

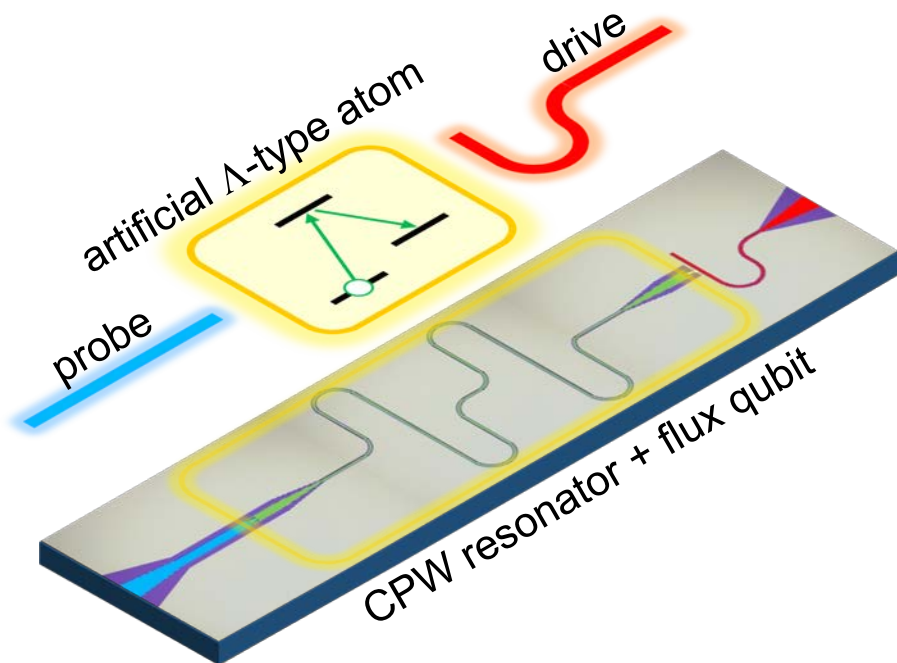
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Single Microwave-Photon Detector based on Superconducting Quantum Circuits



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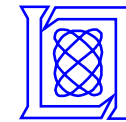
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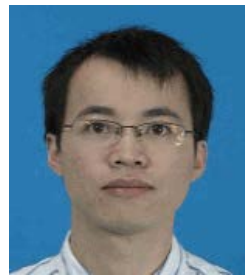
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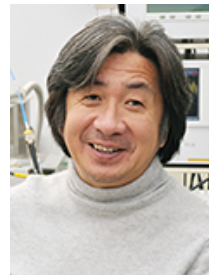
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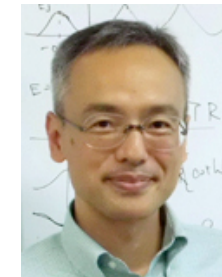
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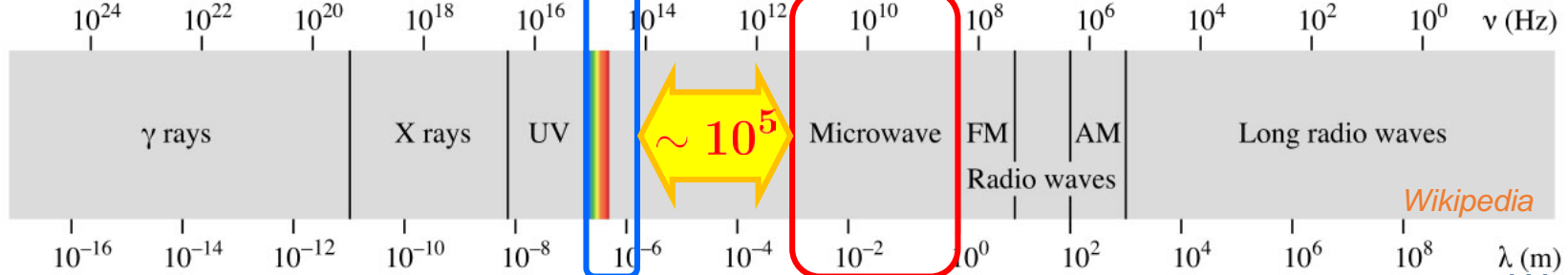
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Quantum information processing with photons

← Frequency

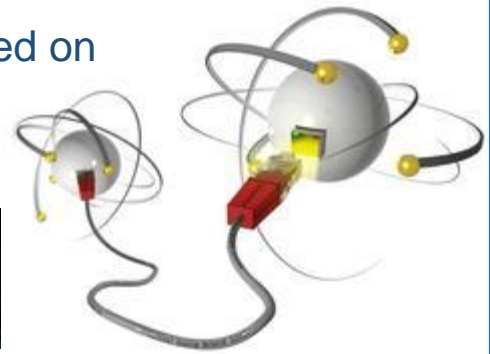
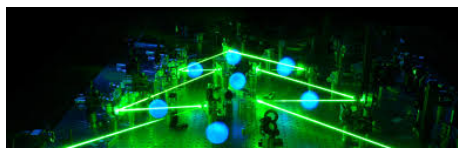


Wikipedia

Wavelength →

Optical photons (~ visible light)

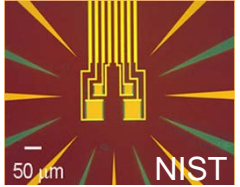
- Communication based on a single photon
- Quantum optics



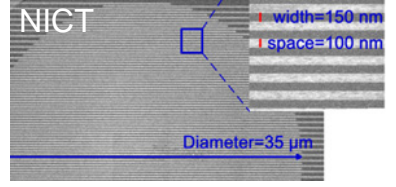
Single photon detectors



Hamamatsu
APD
 $\eta \sim 30\%$

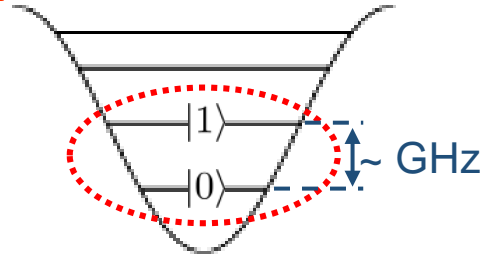
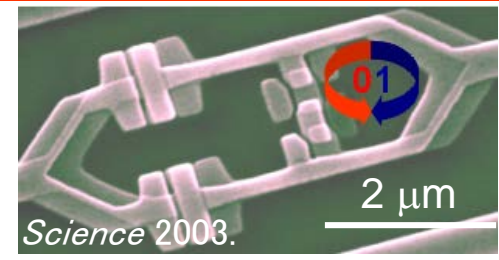


NIST
TES
 $\eta > 90\%$

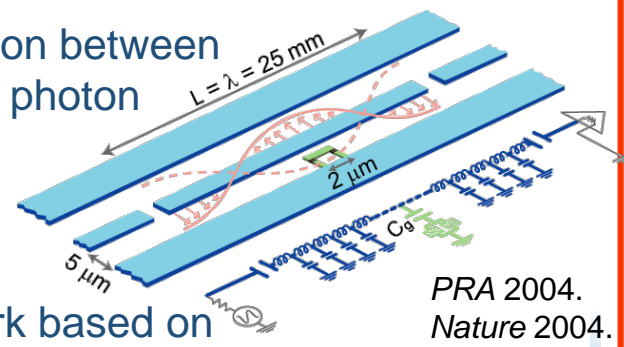


NICT
SSPD
 $\eta > 90\%$

Microwave photons



- ✓ Coherent interaction between a qubit and a MW photon



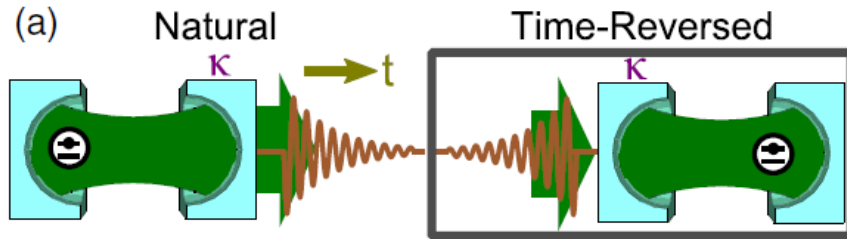
PRA 2004.
Nature 2004.

- Flying qubit
- Quantum network based on MW photons, etc...

➔ **Single photon detector**

Photon detectors in MW domain

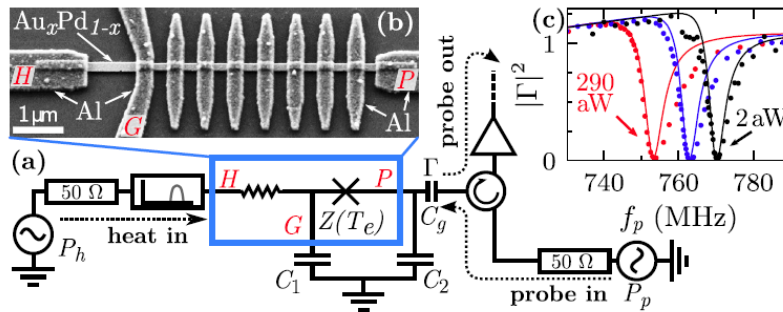
■ Harmonic oscillator mode [J. Wenner *et al.*, *PRL* (2014)]



- ✓ Efficiency = 0.994
- ✓ Precise photon pulse shaping
- ✓ Time-dependent control of system parameters



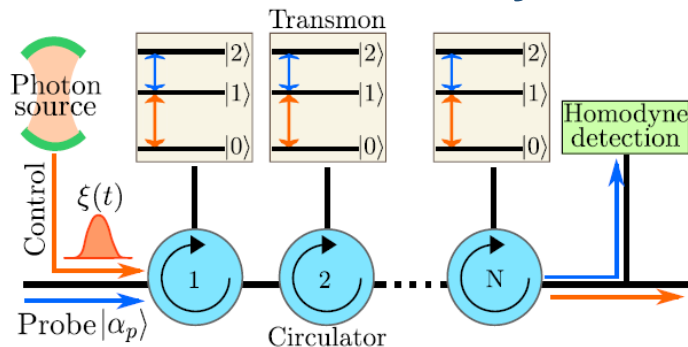
■ MW nanobolometer [J. Govenius *et al.*, *PRL* (2016)]



- ✓ Efficiency ~ 0.56 (for ~200 photons ~ 1.1 zJ)
- ✓ No single-photon sensitivity
- ✓ Dead time: ~100 μ s



■ Three-level cascaded system [S. R. Sathyamoorthy *et al.*, *PRL* (2014)]



- ✓ Efficiency > 0.9 (theoretically)
- ✓ QND measurement
- ✓ Chain of transmons connected via circulators

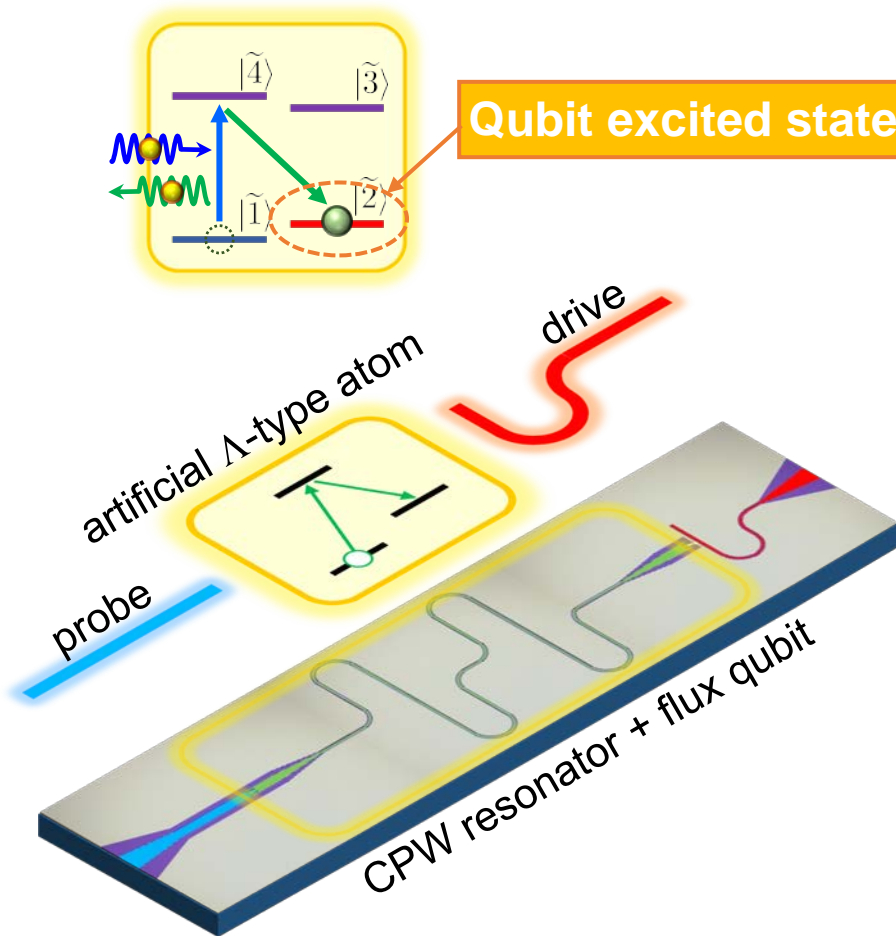


Single photon detection in MW domain

■ Impedance-matched Λ system

K. Koshino, K. I. *et al.*, *PRL* (2013)

K. Inomata *et al.*, *PRL* (2014)



- ✓ Sensitivity to single MW photon
- ✓ Efficiency: ~ 0.66 (theory > 0.9)
- ✓ Dead time: short (reset pulse)
- ✓ Dark count: ~ 0.014
- ✓ Free from photon pulse shaping
- ✓ No time-dependent control of params

K. Koshino, K. I. *et al.*, *PRA* (2015)

K. Inomata *et al.*, *Nat. Commun.* (2016)

Time-gate operation

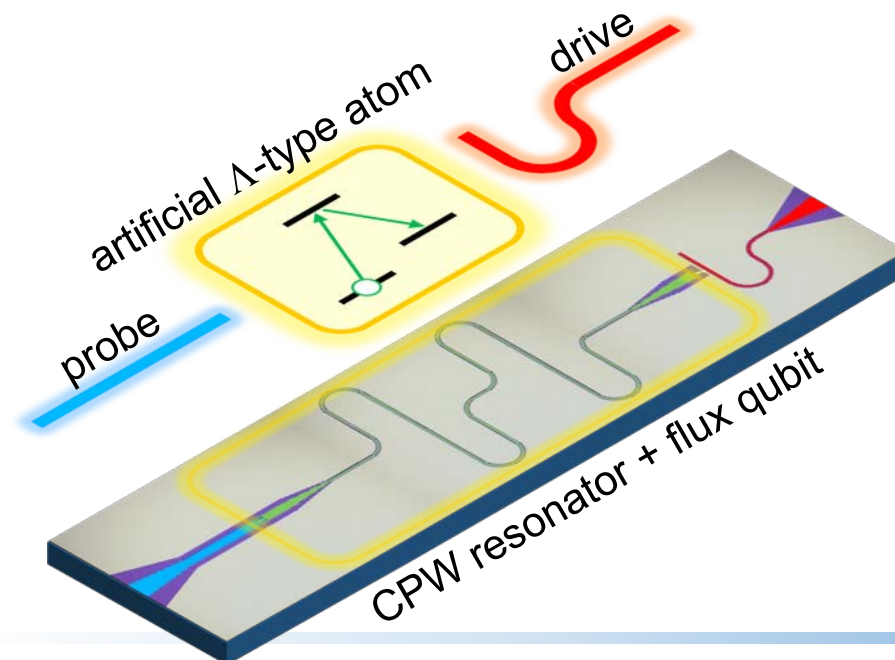
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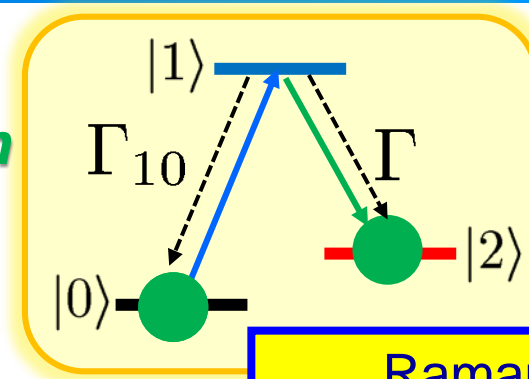
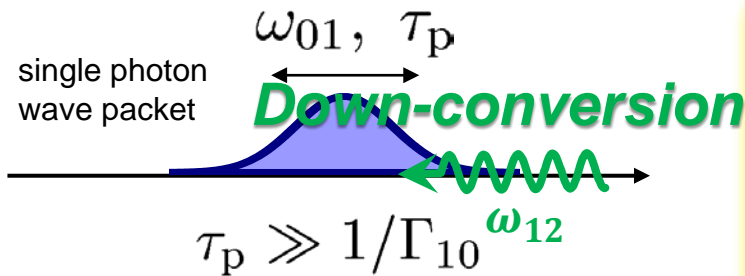
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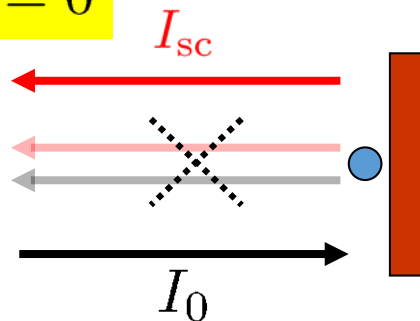
Impedance-matched Λ system

1D waveguide



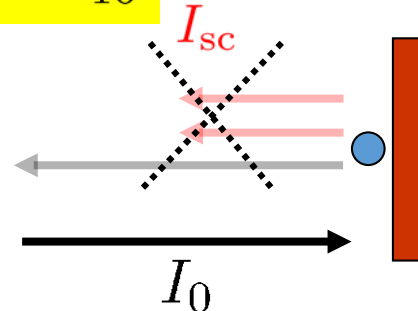
Raman transition
with $\sim 100\%$ efficiency

$$\Gamma = 0$$



Perfect reflection

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{10}$$



Perfect absorption
(Impedance matching)

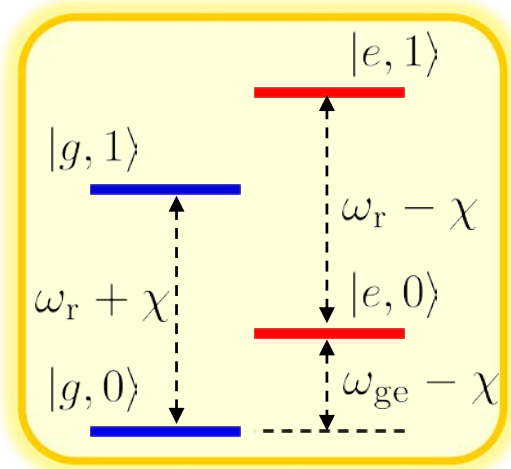
Impedance-matched Λ system

- Deterministic down-converter
- Single photon detector
- Single photon memory

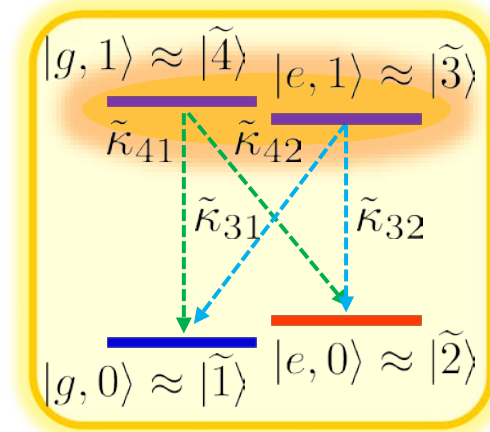
K. Koshino, *PRA* (2009, 2010).

Impedance-matched Λ system using dressed states

|qubit, resonator\rangle



Rotating frame
at ω_d



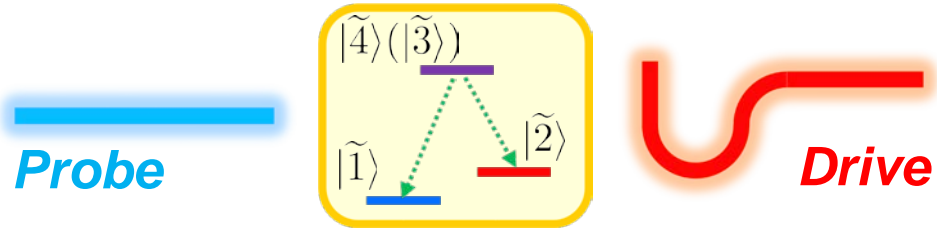
$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{|g,1\rangle} &= \omega_r - \omega_d + \chi \\ \omega_{|e,1\rangle} &= \omega_r + \omega_{ge} - 2\omega_d - 2\chi \\ \omega_{|e,0\rangle} &= \omega_{ge} - \omega_d - \chi \\ \omega_{|g,0\rangle} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{\kappa}_{41} = \tilde{\kappa}_{42}$ OR $\tilde{\kappa}_{31} = \tilde{\kappa}_{32}$
Impedance matching

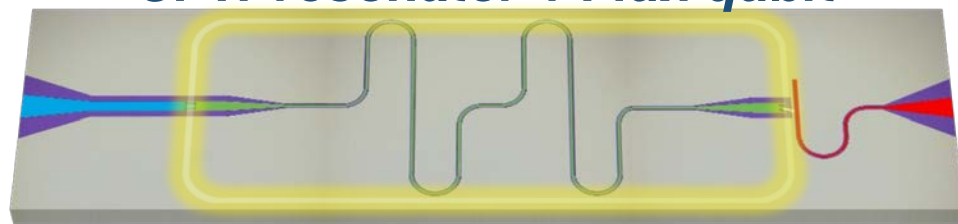
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Artificial Λ -type atom



CPW resonator + Flux qubit



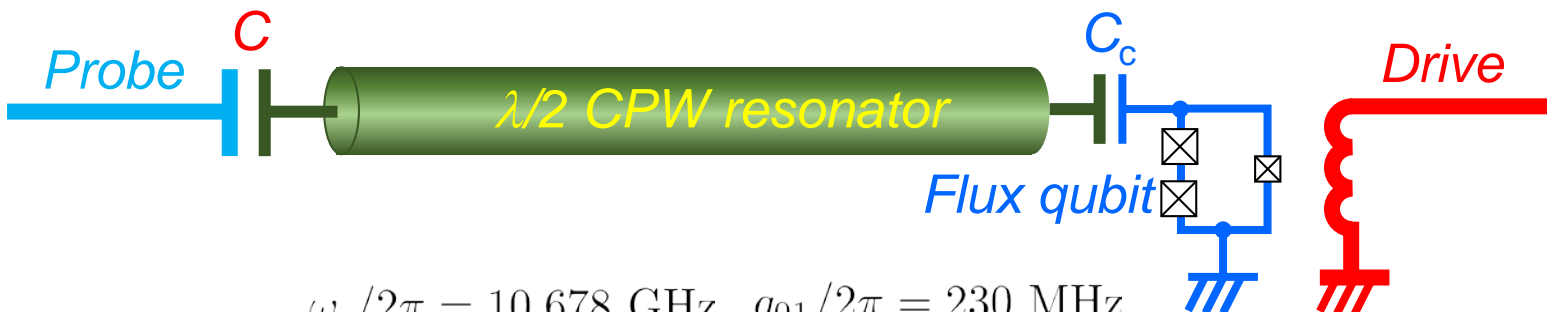
Qubit drive

$$P_d, \omega_d$$



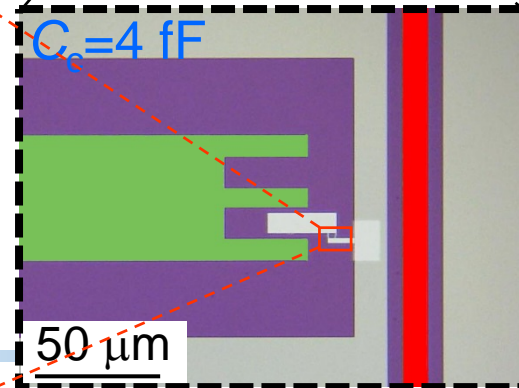
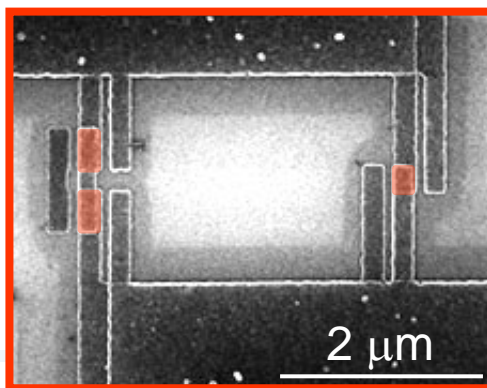
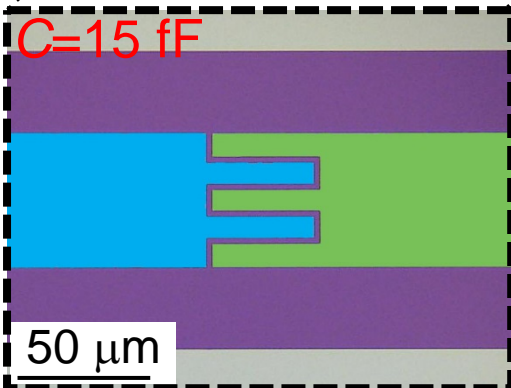
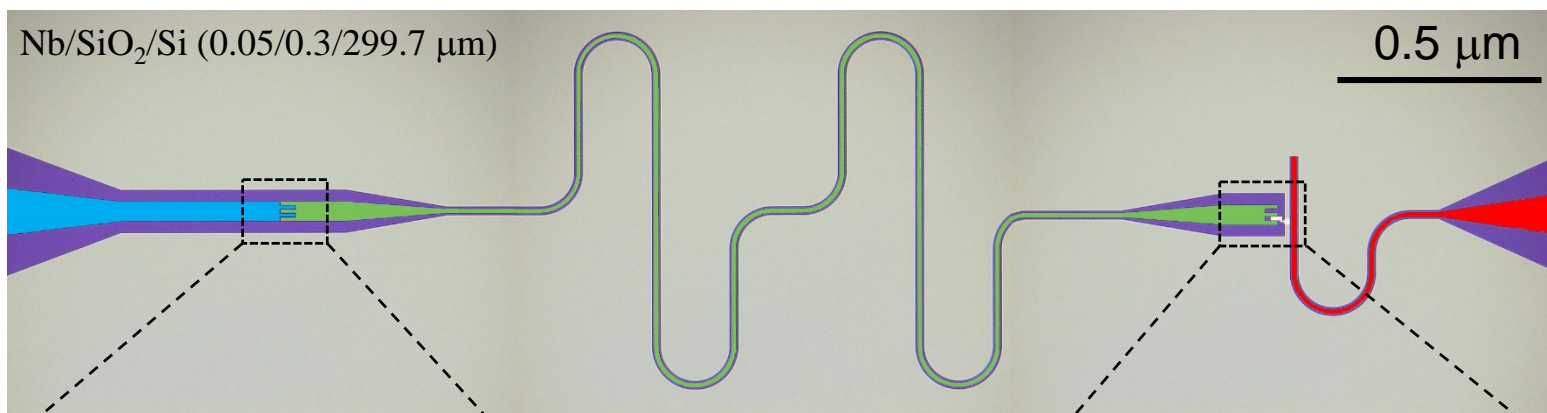
$$\delta\omega_d = \omega_{ge} - \omega_d < 2\chi$$

Device

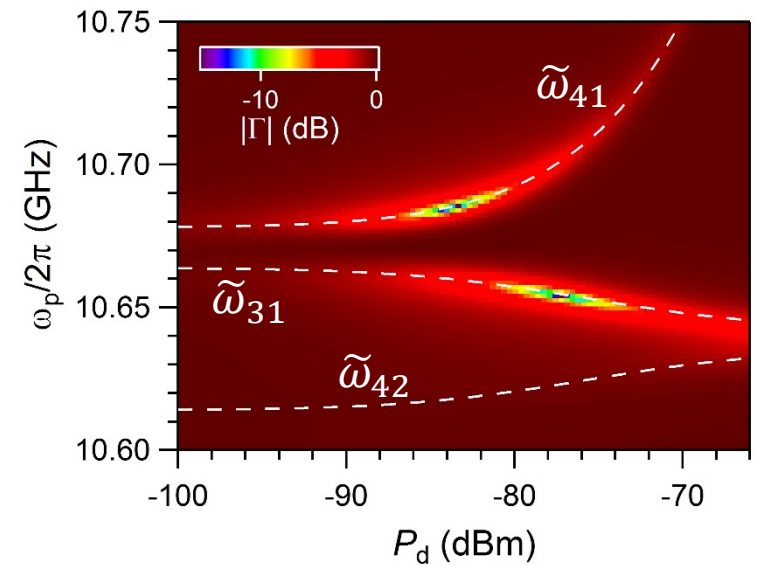
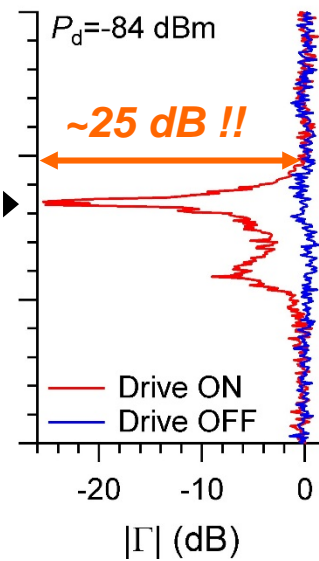
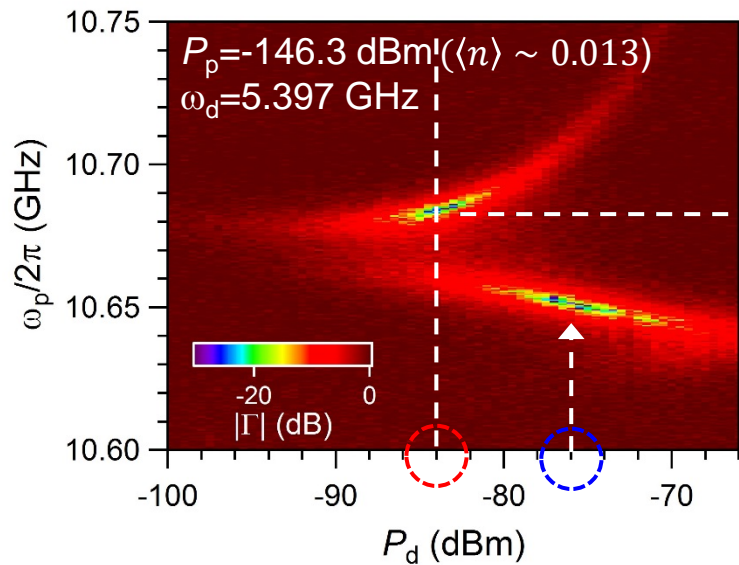
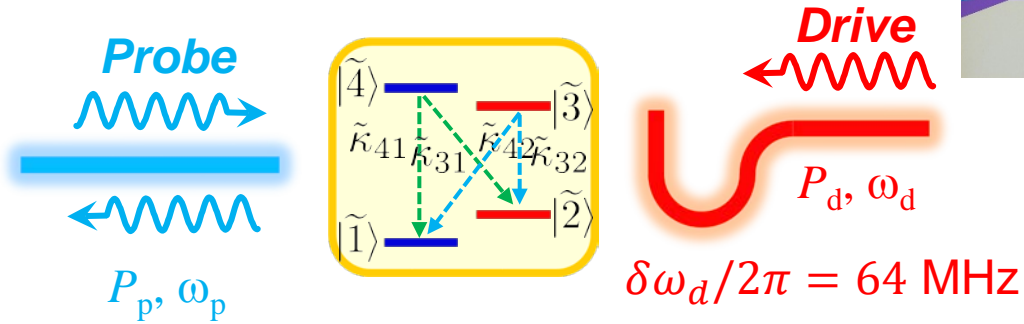


$$\begin{aligned} \omega_r/2\pi &= 10.678 \text{ GHz} & g_{01}/2\pi &= 230 \text{ MHz} \\ \omega_{ge}/2\pi &= 5.461 \text{ GHz} & \chi/2\pi &= 40 \text{ MHz} \end{aligned}$$

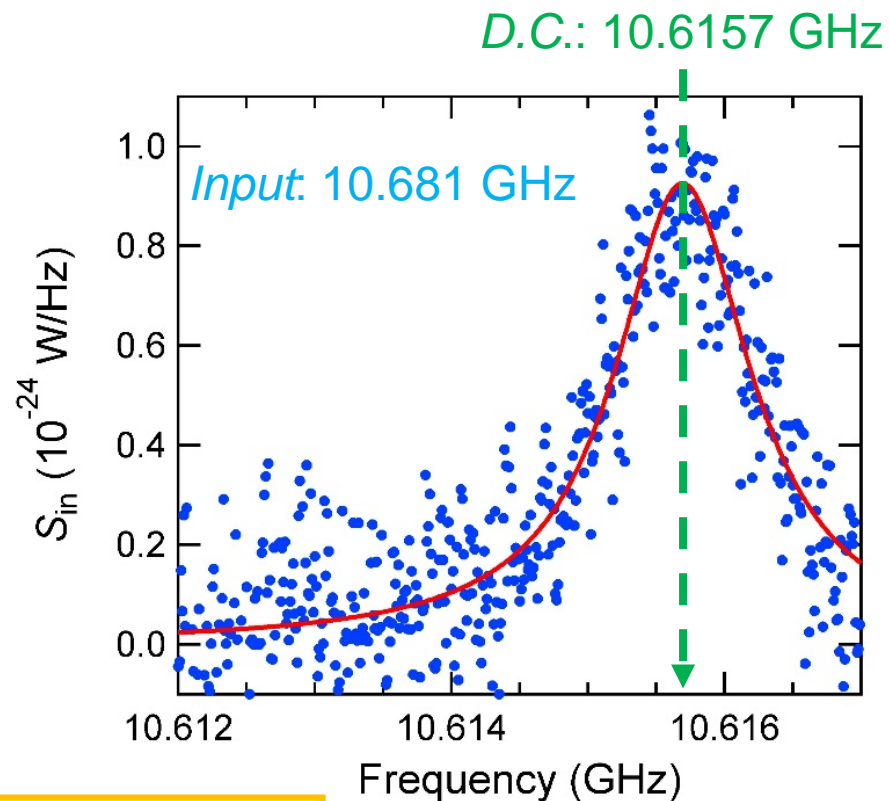
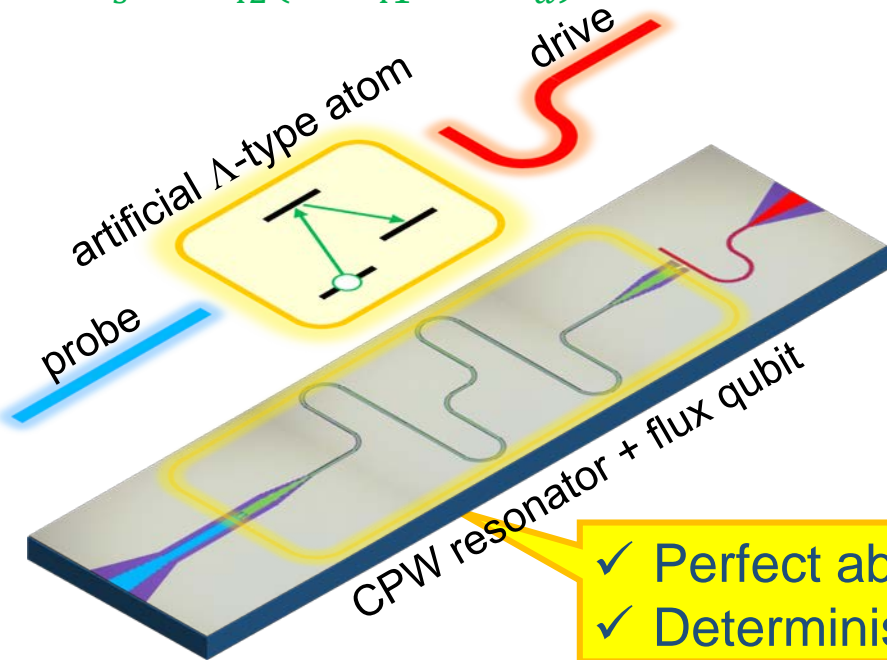
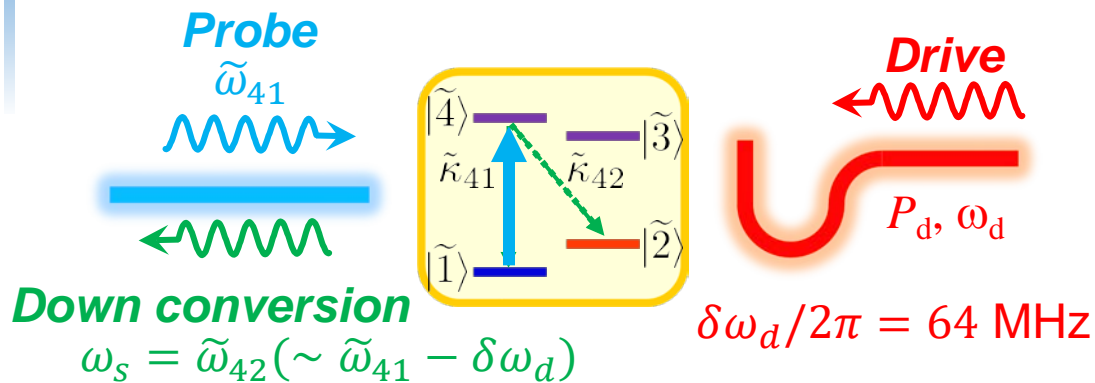
K. Inomata *et al.*, *PRB* (2012)
K. Inomata *et al.*, *PRL* (2014)



Absorption of incident microwave



Down-converted spectrum



- ✓ Perfect absorption
- ✓ Deterministic down-conversion

Artificial Λ -type atom

K. Inomata *et al.*, *PRL* (2014)

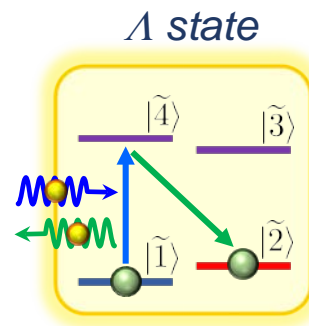
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Device & Measurement setup

■ Resonator

$$\omega_0/2\pi = 10.256 \text{ GHz}$$

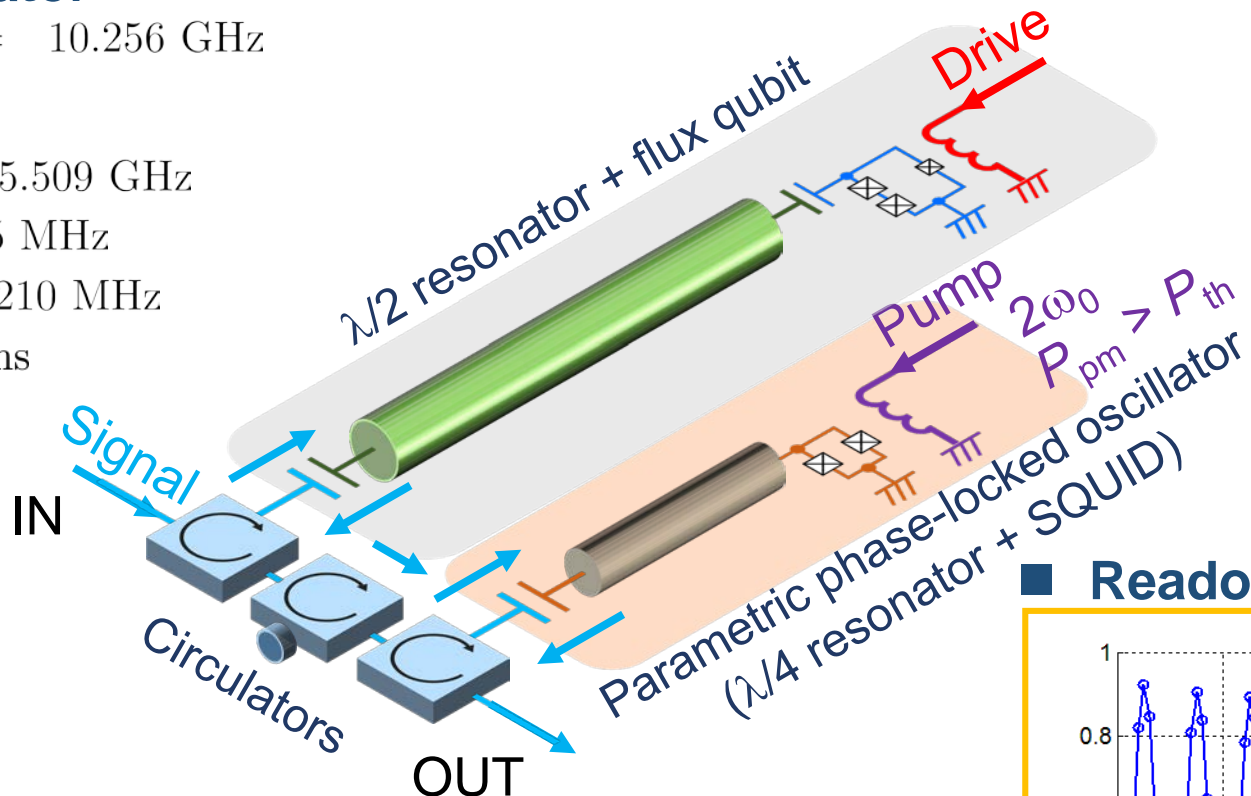
■ Qubit

$$\omega_{ge}/2\pi = 5.509 \text{ GHz}$$

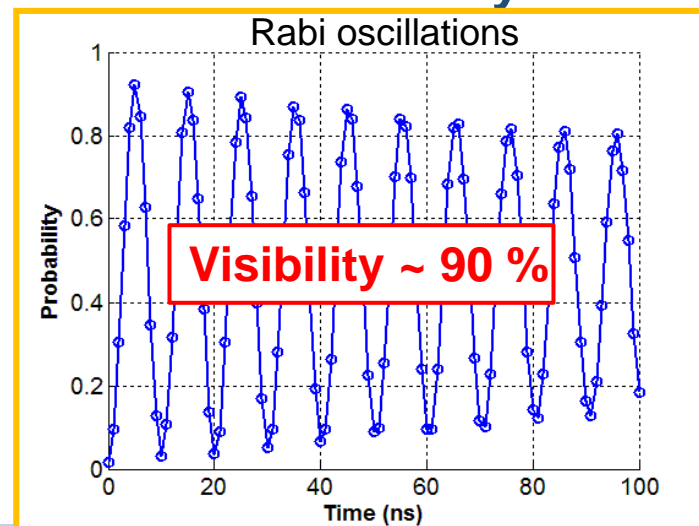
$$\chi/2\pi = 35 \text{ MHz}$$

$$g_{01}/2\pi = 210 \text{ MHz}$$

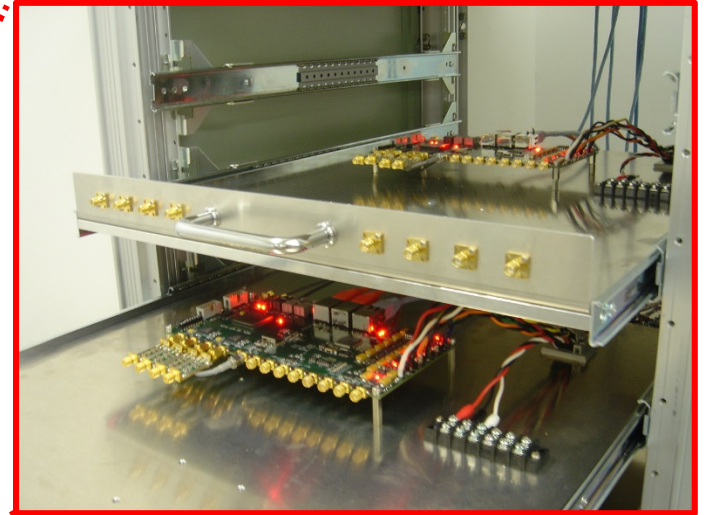
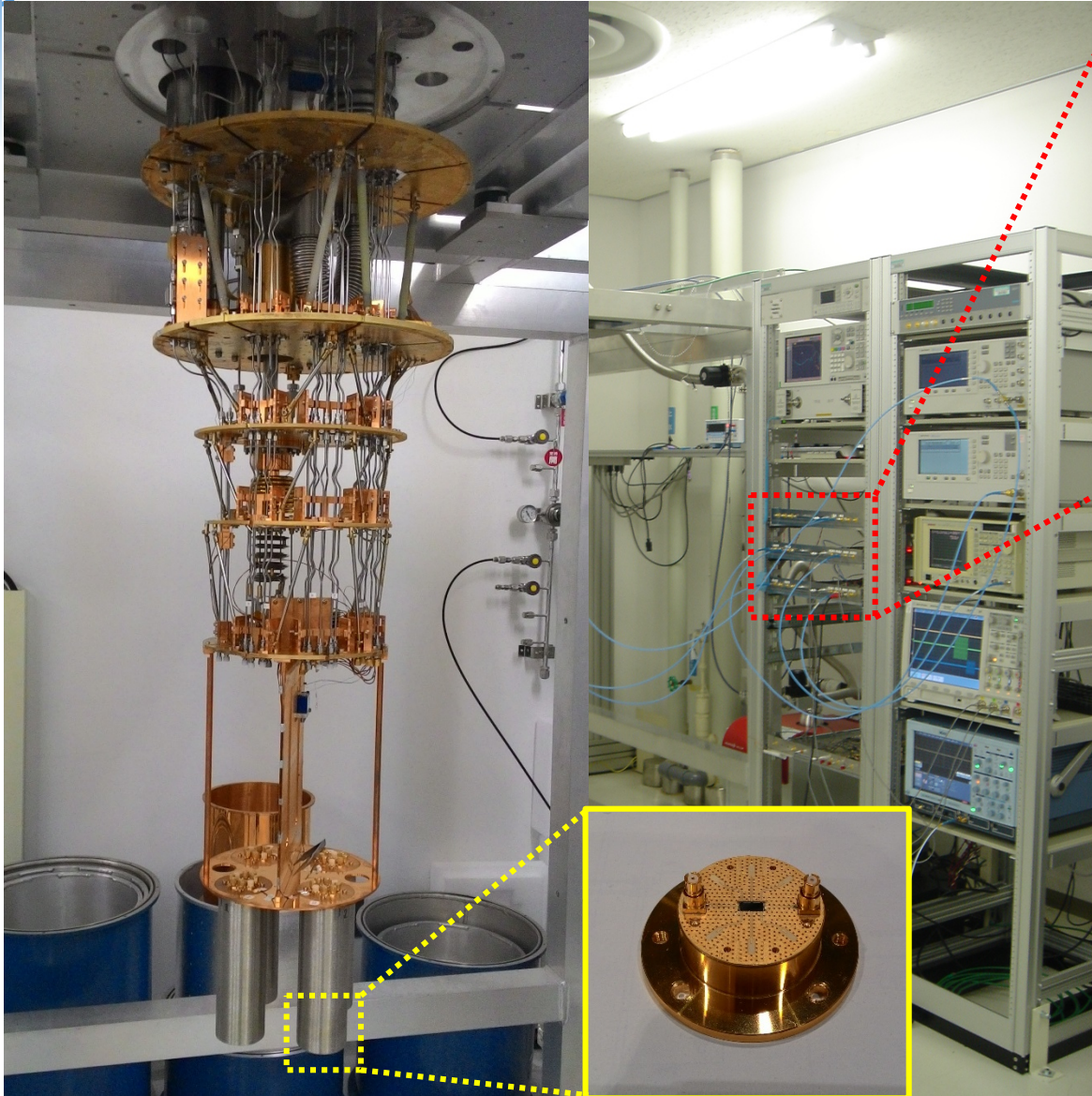
$$T_1 \sim 900 \text{ ns}$$



■ Readout visibility



Device & Measurement setup



Triton 200 (Oxford)

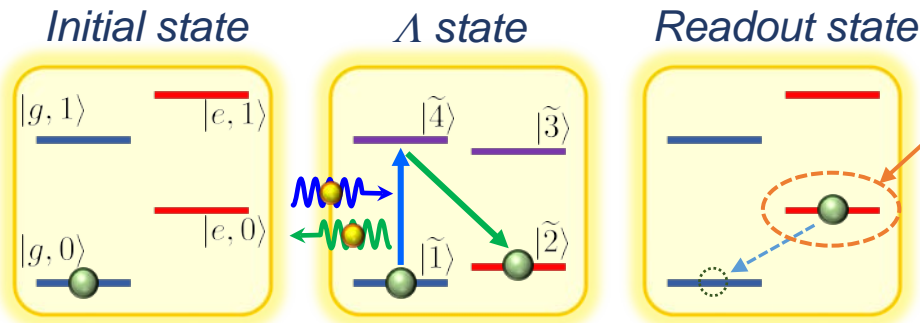
- ✓ Base temperature: 10 mK
- ✓ Input MW line: 20
- ✓ Output MW line with a HEMT: 4

GHzDAC (designed by J. Martinis)

- ✓ 1GSa/s
- ✓ Pulse shaping with ns precision

Pulse sequence for itinerant photon detection

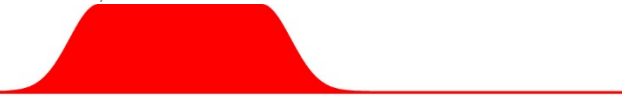
Pulse Sequence



Qubit excited state

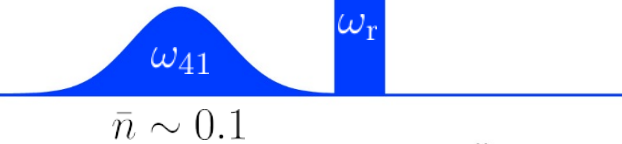
$$\delta\omega_d/2\pi = 49 \text{ MHz}$$

Drive



Photon pulse Readout pulse

Signal



Pump



Photon-detection efficiency

Photon pulse (Gaussian pulse)



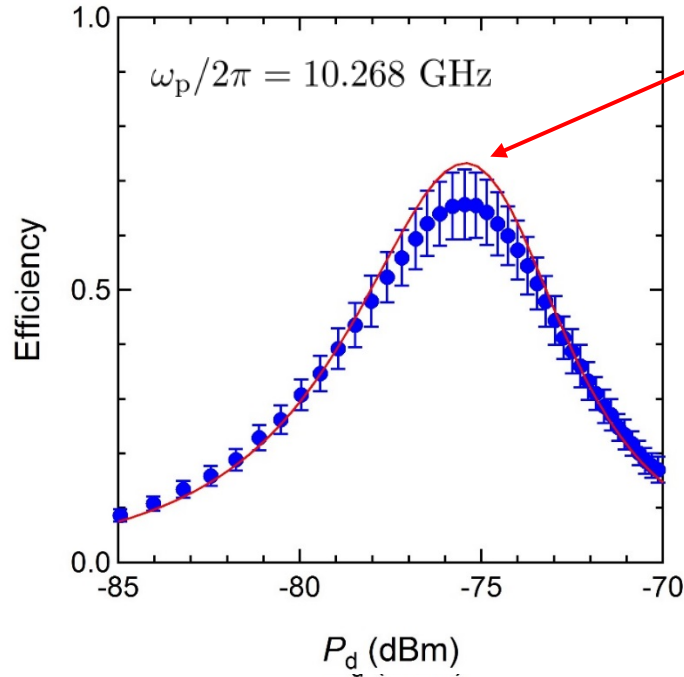
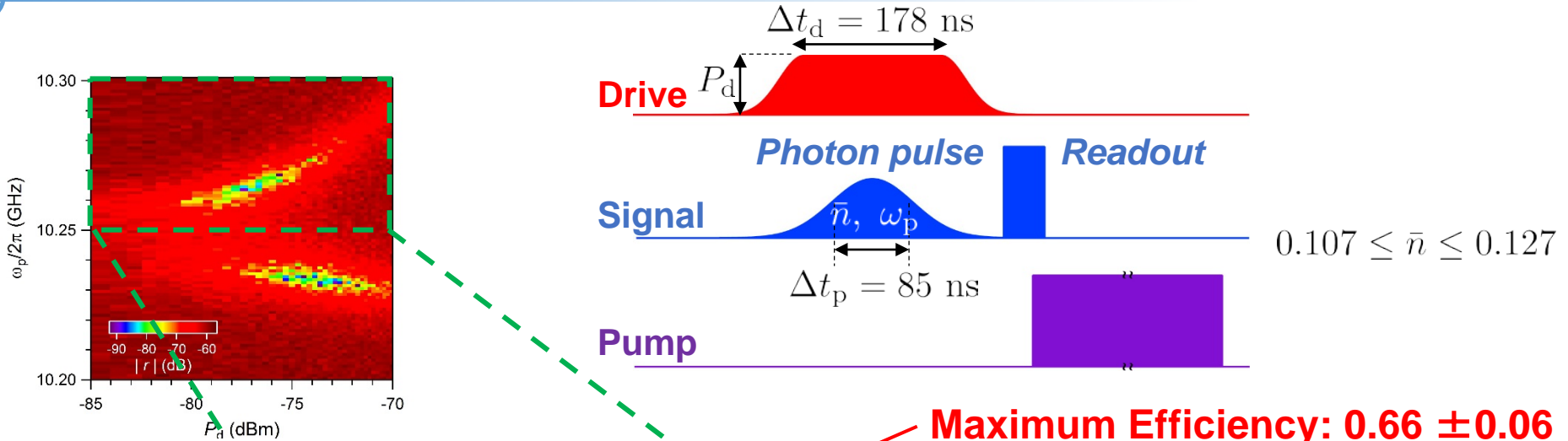
✓ Probability of the vacuum

$$P(0) = \exp(-\bar{n})$$

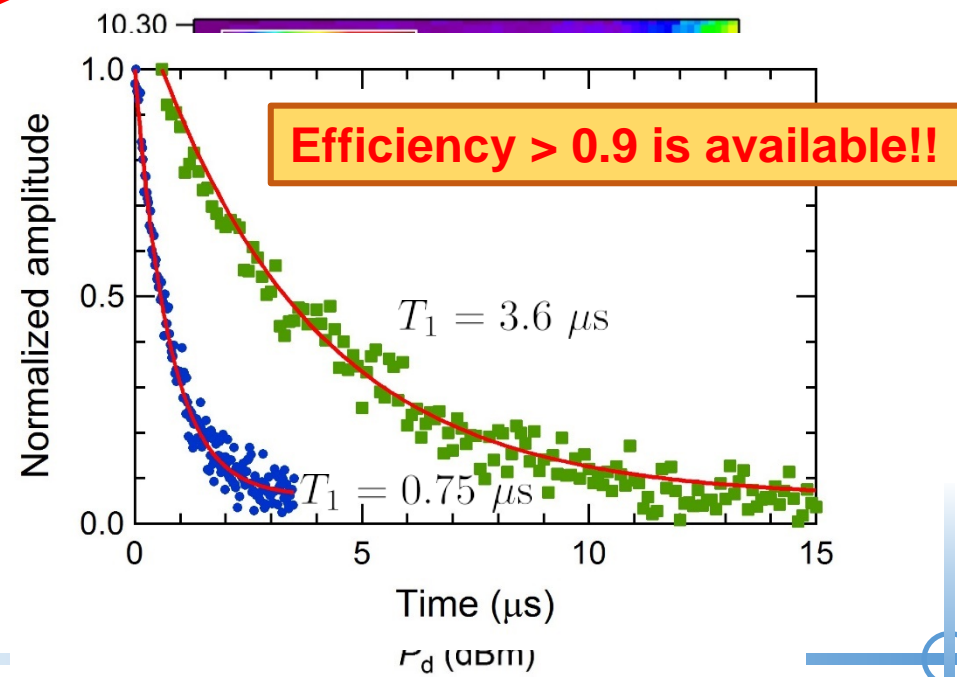
✓ Efficiency of photon detection

$$\eta \sim \frac{P(|1\rangle)}{1 - P(0)} \quad P(|1\rangle): \text{probability for "click"}$$

Itinerant photon detection using Z-matched Λ system

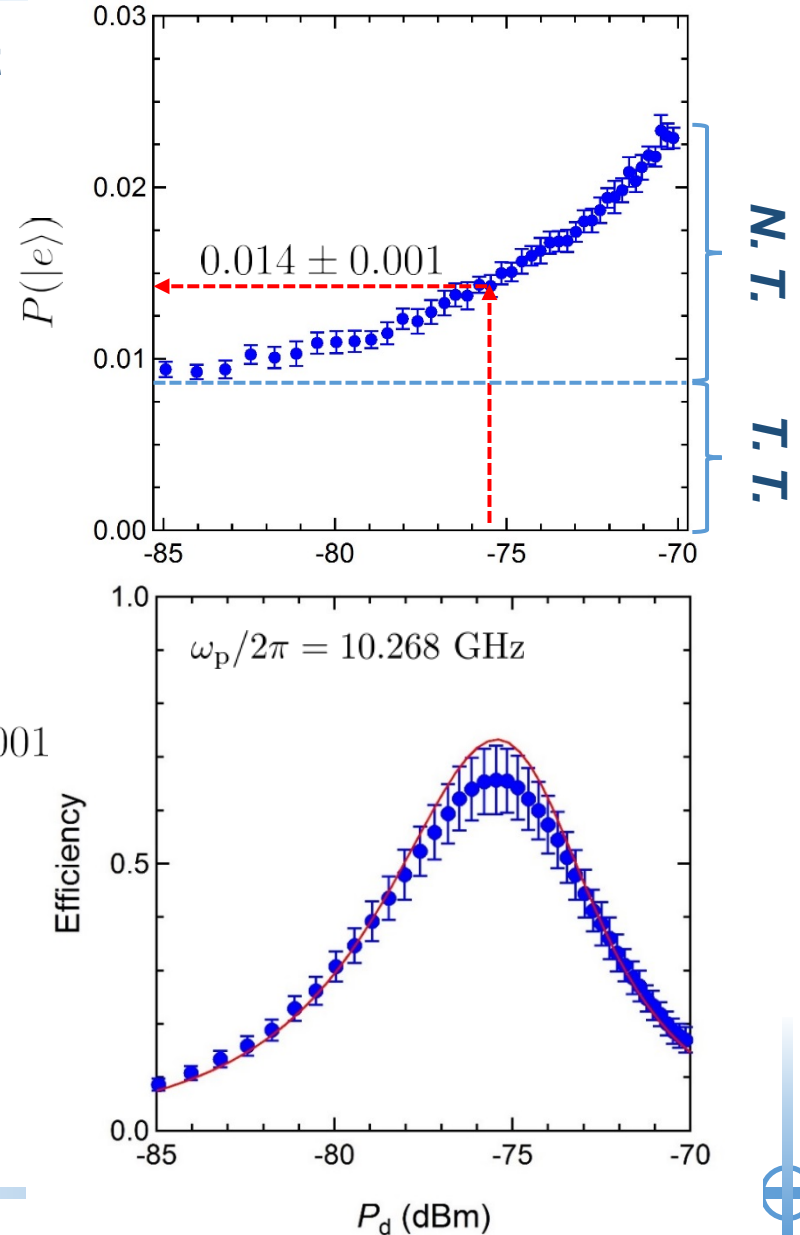
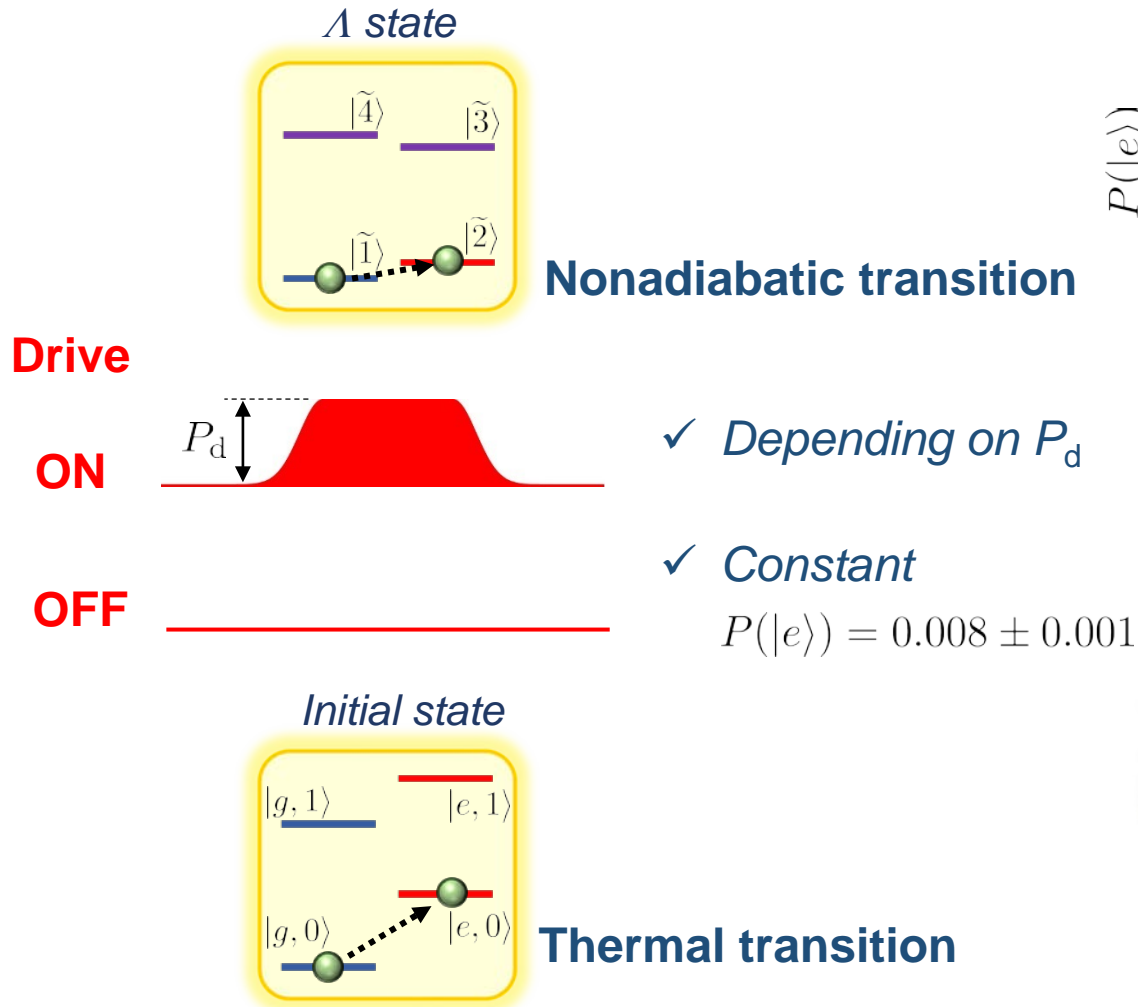


Maximum Efficiency: 0.66 ± 0.06

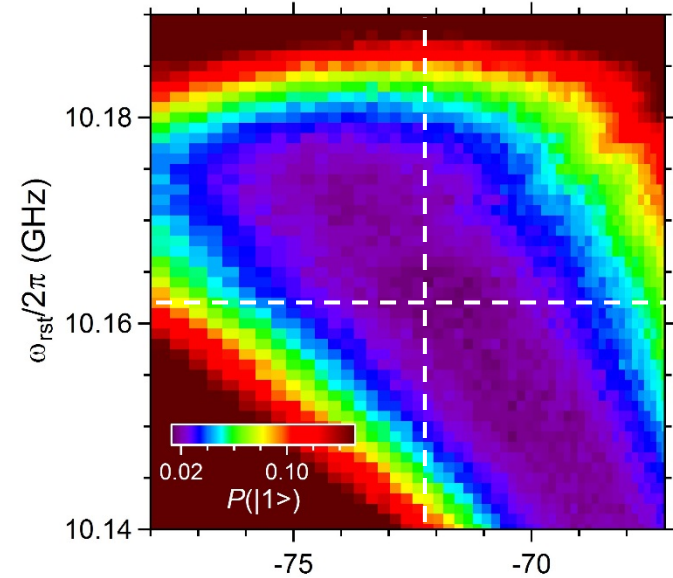
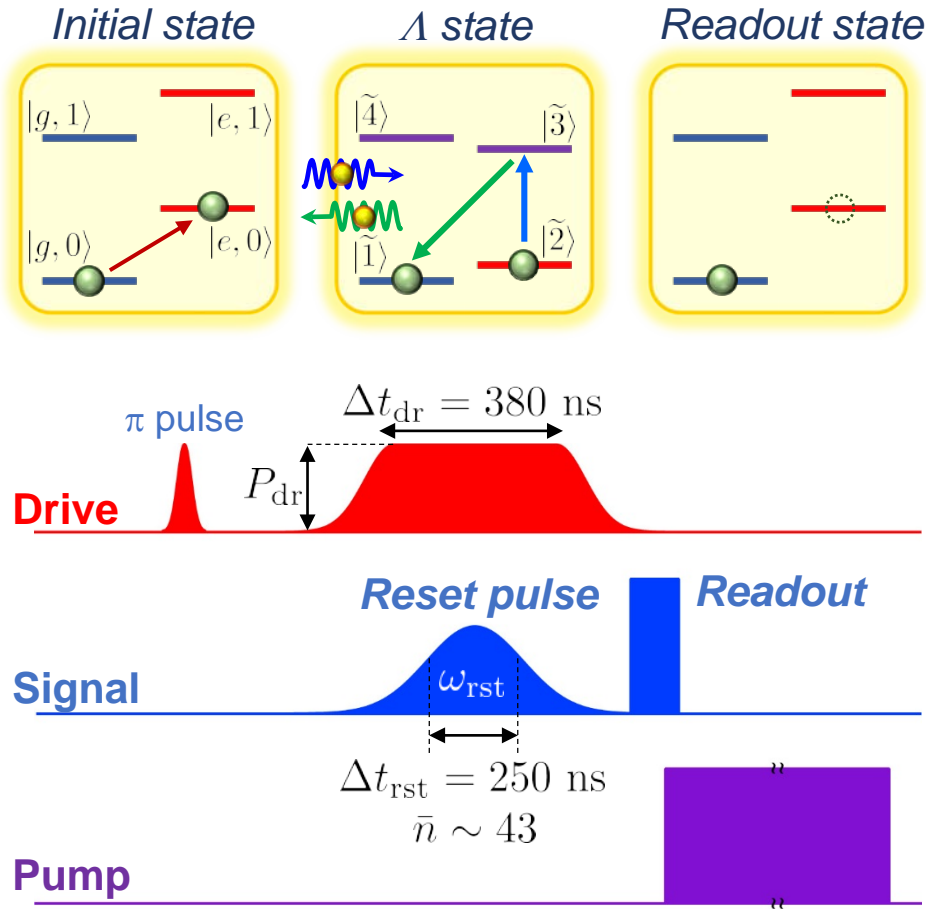


Dark count probability

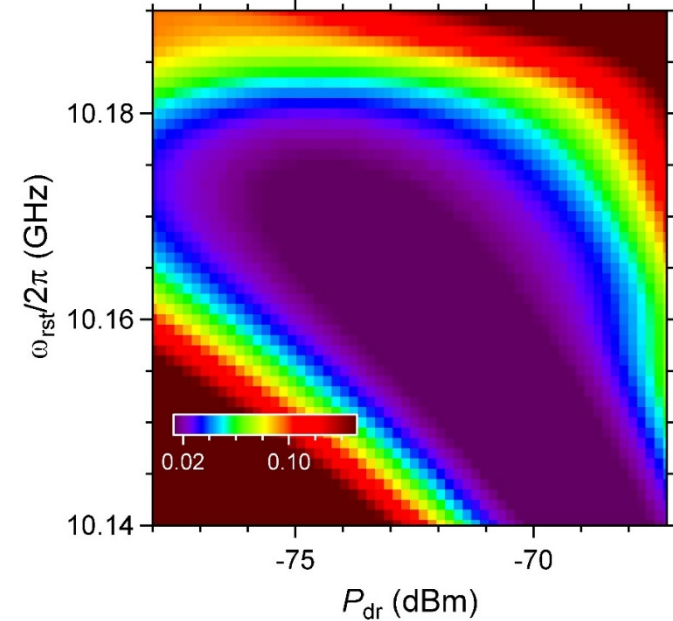
■ Nonadiabatic & thermal transition of a qubit



Reset of the system

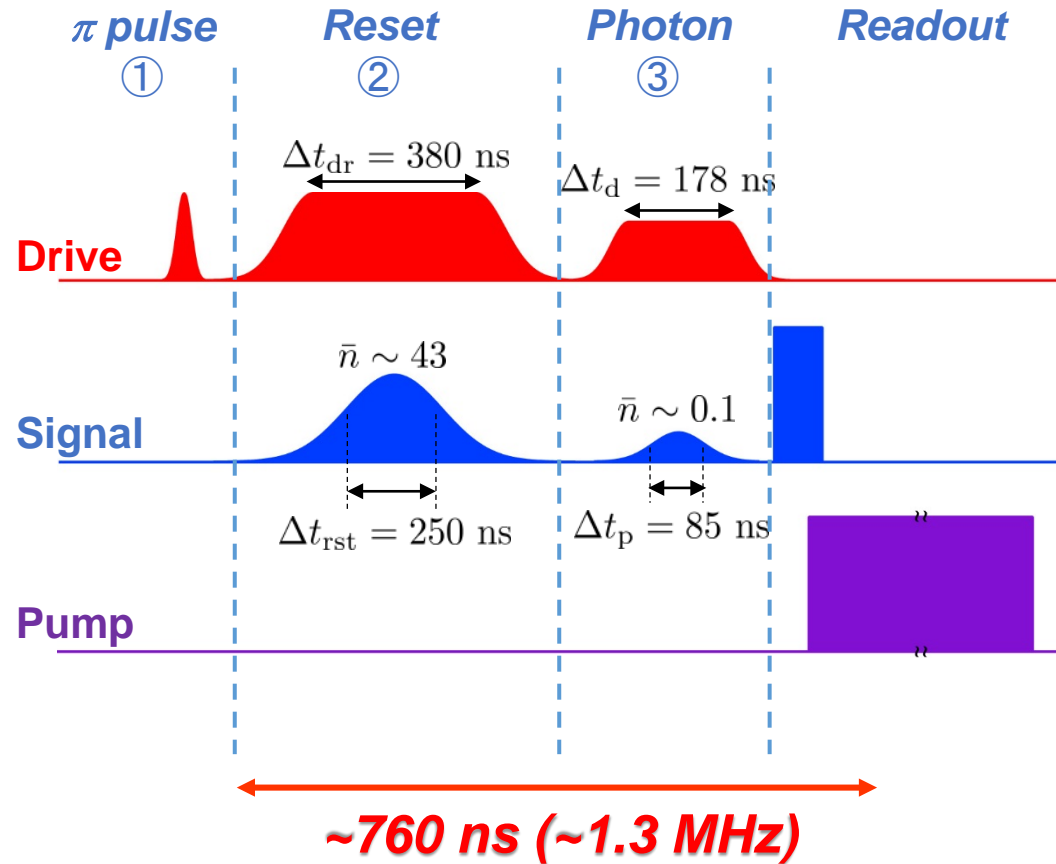


✓ O_p



cf. ν

Photon detection with a reset pulse



Pulse sequence	① + ② + ③	② + ③	③
Efficiency	0.667 ± 0.060	0.666 ± 0.062	0.670 ± 0.059

Summary

- ✓ Demonstration of itinerant-photon detection using an artificial Λ -type atom.
- ✓ Single-photon detection efficiency = 0.66 ± 0.06 .
- ✓ Demonstration of “reset” of the system.
- ✓ Repetition time for the photon detection ~ 1.3 MHz.
- ✓ Dark count probability = 0.014 ± 0.001 .

