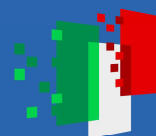




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# Quantum Collective States in Superconducting Qubit Networks – Part A 10 flux qubits



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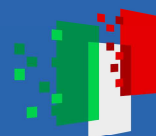
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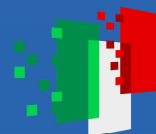
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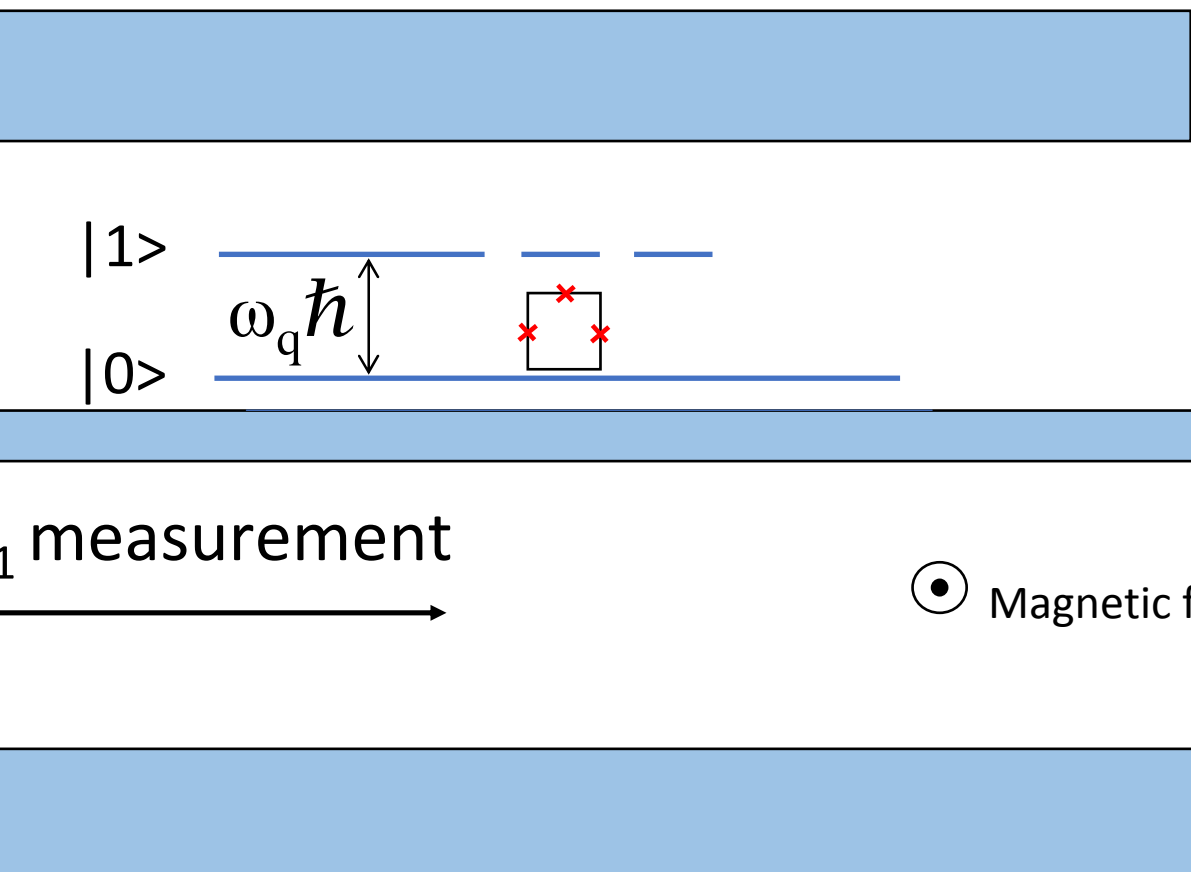


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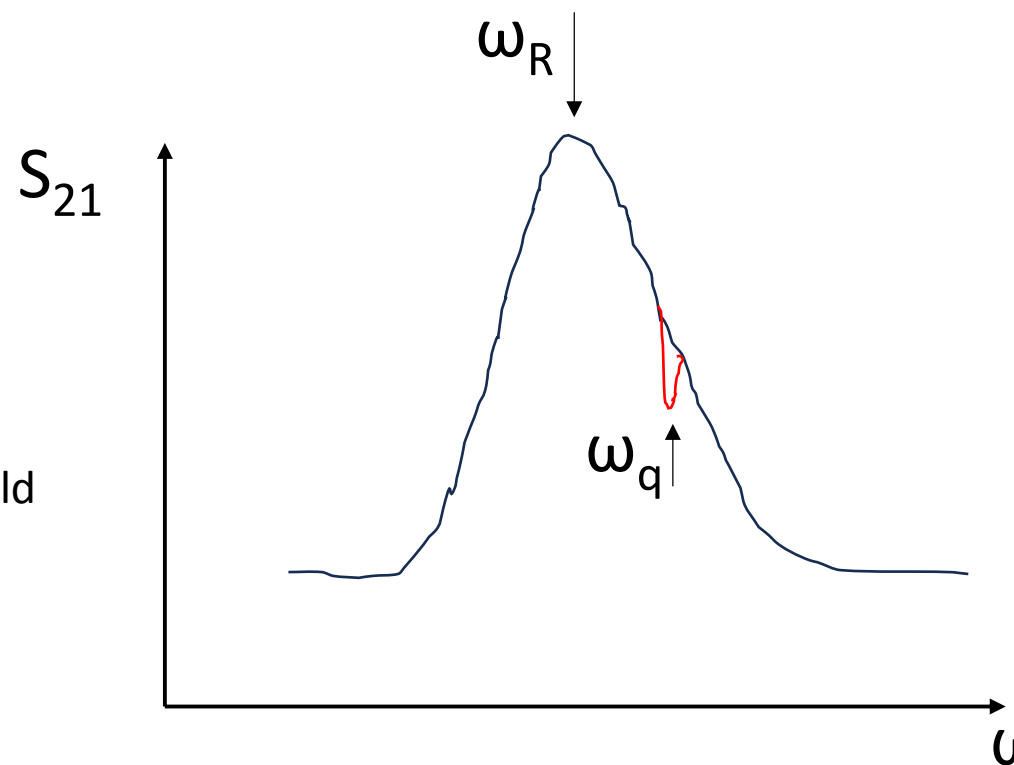


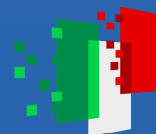
# Persistent current superconducting flux qubit embedded in coplanar resonator

Superconducting coplanar waveguide (CPW) resonator



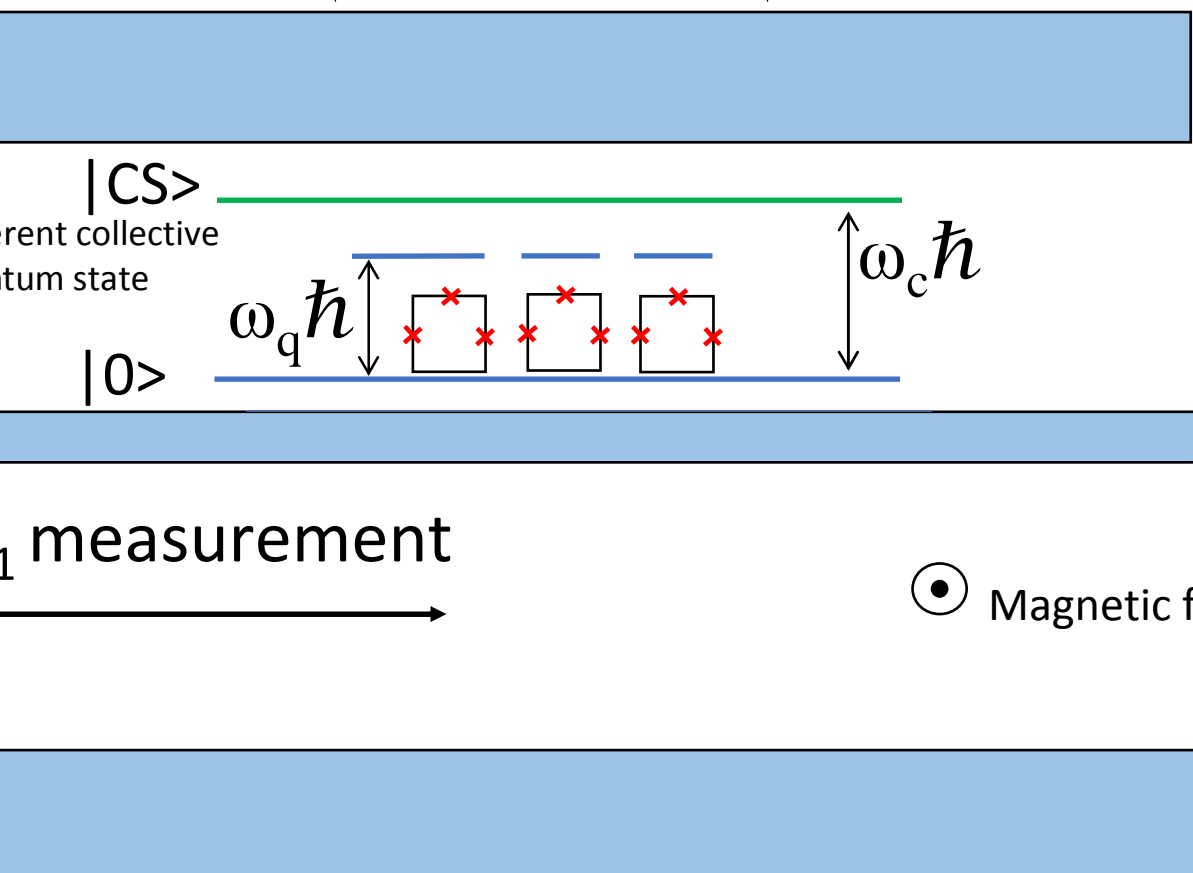
$S_{21}$  is a transmission coefficient which indicates the insertion loss of a circuit



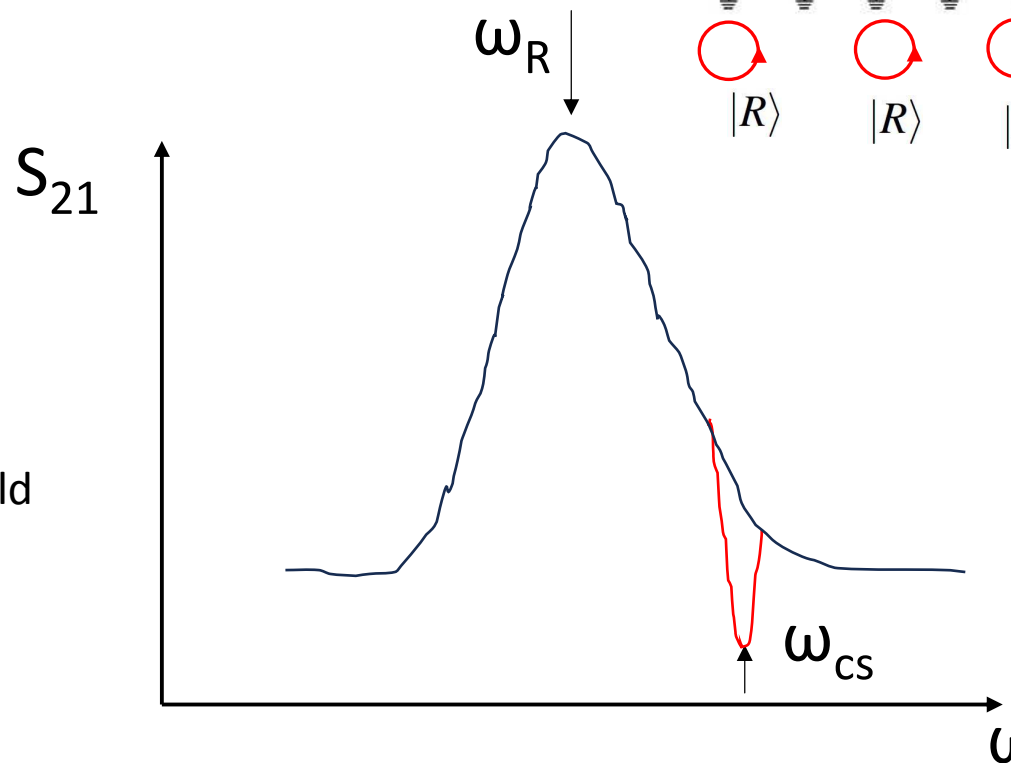
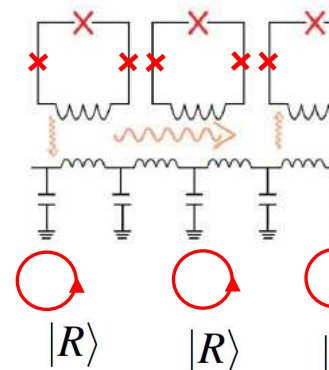


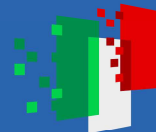
# Superconducting qubit network (SQN) and collective quantum states

Network of  $n$  interacting superconducting flux qubits



Long-range interactions  
Exchange of virtual photons





# Coherent Dynamics of interacting Superconducting qubit network

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## Quantum dynamics of disordered arrays of interacting superconducting qubits: Signatures of quantum collective states

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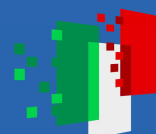
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We study theoretically the collective quantum dynamics occurring in various interacting superconducting qubit arrays (SQAs) in the presence of a spread of individual qubit frequencies. The interaction is provided by mutual inductive coupling between adjacent qubits (short-range Ising interaction) or inductive coupling to a low-dissipative resonator (long-range exchange interaction). In the absence of interaction, the Fourier transform of the temporal correlation function of the total polarization ( $z$  projection of the total spin), i.e., the dynamic susceptibility  $C(\omega)$ , demonstrates a set of sharp small magnitude resonances corresponding to the transitions of individual superconducting qubits. We show that even a weak interaction between qubits can overcome the disorder with a simultaneous formation of the collective excited states. This collective behavior manifests itself by a single large resonance in  $C(\omega)$ . In the presence of a weak nonresonant microwave photon field in the low-dissipative resonator, the positions of dominant resonances depend on the number of photons, i.e., the *collective ac Stark effect*. Coupling of an SQA to the transmission line allows a straightforward experimental access of the collective states in microwave transmission experiments and, at the same time, to employ SQAs as sensitive single-photon detectors.

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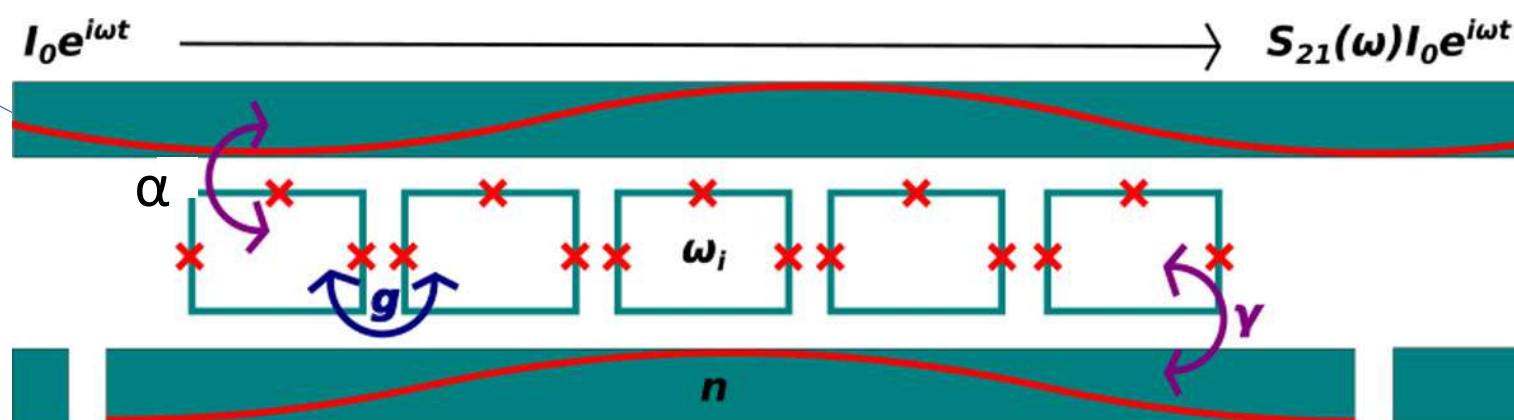


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## Generic setup of a superconducting qubit network

Transmission line



Low-dissipative resonator

Flux-qubit SQN coupled to a low-dissipative resonator and a transmission line

$\alpha$  is the coupling strength between the qubits and the transmission line

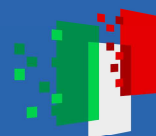
$\gamma$  is the coupling strength between a single qubit and resonator

Frequencies of individual qubits can differ significantly

Short-range coupling (interaction) between adjacent qubits is due to mutual inductance effects.

$g$  is the strength of mutual inductive coupling between adjacent qubits.

Long-range coupling between well separated qubits is due to an exchange of virtual cavity photons



## Total Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_{\text{tot}} = \hat{H}_{\text{SQN}} - \alpha I(t) \sum \hat{\sigma}_i^z,$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{SQN}} = \hat{H}_{\text{qb}} + \hat{H}_{\text{SR}} + \hat{H}_{\text{LR}} + \hat{H}_{\text{ph}} + \hat{H}_{\text{qb-ph}}$$

$N$  is the number of qubits in a SQN

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{\Delta_i}{2} \hat{\sigma}_i^x + \frac{\epsilon_i}{2} \hat{\sigma}_i^z \right] \text{ Noninteracting part}$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{ph}} = \hbar\omega_0 \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \quad \text{Term related to photons in the resonator}$$

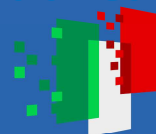
$$= g_{\text{SR}} \sum_i \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z \quad \text{Short-range Ising exchange interaction term}$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{qb-ph}} = \gamma \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\sigma}_i^z (\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a})$$

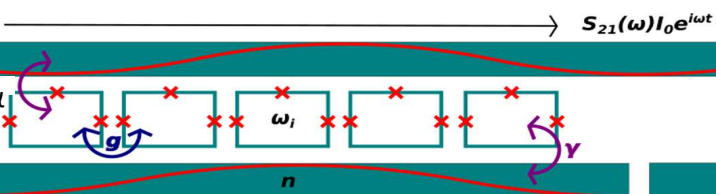
$$= g_{\text{LR}} \sum_{i,j,i \neq j} [\hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{\sigma}_j^x + \hat{\sigma}_i^y \hat{\sigma}_j^y] \quad \text{Long-range exchange interaction term}$$

Interaction of photons with qubits





## General theoretical approach



Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_{SQN}$$

Method

Exact diagonalization

Numerical calculations  $E_i$ ,  $\Psi_i(n)$

Eigenvalues and eigenfunctions

Temporal correlation function of total magnetization

- Nonequilibrium time-dependent correlation function

$$C_n(t) = \left\langle \Psi_i(n) \left| \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\sigma}_i^z(t) \right] \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\sigma}_i^z(0) \right] \right| \Psi_i(n) \right\rangle. \quad (13)$$

$$\Psi(n) \sim |\downarrow\downarrow \dots \downarrow\downarrow \oplus n \rangle$$

- Dynamic susceptibility

$$C(\omega) = \lim_{t_0 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_0} \int_0^{t_0} dt e^{i\omega t} \text{Im} C(t)$$

- Dynamic susceptibility in case of  $n$  photons

$$C_{ph}(\omega) = \sum_n P(n) C_n(\omega),$$

$P(n)$  is the probability to obtain the photon in the Fock state  $|n\rangle$

- Measurements

$$\Delta S_{21}(\omega) \simeq C(\omega).$$

$n$  is the number of photons

$n=4$  max

Numerical analysis for  $N=2$  to

Individual qubit frequency

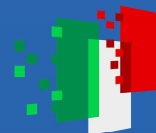
$$\omega_i = \sqrt{\Delta_i^2 + \epsilon_i^2} / \hbar$$

$\Delta_i$  and  $\epsilon_i$  can be varied in external magnetic field

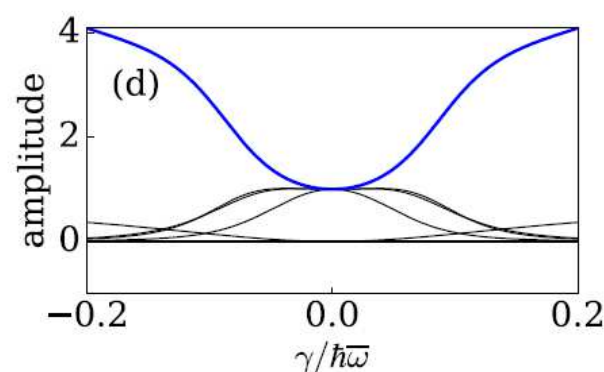
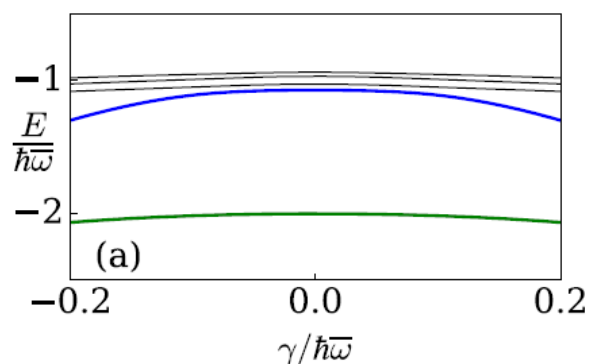
Strength of qubit disorder

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\langle (\omega_i - \bar{\omega})^2 \rangle} / \bar{\omega}$$

$\bar{\omega} = \langle \omega_i \rangle$  is the average qubit frequency

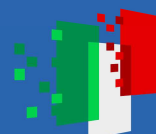


## Coherent quantum dynamics in disordered interacting SQN



dependence of low-lying energy levels (a) and the amplitudes of resonances (b) on the coupling strength  $\gamma$  for the disordered SQNs composed of four qubits and four photon states for  $C_0(\omega)$  (no photons in resonator). The dominant resonances correspond to the transitions between energy levels indicated by green and blue lines. The disorder strength is fixed as  $\sigma = 0.1$ .

The amplitude of the dominant resonance drastically increases as the interaction between qubits overcomes the disorder in qubit frequencies, and the collective state is formed.



## Collective AC Stark effect in disordered interacting SQN

$$C_{ph}(t) = \sum_n P_n C(t;n) = \sum_n P_n \sum_i \langle \Psi_0 \otimes n | \hat{\sigma}_i^z(t) \hat{\sigma}_i^z(0) | \Psi_0 \otimes n \rangle$$

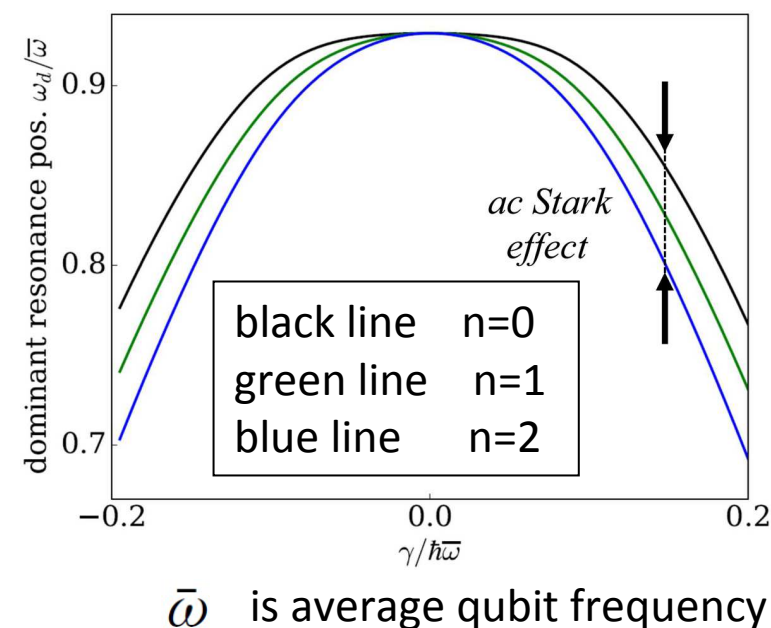
Transmission measurements

$$\Delta S_{2I}(\omega) \sim C_{ph}(\omega)$$

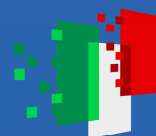
4 qubits+4 photon states  
n is photon number

$\gamma$  is the coupling strength  
between a single qubit  
and a resonator

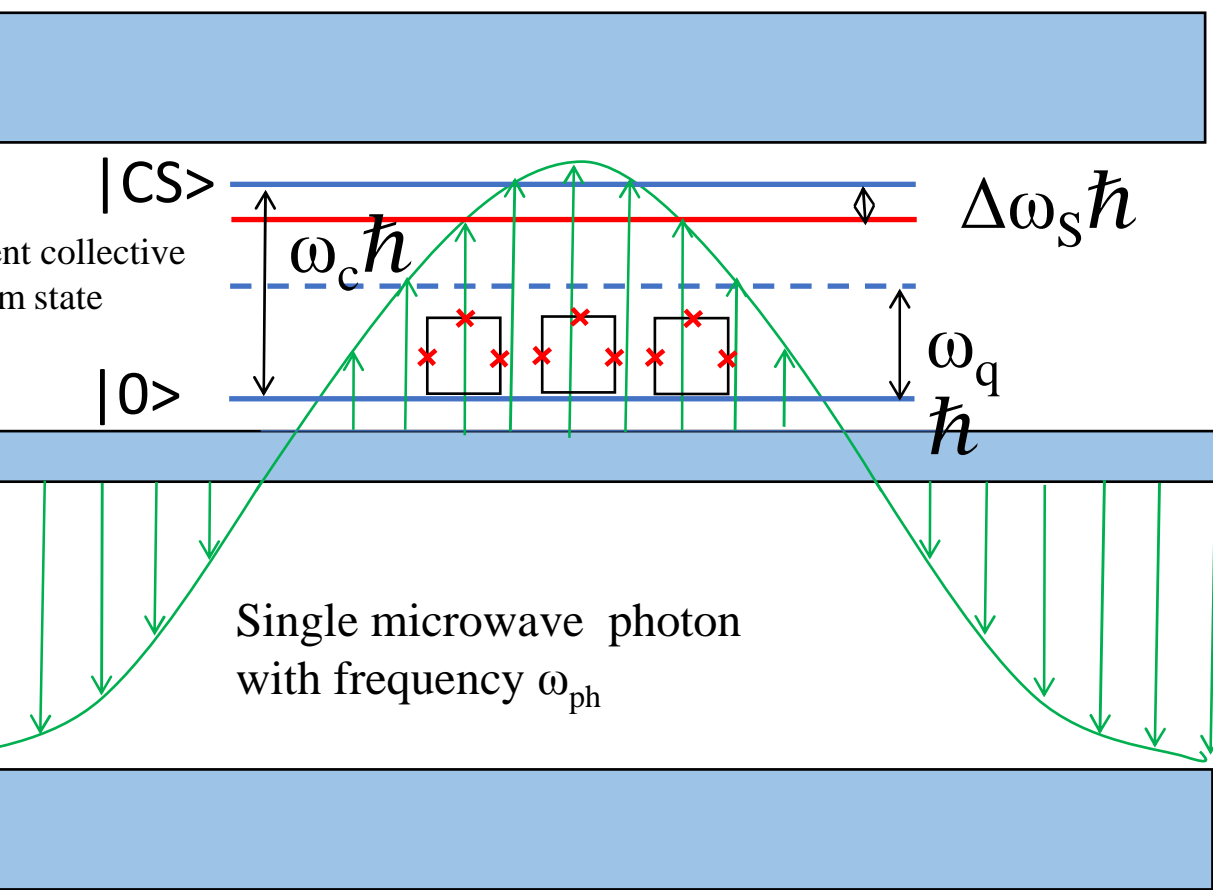
AC Stark effect (in electric field)



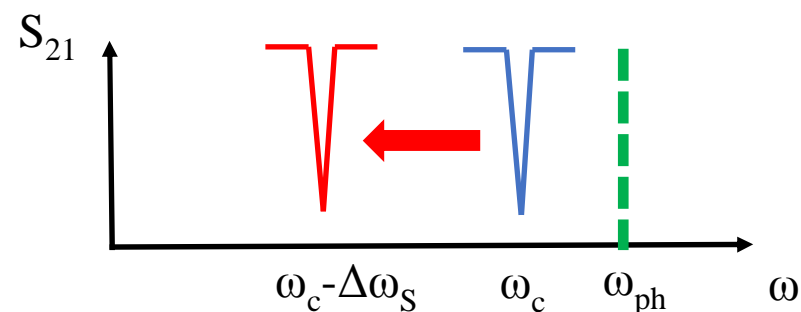
the presence of a weak non-resonant photon electric field, the position of resonances depends on the number of photons, i.e. the collective ac Stark effect is obtained



# Working principle of the SQN detector of a single microwave photon



$\Delta\omega_S$  - Stark shift related to a single MW photon



A SQN embedded in a resonator produces collective quantum states.

In the presence of external microwave signal the frequency shift of the collective mode takes place because of the AC Stark effect.

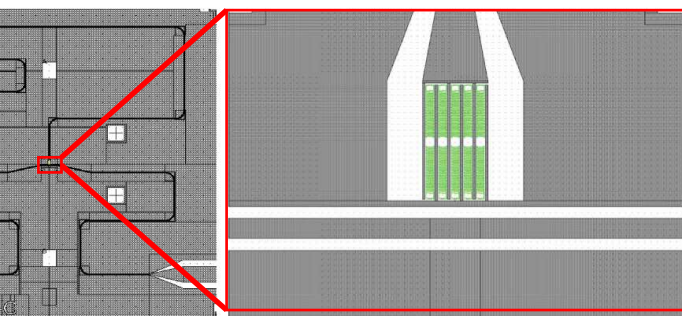




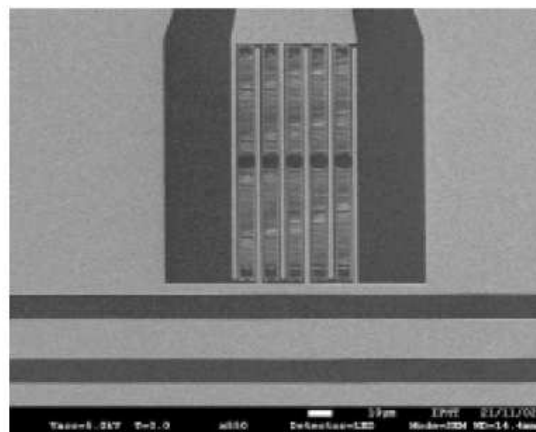
## Fabrication of a T-type two resonator SQN device

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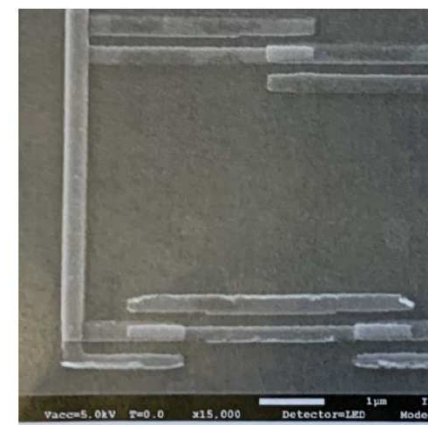
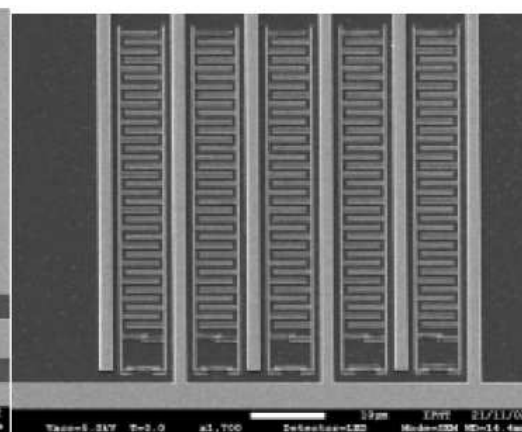
22 mm long resonators are fabricated by depositing a 200 nm thick Nb film on a silicon substrate that is structured by RIE. **The flux qubits are made of Al Josephson-junctions fabricated by two angle shadow evaporation technique.** Every flux qubit of the SQN consists of a  $6 \times 4.5 \mu\text{m}^2$  loop with three Josephson junctions. Two junctions are designed with the identical size of  $0.2 \times 0.87 \mu\text{m}^2$  while the third is scaled by a factor  $\alpha < 1$ . For qubits of the SQN measured here,  $\alpha = 0.8$ .



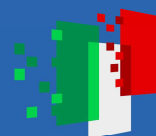
Micrograph layout of the T-type three terminal device. Two resonators at same frequency are coupled by an array of 10 capacitor shunted flux qubits. Right: Magnified part of the layout with 10 C-shunted flux qubits with three Josephson junctions.



SEM picture of three-terminal device with 10 C-shunted flux qubits

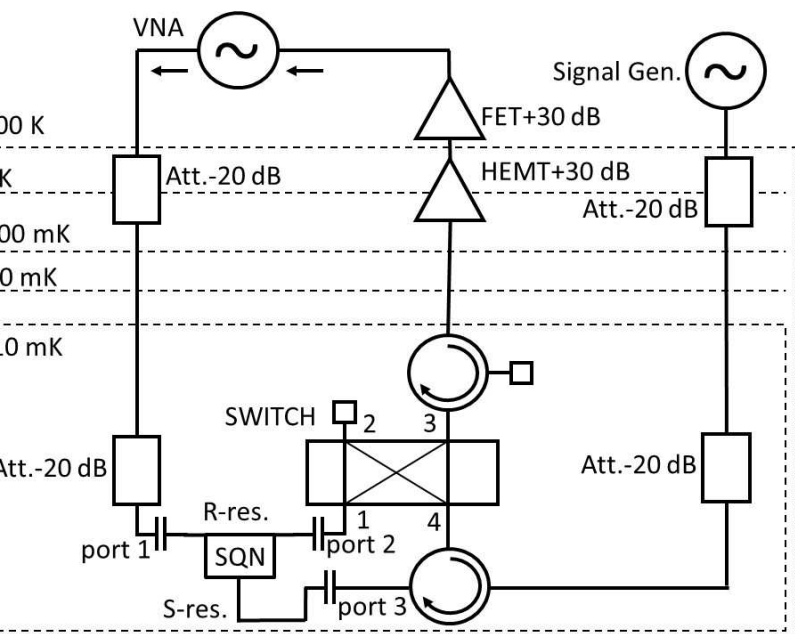


SEM- image of a fabricated qubit

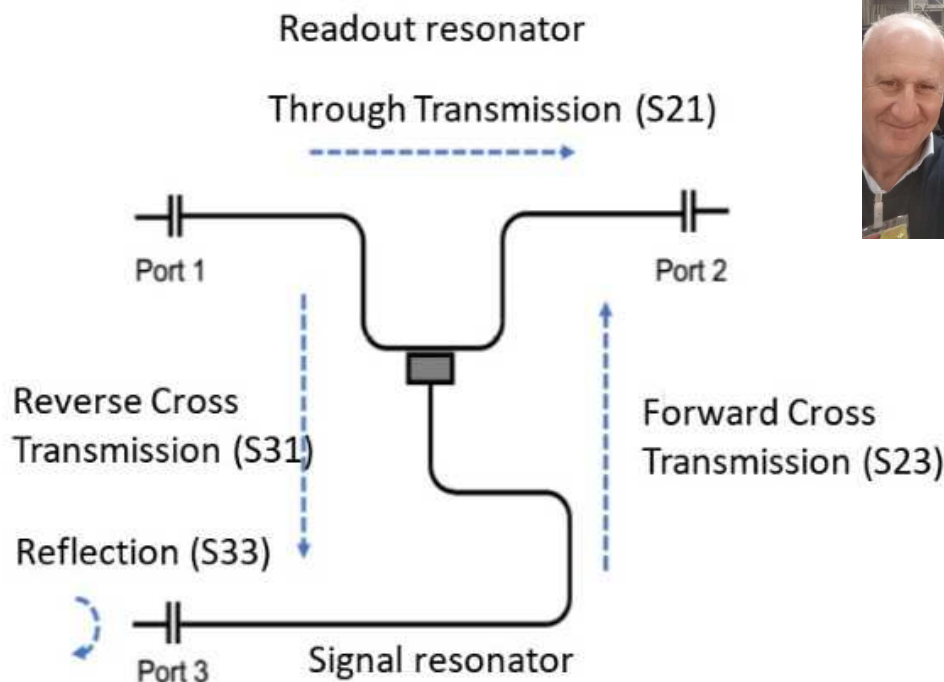


## Microwave part of experimental set-up

Measurements of fabricated T-type SQN were carried out at the National Laboratory of Frascati (LNF) (Italy) in a Leiden Cryogenics CF-CS110-1000 dilution refrigerator at temperature of 15



Experimental set-up for double tone microwave measurements of the T-type

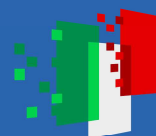


Cabling of T-type three terminal device



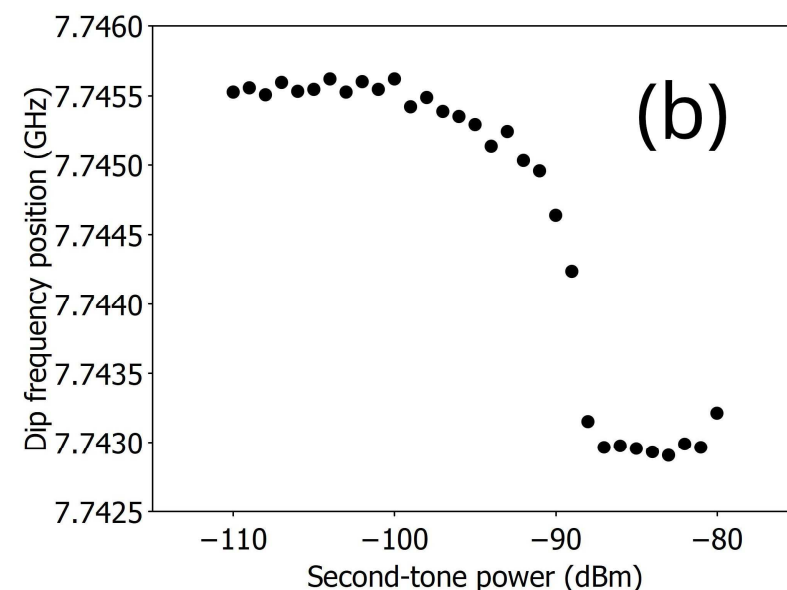
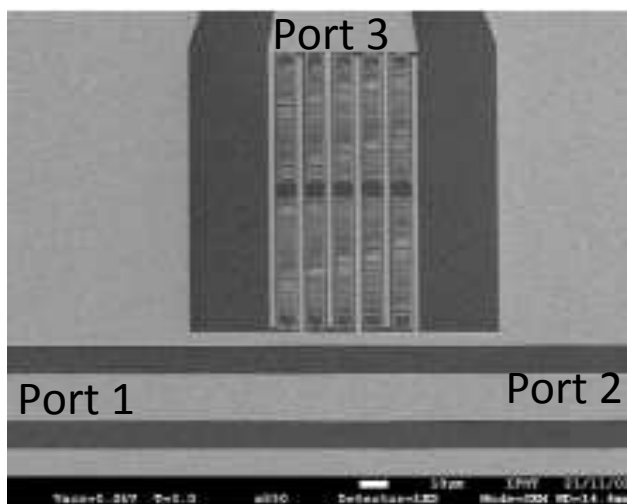
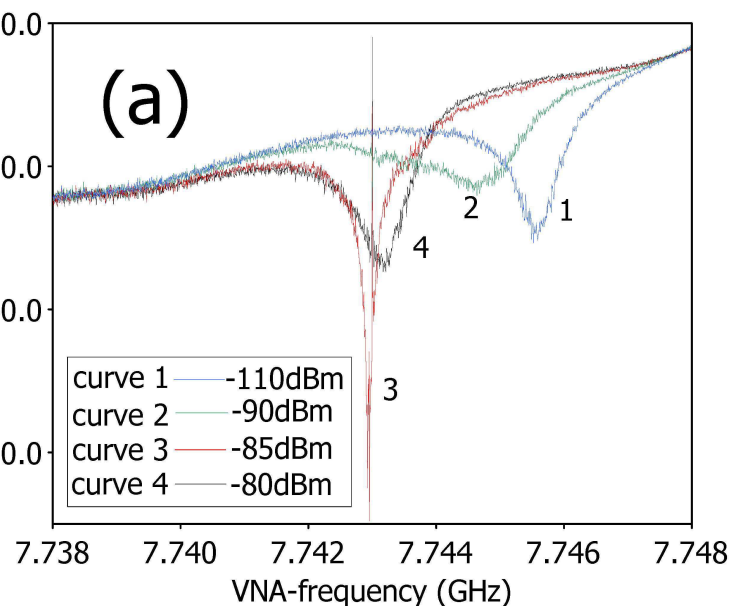
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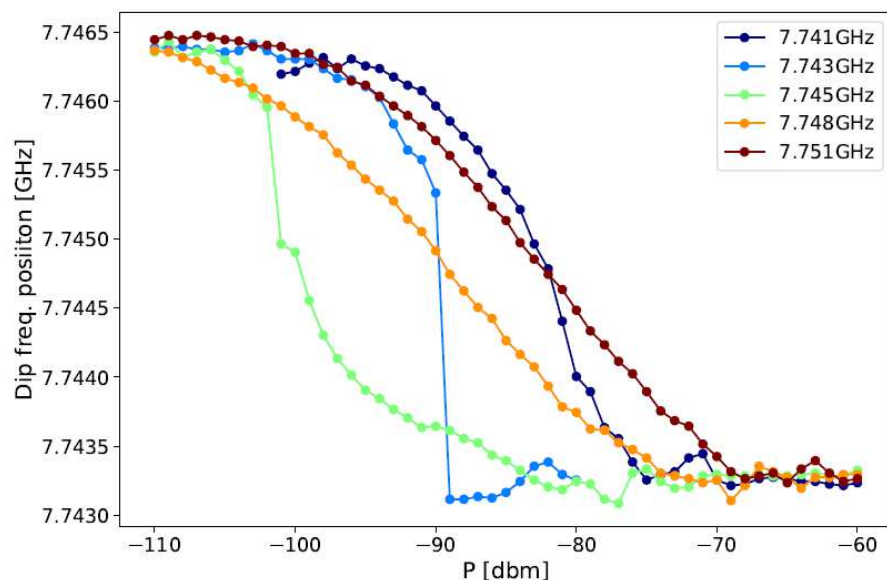
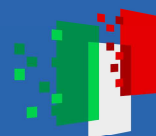
# Measurement of two-tone spectra of the T-type two resonator SQN -device

At the VNA output-power to -40 dbm, corresponding to about -100 dbm at the device, and measured the through transmission by first tone ( $S_{21}$ ). At the same time, we sent a second tone of frequency 7.743 GHz to the Signal -resonator with the Rohde & Schwarz SMA100B connected to the Port 3, and varied the output power of the generator from -40 to -20 dbm. By increasing the power sent to Port 3 we clearly see a variation of the resonant-dip frequency in the through transmission-spectrum ( $S_{21}$ ).



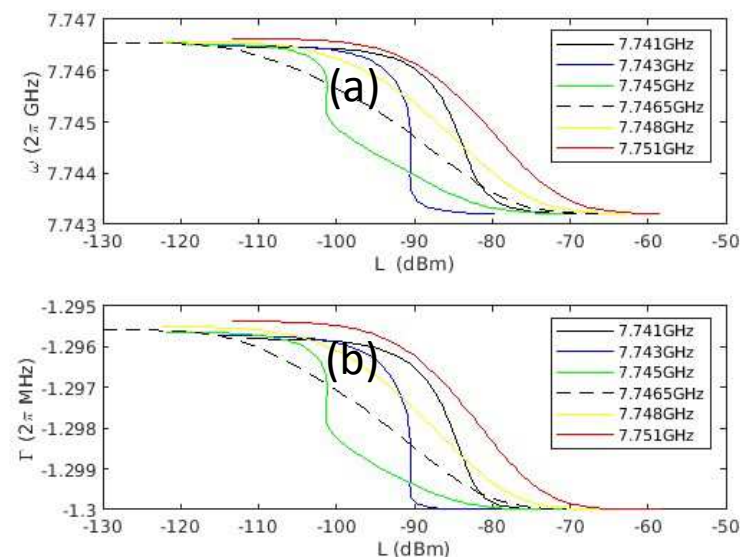
Port 1-Port 2 -transmission coefficient ( $S_{21}$ ) vs VNA-frequency dependencies recorded at different powers of the second-signal of frequency of 7.743 GHz applied to the Port 3. T=15 mK magnetic field.

Dependence of the frequency position of the resonant drop reported in (a) as a function of the power of the second-tone signal



We observed the sensibility of the frequency position of the resonant drop both to the power of pump signal and to pump signal frequency.

Experimental results are in a good agreement with the model based on a non-linear multiphoton interaction between pump microwave signal and a qubit system of the SQN where the frequency shift is the sum of the multiphoton AC Stark shift values of each qubit. (*P. Navez et al., in preparation*). This agreement permits to attribute the absorption peak to the collective quantum state stimulated by the second tone microwave signal.



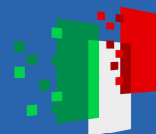
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Theoretically predicted values of frequency shift (a) and linewidth (b) versus the input power [dBm].





## Conclusions

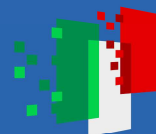
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- Two-tone spectral measurements of the T-type three terminals SQN with 10 C-shunted flux qubits were carried out at zero external magnetic field. Non-linear effects such as shift of the absorption peak both by power and by frequency of the pump second tone signal were observed. Good agreement between experiment and theoretical model permits to attribute this absorption peak to the **collective quantum state stimulated by the second tone microwave signal**.



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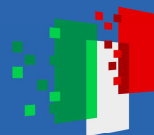


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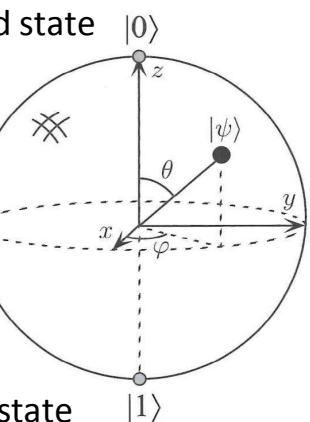
# Persistent current superconducting flux qubit-fundamental elements

## Quantum bit – Qubit

Two-state quantum system

$|1\rangle = |R\rangle$  Excited state  
 $|0\rangle = |L\rangle$  Ground state

## Sphere representation of a qubit

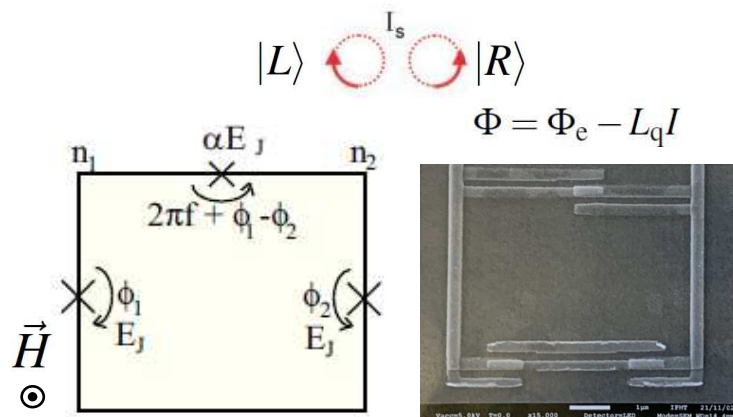


## The qubit is a linear superposition of states

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

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$

Persistent current directions are quantum states of a flux qubit

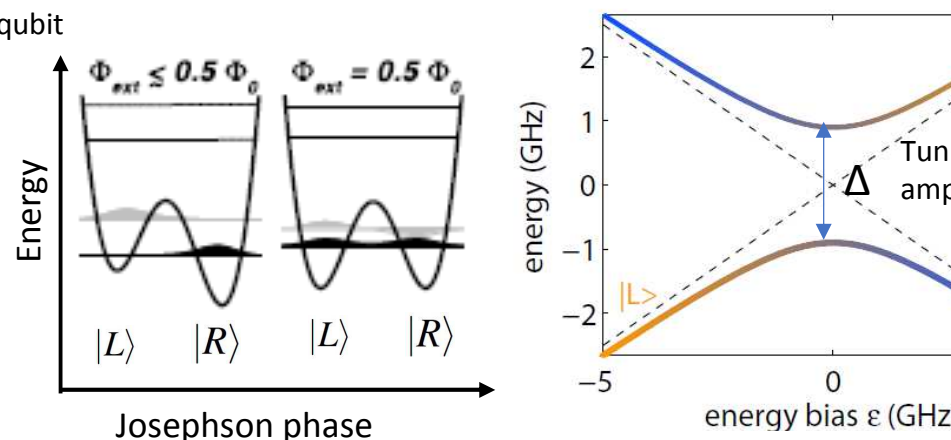


(Left) A flux qubit consists of a superconducting loop interrupted by three Josephson junctions. One of the junctions is designed to be smaller by a ratio  $\alpha < 1$  (0.7-0.8). The other two effectively increase the inductance of the loop. The qubit is controlled by an externally applied flux  $\Phi_e$  which for a small loop inductances can be identified with the internal flux  $\Phi$ . (Right) SEM-image of a fabricated flux qubit (IPHT-SUPERGALAX project).

Energy bias  $\varepsilon = \pm 2I_p(\Phi_e + \frac{\Phi_0}{2})$

$I_p$  is persistent current of a flux qubit

$\Phi_0$  is magnetic flux quantum



(Left) Schematic presentation of the loop's double-well potential with energy levels for different values of  $\Phi_e$ . (Right) The superposition of the flux states is illustrated as color gradient, gives the qubit's energy eigenstates. The corresponding eigenenergies have a hyperbolic dependence on the energy bias  $\varepsilon$ , which follows from the splitting at the degeneracy point. The coupling between the flux states is given by tunneling from one potential well to the other with amplitude  $\Delta$ .

The eigenstates are given by superposition of flux states

$$|e\rangle = \sin \xi |L\rangle + \cos \xi |R\rangle$$

$$|g\rangle = -\cos \xi |L\rangle + \sin \xi |R\rangle$$

$\xi = 1/2 \arctan(-\Delta/\varepsilon)$  is so called mixing angle of the system

The difference between  $|e\rangle$  and  $|g\rangle$  eigenstates is given by

$$\hbar\omega_q = \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + \Delta^2}$$

is an excite energy where  $\omega_q$  is qubit excite frequency