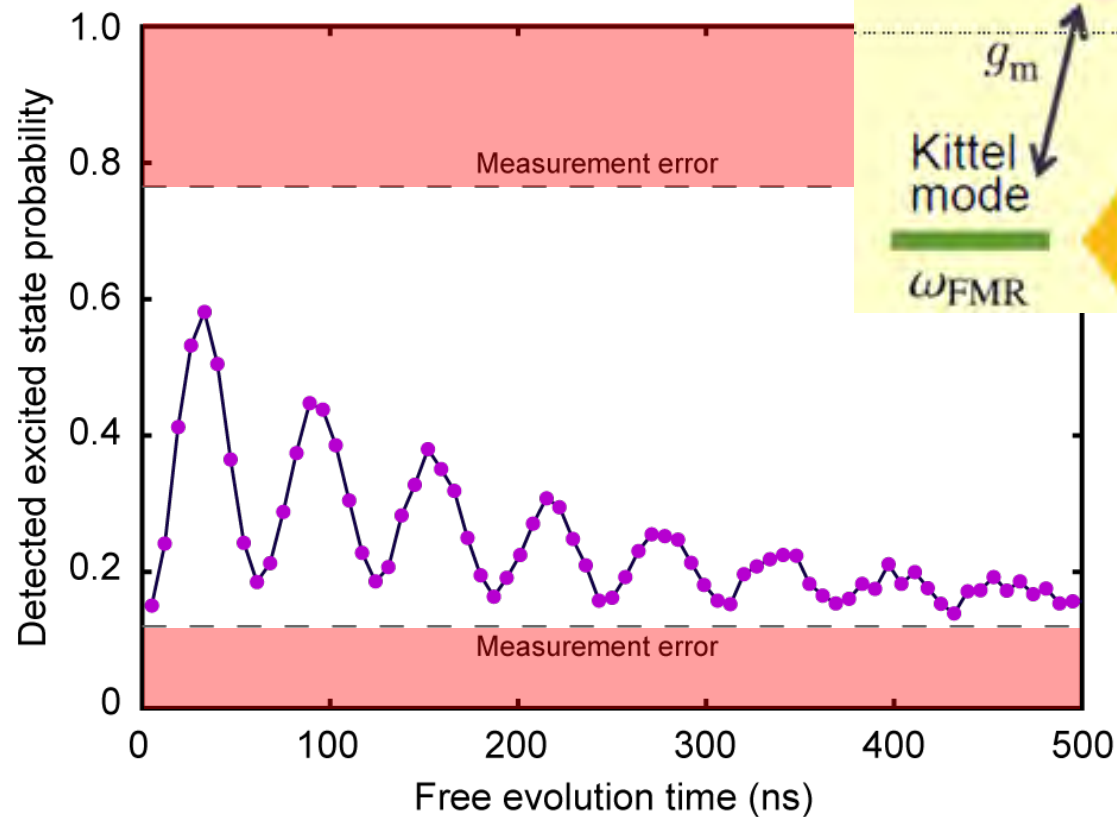
$$g_{q-m}/\hbar = \frac{g_q g_m}{\omega_c - \omega_q} \\ \sim 10\text{-}50 \text{ MHz}$$

Vacuum Rabi splitting

Strong coupling regime $g_{q-m} \gg \gamma_q, \gamma_m$

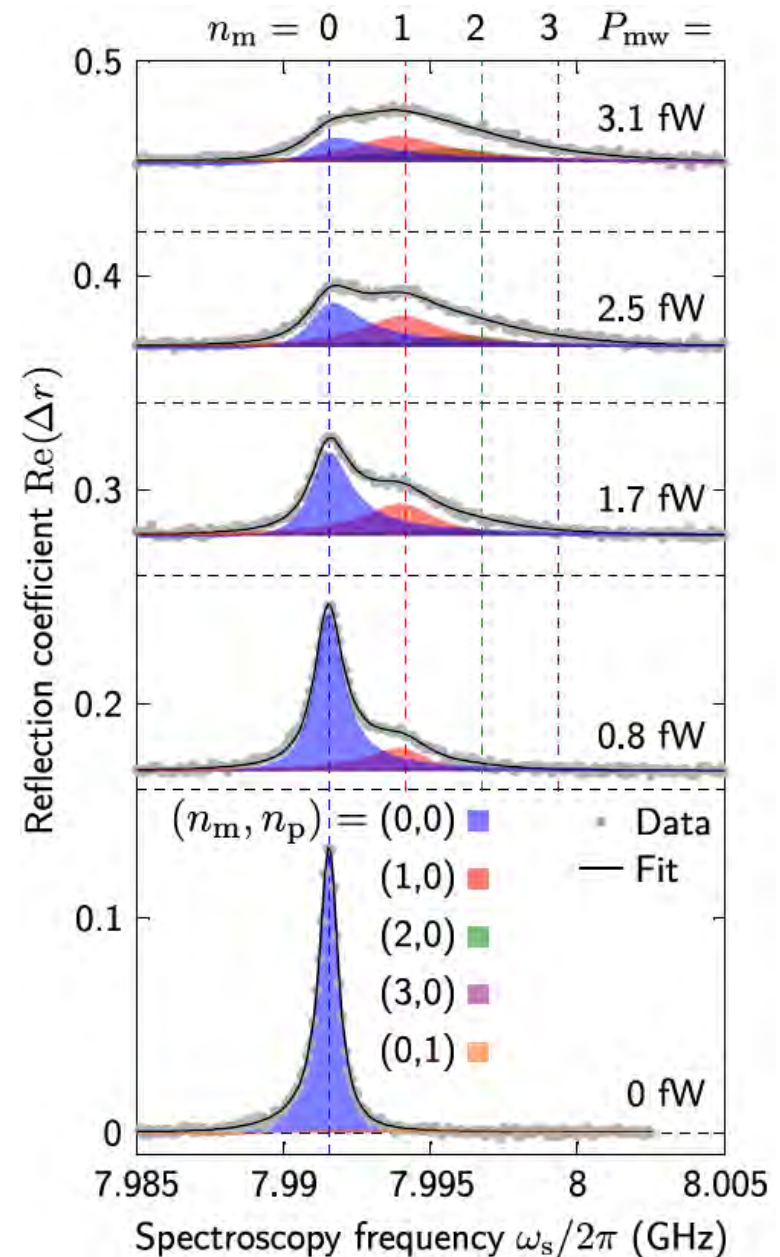
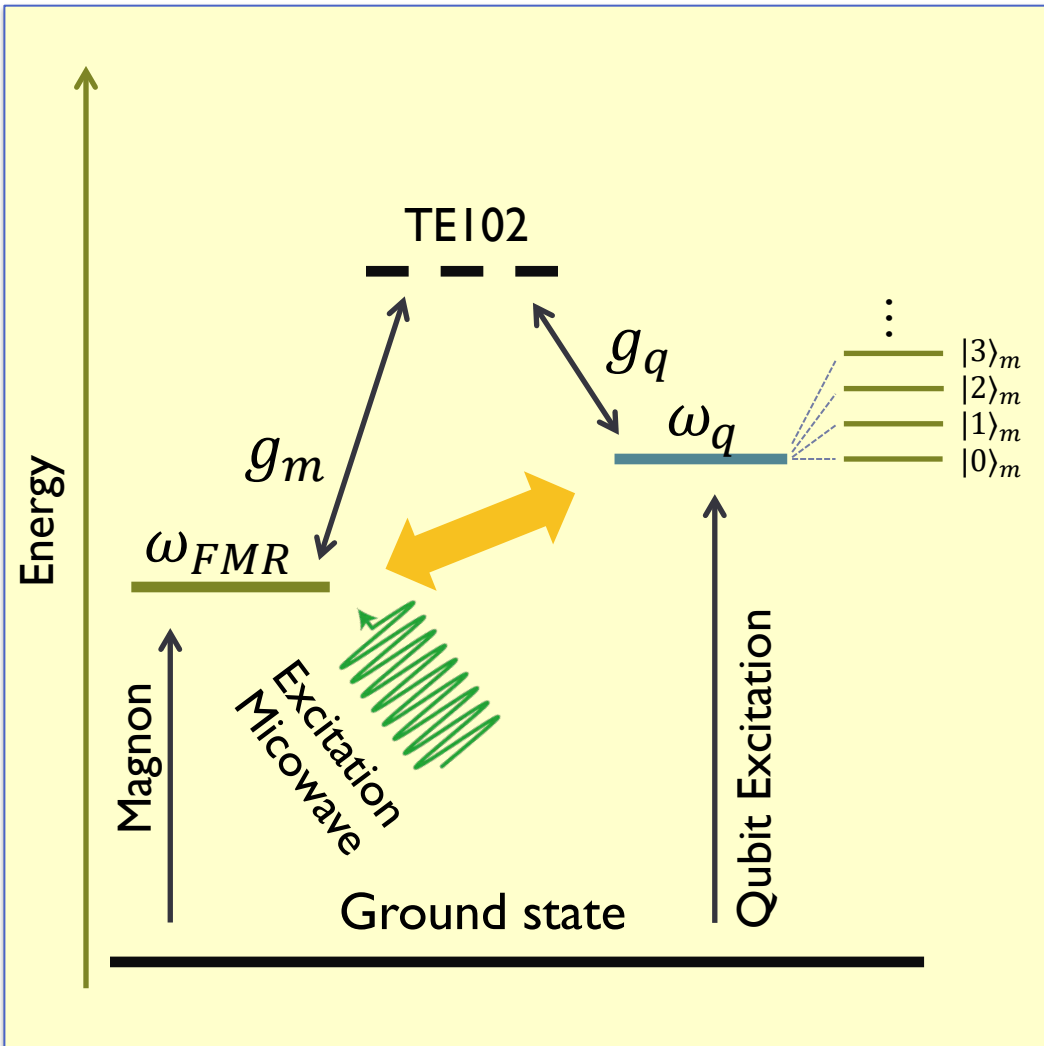


Vacuum Rabi oscillations

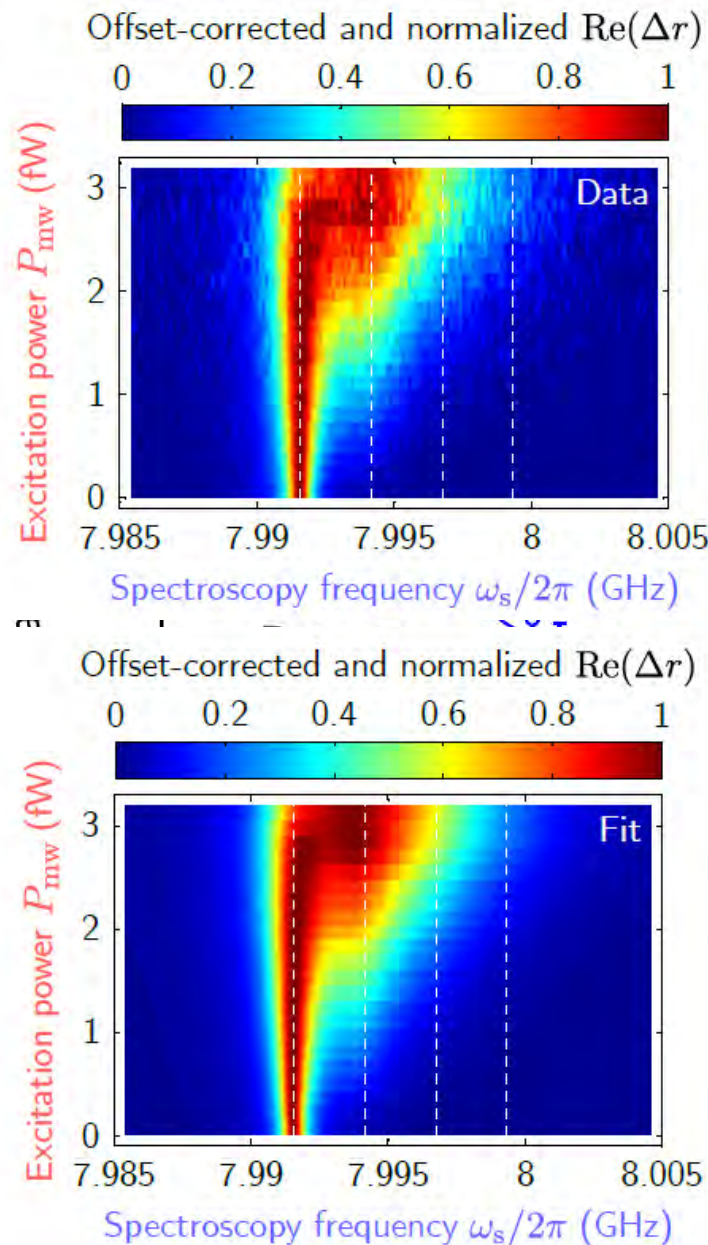
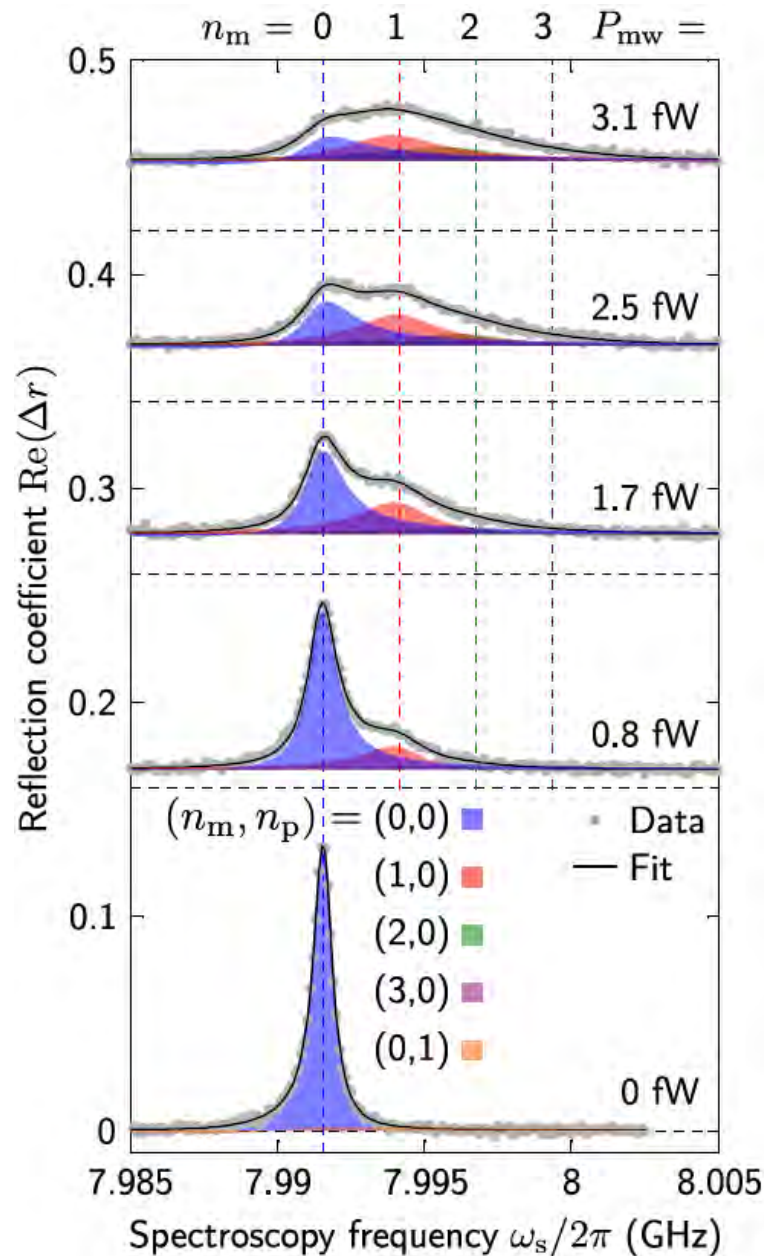


Magnon-number-resolving spectroscopy

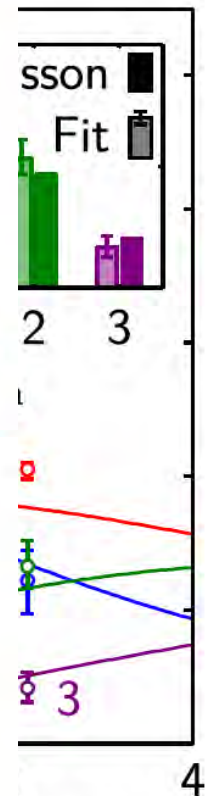
Strong dispersive regime $2|\chi_{q-m}| \gg \gamma_q, \gamma_m$



Magnon-number-resolving spectroscopy

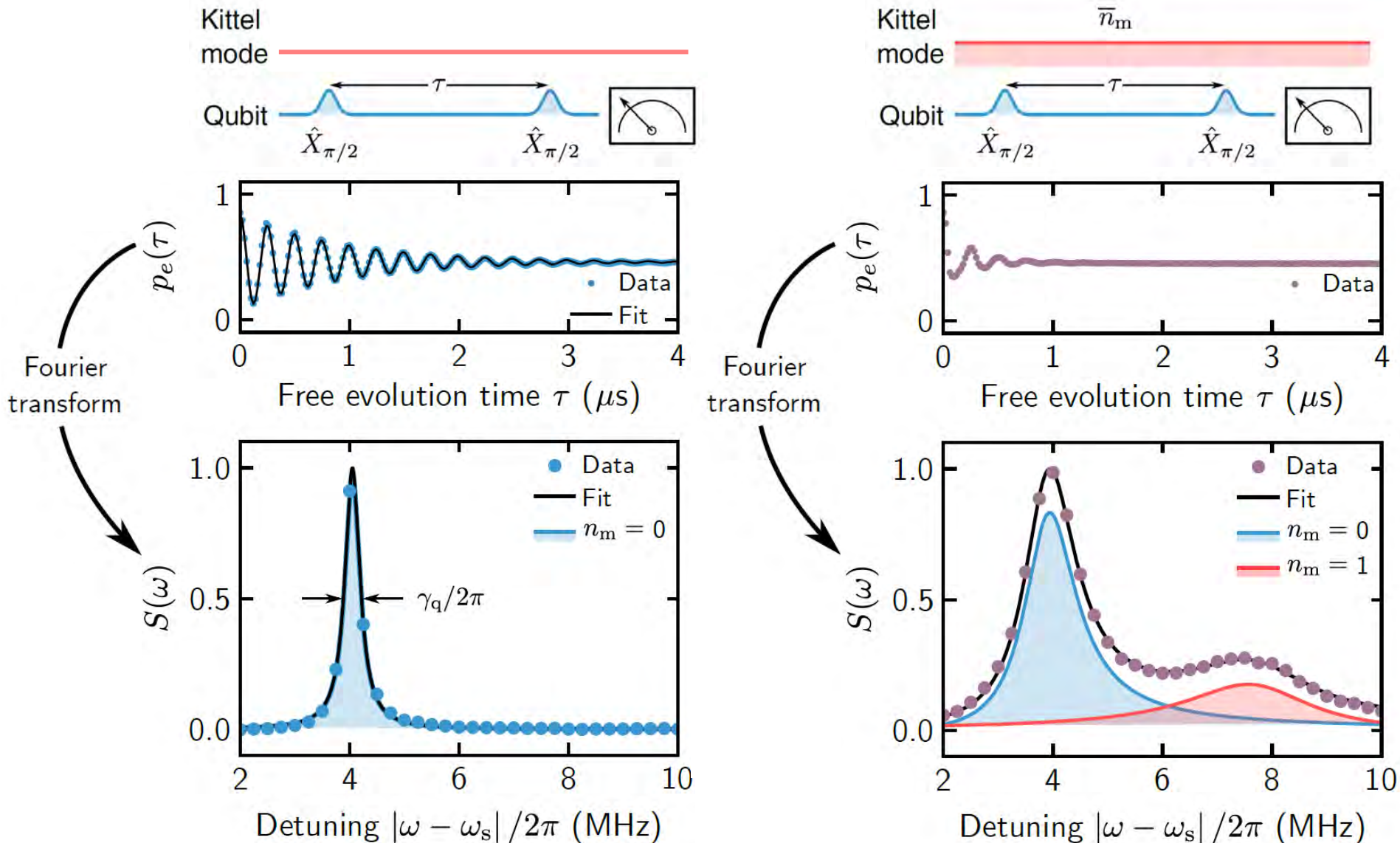


Jirion et al.
PRL 118, 053601 (2017).



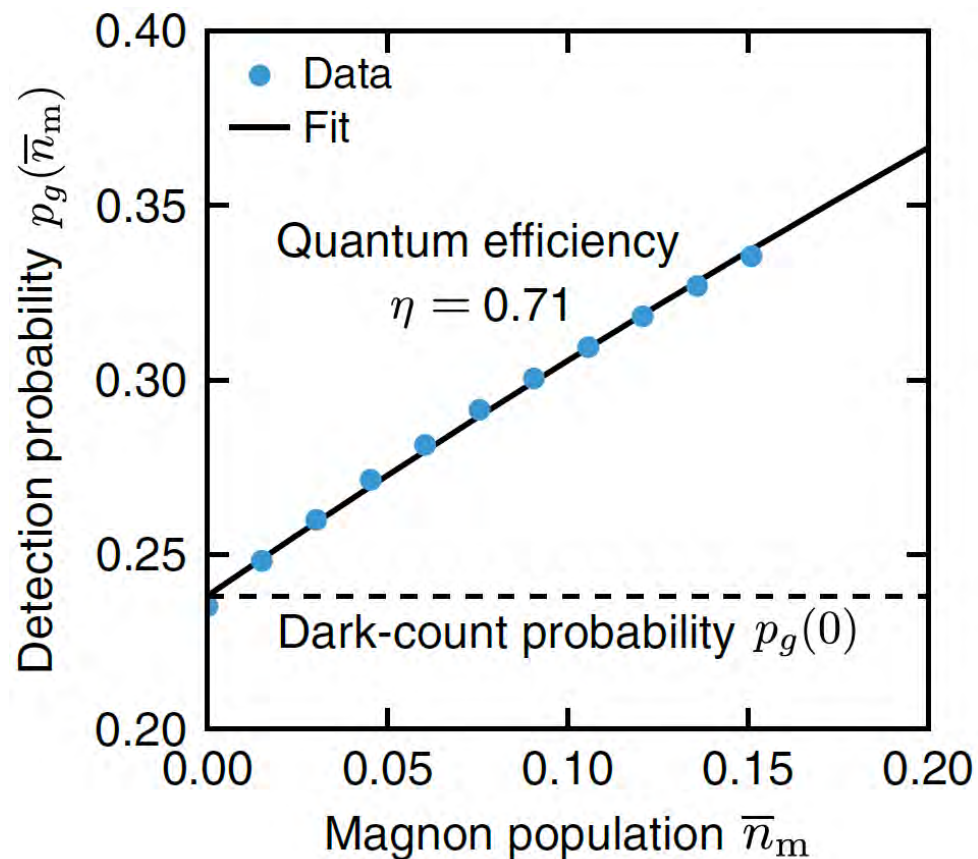
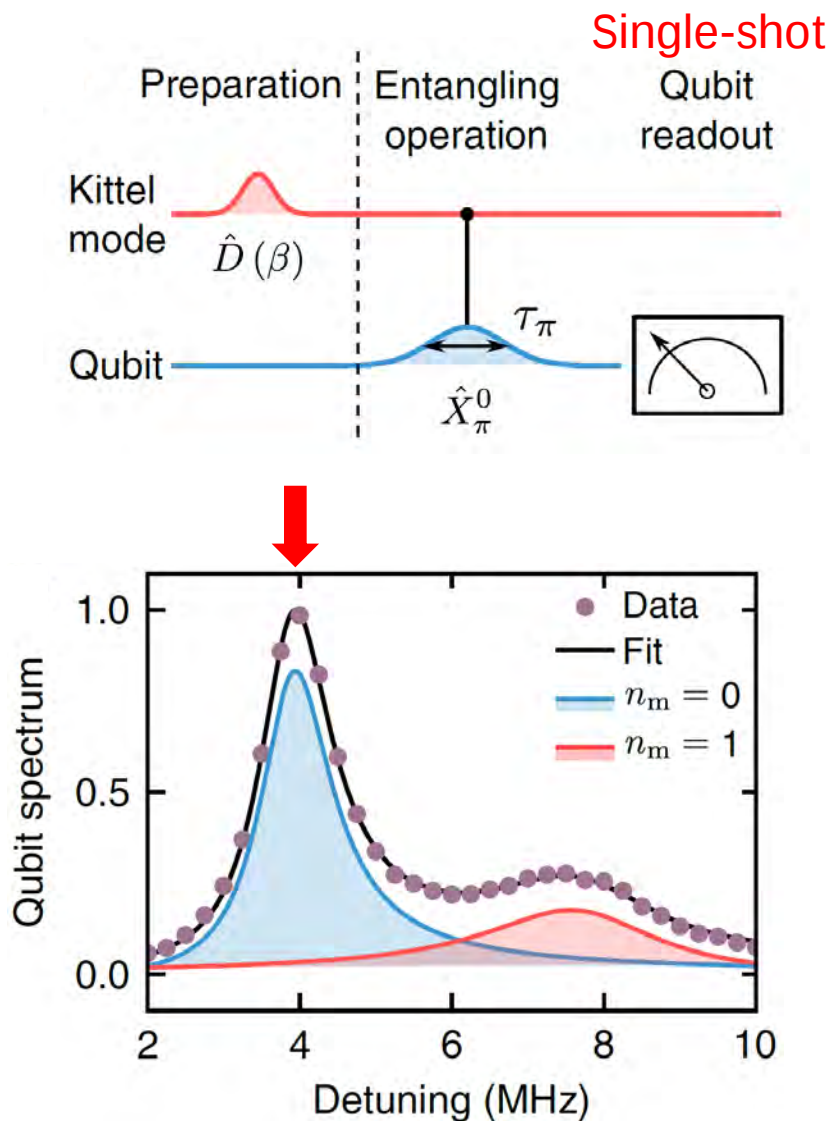
(fW)

Magnon number resolving via Ramsey interferometry

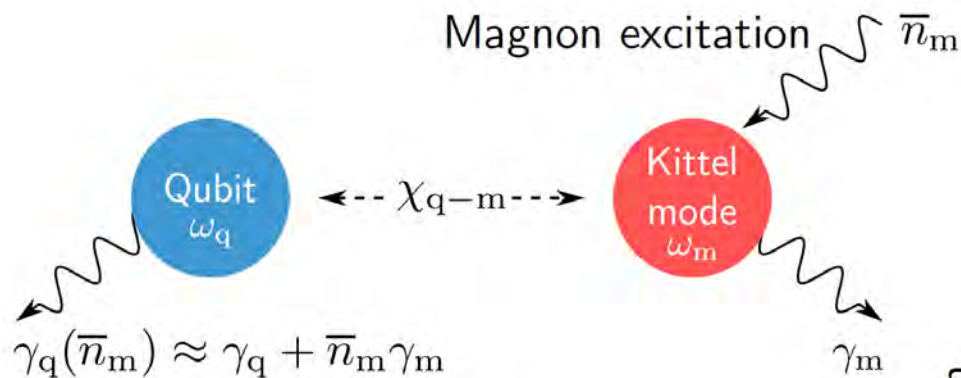


D. Lachance-Quirion et al. Applied Physics Express 12, 070101 (2019);
 See also D. Lachance-Quirion et al. Sci. Adv. 3, e1603150 (2017)

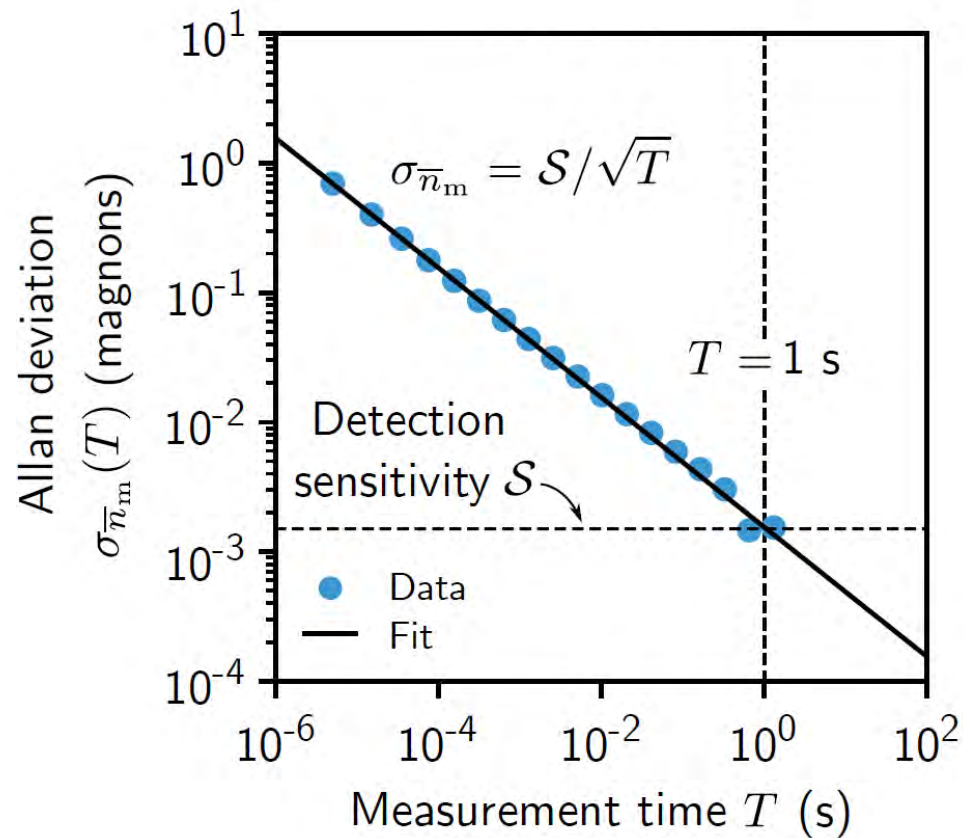
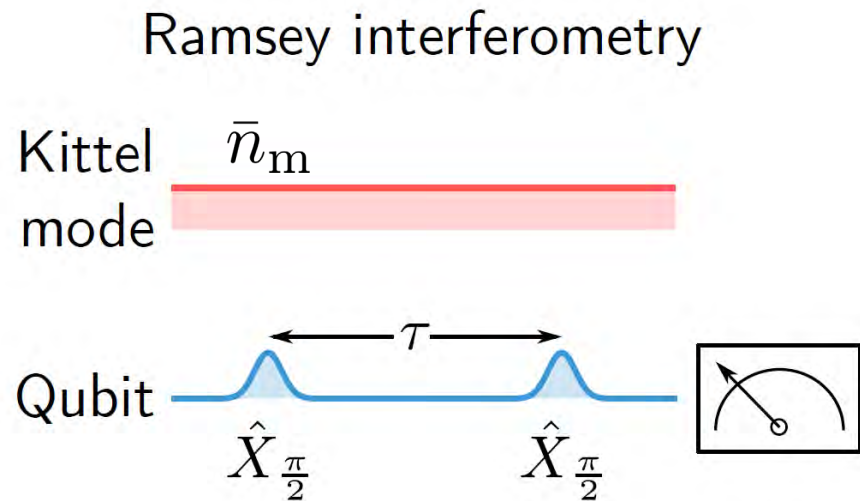
Single-shot detection of a magnon



Dissipation-based quantum sensing



$$S \sim 10^{-3} \text{ magnon}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} @ 1 \text{ Hz}$$



Summary

Quantum magnonics with ferromagnet

- Strong coupling with superconducting qubit
- Vacuum Rabi splitting/oscillations
- Magnon-number-resolving spectroscopy
- Single-shot detection of a magnon
- Dissipation-based quantum sensing

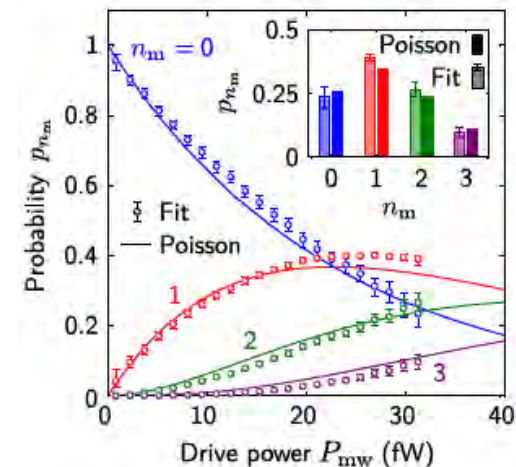
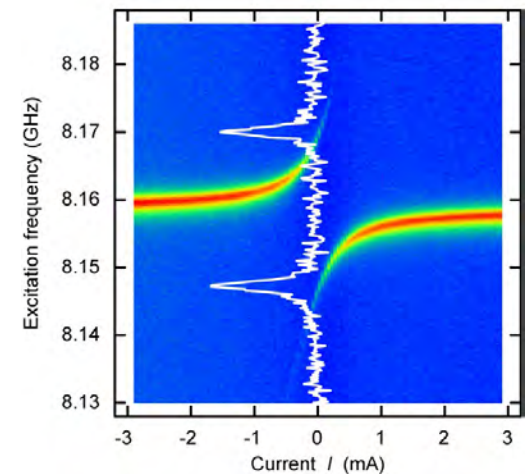
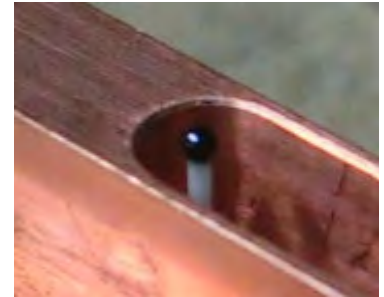
Prospects

- Investigation of magnon decoherence
- Generation of non-classical magnon states
- Applications of magnon quantum sensing
- Axion detection?

Review:

D. Lachance-Quirion et al.

Applied Physics Express 12, 070101 (2019)



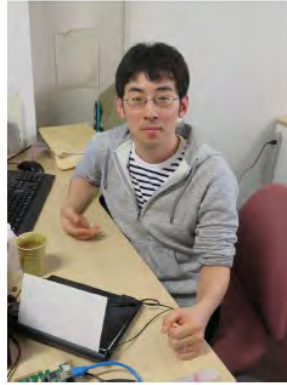
Acknowledgements



Dany Lachance-Quirion
(→Nord Quantique)



Samuel Wolski
(→Sherbrooke)



Yutaka Tabuchi
(→RIKEN)



Koji Usami



Shingo Kono
(→EPFL)



Atsushi Noguchi
(→UTokyo AIS)



Quantum Information Physics
and Engineering Group @UTokyo

<http://www.qc.rcast.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

ERATO

