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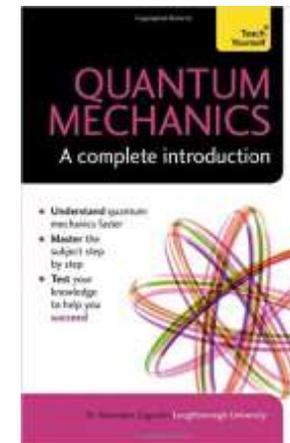
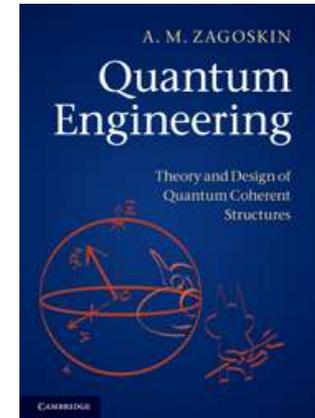
## Theory, design and promise of quantum coherent macroscopic structures

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# My background



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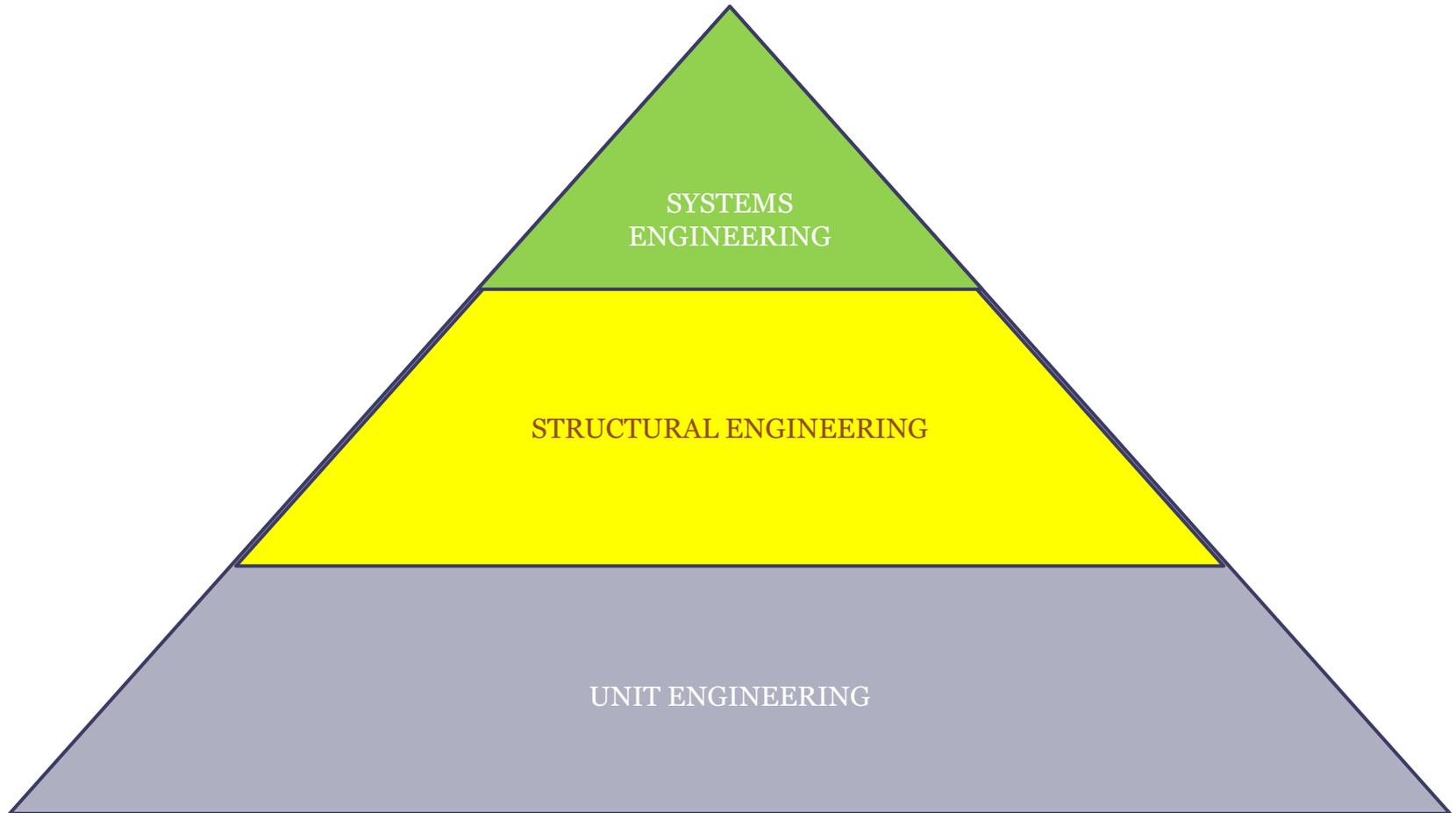
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- The fabrication and control of macroscopic artificial quantum structures, such as qubits, qubit arrays, quantum annealers and, recently, quantum metamaterials, have witnessed significant progress over the last 15 years. This was a surprisingly quick evolution from theoretical musings to what can now be called quantum engineering. The development of this discipline will play the decisive role in the “second quantum revolution”.

# What is “engineering”?

- Accommodating incompatible requirements
- Using “rule-of-thumb” estimates for characterizing and predicting the system’s performance and reliability
- Heuristics
- Scaling
- “Engineering is about building reliable structures using non-reliable components”

# Engineering



# First quantum revolution

- Semiconductors
  - Tunnelling
  - Band theory
- Lasers
  - Photon – atom interactions
  - Rate equations
- Superconductors
  - Cooper effect
  - Josephson effect

# First quantum revolution

- did *not* produce macroscopic quantum coherent systems
  - quantum superpositions and entanglement in these systems involve only a *small* number of *microscopic* quantum states

# Philosophy of quantum mechanics

- Copenhagen interpretation
- Many worlds
- Environmental decoherence
- Consistent histories
- Pilot wave
- ?
- “Shut up and calculate!”





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# Copenhagen vs. Schengen quantum-classical boundary

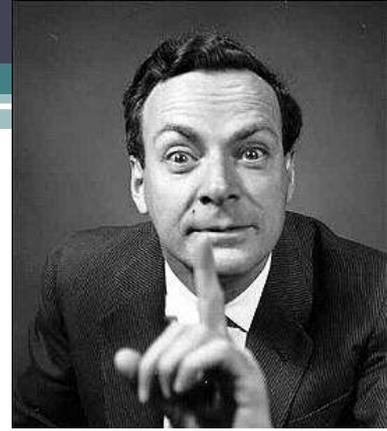
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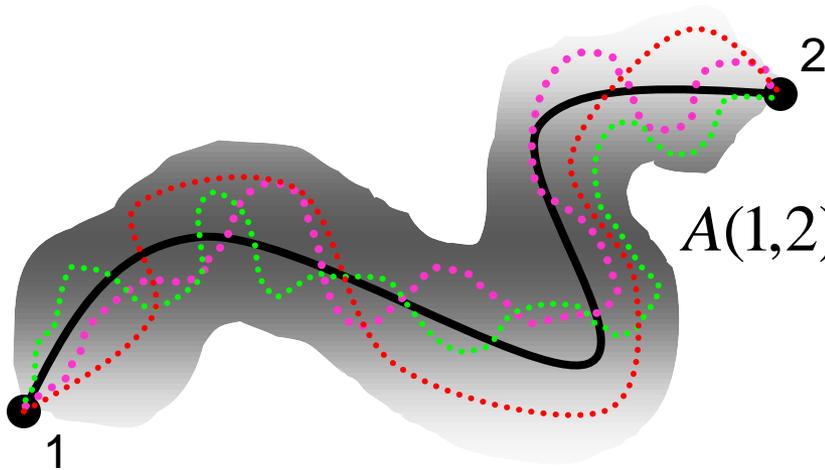
# Second quantum revolution

- Use of *essentially quantum* properties of macroscopic quantum coherent devices
  - Entanglement
  - Quantum superposition
  - Quantum coherences



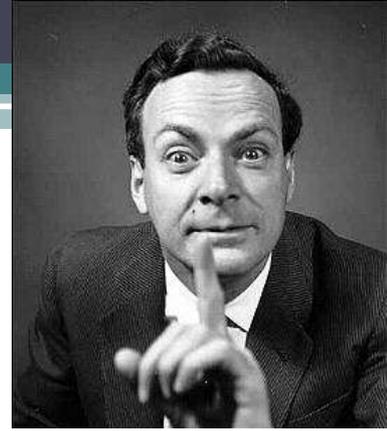
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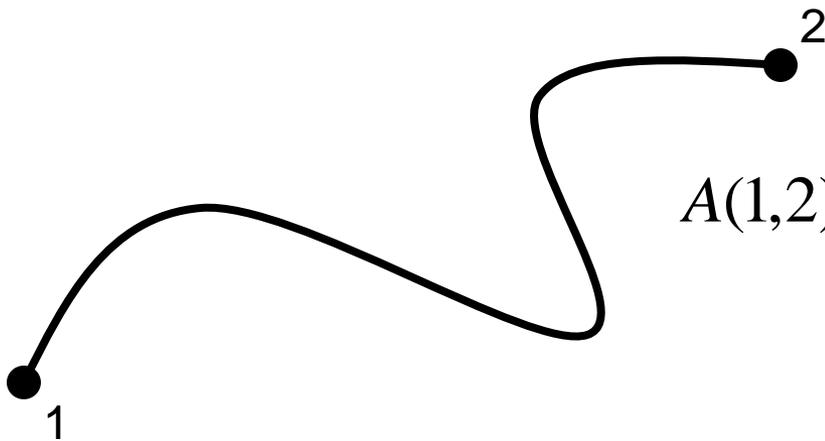


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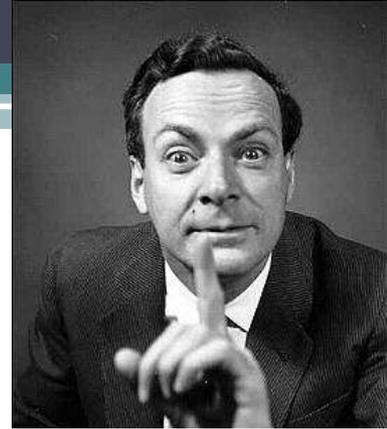


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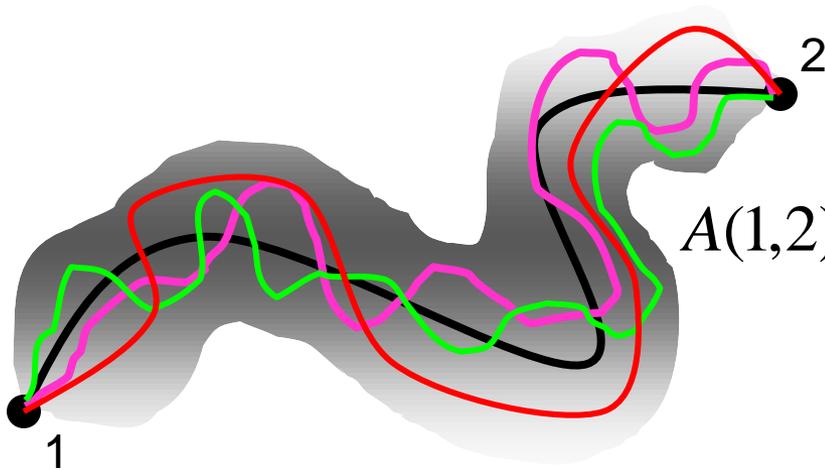


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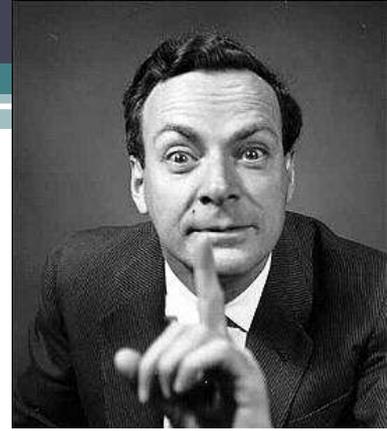
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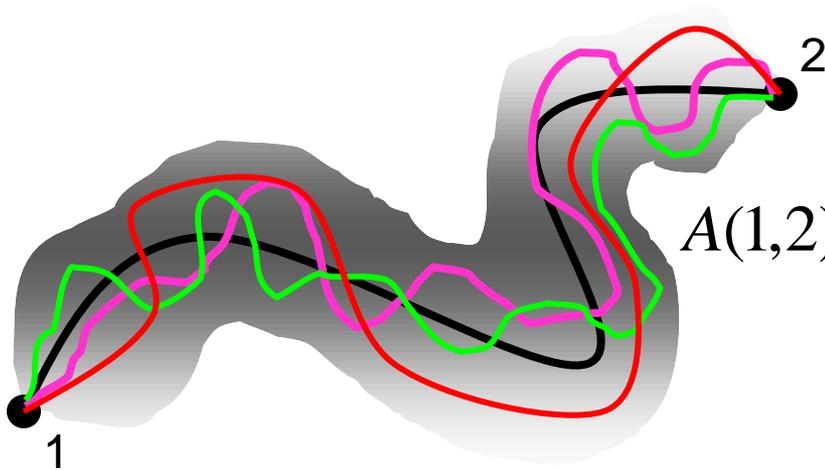


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- An *efficient* modelling of a quantum system by classical means is IMPOSSIBLE



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# “Standard” quantum computing

- Precise single and two-qubit quantum manipulations
- Qubit lifetime much shorter than the computational run
- Ergo:
  - Quantum error correction
  - Ancilla qubits, additional operations
  - More noise, shorter lifetime
  - Topological protection etc promising, but...

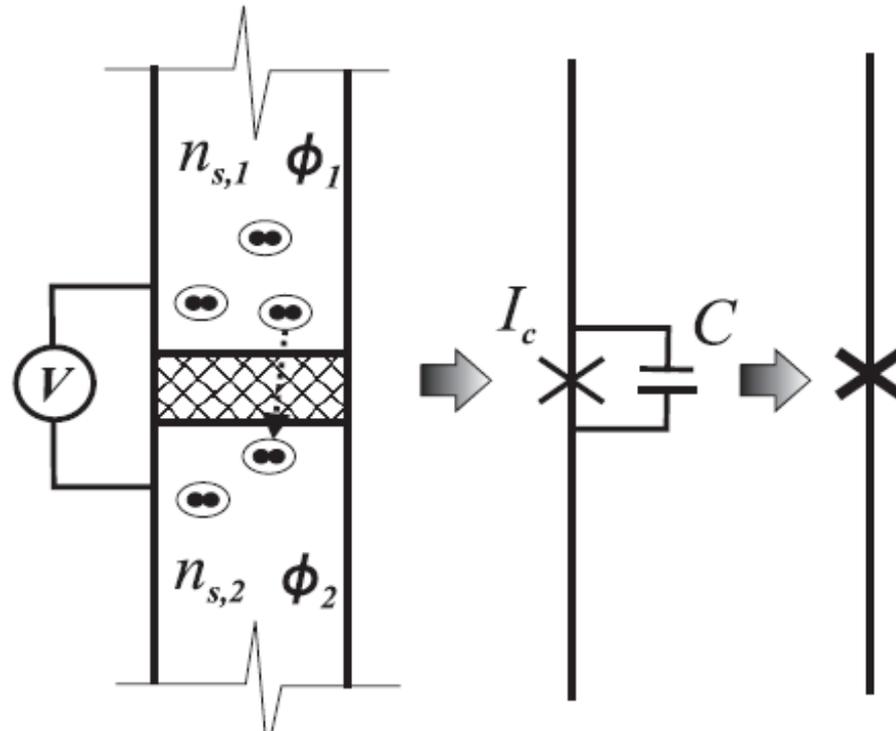
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# Why superconducting Josephson qubits?

- Energy gap suppresses decoherence due to quasiparticles
- Superconducting phase is a macroscopic quantum variable related to directly observable quantities: electric charge (Cooper pairs' number) and current

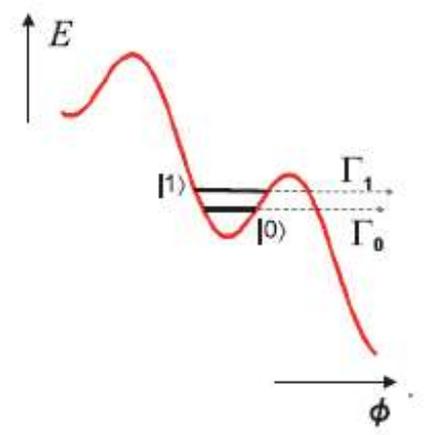
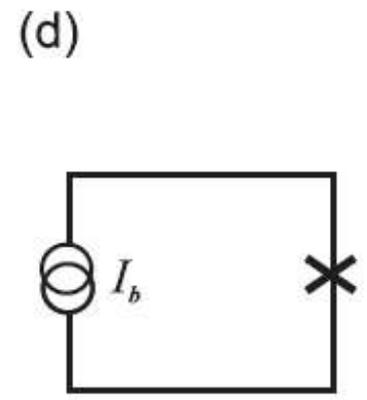
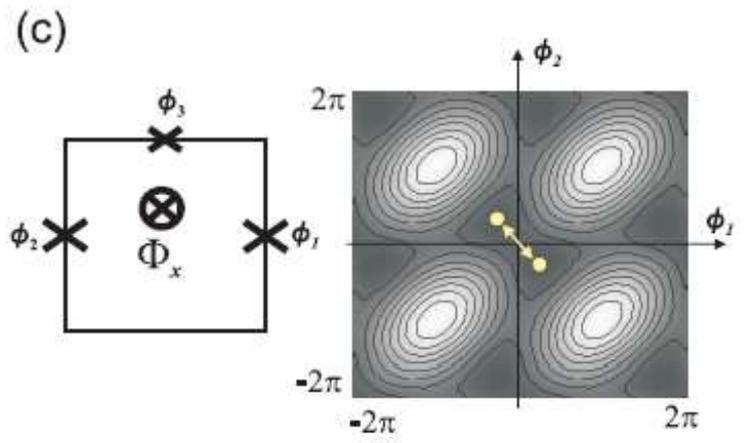
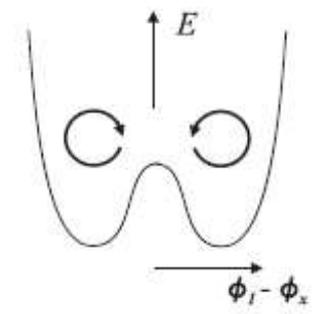
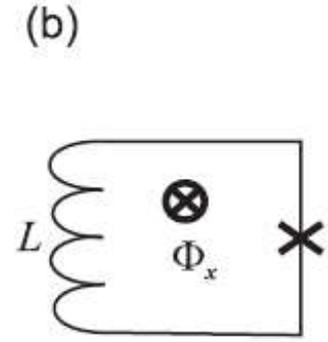
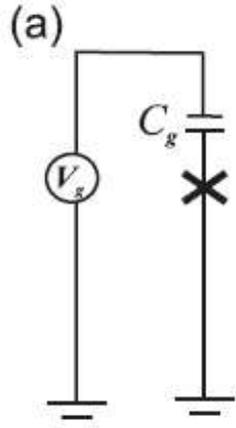
# Josephson effect: an Übercrash course



$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{n_{s,1}} e^{i\phi_1} \\ \sqrt{n_{s,2}} e^{i\phi_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} eV & K \\ K & -eV \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{n_{s,1}} e^{i\phi_1} \\ \sqrt{n_{s,2}} e^{i\phi_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$I_J = I_c \sin \phi; \quad \dot{\phi} = 2eV/\hbar.$$

# Superconducting qubits



## Digression: How catty are the qubits?

- How to distinguish a linear superposition from a mixture?
  - Take  $N'$  identical bosons and compute reduced density matrix for  $N \bullet N'$
  - Reduced entropy  $S_N = -\text{tr } \rho_N \ln \rho_N$
  - $\delta_N = S_N / \min_{(M)} (S_M + S_{N-M})$
  - “Disconnectivity”  $D$  is the largest integer  $N$  for which  $\delta_N$  is smaller than some small  $a$
  - For 2 bosons:
    - product state:  $D=1$
    - mixture:  $D=1$
    - linear superposition:  $D=2$

## Digression: How catty are the qubits?

- Supercurrent per se is not “catty”
  - E.g., Josephson effect

$$\Psi(1,2,\dots,N) = A \prod (a\psi_L(j) + b\psi_R(j)) \sim (a\psi_L + b\psi_R)^N$$

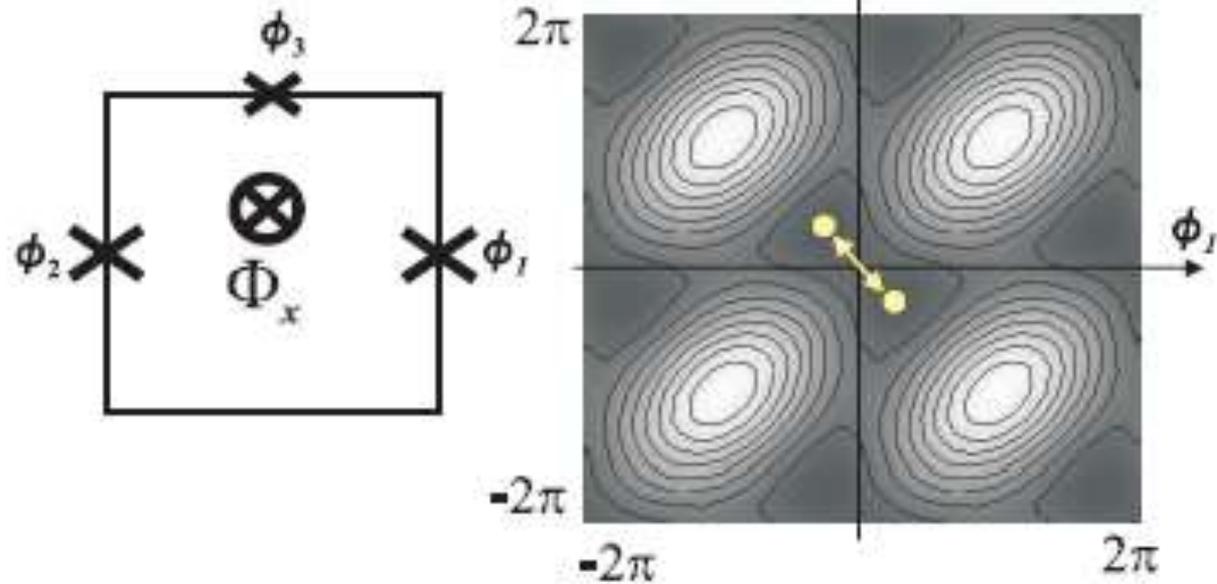
- We need rather (“crudely and schematically”)

$$\Psi(1,2,\dots,N) \sim a(\psi_L)^N + b(\psi_R)^N$$

# Charge qubits

- Superposition of states with  $N$  and  $N+1$  Cooper pairs
  - Only two one-particle states differ
  - $D \sim 2$

# Flux qubits



- One island's phase is fixed, two are in a *superposition* of states with different phases:

$$\Psi(1,2,\dots,N) \sim a(\psi_{\phi_1})^N + b(\psi_{\phi_2})^N$$

- Number of one-particle states involved:

$$N \sim n_e \Omega \sim 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3} \times (10 \mu\text{m} \times 1 \mu\text{m} \times 0.1 \mu\text{m}) \sim 10^{10}$$

# QED with superconducting qubits

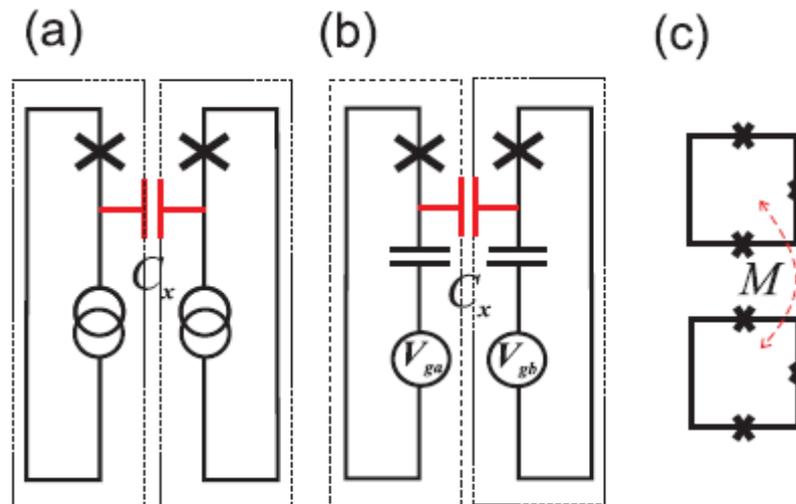
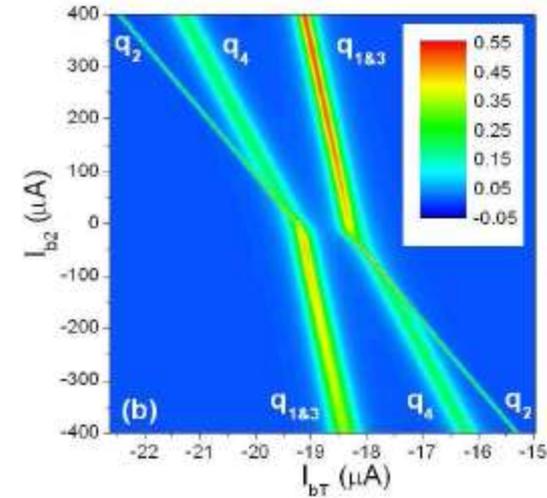
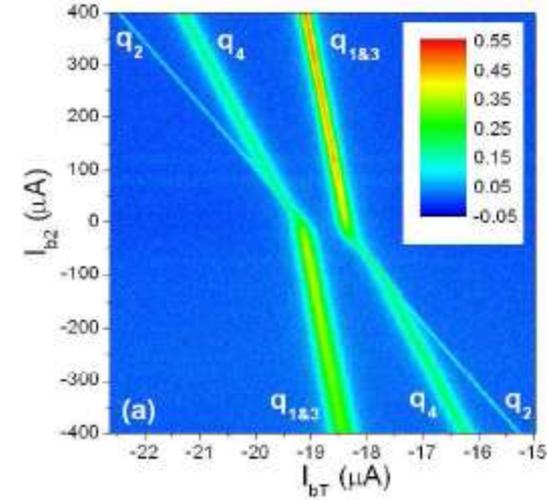
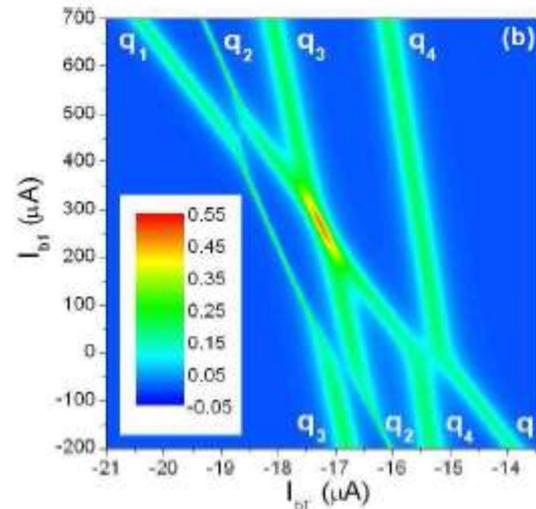
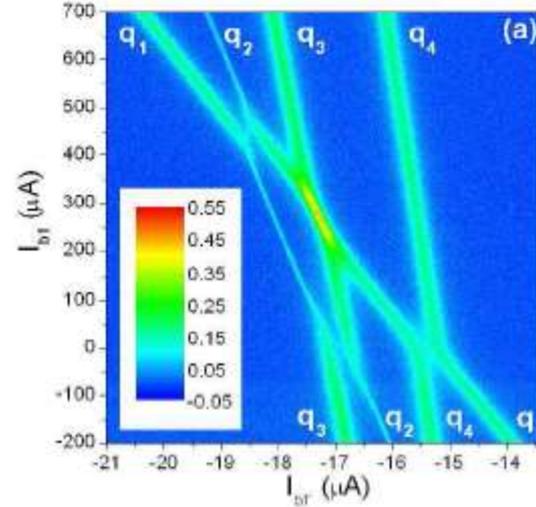
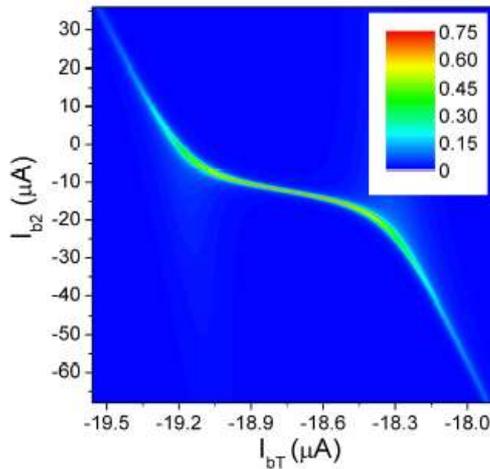
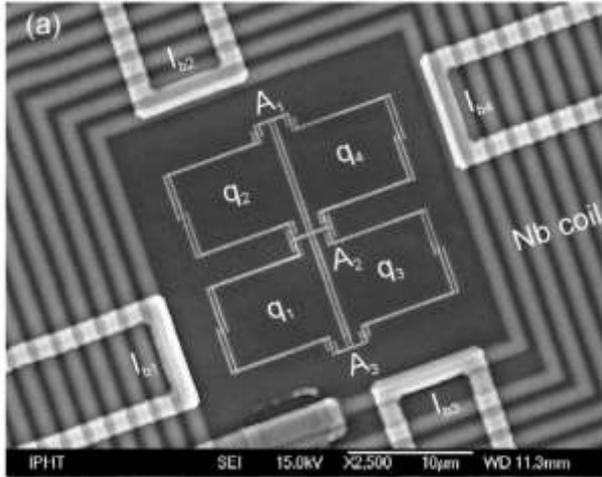


FIG. 3: (a) Phase qubits and (b) charge qubits coupled through a capacitor. (c) Flux qubits coupled through the mutual inductance  $M$ .



M. Grajcar et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 047006 (2006);  
 P.J. Love et al., Quant. Inf. Proc. 6, 187 (2007).

FIG. 1: Entanglement  $\mathcal{R}(\psi)$  of the ground state of the four-qubit experimental system described in [20]. The abscissa is the global bias applied to all qubits, and the ordinate is the bias current applied to qubit two. The maximum entanglement value is  $0.75 \pm 0.05$ .

# QED with superconducting qubits

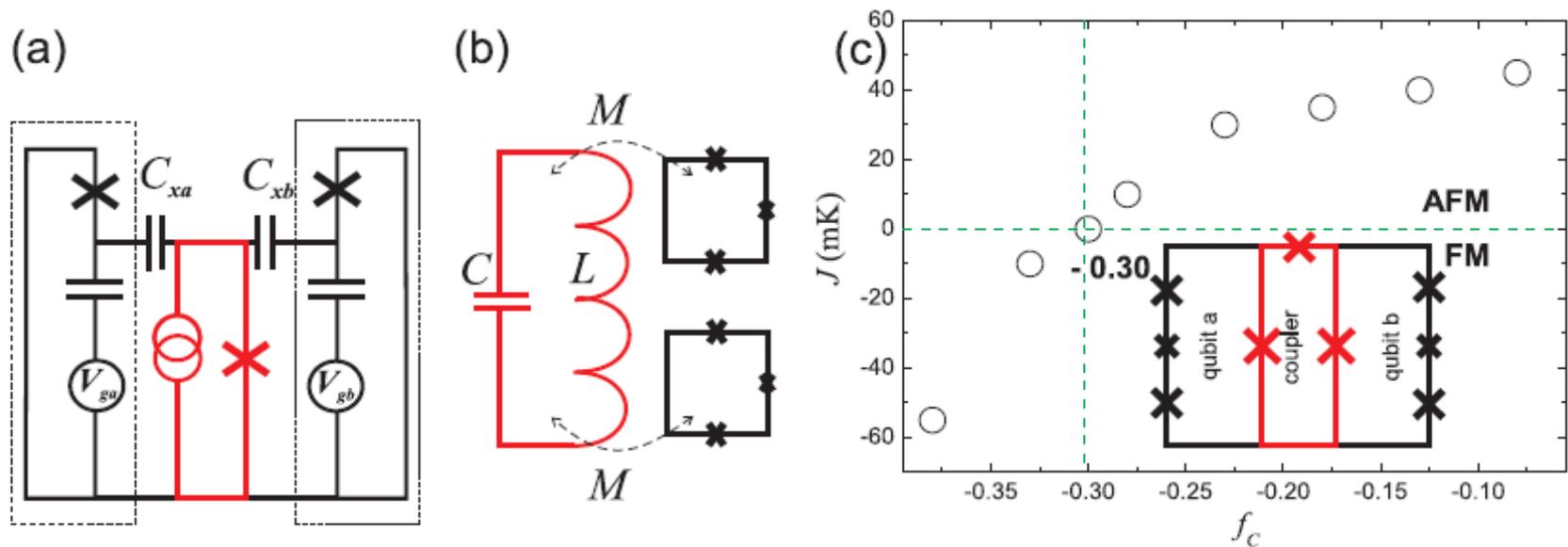


FIG. 4: (a) Charge qubits coupled through a tunable bus circuit (red) (adapted from Ref. [44]). (b) Flux qubits coupled through an  $LC$  circuit (red). (c) Tunable coupling of two flux qubits (adapted from Ref. [51]). The coupling is tuned between ferro- and antiferromagnetic by changing the magnetic flux,  $\Phi = f_C \Phi_0$ , through the coupler (red). Dots show the experimental data.

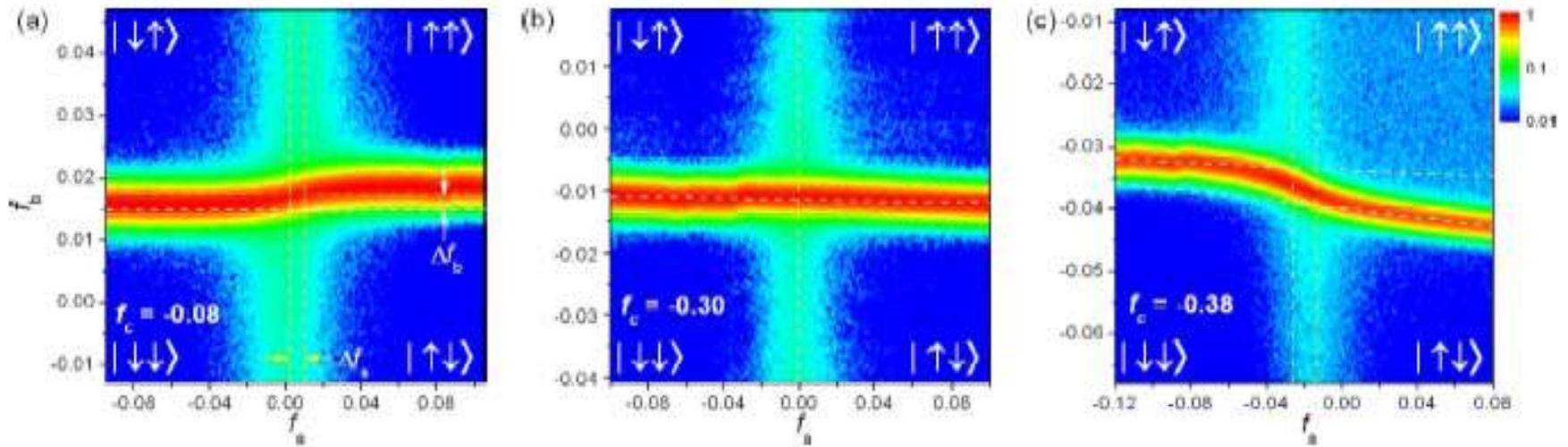


FIG. 3:  $-\tan \theta(f_a, f_b)$  for sample 1 at coupler bias  $f_c = -0.08, -0.30,$  and  $-0.38$ , with a manifest change in coupling sign. A theory fit as in Fig. 4 yields couplings  $J = 45, 0,$  and  $-55$  mK. The excess response in the  $|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$  quadrant for  $f_c = -0.38$  is due

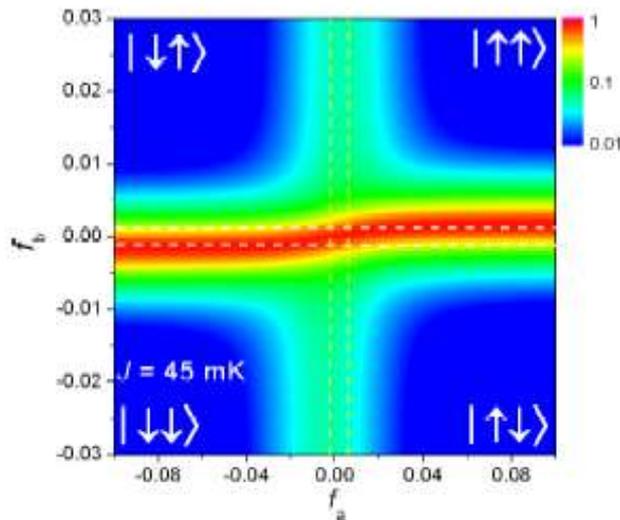
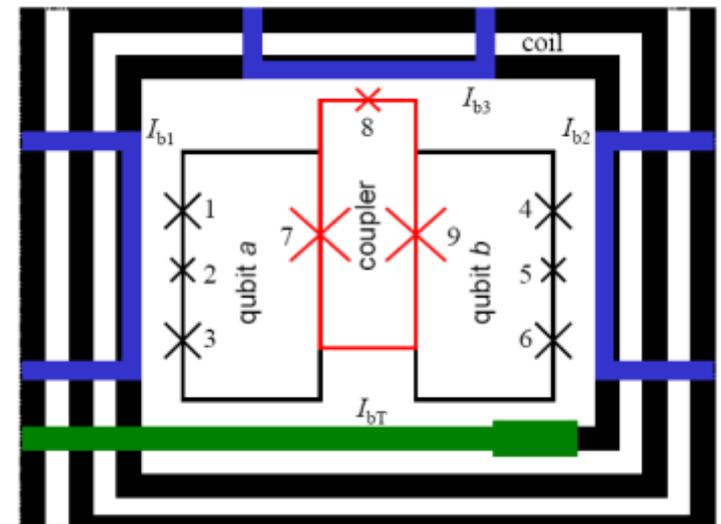
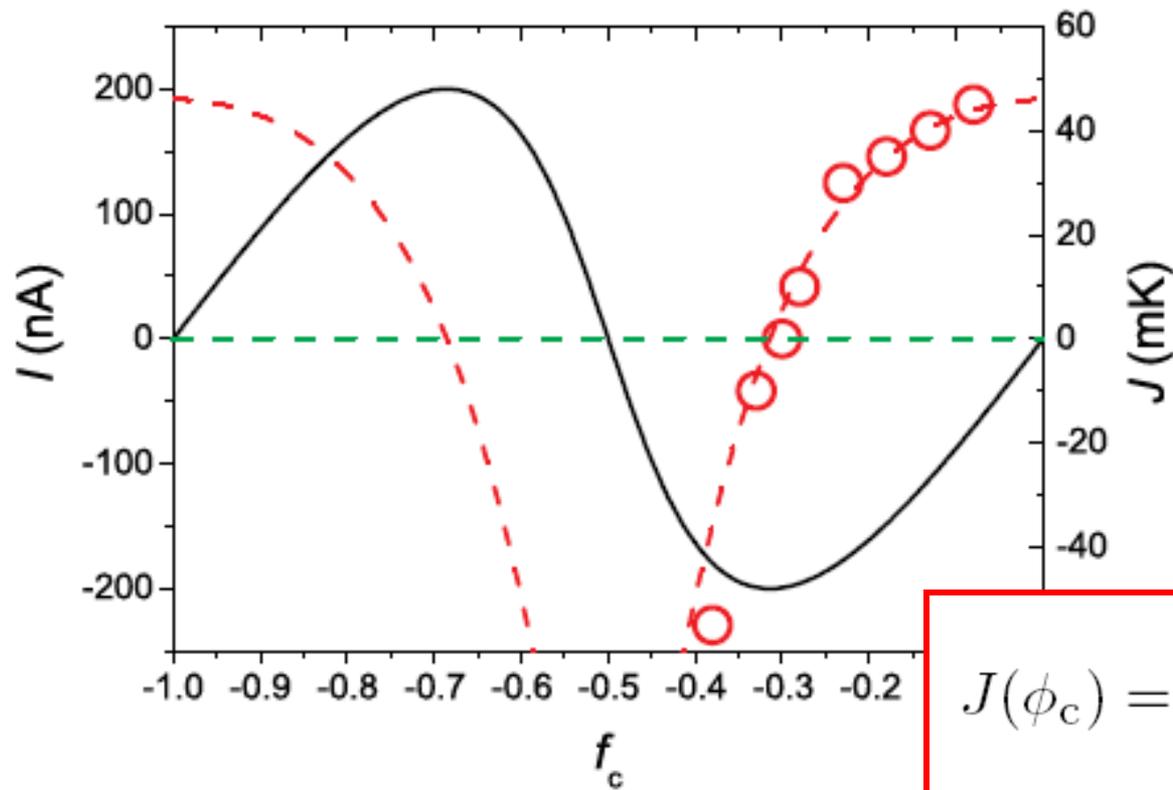


FIG. 4: Theoretical fit for Fig. 3a. The extracted parameters are  $T_{\text{off}} = 70$  mK,  $\Delta_a = 300$  mK,  $I_{\text{ps}} = 75$  nA,  $\Delta_b = 55$  mK,  $I_{\text{pb}} = 180$  nA, and  $J(-0.08) \approx 45$  mK.





$$J(\phi_c) = \frac{\hbar}{2e} \frac{I'(\phi_c)}{I_c^2 - I(\phi_c)^2} I_{pa} I_{pb}$$

FIG. 2: Black: the current–flux relation  $I(f_c)$  of a coupler with  $\alpha_c = S_8/S_9 = 0.2$  and  $I_c = 1 \mu\text{A}$ . Red-dashed line: the coupling energy  $J(f_c)$  obtained from Eq. (3) using this  $I(f_c)$  and the loop currents  $I_{pa,b}$  found independently from the qubit response. Circles: experimental  $J(f_c)$  obtained from Fig. 3.

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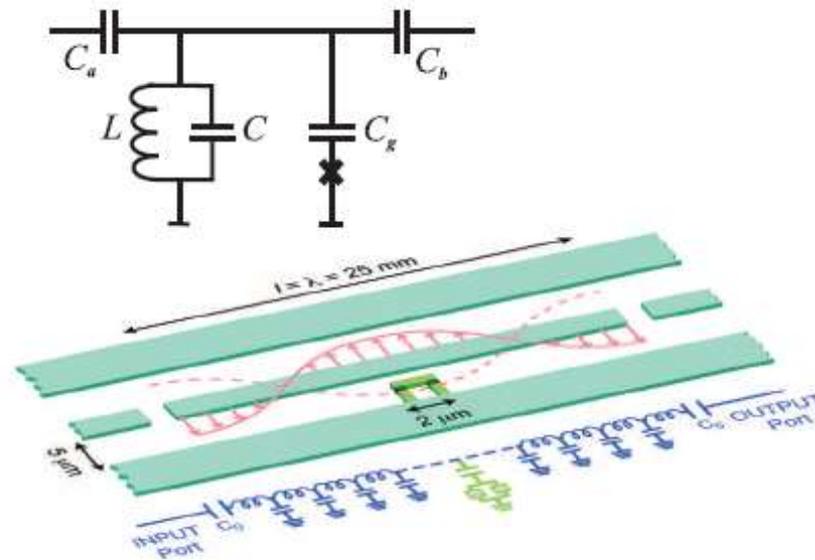


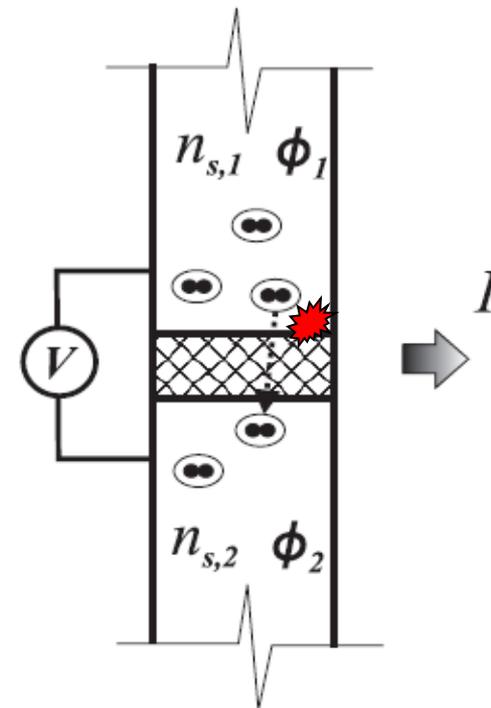
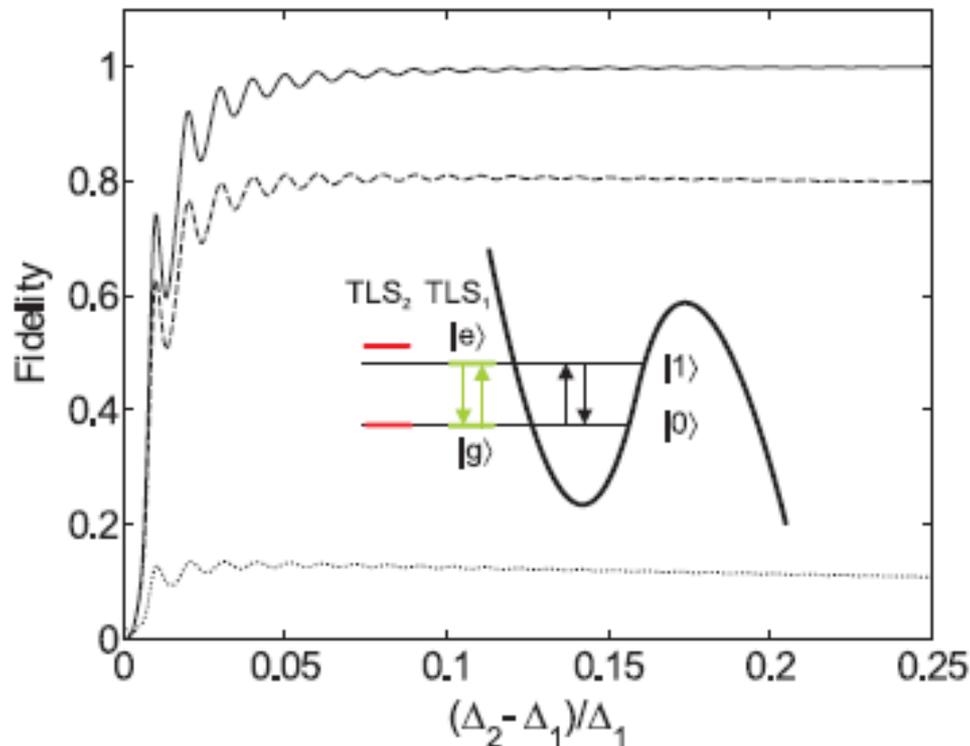
FIG. 5: Circuit QED (adapted from Ref.[70]): a charge qubit coupled to a strip line, and the simplified scheme of the system (inset).

# Sources of decoherence

- Intrinsic noise
  - Thermal (quasiparticles in JJ and substrate)
  - $1/f$  noise
- External noise
  - Ambient EM fields
  - Control and readout circuits

# 1/f noise: two-level systems

- Using TLS for quantum information processing



# Using TLS for quantum information processing

- Decoherence time is  $\sim T_{qb}$ , not  $\sim T_{qb}/N$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \hbar \omega_j \sigma_z^j + \sum_{k>j=1}^N g_{jk} \sigma_y^j \sigma_y^k.$$

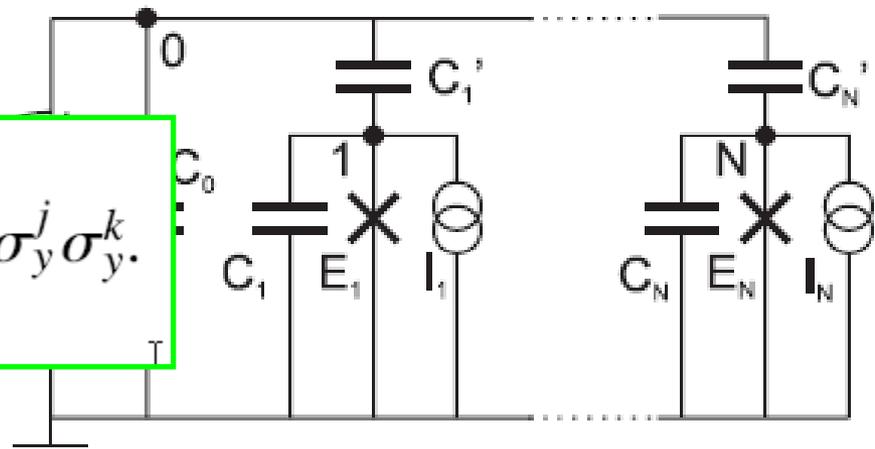
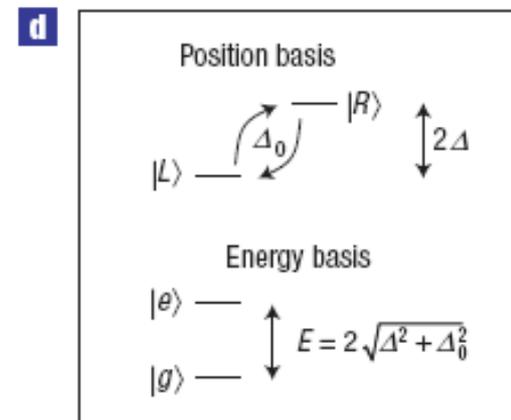
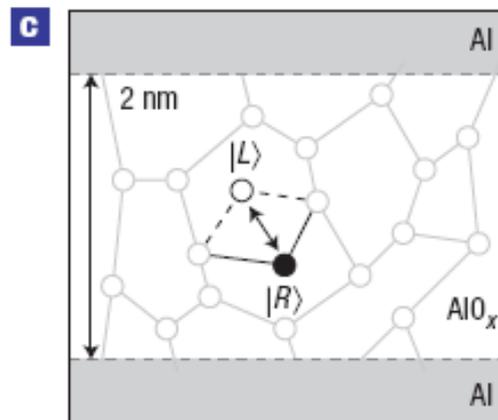
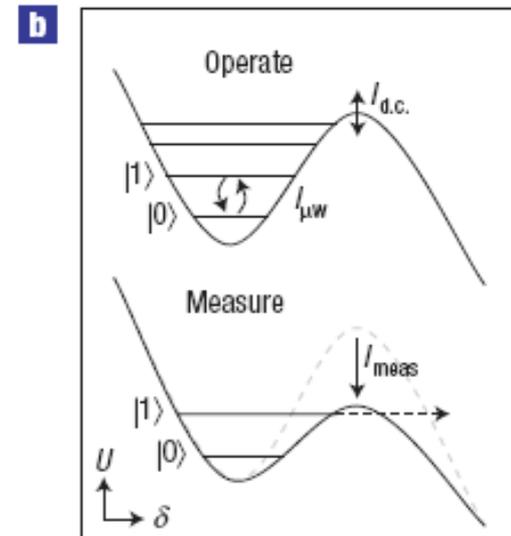
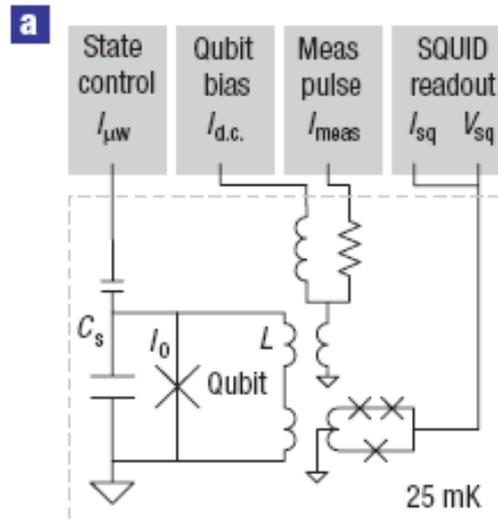
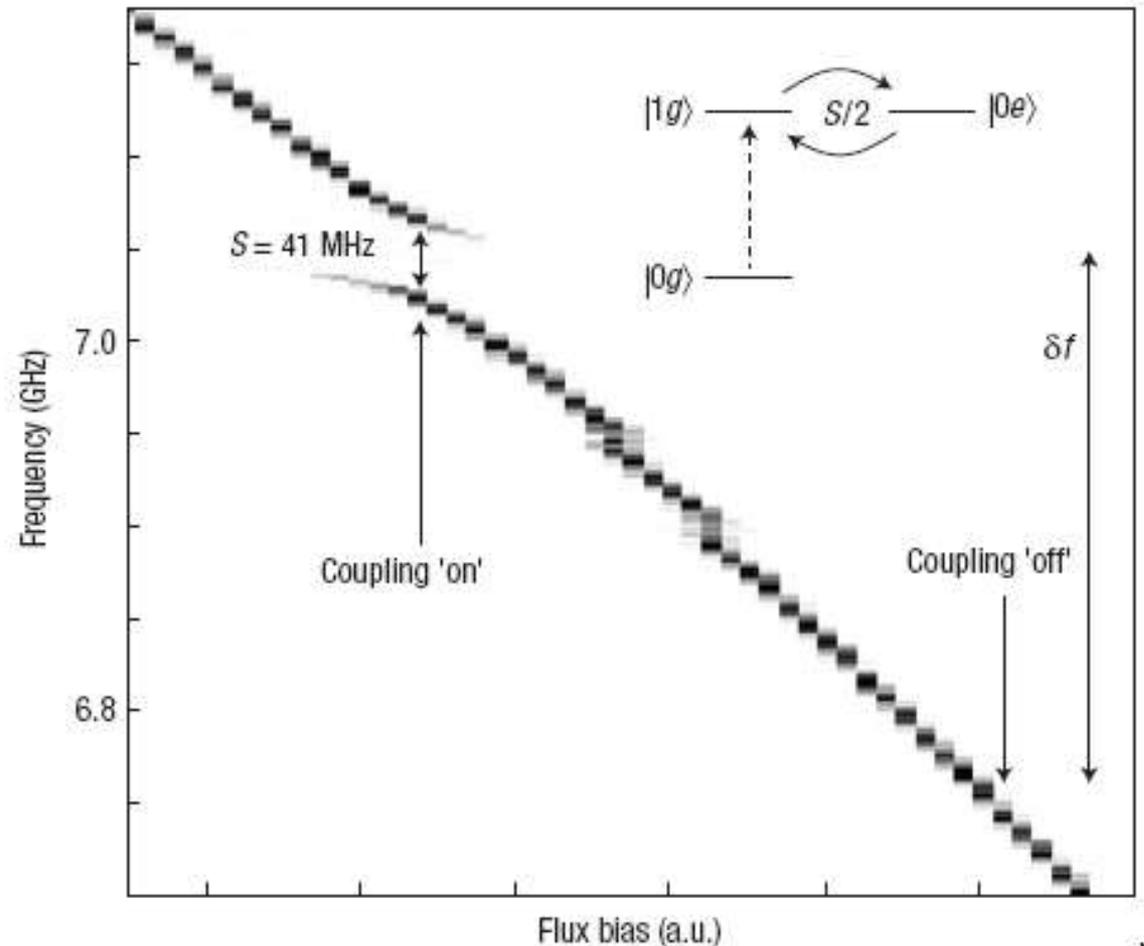


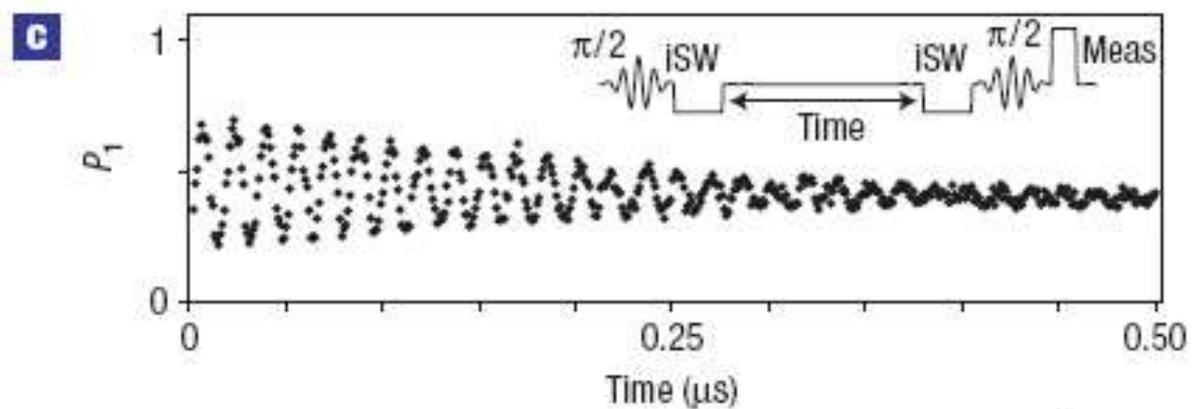
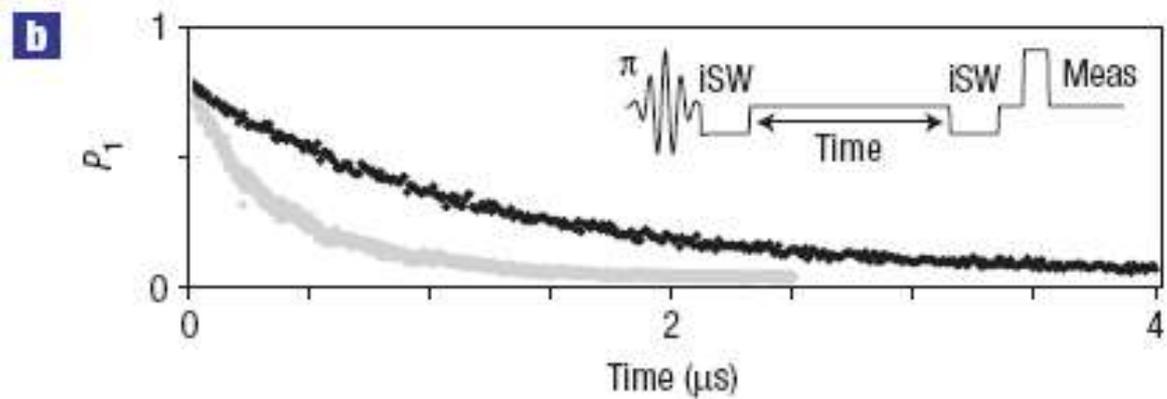
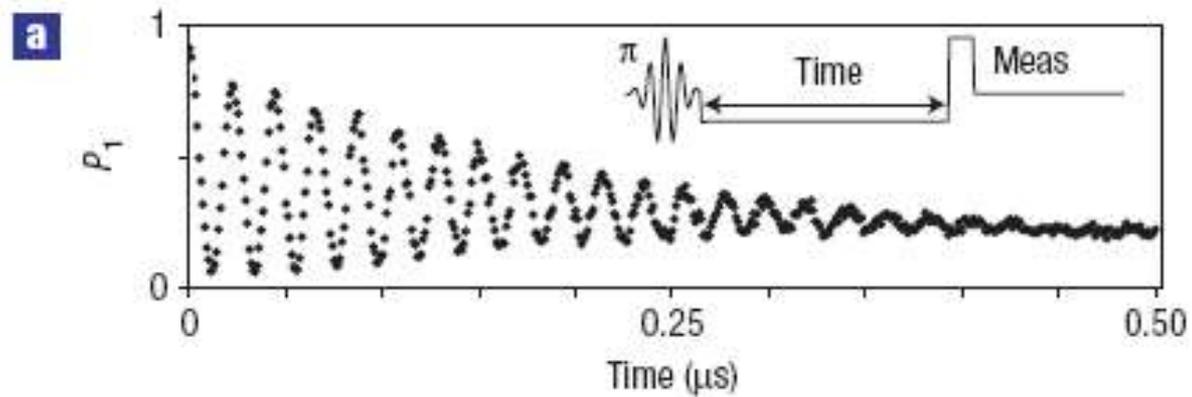
FIG. 2. Scalability of the structure: Two-qubit operations between the TLSs on different CBJJs ( $j = 1, \dots, N$ ) are enabled by the common LC circuit, which is capacitively coupled to the CBJJs. The Josephson energy, capacitance, and bias current of the  $j$ th CBJJ are  $E_j$ ,  $C_j$ , and  $I_j$ , respectively.

# Using TLS for quantum information processing: first experimental realization



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# Drastic improvement in quality of superconducting qubits

- 1999 –  $<10$  ns
- 2015 –  $>100$   $\mu$ s
- manipulation time - nanoseconds



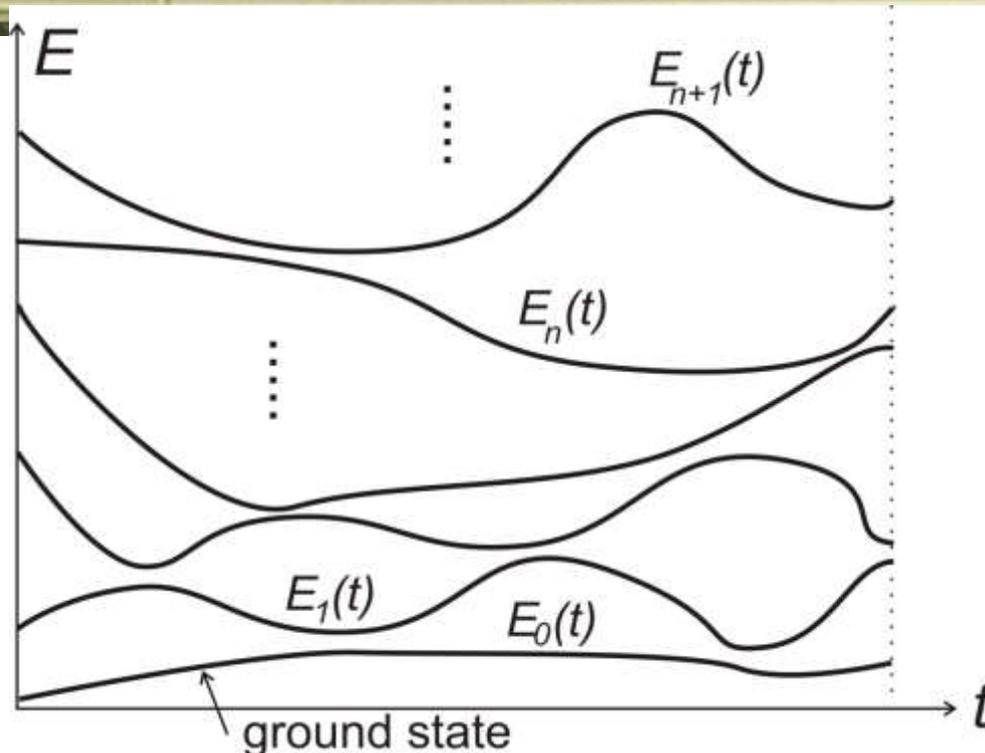
...still short of what is needed for a universal digital quantum computer

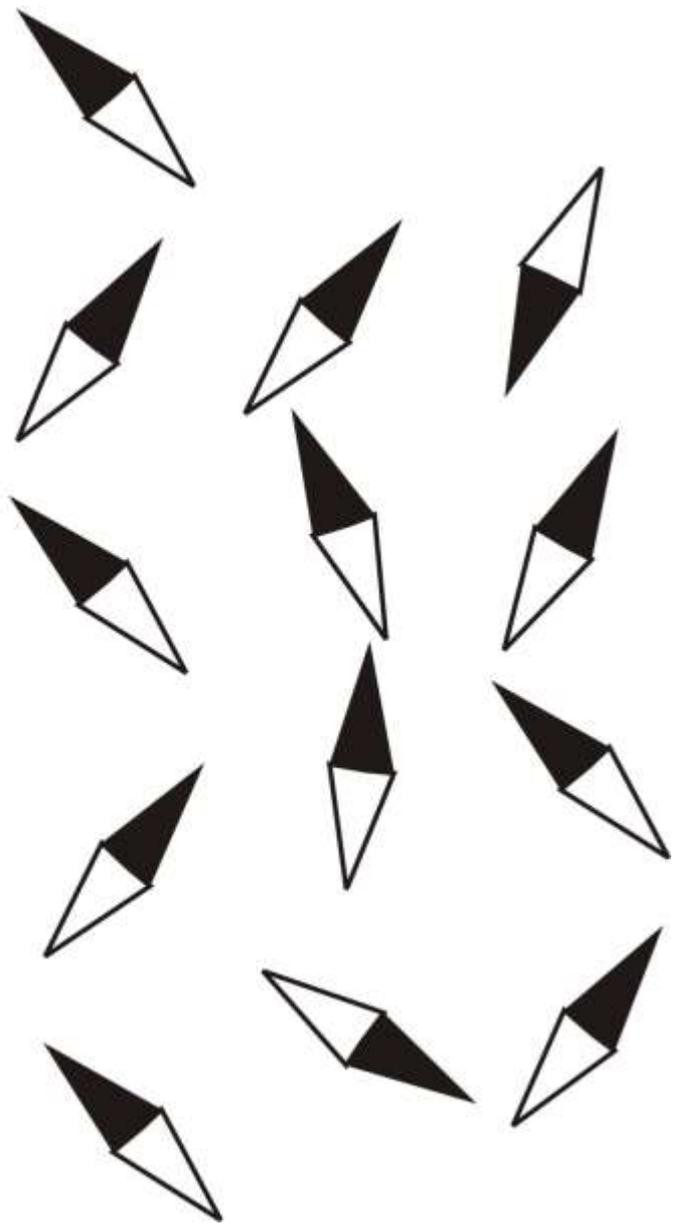
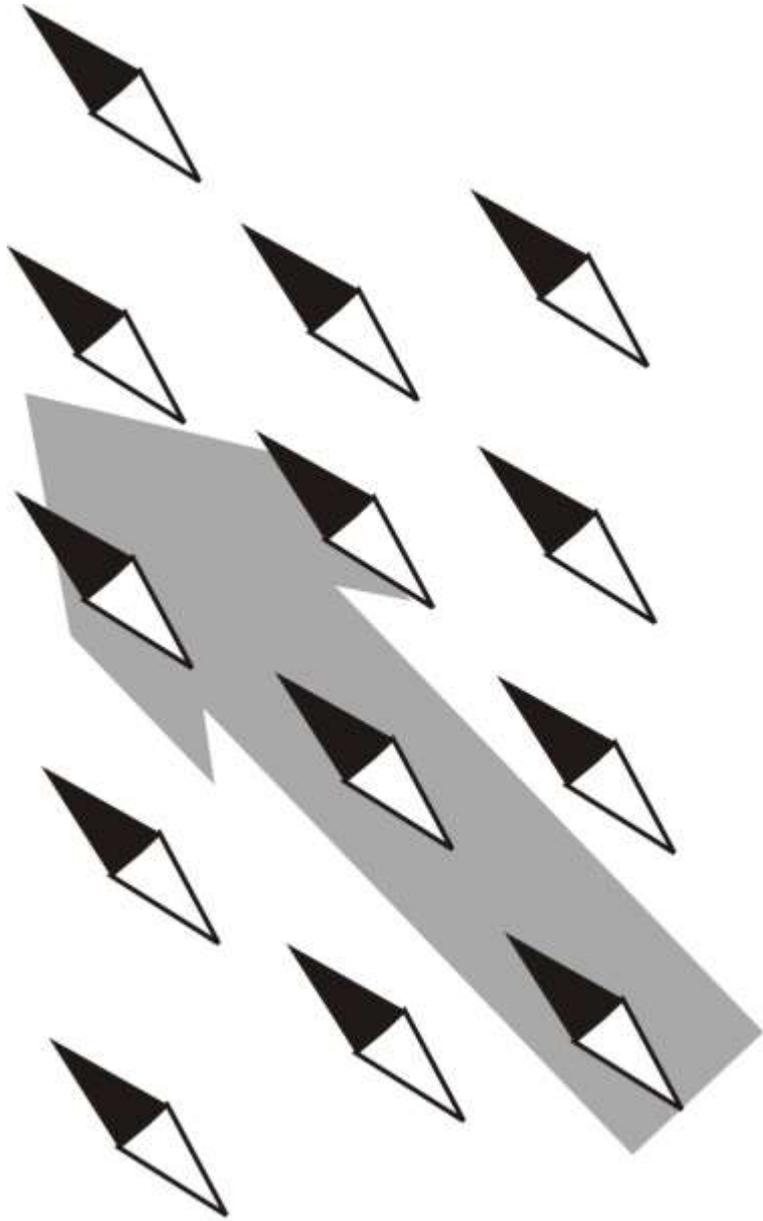


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with steam age technology



# Quantum Slide Rules: Adiabatic quantum computing





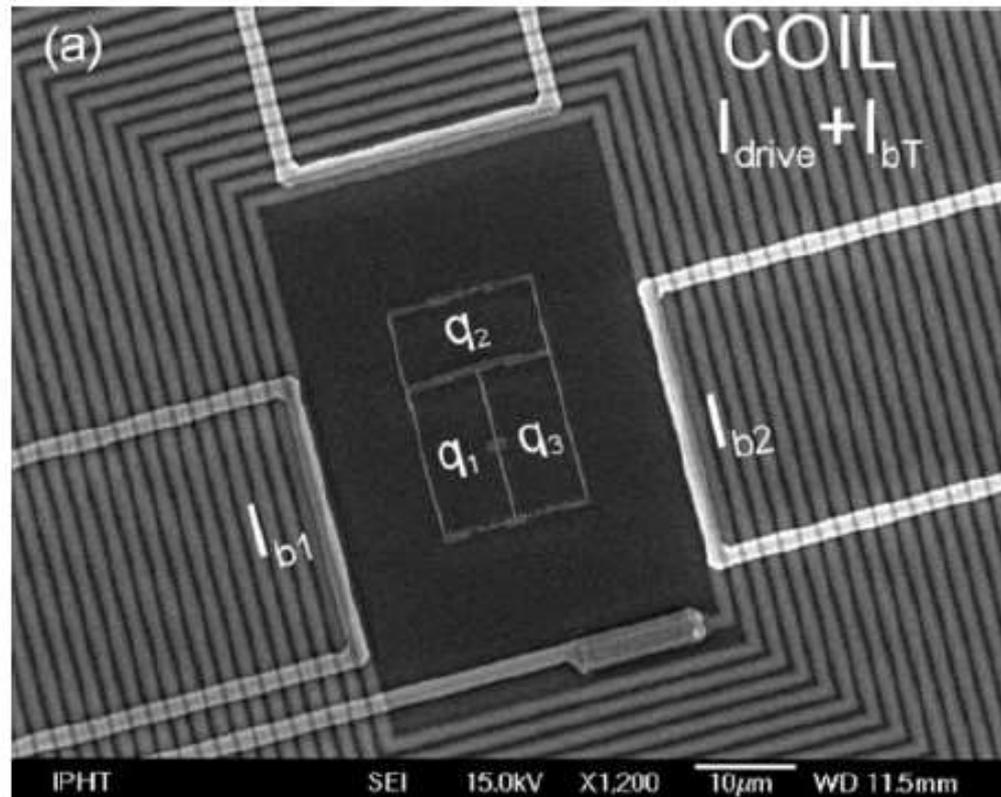


Fig. 6.7. An experimental circuit for the realization of a ( $N = 3$ ) maxcut adiabatic quantum algorithm (from van der Ploeg et al., 2006, © 2007 IEEE, with permission). Aluminium persistent current qubits are placed inside a niobium pickup coil; the tuning fluxes,  $f_{qj}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3$  (in units of  $\Phi_0$ ), are induced by the currents in  $\Pi$ -shaped bias lines. The qubits are antiferromagnetically coupled through shared Josephson junctions and (to a lesser degree) mutual inductances. The quantum state of the qubits was determined using the impedance measurement technique (IMT). The circuit parameters,  $J_{12} = J_{23} = J_{13} = 610$  mK,  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2 = \Delta_3 = 70$  mK, as well as its effective temperature, were determined from fitting the IMT data

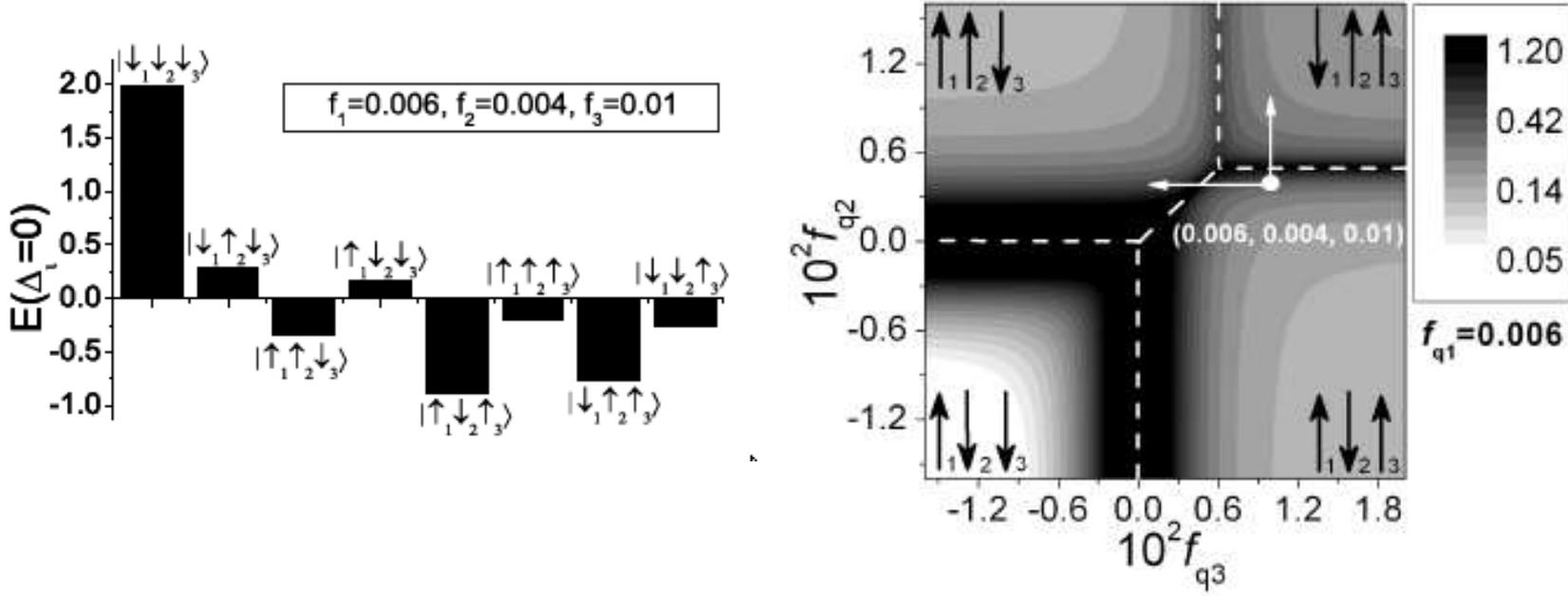


Fig. 6.  $-\tan \Theta(f_{q2}, f_{q3})$  at  $f_{q1} = 0.006$ . The tank's response is calculated for  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2 = \Delta_3 = 96$  mK,  $J_{12} = J_{13} = J_{23} = 300$  mK,  $I_{p1} = I_{p3} = 350$  nA,  $I_{p2} = 420$  nA, and  $T = 10$  mK. The white dashed lines denote the cross-overs between the different classical states. At the white dot  $(0.006, 0.004, 0.01)$  the MAXCUT problem with the solution  $|\uparrow_1 \downarrow_2 \uparrow_3\rangle$  is encoded, see Fig. 5. The solid arrows show the directions in which the read-out should be carried out in order to reconstruct this state.

# Approximate AQC - a possible application?

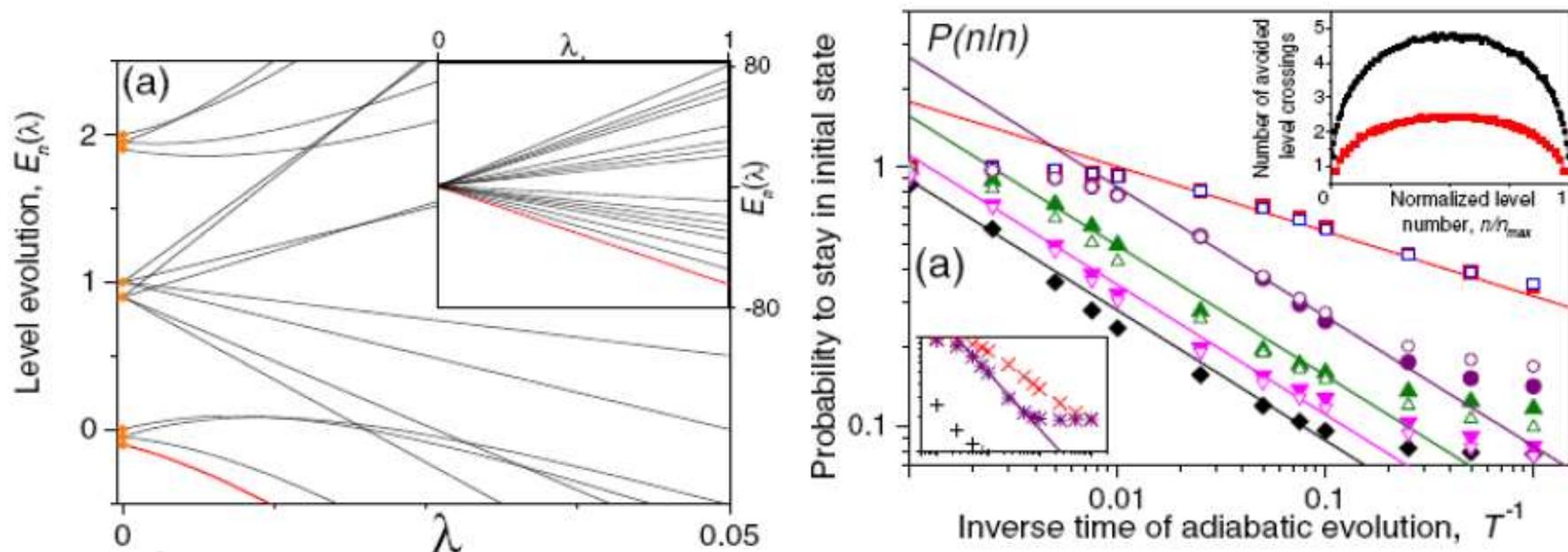
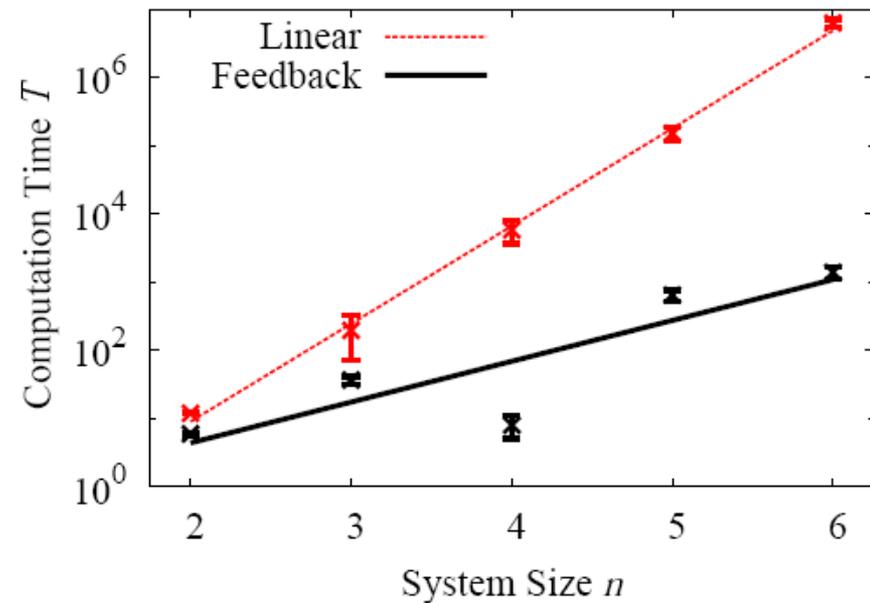
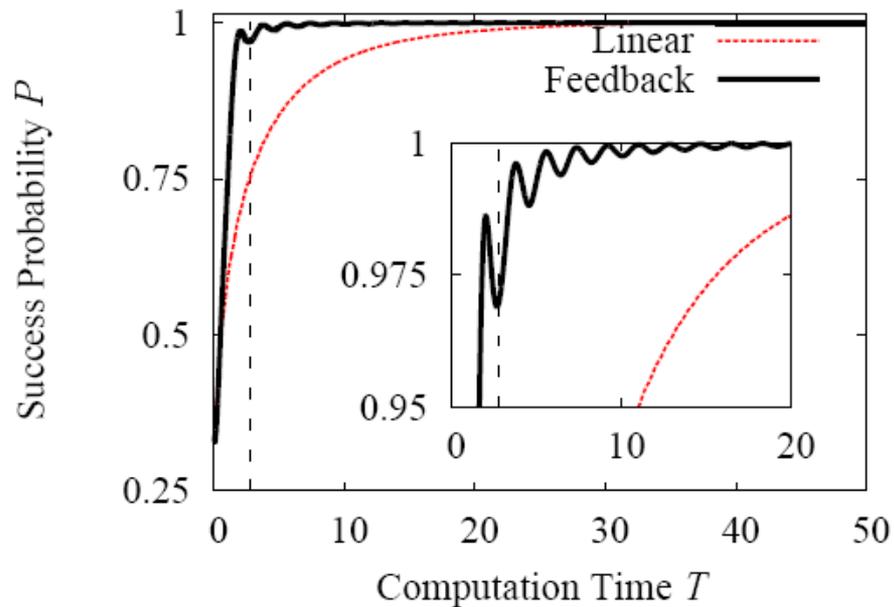


Fig.2.3. Modeling adiabatic quantum evolution in a qubit register.

(Left) Simulation of the CNOT gate for the operation  $|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle$  (involving 4 qubits). (Right) Average probability  $P(n|n)$  for the system to remain in the initial state  $|n\rangle$ , as a function of  $1/T$  (evolution speed), during the adiabatic evolution, for the number of energy levels  $N=50$ . Different symbols correspond to different initial states. Left inset: Same for  $N=150$  levels. Right inset: Average number of avoided level crossings during the evolution for  $N=50$  (red) and  $N=150$  (black) states in the system. From [A.M. Zagoskin et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 120503 (2007)].

# Feedback-controlled adiabatic quantum computation



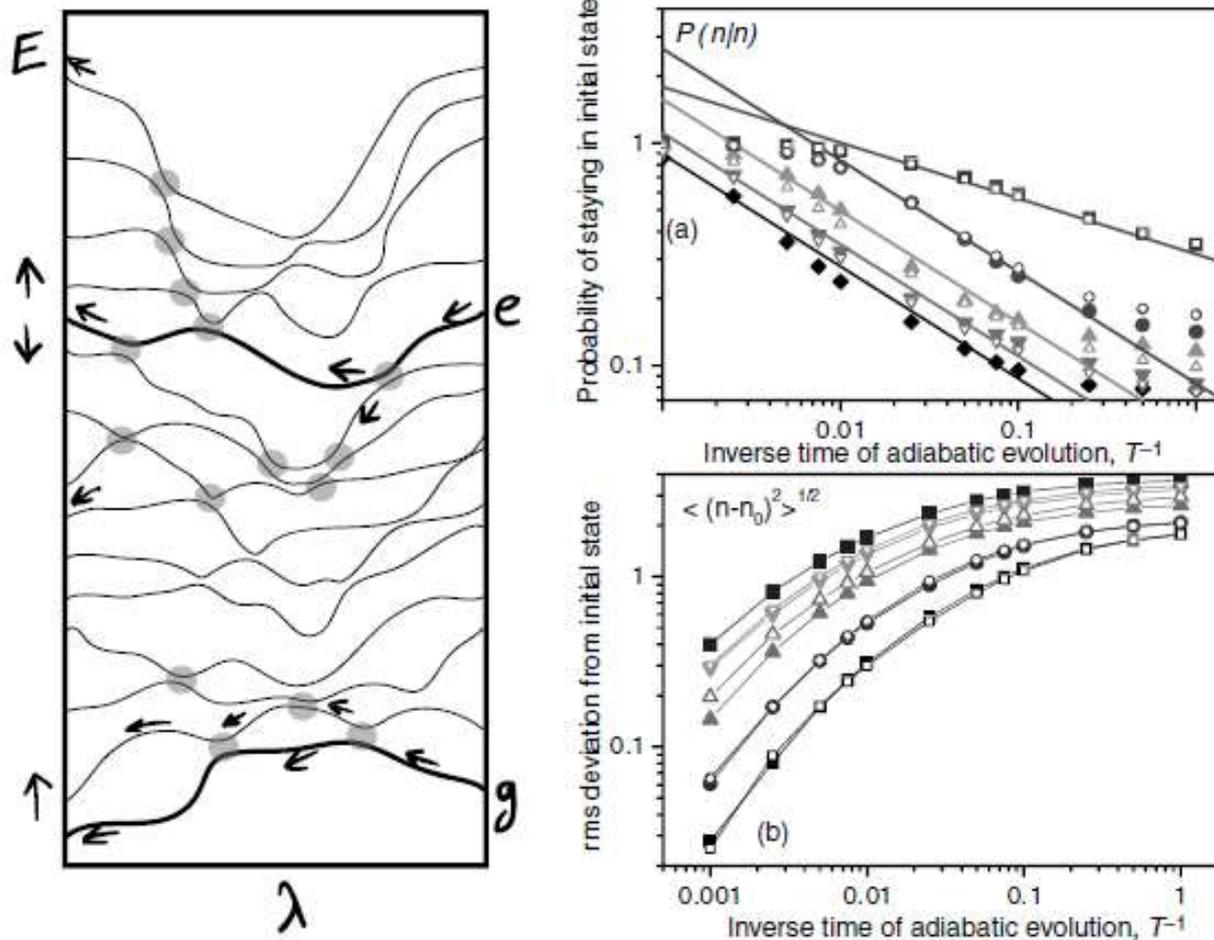


Fig. 6.10. Approximate adiabatic quantum computing (AAQC). (Left) During quasiadiabatic evolution the system can deviate from the initial ground ( $g$ ) or excited ( $e$ ) state via a series of Landau-Zener transitions (grey circles), in a process similar to a random walk. (Right) Probability of staying in the same state (a) and the r.m.s. deviation from the initial state (b) as a function of the inverse evolution time for Hamiltonians from the GUE of random matrix theory (reprinted with permission Zagoskin et al., 2007, © 2007 American Physical Society; cf. Eq. (6.63)). Different symbols correspond to different initial energy eigenstates.

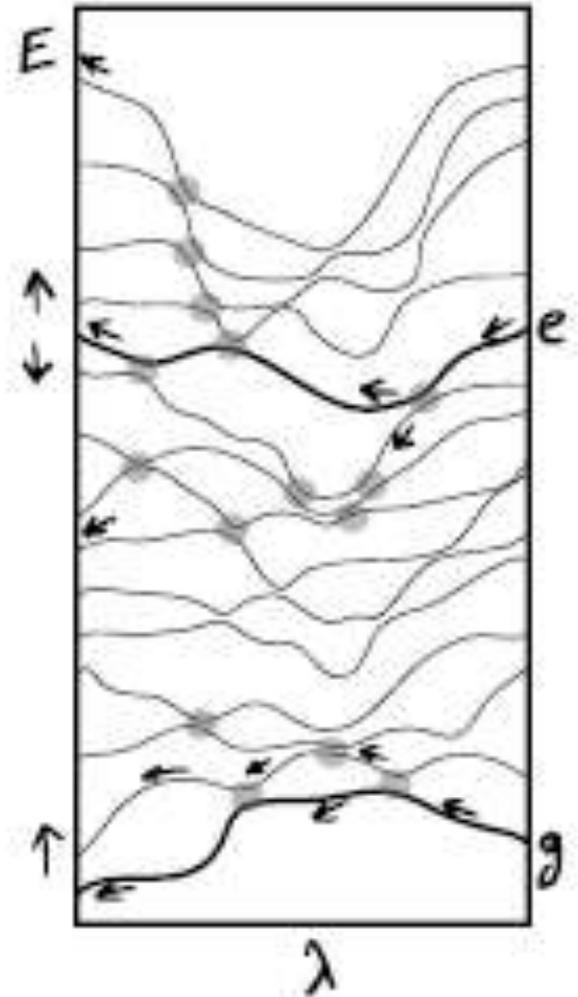
# How far do we get from the initial state?

- “LZ diffusion”

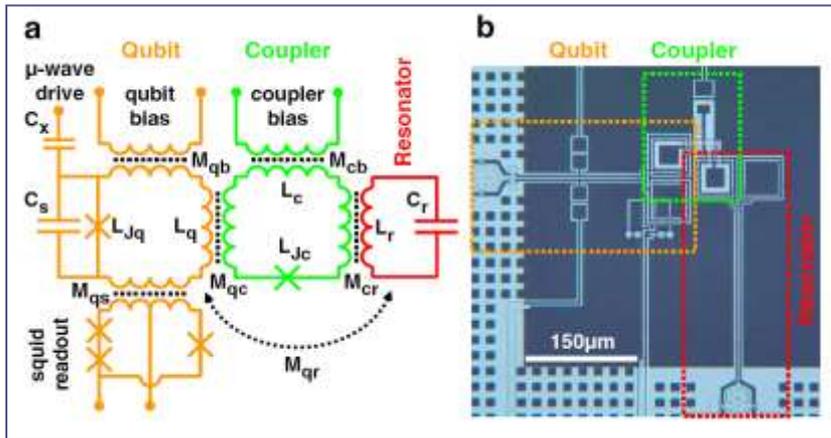
$$\left\langle (n - n_0)^2 \right\rangle_{\lambda=1} = pk|_{\lambda=1} = pN$$

- $N$  – number of anticrossings per energy level

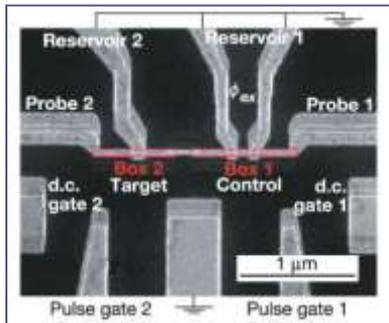
$$\Delta n = \sqrt{\langle n^2 \rangle} \propto e^{-\alpha T_A}$$



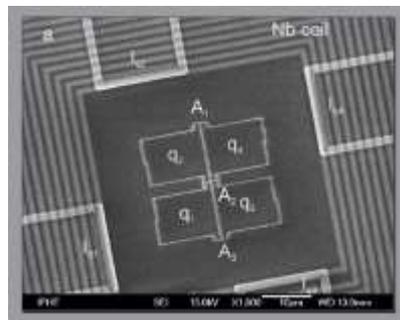
# From single qubits to Schrödinger's elephants



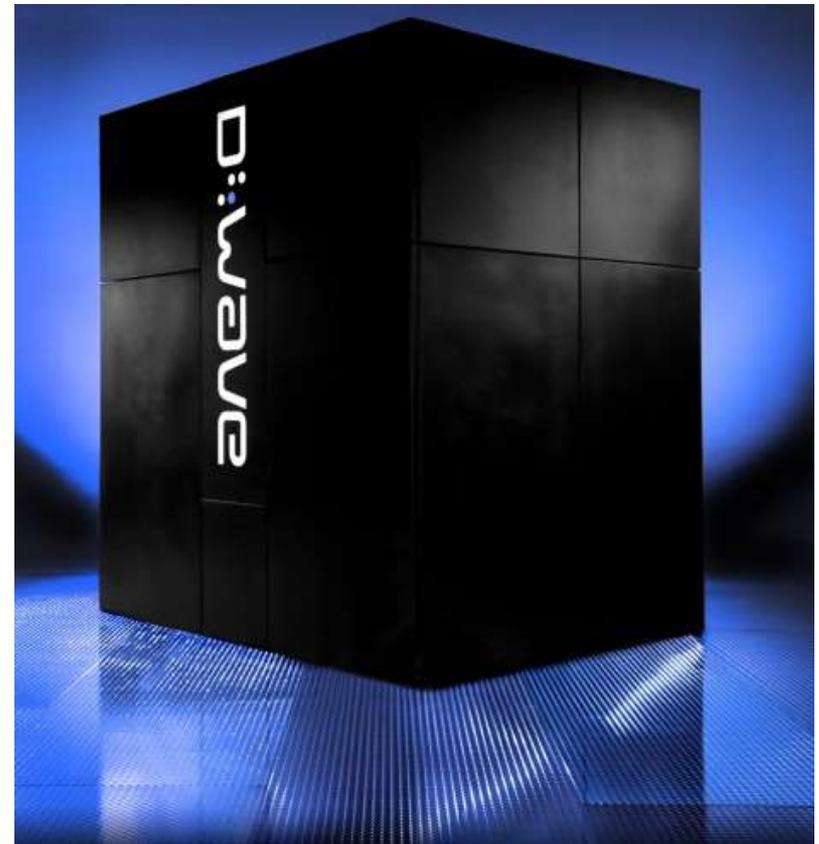
Phase qubit: Allman et al., 2010

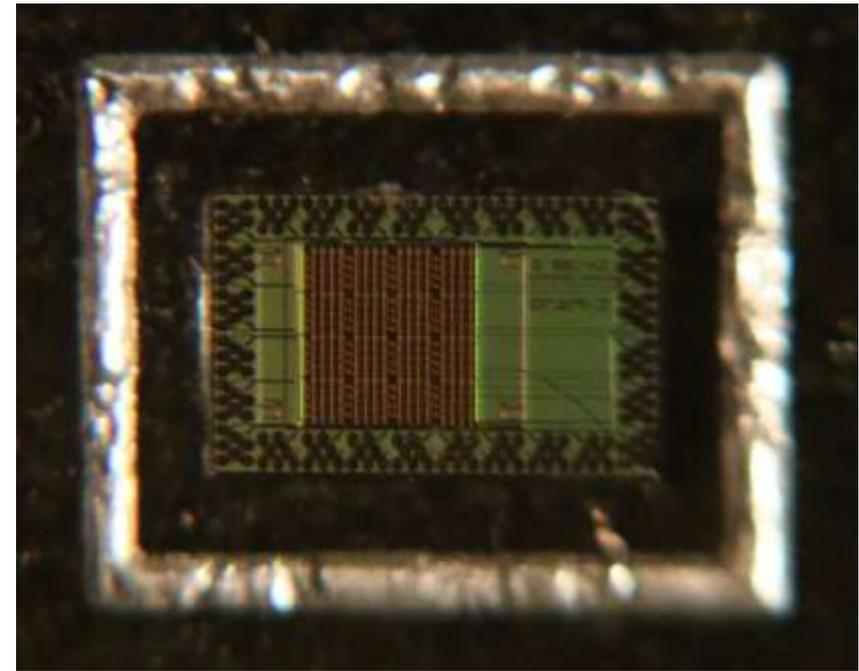


Charge qubits: Yamamoto et al., 2003



Flux qubits: Grajcar et al., 2006





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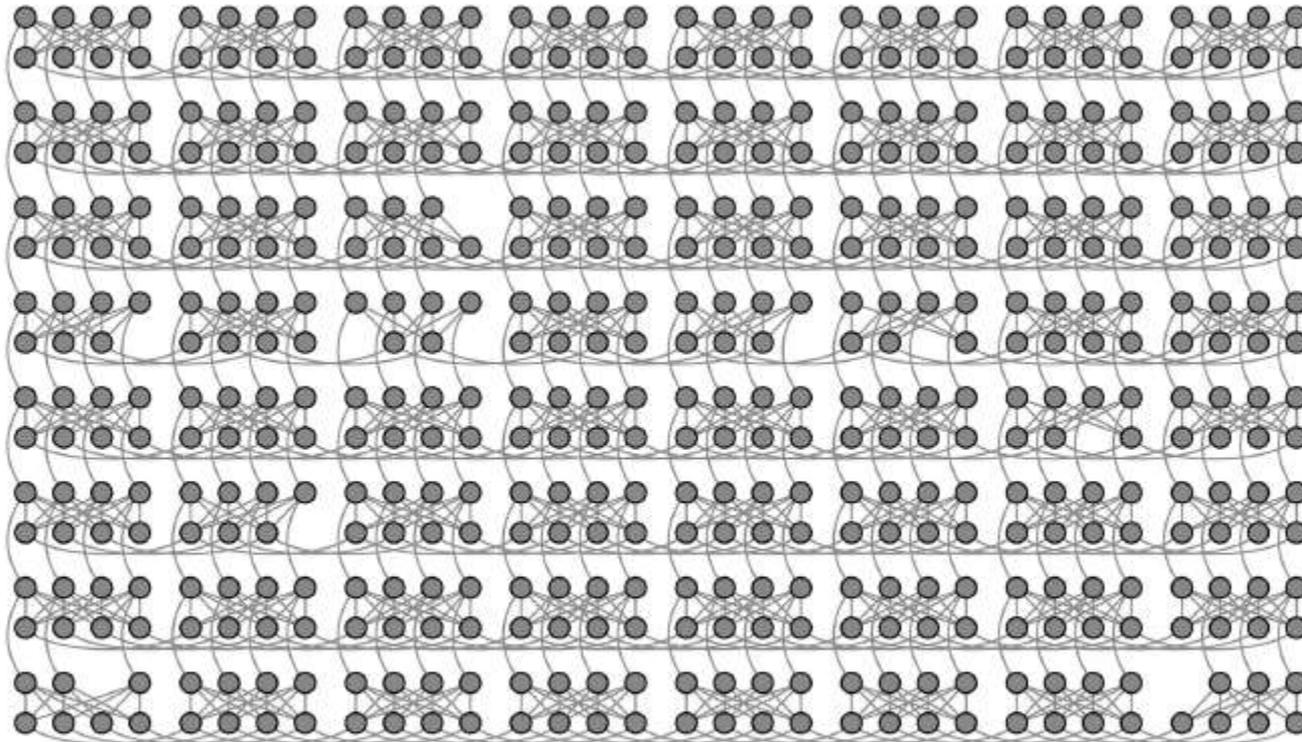
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*This Rainier 128 Qubit Quantum processor is from the same wafer lot  
fabricated and used in the very first D-Wave One system delivered for  
customer use in December, 2010.*

*This chip is certified to have been cooled to 20 degrees milli-Kelvin.*

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# D-Wave controversy



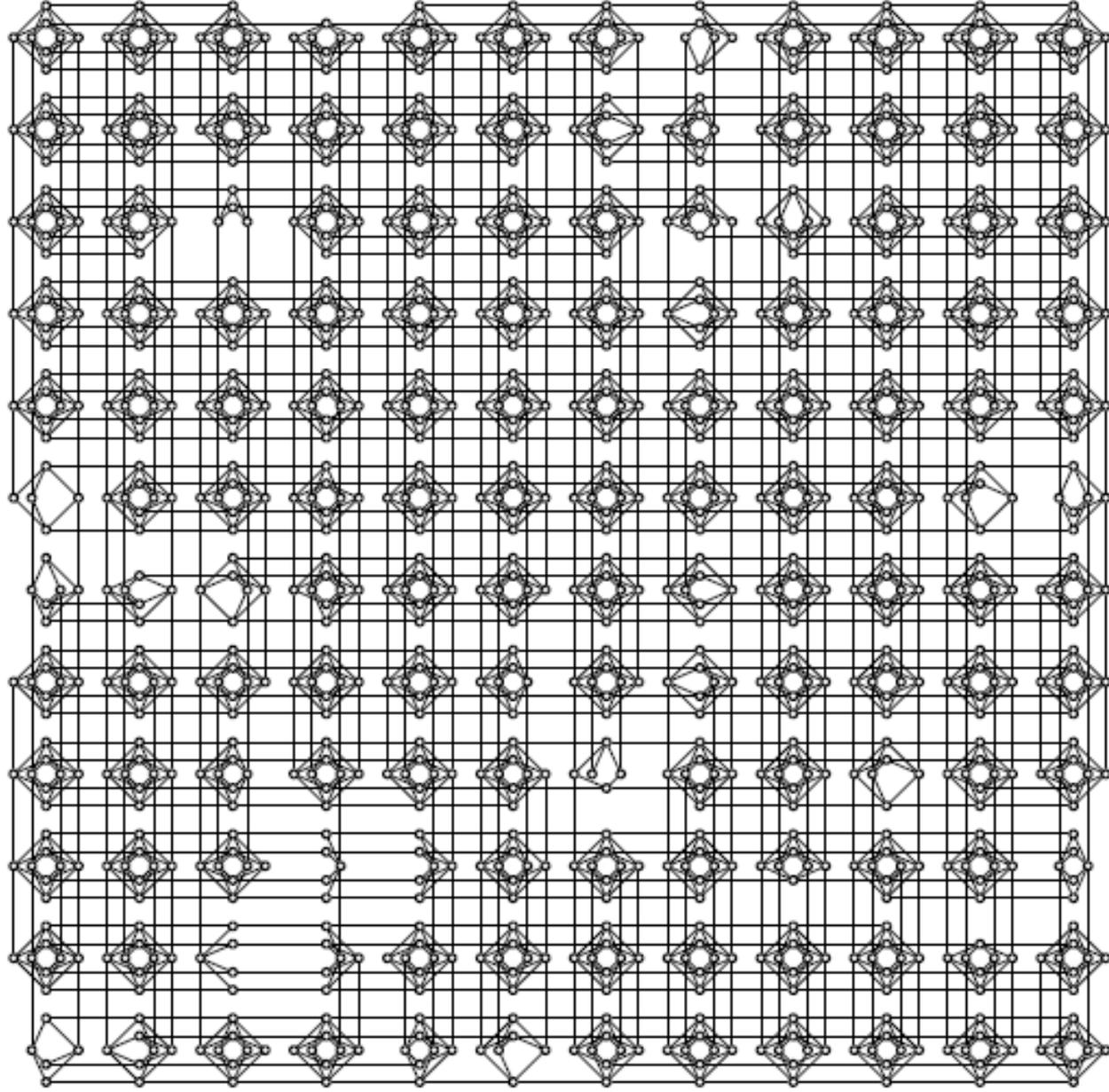
**FIGURE 1 | D-Wave's recent generation Chimera connectivity graph  $\mathcal{G}$ .** Vertices indicate spin-valued variables represented by programmable qubits ( $h_i$ 's), and edges indicate programmable couplers ( $J_{i,j}$ 's).  $\mathcal{G}$  is a lattice of  $K_{4,4}$  unit cells where missing qubits are the result of fabrication defects.

# D-Wave controversy



- World's biggest collection of qubits
  - Current version of D-Wave 2X had 1152 qubits, 1097 operational
- Quantum operation confirmed for 8-qubit register
- Operation consistent with both quantum and classical models
- Decoherence time of a qubit much shorter than the adiabatic evolution time
- How to tell whether it is quantum, and if so, is it quantum enough?
- 3000× SNAFU
- Recent data (C. Williams at Oxford):  $N$ -qubit system with  $E$  couplers stays within  $\sqrt{N + E}$  from the ground state – consistent with the LZ diffusion picture
- Latest: King et al., “TTT-benchmarking” – faster than conventional algorithms on classical computers

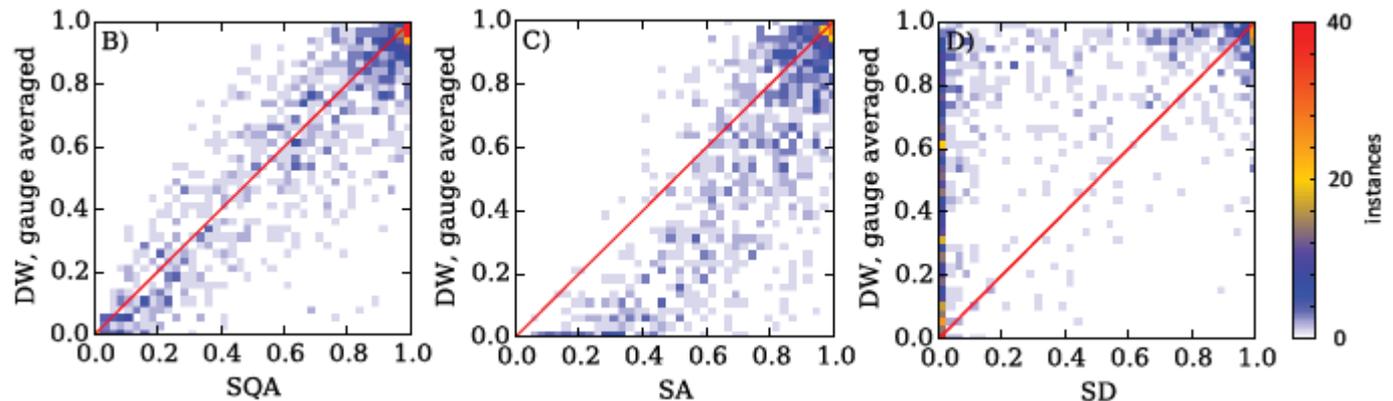
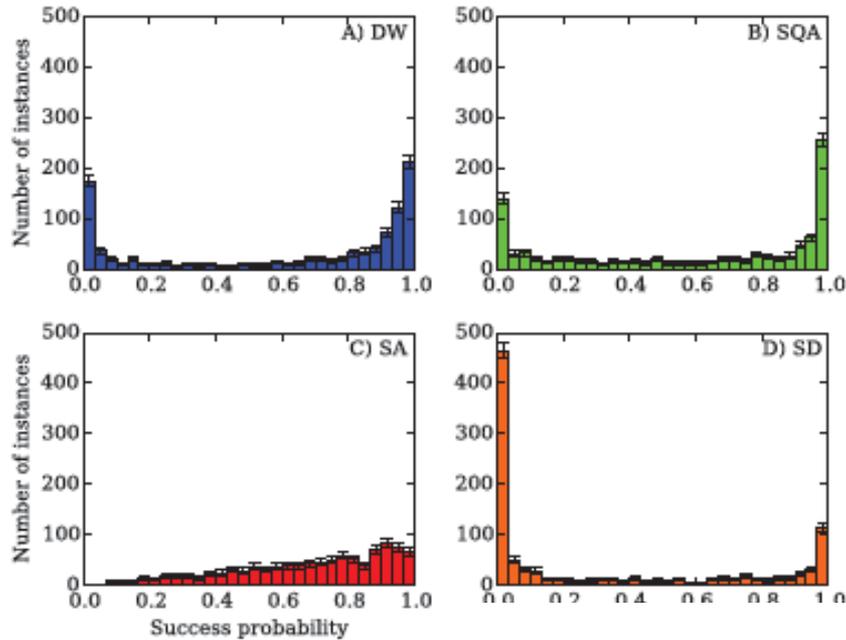
Latest generation Chimaera  $C_{12}$



# “Time-To-Target” - essentially the same approach as AAQC

- How fast another algorithm can produce the same degree of accuracy (King et al. arxiv 1508.05087)
- BUT:
  - DOES IT REALLY MATTER?
  - “Speed-up” is – scientifically – a minor and ill-defined question compared to the one of “degree of quantumness”

Boixo, S. *et al.* Evidence for quantum annealing with more than one hundred qubits. *Nature Physics* **10**, 218–224 (2014).





# Classical signature of quantum annealing

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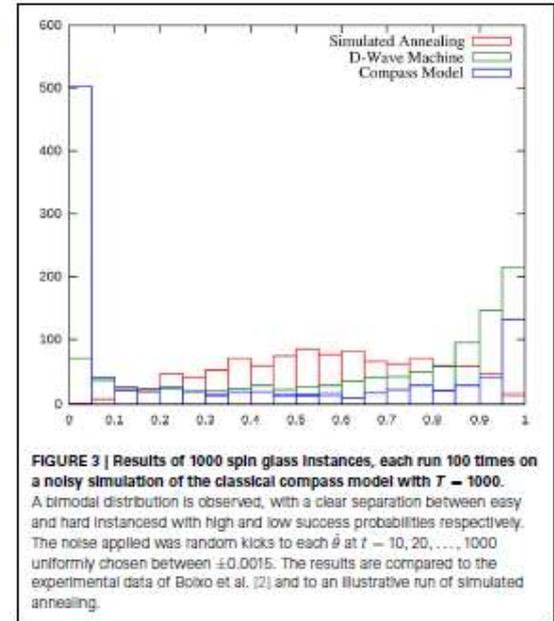
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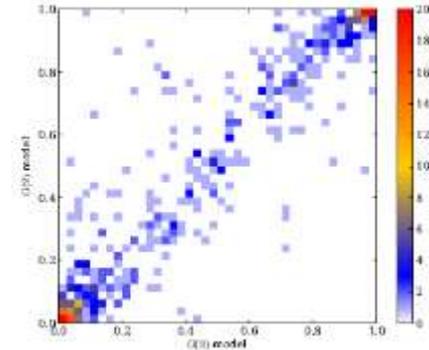
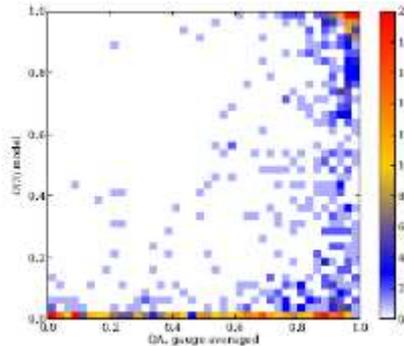
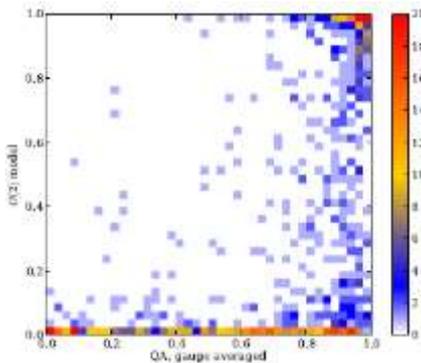
A pair of recent articles [1, 2] concluded that the D-Wave One machine actually operates in the quantum regime, rather than performing some classical evolution. Here we give a classical model that leads to the same behaviors used in those works to infer quantum effects. Thus, the evidence presented does not demonstrate the presence of quantum effects.

**Keywords:** quantum annealing, decoherence, quantum computing, D-Wave, adiabatic quantum computing

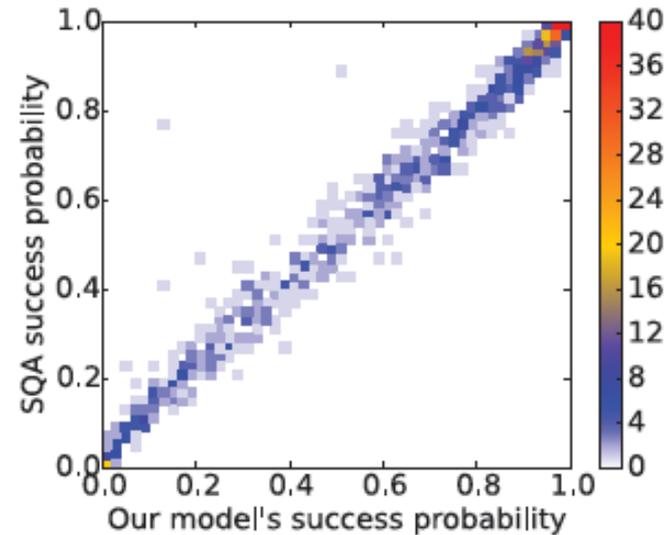
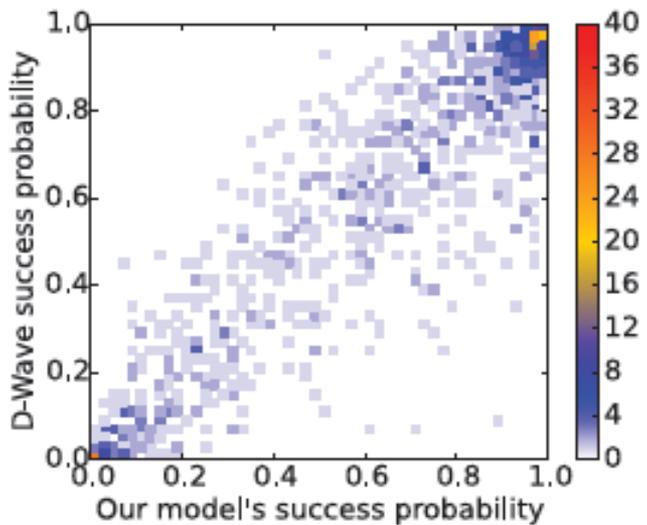
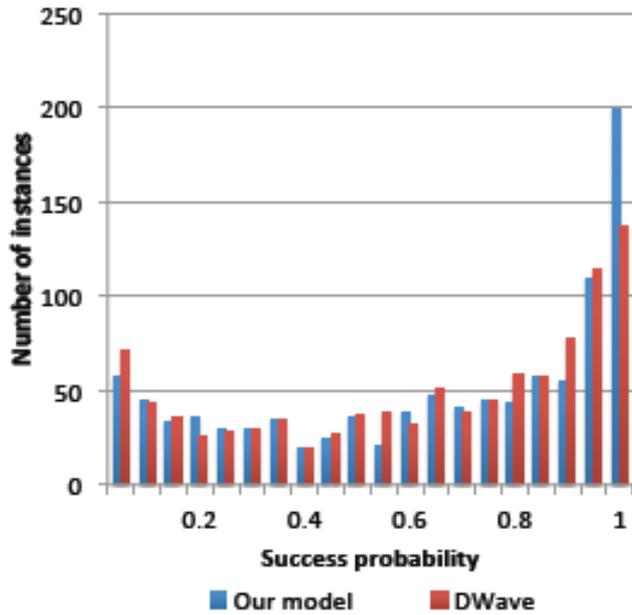


**FIGURE 3 | Results of 1000 spin glass instances, each run 100 times on a noisy simulation of the classical compass model with  $T = 1000$ .** A bimodal distribution is observed, with a clear separation between easy and hard instances with high and low success probabilities respectively. The noise applied was random kicks to each  $\theta$  at  $t = 10, 20, \dots, 1000$  uniformly chosen between  $\pm 0.0015$ . The results are compared to the experimental data of Boixo et al. [2] and to an illustrative run of simulated annealing.

Wang L, Roennow T, Boixo S, Isakov S, Wang Z, Wecker D, et al. Comment on: “Classical signature of quantum annealing.” arXiv:1305.5837 (2013).



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## How to test the “quantumness” of a quantum computer?

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Recent devices, using hundreds of superconducting quantum bits, claim to perform quantum computing. However, it is not an easy task to determine and quantify the degree of quantum coherence and control used by these devices. Namely, it is a difficult task to know with certainty whether or not a given device (e.g., the D-Wave One or D-Wave Two) is a quantum computer. Such a verification of quantum computing would be more accessible if we already had some kind of working quantum computer, to be able to compare the outputs of these various computing devices. Moreover, the verification process itself could strongly depend on whether the tested device is a standard (gate-based) or, e.g., an adiabatic quantum computer. Here we do not propose a technical solution to this quantum-computing “verification problem,” but rather outline the problem in a way which would help both specialists and non-experts to see the scale of this difficult task, and indicate some possible paths toward its solution.

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## The grand challenge of quantum computing: bridging the capacity gap

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The fabrication and control of macroscopic artificial quantum structures, such as qubits (Mooij et al., 1999; Nakamura et al., 1999; Friedman et al., 2000), qubit arrays (Johnson et al., 2011; Harends et al., 2014), quantum annealers (Boixo et al., 2013) and, recently, quantum metamaterials (Machia et al., 2014), have wit-

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amenable to the approaches that have proven to work very well in numerous applications in condensed matter physics and quantum statistical mechanics. Therefore, with such earlier breakthroughs in mind, the task at hand will be difficult yet not impossible, and more than worth the effort.

# Why now?

- Fabrication of multiqubit arrays with controlled macroscopic quantum coherence now possible
- Current theoretical methods at their limit and new approaches are urgently needed
- Applications (part of “quantum technologies 2.0”):
  - Integrated quantum limited detection and image processing
  - Quantum optimization
  - Quantum simulation
  - Quantum communication

# Quantum engineering for QT2.0

- Quantum UNIT engineering
  - Qubits
  - Couplers
    - **DONE – engineers can take over (at least with superconducting qubits)**
- Quantum STRUCTURAL engineering
  - Multiqubit structure
    - design
    - control
    - performance
    - characterization
    - reliability
    - scalability
      - **ONLY STARTED – theory lags behind (capacity gap)**
- Quantum SYSTEMS engineering
  - Integrating different quantum and classical systems and optimizing human interface
    - **IRRELEVANT at the moment**

# Quantum structural engineering - the critical challenge for QT2.0

- Accommodating incompatible requirements
- Using “rule-of-thumb” estimates for characterizing and predicting the system’s performance and reliability
- Heuristics
- Scaling
- “Engineering is about building reliable structures using non-reliable components”
- **And now do all this for a macroscopic quantum coherent structure!**

# Bridging the gap

- Develop *efficient* methods of predicting behaviour of *large quantum* systems using *classical* means – without violating Feynman's dictum
  - Statistical predictions – for classes of systems, valid on average
  - Extension of methods of quantum many-body theory and quantum statistics
  - How exactly?

# For example...

- Pechukas-Yukawa (generalized Calogero-Sutherland)

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda}x_m = v_m; \quad \frac{d}{d\lambda}v_m = 2 \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{|l_{mn}|^2}{(x_m - x_n)^3}; \quad \frac{d}{d\lambda}l_{mn} = \sum_{k \neq m, n} l_{mk} l_{kn} \left( \frac{1}{(x_m - x_k)^2} - \frac{1}{(x_k - x_n)^2} \right)$$

where  $x_n(\lambda) = E_n(\lambda)$ ,  $v_n(\lambda) = \langle n | Z H_b | n \rangle$ , and  $l_{mn}(\lambda) = (E_m(\lambda) - E_n(\lambda)) \langle m | Z H_b | n \rangle$ . Equations (2) describe the classical Hamiltonian dynamics of a 1D gas with repulsion, where  $\lambda$  plays the role of time, and the  $n$ th “particle” has a position  $x_n(\lambda)$  and velocity  $v_n(\lambda)$ . The particle-particle repulsion is determined by the “relative angular momenta”  $l_{mn}(\lambda)$ .

- and the corresponding BBGKY chain:

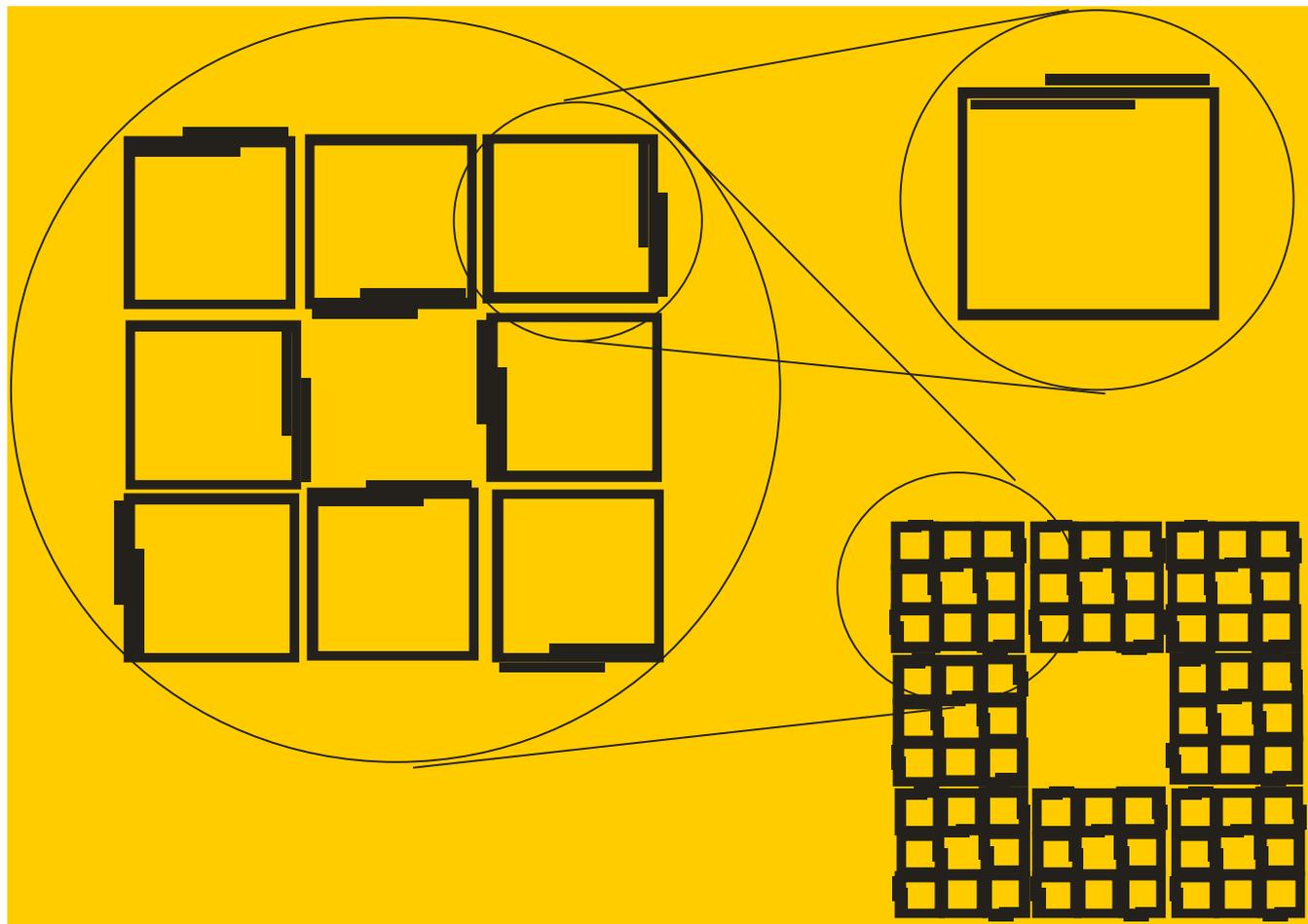
$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right] f_1(x, v, n) = 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \sum_m \int dl dy du \frac{|l|^2}{(y-x)^3} f_2(x, v, n; y, u, m; l).$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - 2\Gamma \left( \sum_m \mathcal{P} \int dy du \frac{f_1(y, u, m)}{(y-x)^3} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right] f_1(x, v, n) = I_{\text{St}}$$

# Or: scaling approach

- and the use of scale models based, e.g., on quantum metamaterials





# Quantum metamaterials:

- Artificial optical media that have the following properties:
  - They are composed of quantum coherent unit elements with engineered parameters
  - Quantum states of these elements can be controlled
  - The whole structure can maintain global quantum coherence for longer than the traversal time of a relevant electromagnetic signal

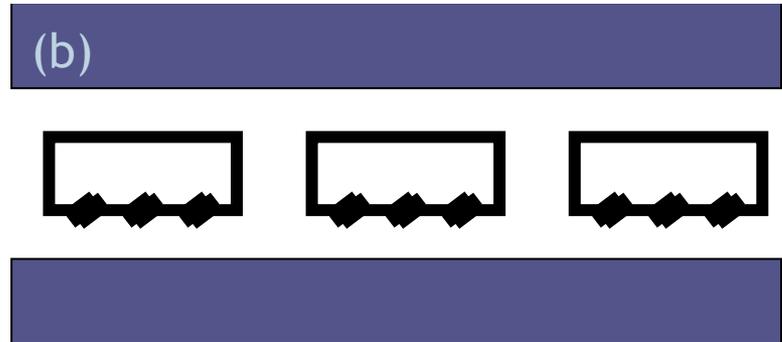
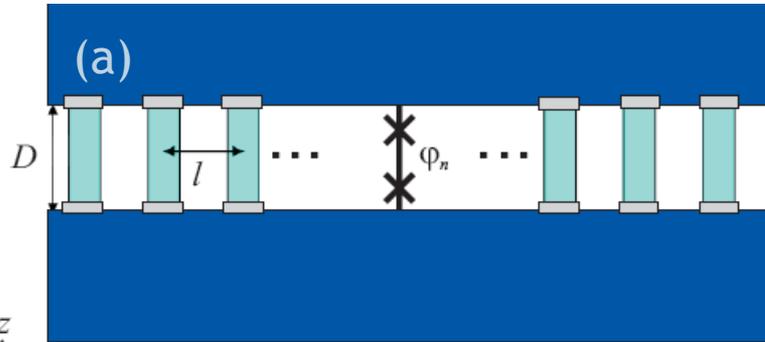
- A quantum metamaterial is an ideal testing bed for the development of quantum engineering and QT2.0
  - Simpler
  - Promising applications
    - Imaging
    - Sensing
    - Testing limits of quantum mechanics
  - An AQC can be considered a special case of a (very complex) quantum metamaterial

# QMMs from 2008 to 2014

- Theoretical proposal:

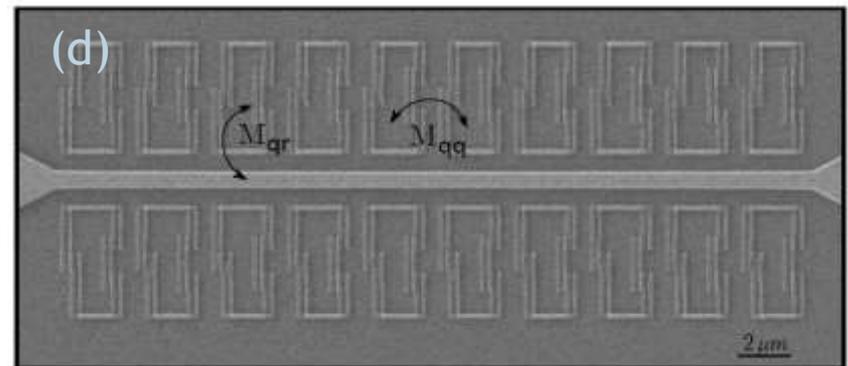
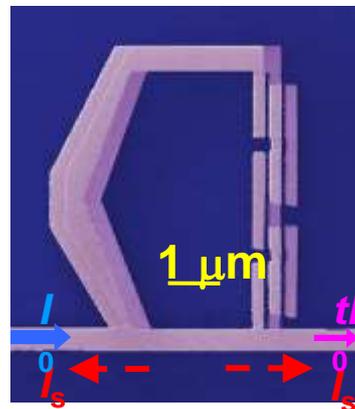
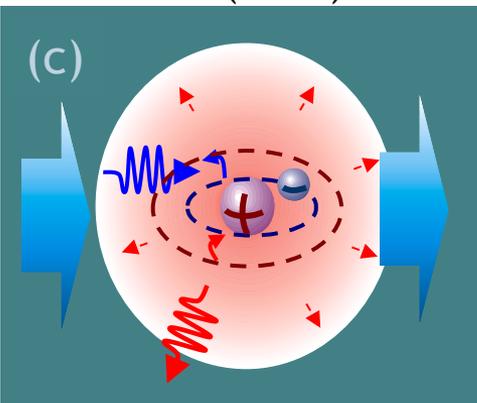
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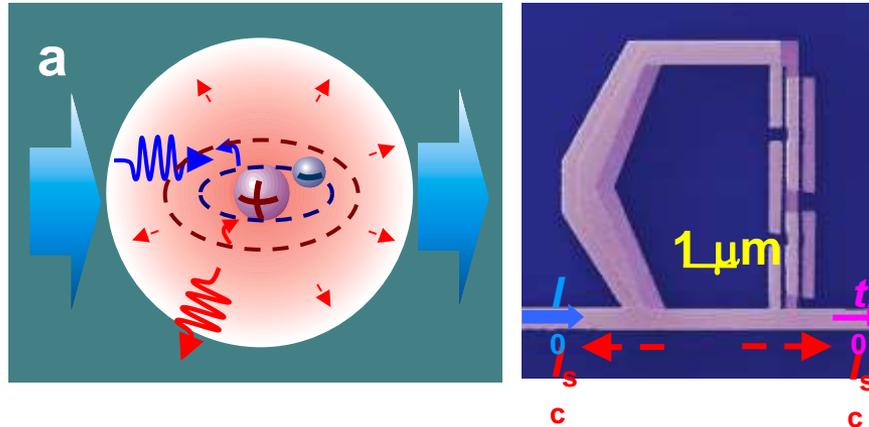


- Proof of principle: Astafiev, Zagoskin et al., Science (2010)

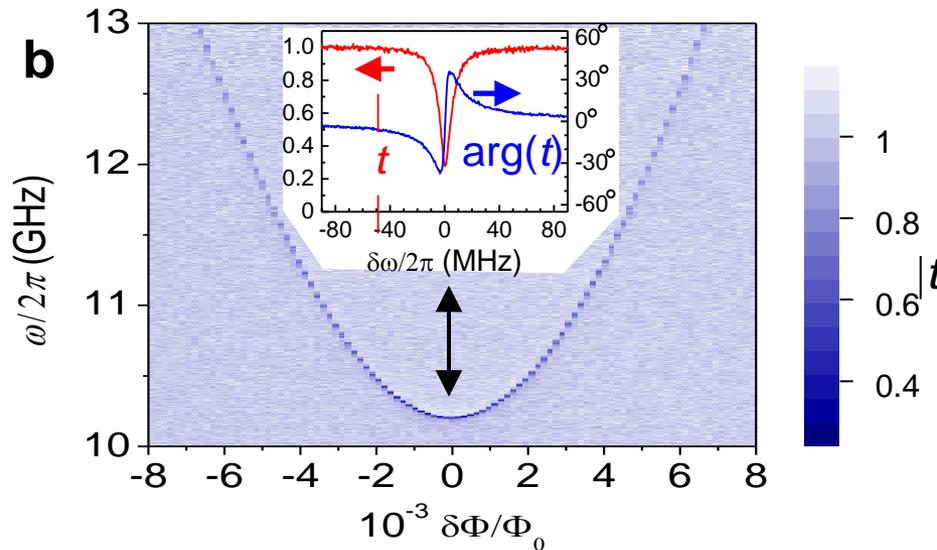
- Experimental prototype: Macha et al. (2013)



# Proof-of-principle test

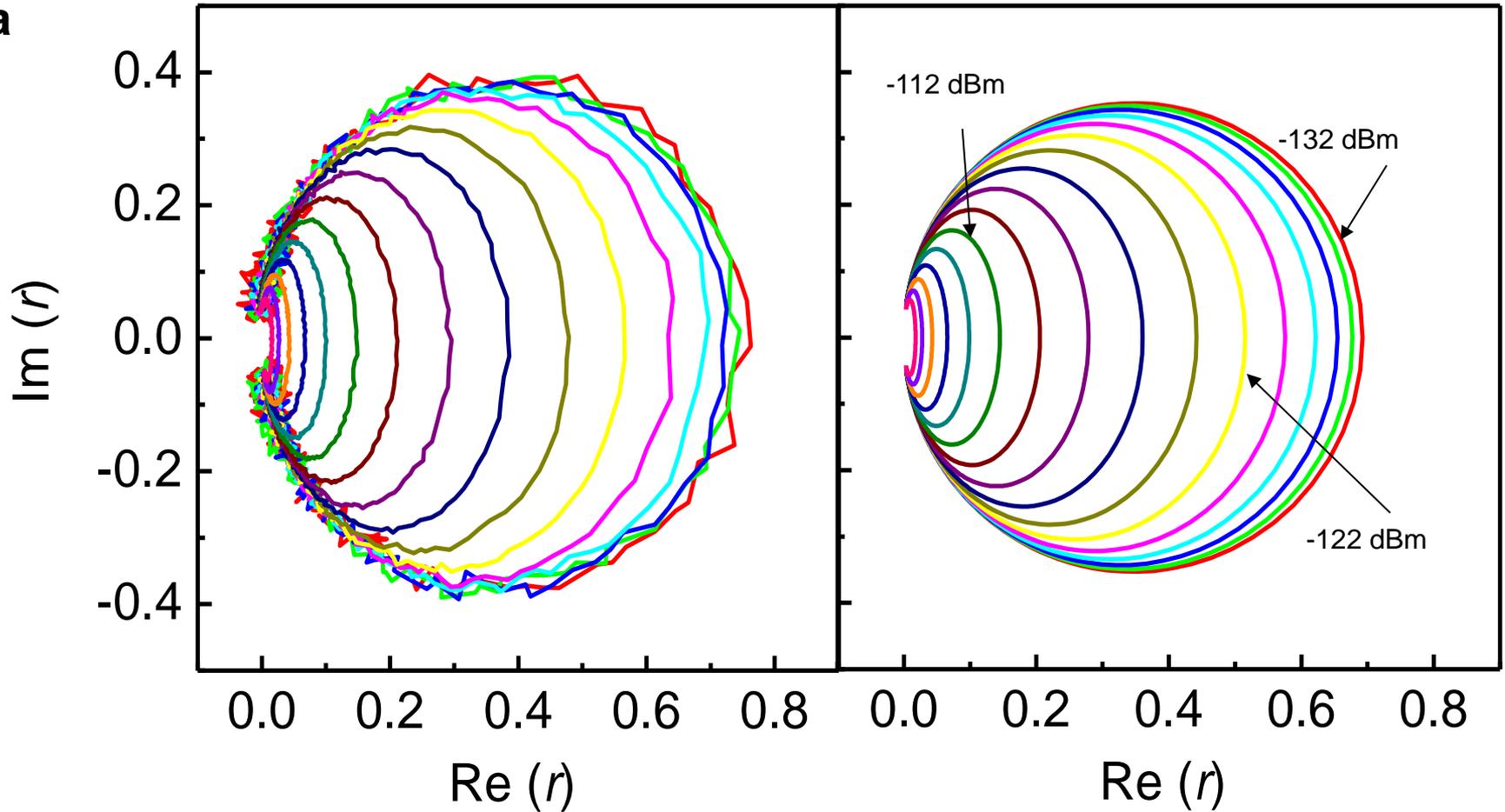


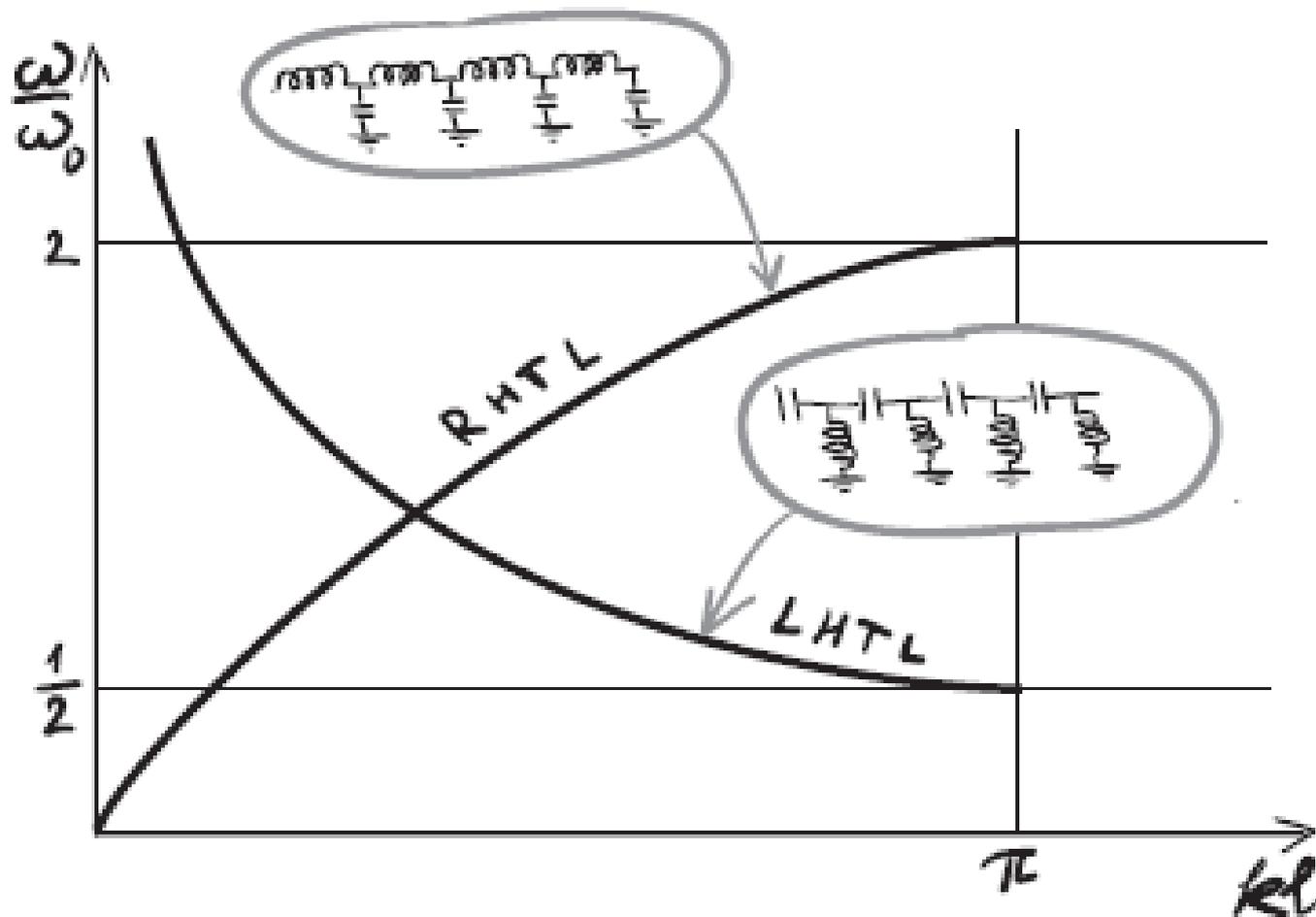
$f_0 = 10.204 \text{ GHz}$   
 $I_p = 195 \text{ nA}$



# Elastic scattering

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$$\omega^2(k) = \frac{2L_x^{-1}(1 - \cos kl) + L_y^{-1}}{2(C_x/c^2)(1 - \cos kl) + C_y/c^2}$$

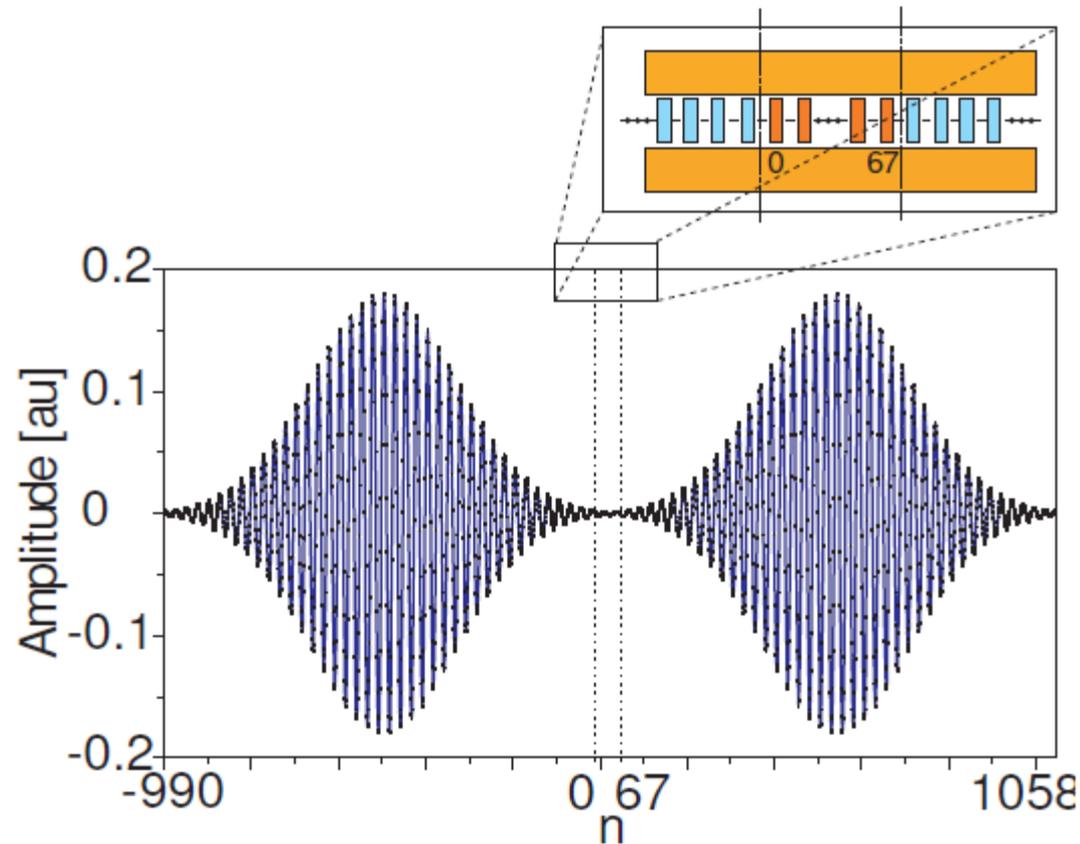
# “Ambidextrous quantum metamaterial”

$$(\text{RHTL}) : \frac{L_x^{-1}}{L_y^{-1}} > \frac{C_x}{C_y}; \quad (\text{LHTL}) : \frac{L_x^{-1}}{L_y^{-1}} < \frac{C_x}{C_y}$$

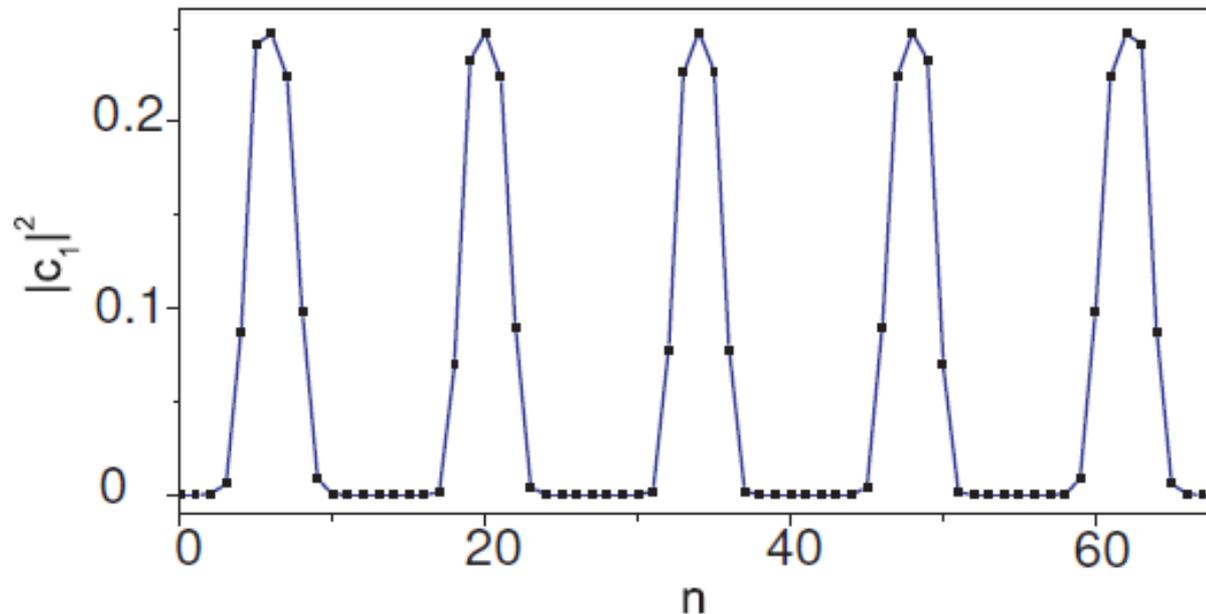
$$2(1 - \cos k_c l) \delta L_x^{-1} = -\delta L_y^{-1}$$

The system can be in a superposition of left- and right-handed states

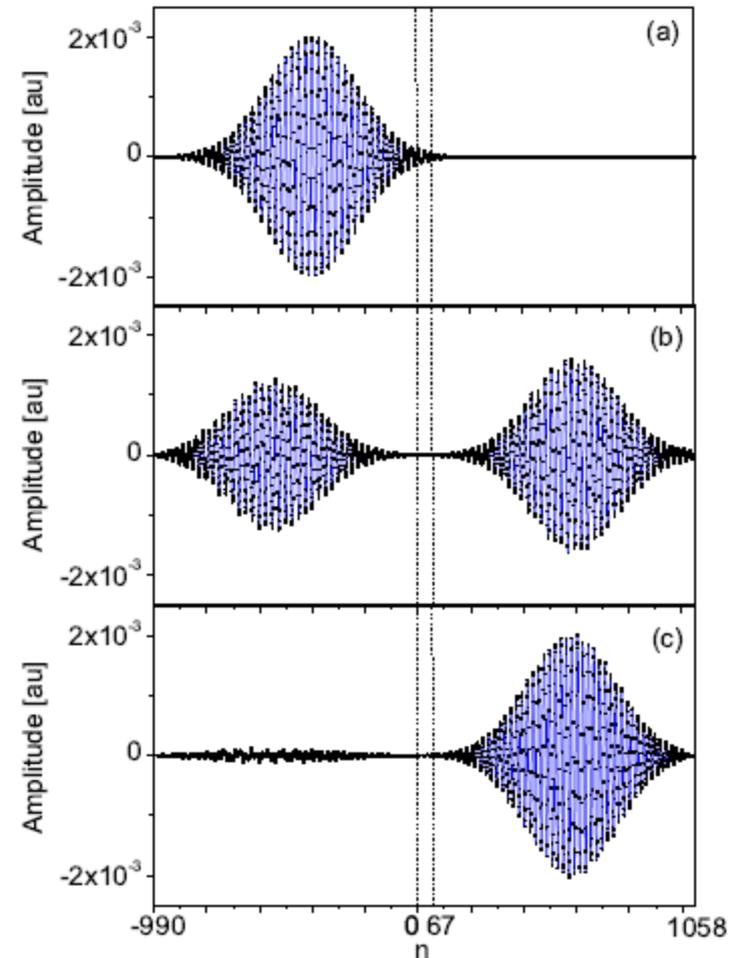
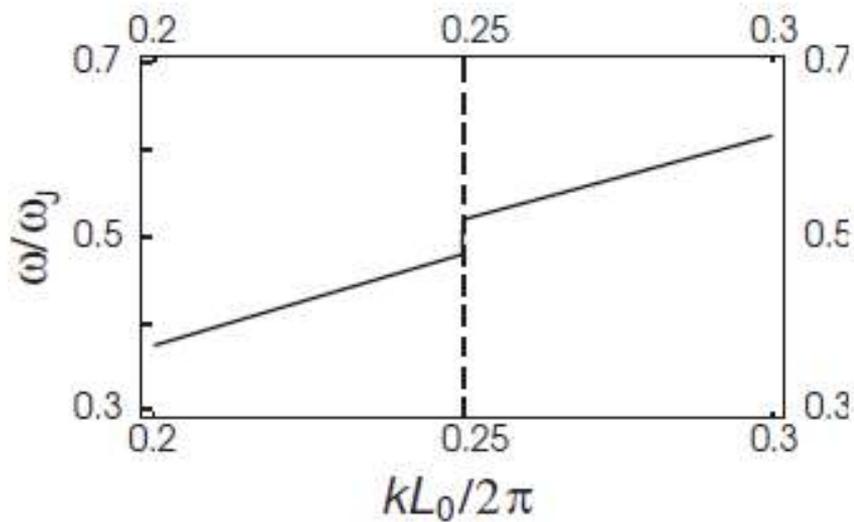
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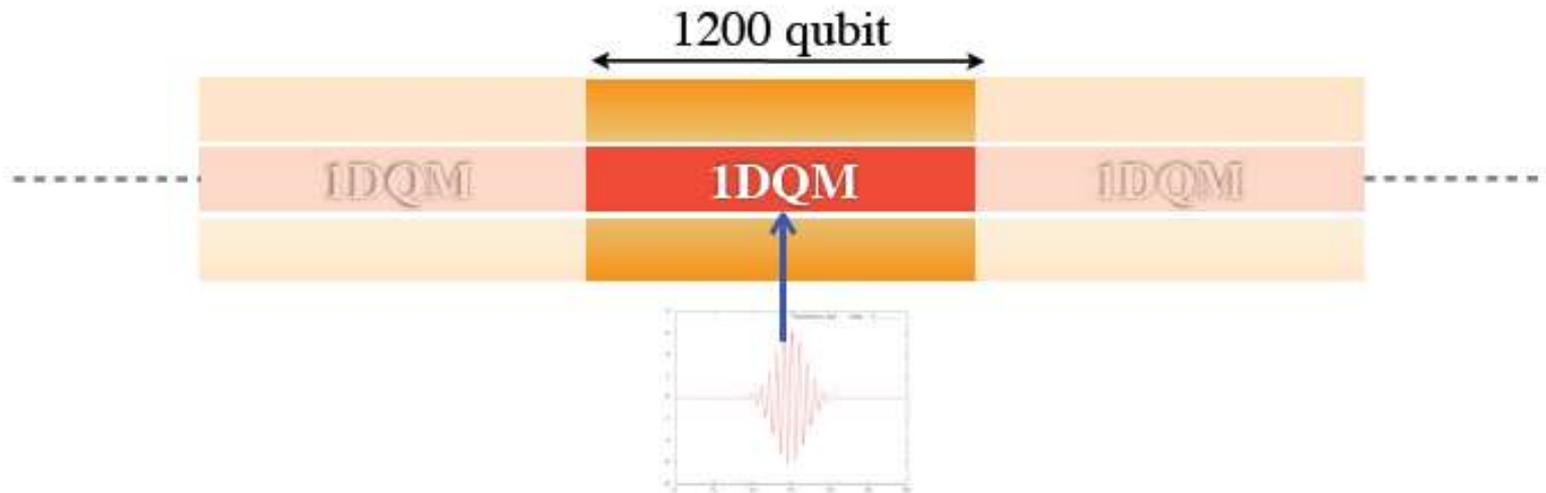
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# Pulse propagation through the 1D metamaterial



# Lasing in a 1D quantum metamaterial

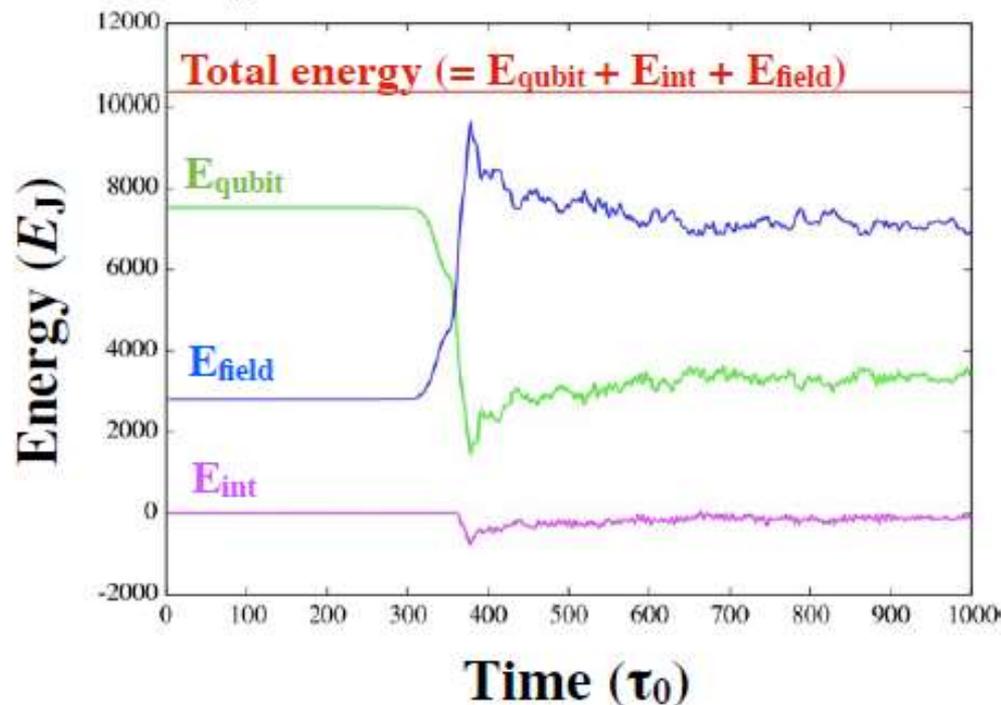


- ▶ We apply Gaussian pulse at the middle of the 1DQM.
- ▶ Initial condition:  $C_1^n = 1, C_0^n = 0$  (all states are in the excited state)
- ▶ Boundary condition: Periodic boundary condition

$$a_{z,1} = a_{z,n}, a_{z,0} = a_{z,n-1}$$

# Time evolution of energy

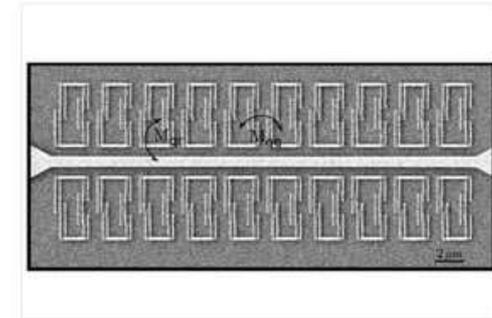
$$\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle = E_J \sum_n \left( \langle \Psi_n^s | H_{n,0}^{qubit} | \Psi_n^s \rangle + \langle \Psi_n^s | H_{n,int}^{qubit} | \Psi_n^s \rangle + H_n^{EM} \right)$$



Energy transfer from Qubits to EM fields occurs around 300~400  $\tau_0$ .

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# World's First Quantum Metamaterial Unveiled

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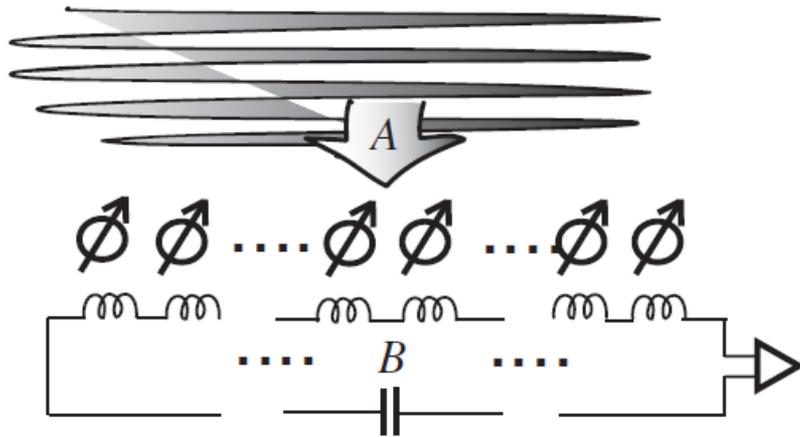
# Implementation of a quantum metamaterial using superconducting qubits

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# Detecting a single photon's wavefront



# Model Hamiltonian



$$H = H_a + V_a + H_{qb} + V_b + H_b.$$

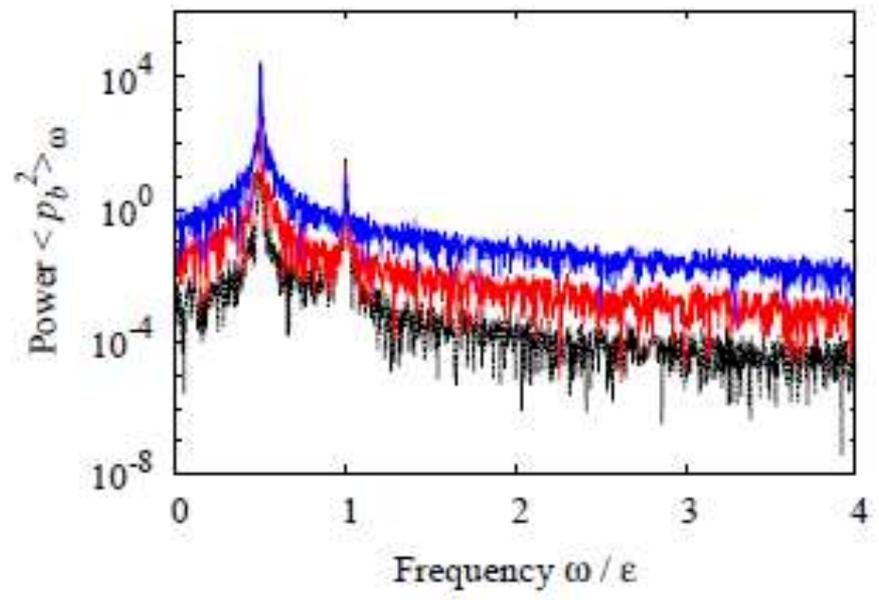
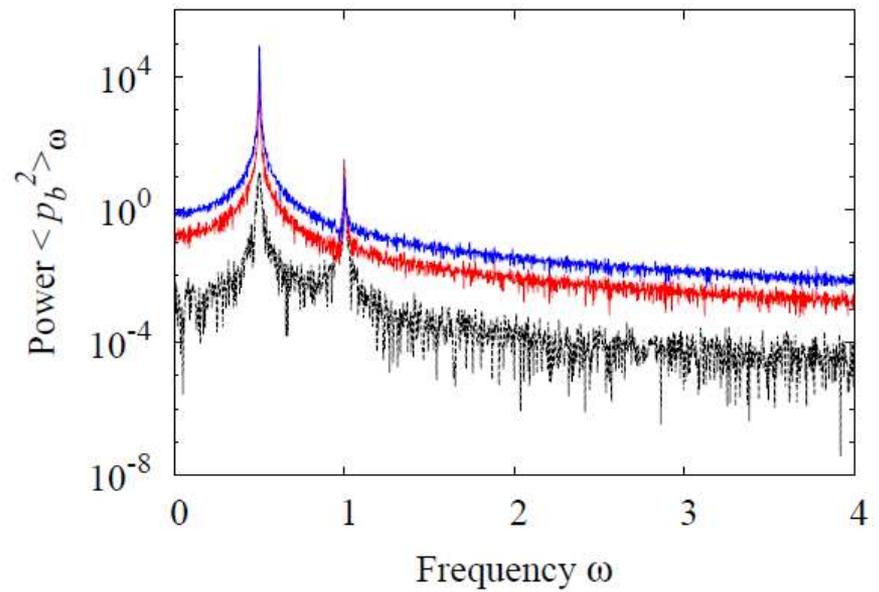
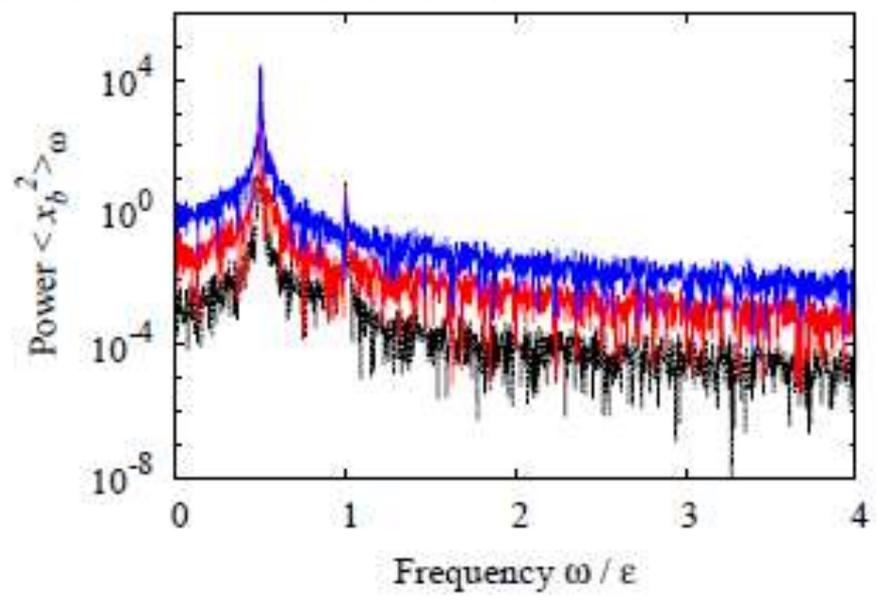
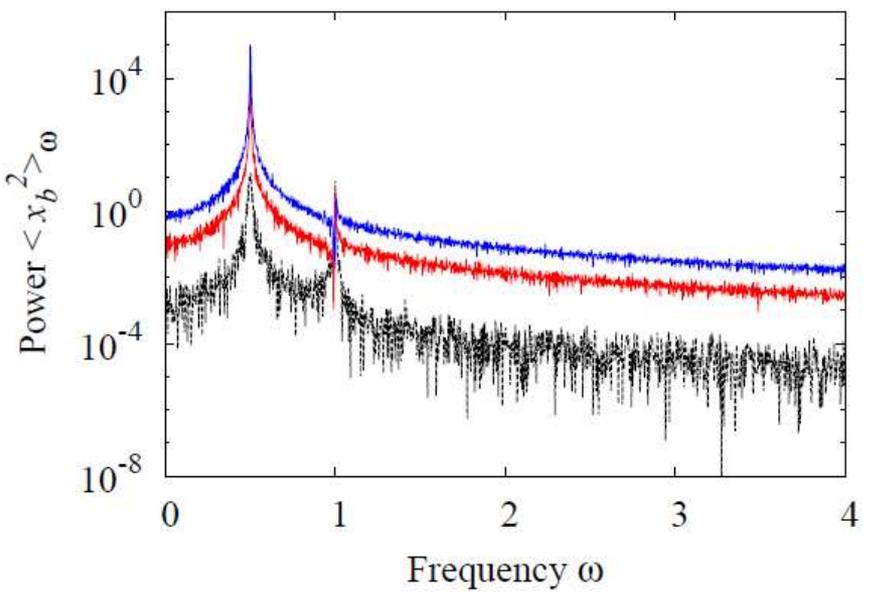
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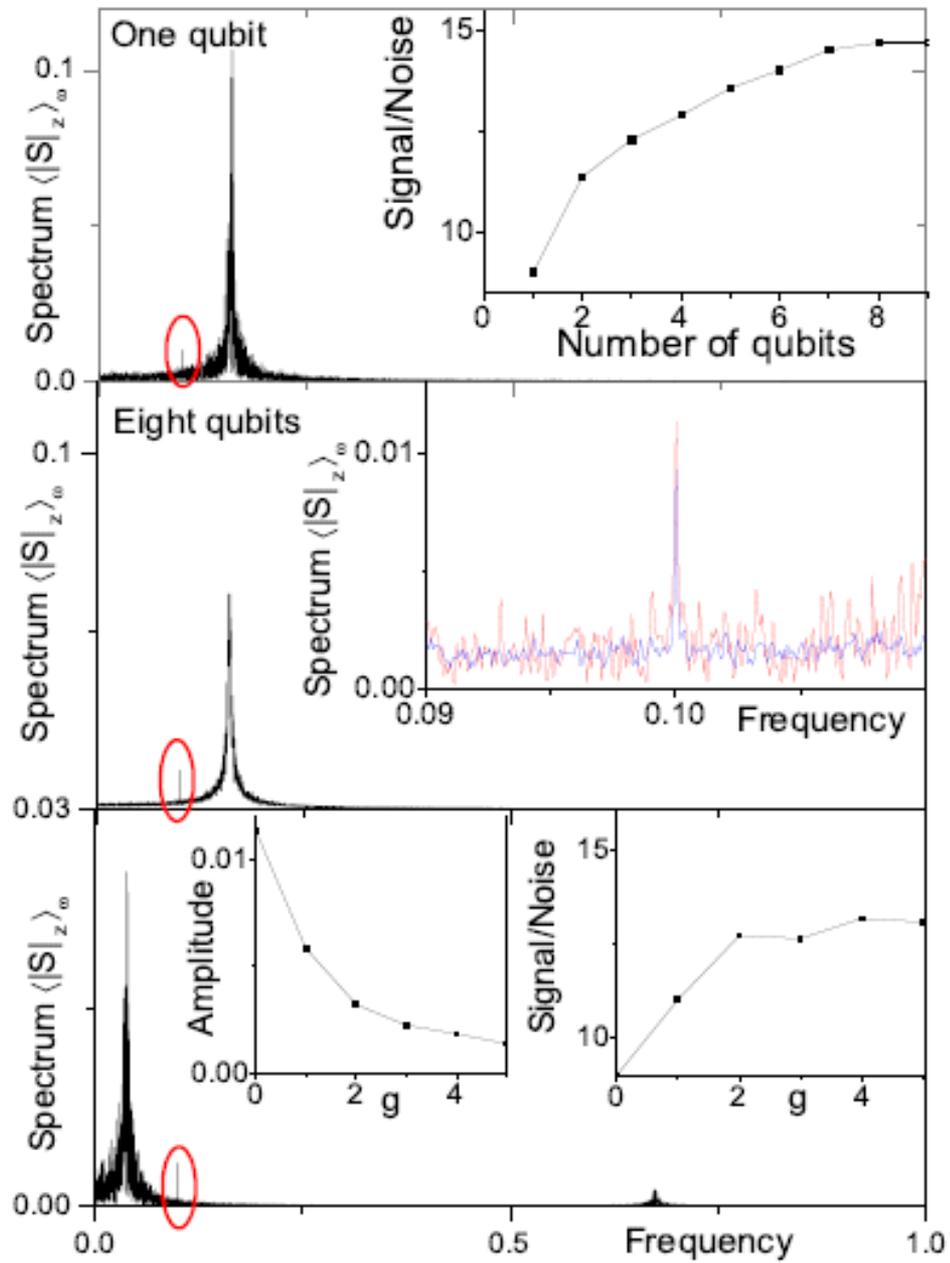
$$H_{qb} = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \sum_{j=1}^N (\Delta_j \sigma_j^x + \varepsilon_j \sigma_j^z)$$

$$H_b = \omega_b(b^\dagger b + 1/2) + h(t)(b^\dagger + b)$$

$$V_a = \sum_j g_j^a (a^\dagger + a) \sigma_j^x, \quad V_b = \sum_j g_j^b (b^\dagger + b) \sigma_j^x$$

# Signal spectra for coherent (left) and Fock (right) input states





# “Quantum imaging algorithms”

(a) the original image  $I$



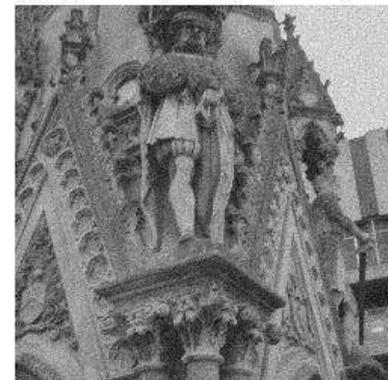
(b) noisy image,  $I_n = I + 80 \cdot \text{randn}$



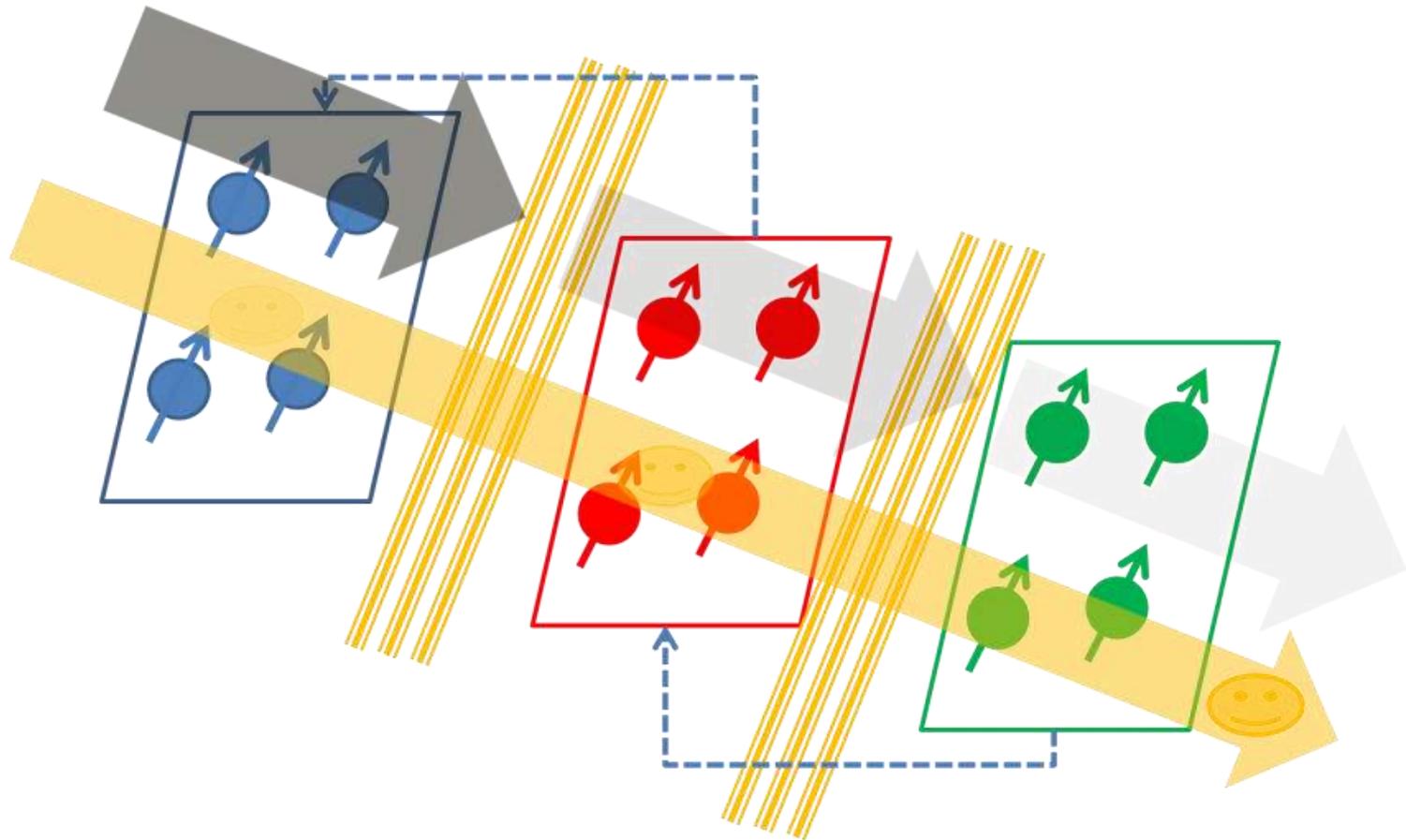
(c) image post-processed via the Lindblad flow,  $T=18$



(d) image after a longer run of post-processing,  $T=36$

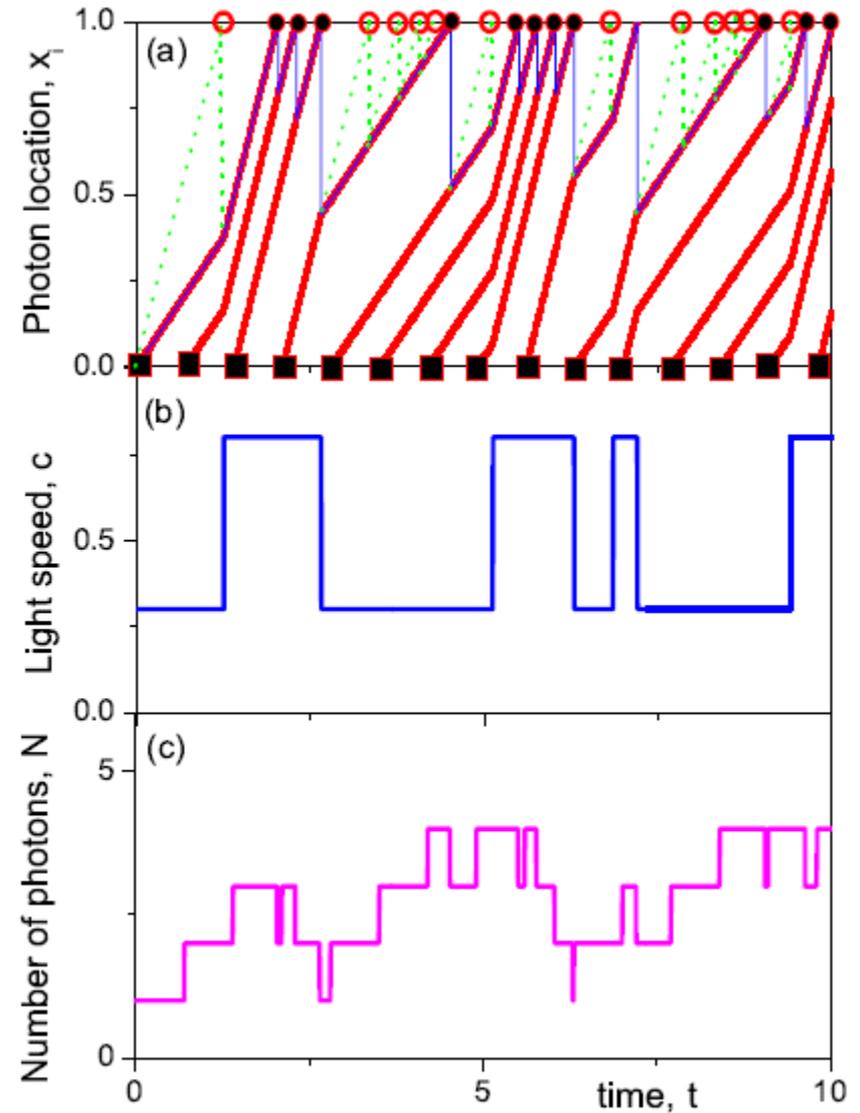


# Hardware implementation: “Quantum perceptron”



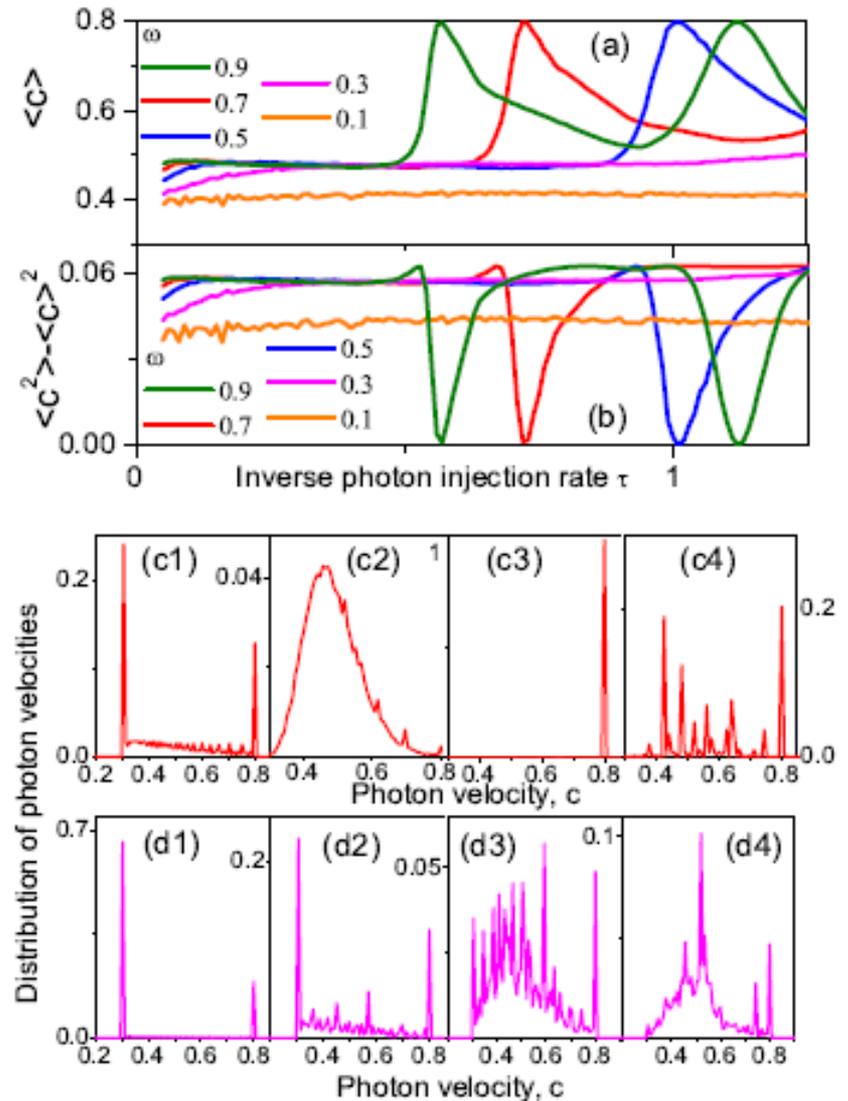
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# On-going research

- General theory of partially quantum coherent structures
  - Generalization of methods of quantum many-body theory
  - Dynamic scaling theory of partially coherent structures
    - Collaboration: Loughborough, Cambridge, Boston, Dresden (EPSRC grant, 2015-2018)

# Plans

- Quantum metamaterials
  - 2D and 3D quantum metamaterials
  - Optical lattices-based quantum metamaterials
  - Ambidextrous 1D and 2D quantum metamaterials
  - Multifocal devices
  - Quantum limited detectors (including medical applications)
  - Quantum-classical transition research

# Conclusions

- Research in quantum engineering (as applied to quantum metamaterials, adiabatic quantum computing and related areas) has the potential for both fundamental breakthroughs and developing disruptive new technologies, new IP and business opportunities
- The research bridges quantum information science, condensed matter physics, physics of metamaterials, quantum optics, and quantum physics, and is expected to have significant impact on chemical, biological and medical research and technologies
- Quantum engineering cannot yet be separated from science and can only be developed as a part and parcel of research of macroscopic quantum coherent systems