

Towards axion searches using superconducting qubits

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Motivation

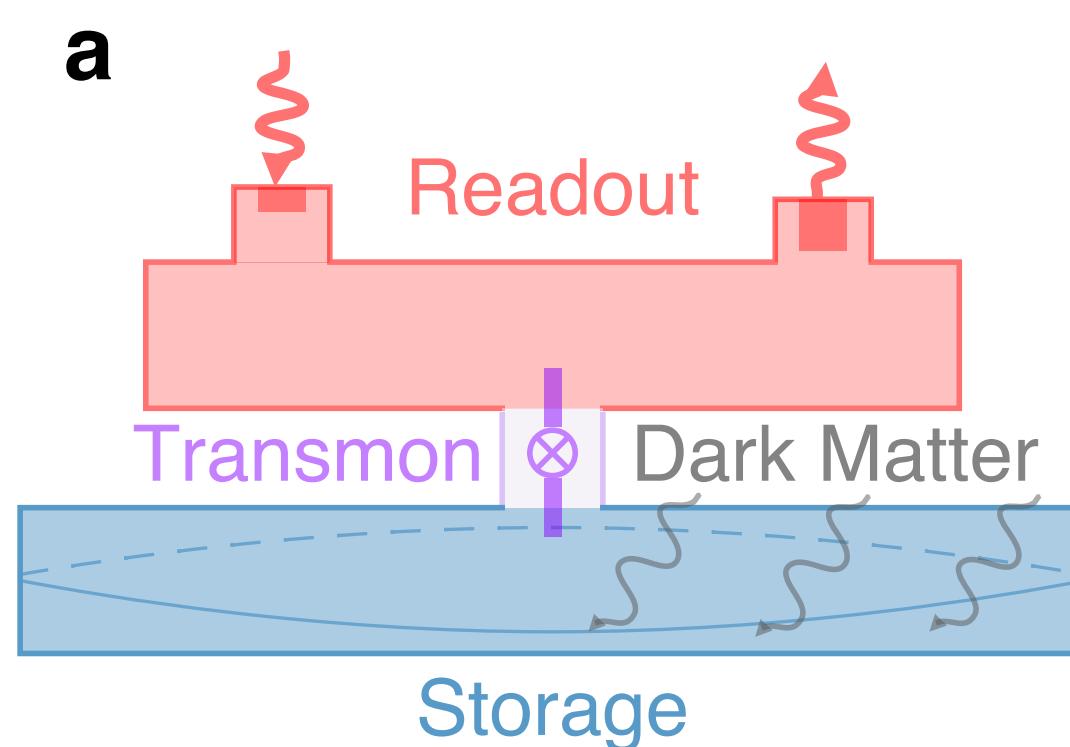
Direct excitation



Moroi et.al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 211001

Check Posters by K. Watanabe & S. Chen

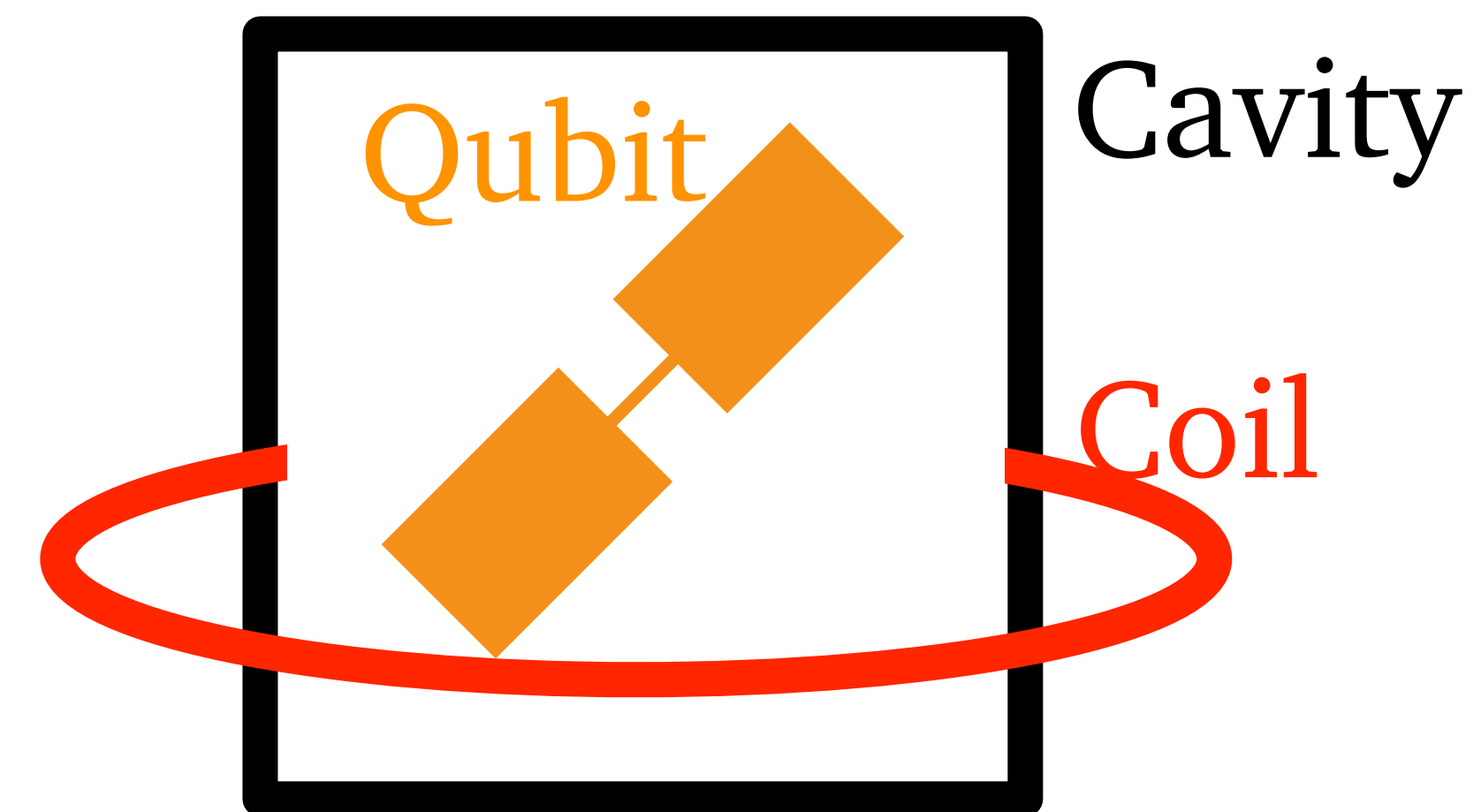
Single photon counting



Aaron et.al.

PRL 126 141302 (2021)

Cavity tuning with qubit



Talk by Kan Nakazono on Wed.

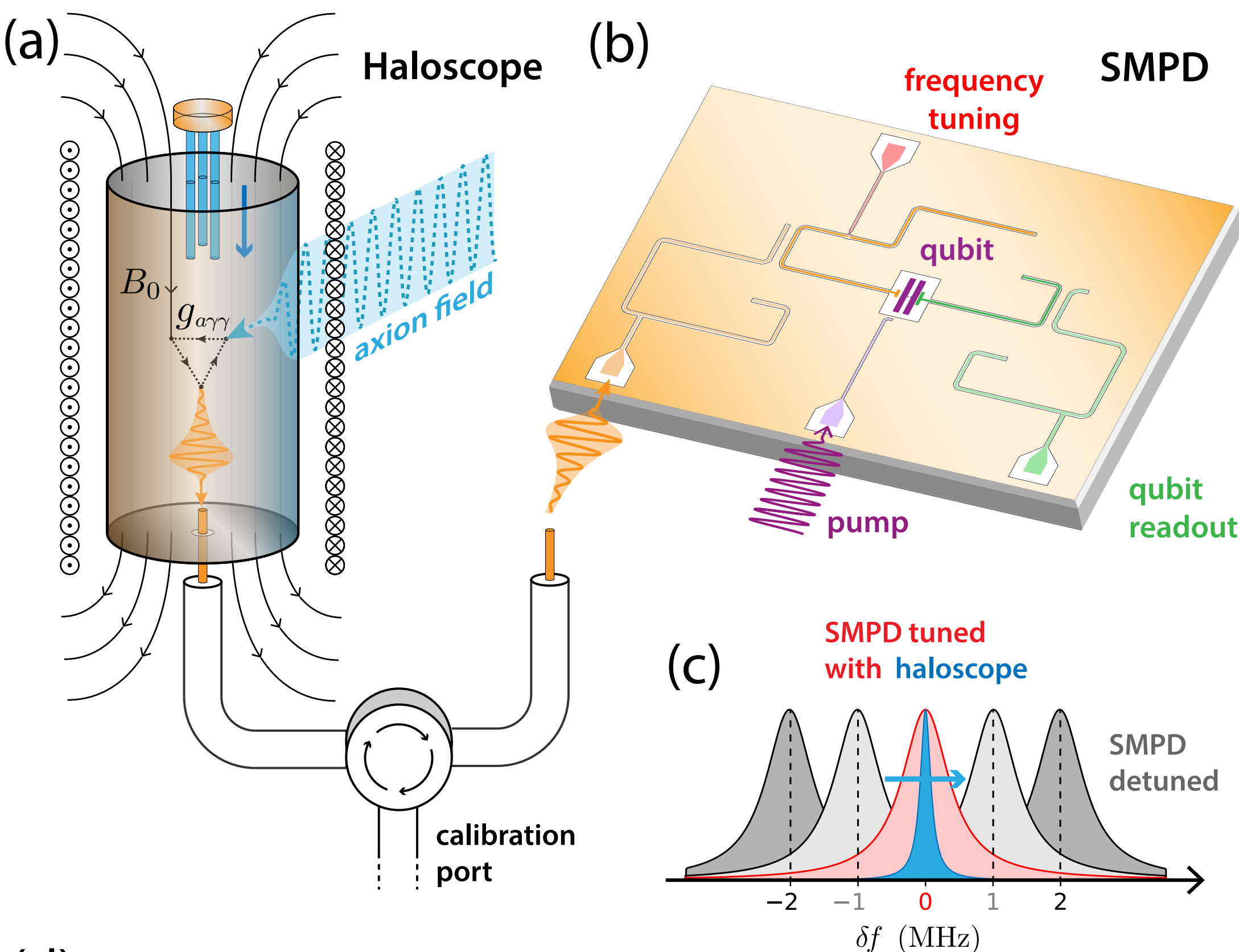
Qubits improves dark photon searches

→ Magnetic field makes these axion searches

Ways to introduce B-field

Photon transfer

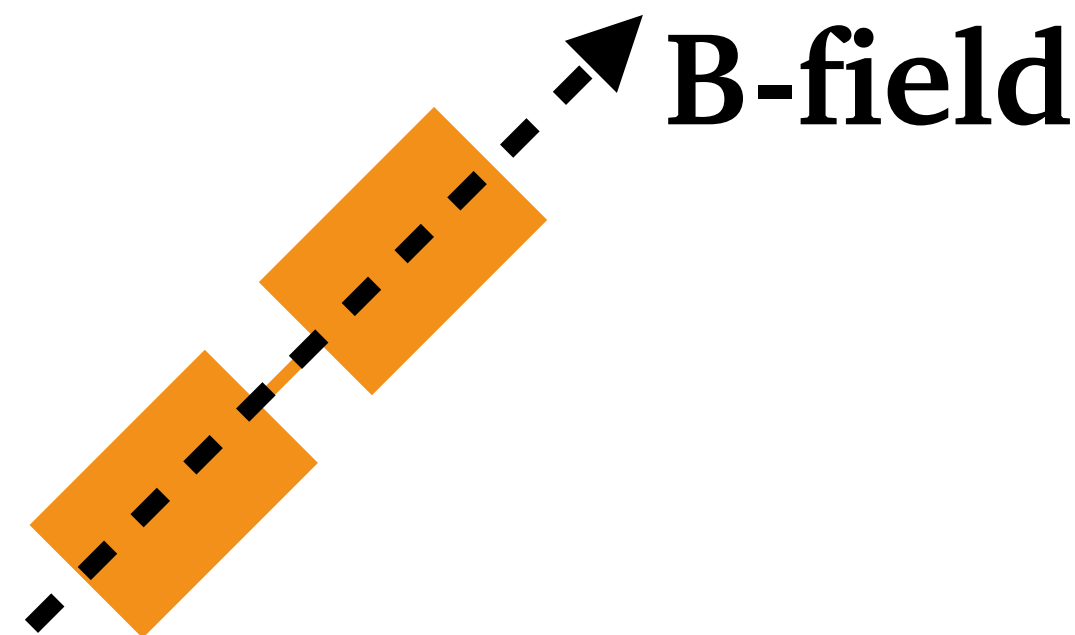
Pros: Easier, Cons: Potentially lossy



This poster

B-field tolerant qubits

Pros: No loss
Cons: More difficult

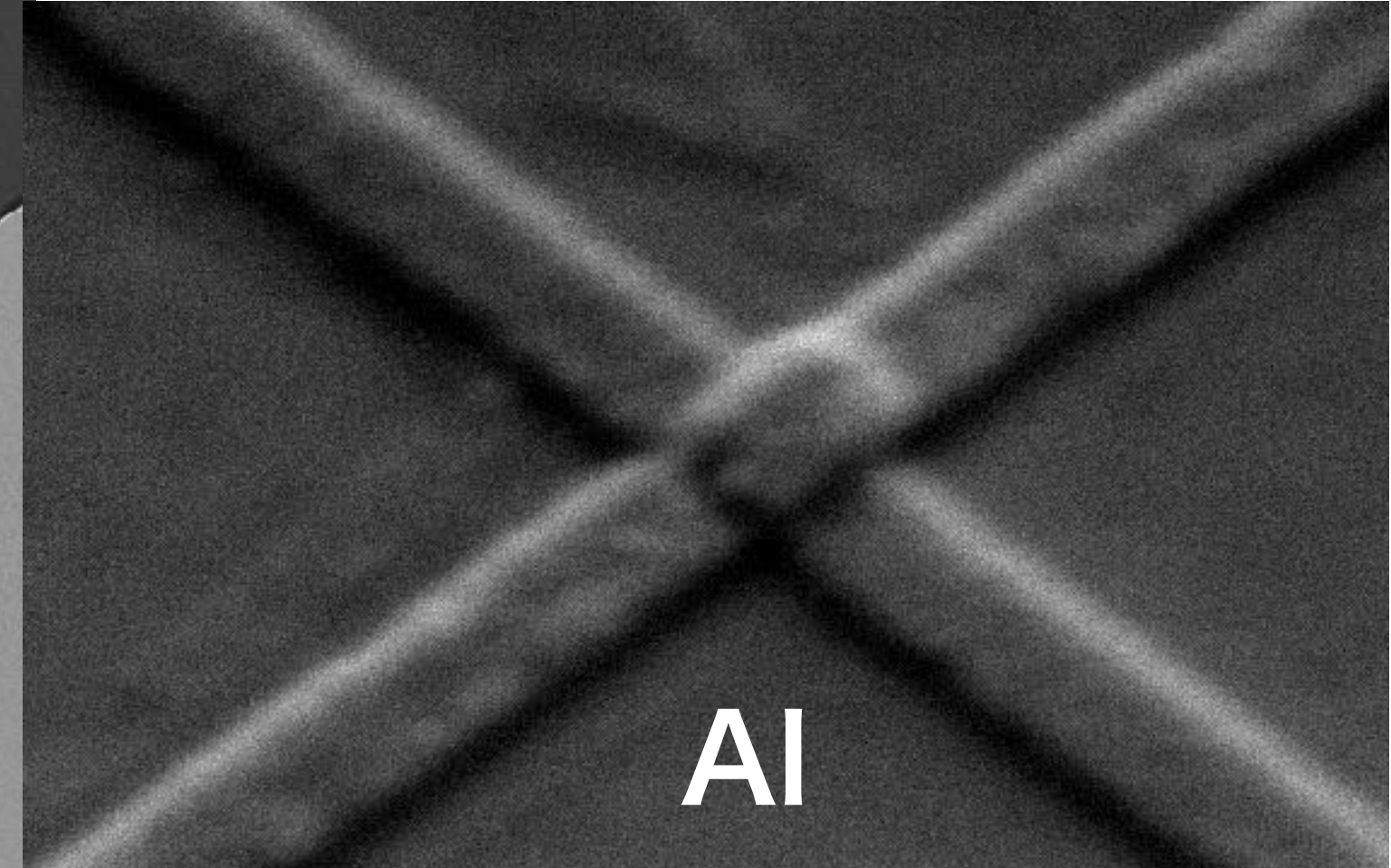
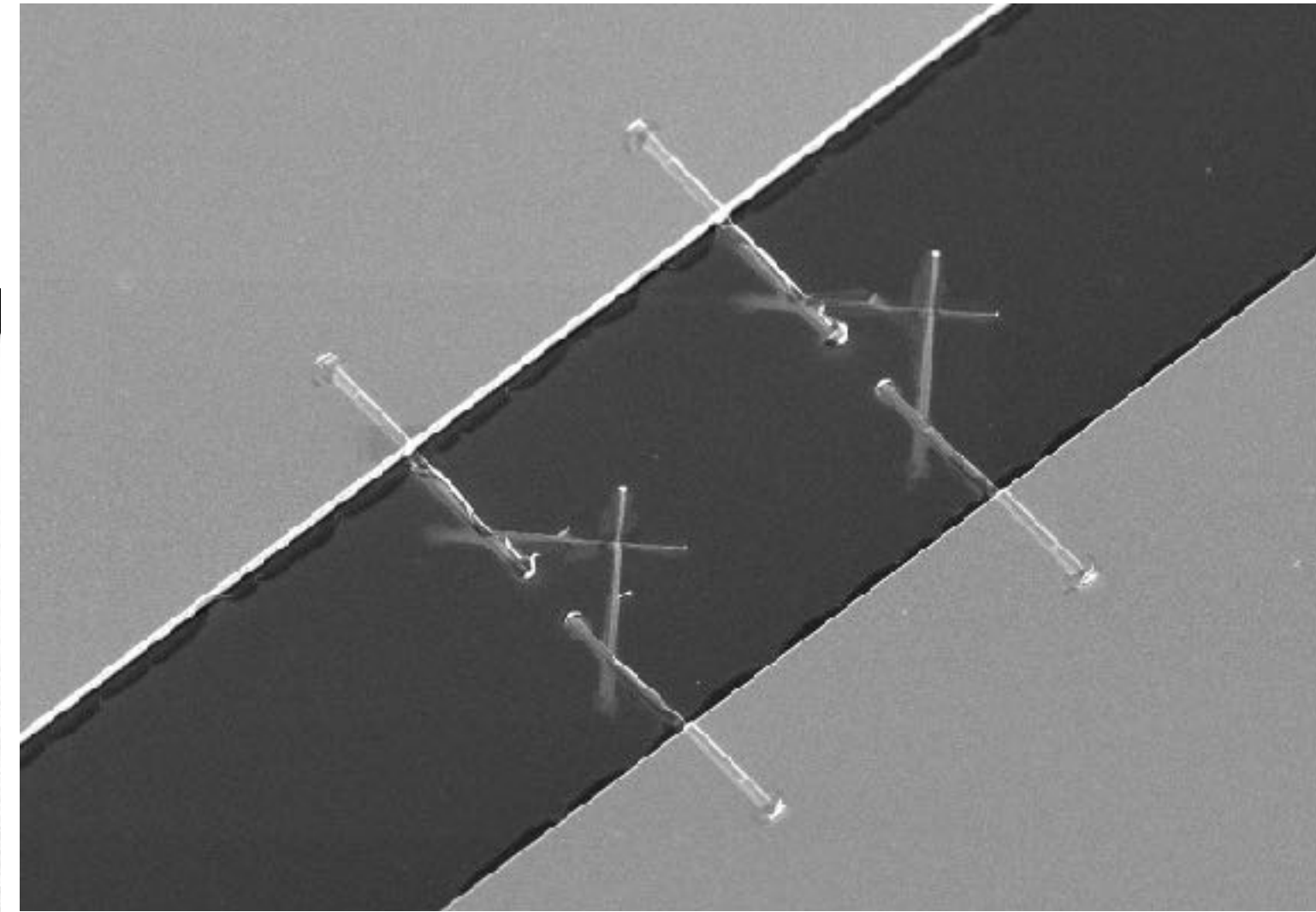
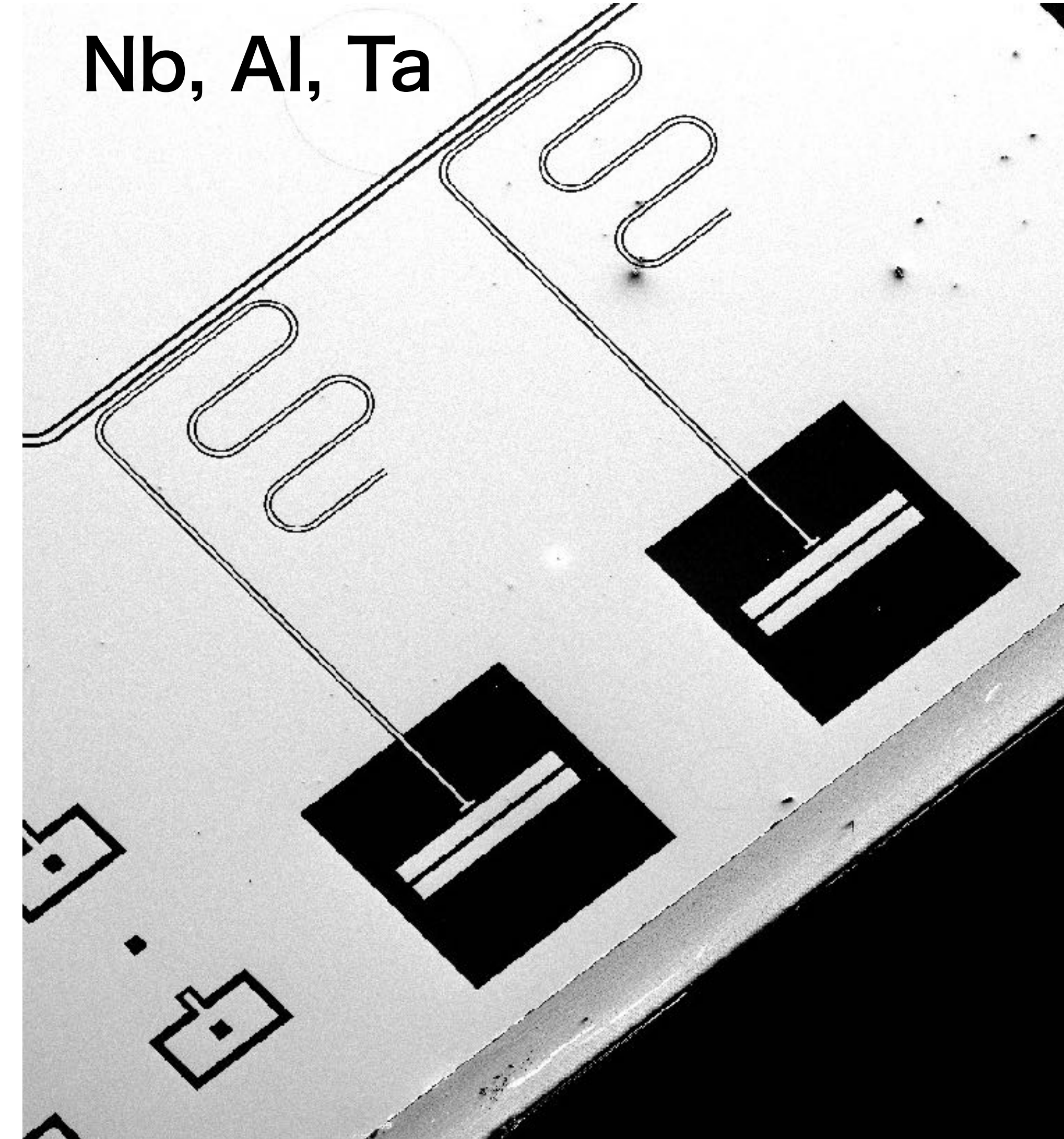


Qubits worked at least 1T

J. Krause et.al., Phys. Rev. Applied
17, 034032 (2022)

Difficulty

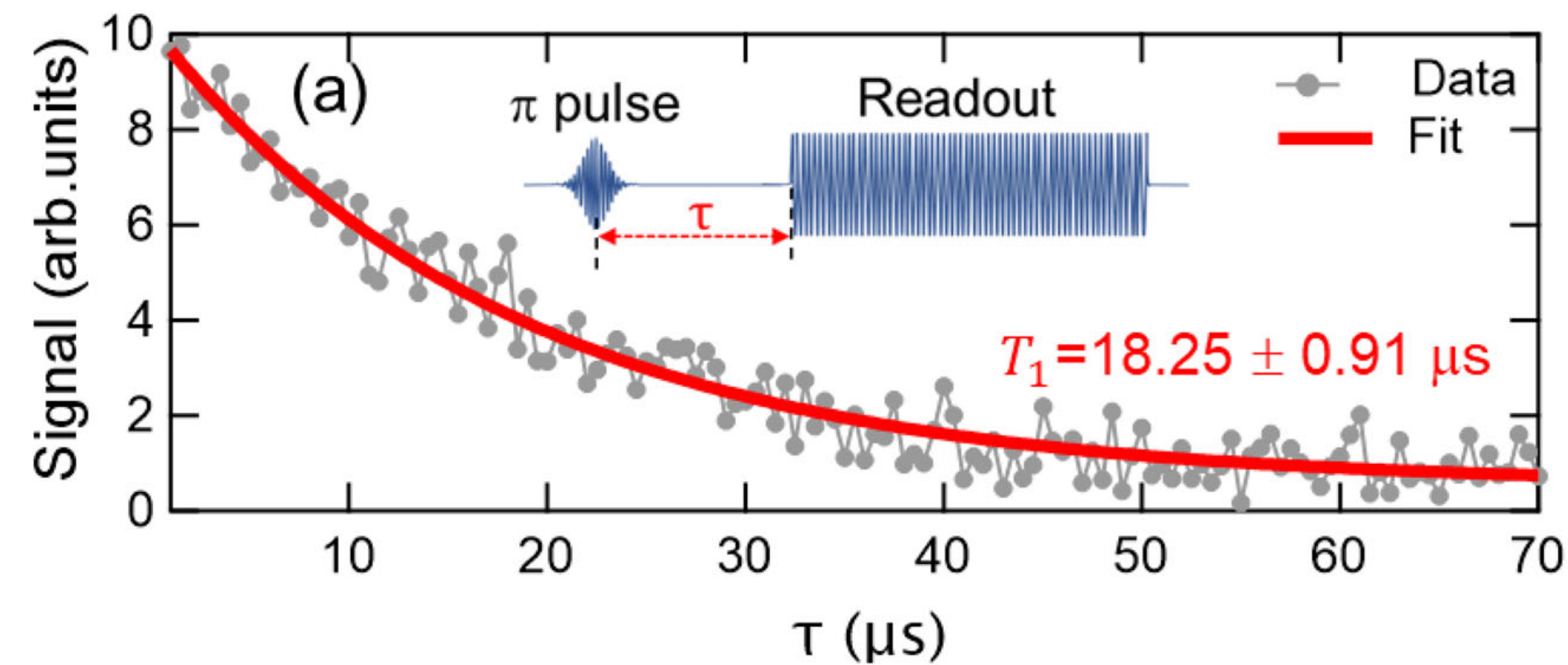
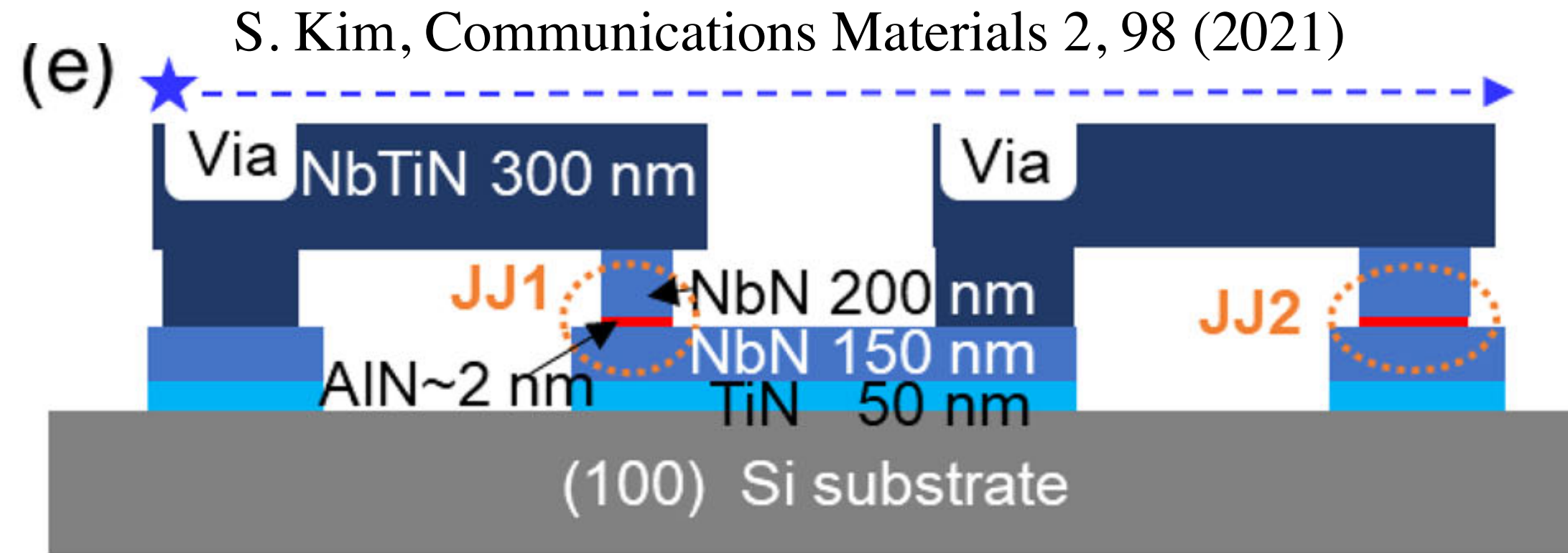
Nb, Al, Ta



Al

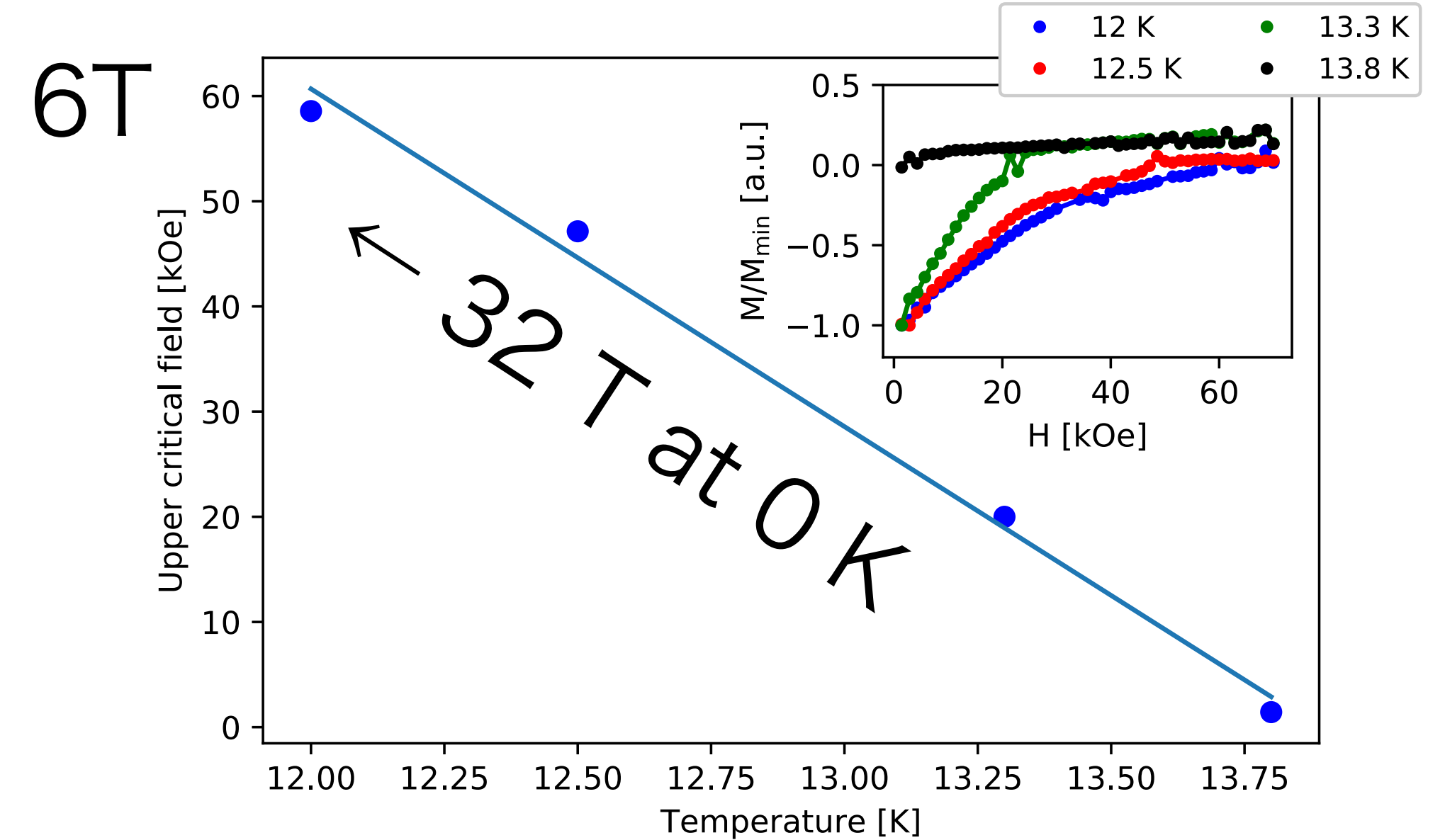
- Critical field
- Suppression of Josephson effect

Solution: All-nitride qubits



T. Polakovic, APL Materials 6 (2018) 076107

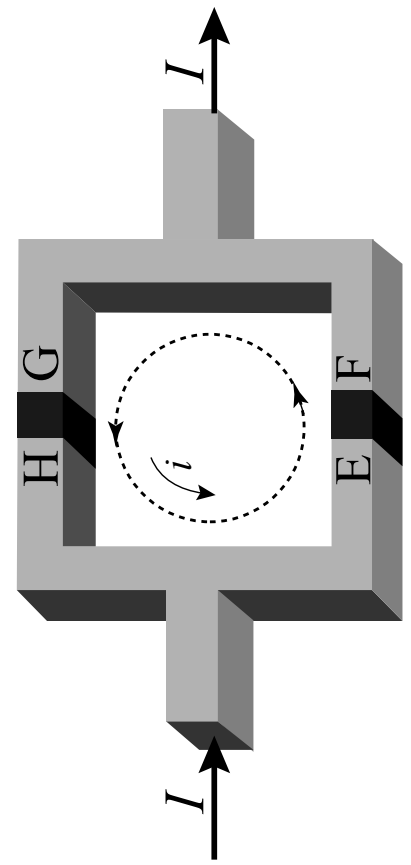
NbN 240 nm film



Nitride has high T_{c2} → **We don't have to care about critical field**

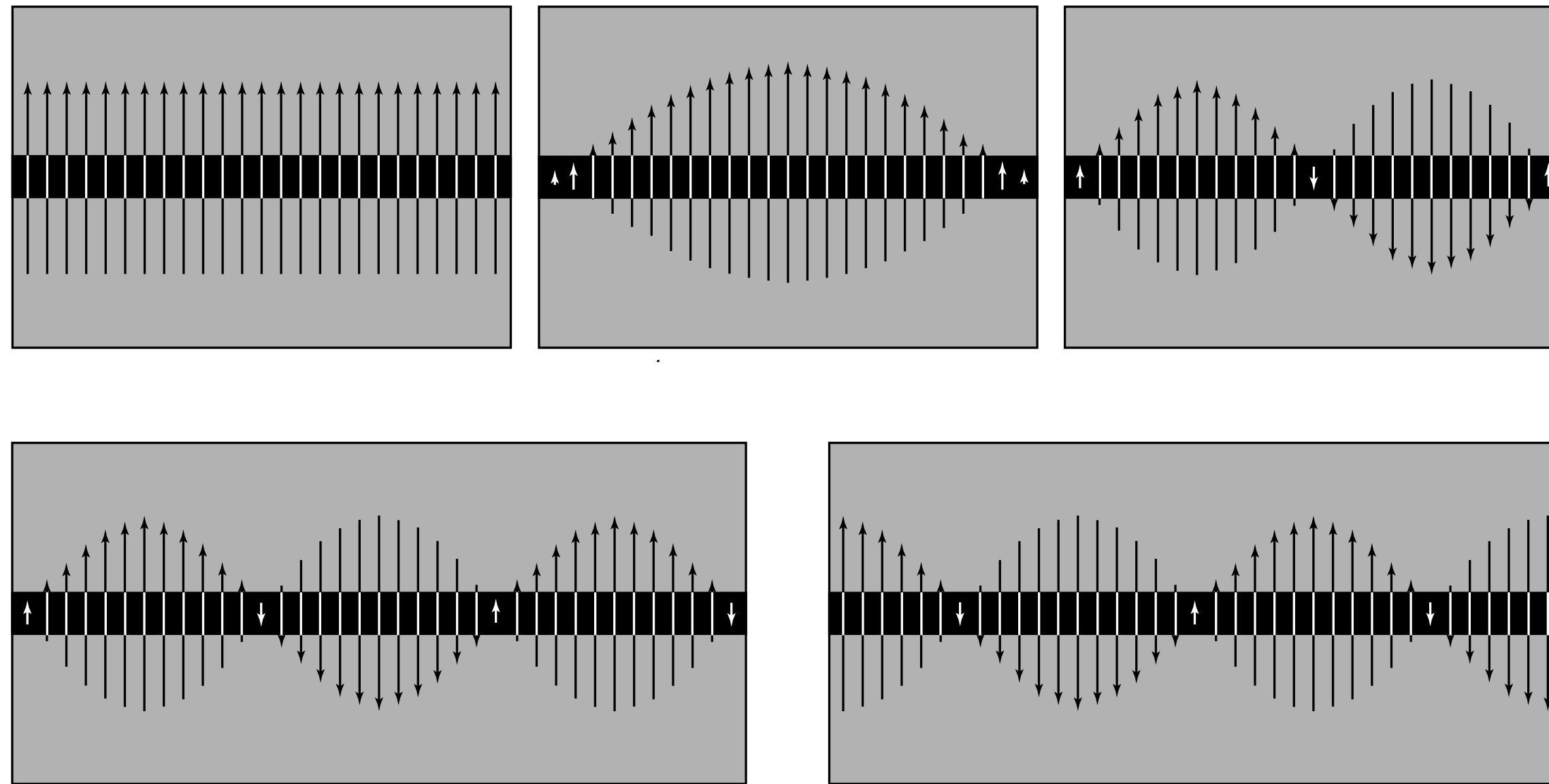
Suppression of Josephson Effect

SQUID

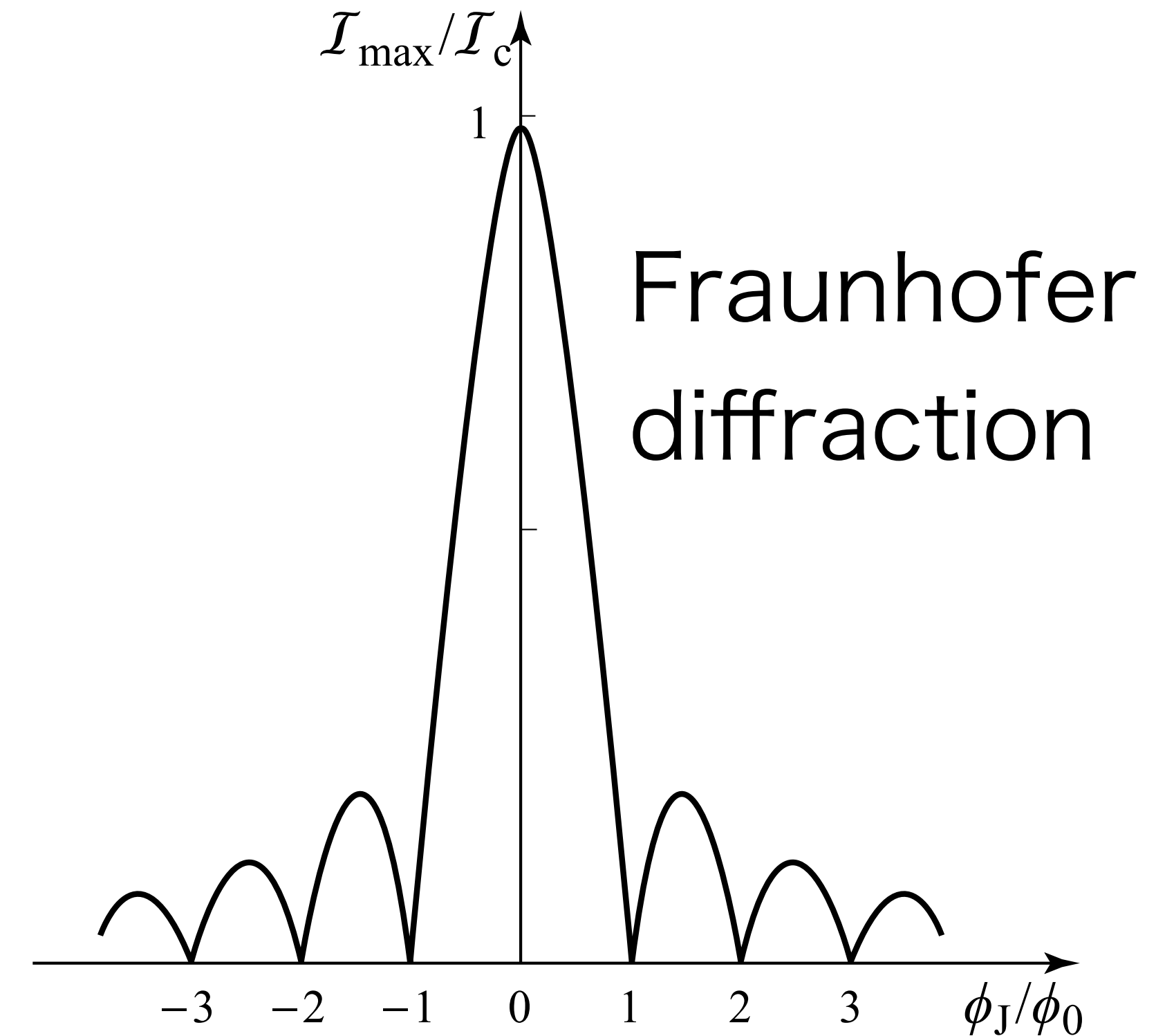


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single JJ under high B-field



From "Superconductivity An introduction" Mangin - Kahn



$$10 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ flux quantum} / (14 \text{ nm})^2$$

→ **Have to keep the cross-section to the magnetic field small**

Our plan

Spin Liquid Application

Dark Matter Application

1 T

3 T

10 T

Difficulty
Solution

Critical field

Critical field

Diffraction

Critical field

Diffraction

Thinner
Al + Nb

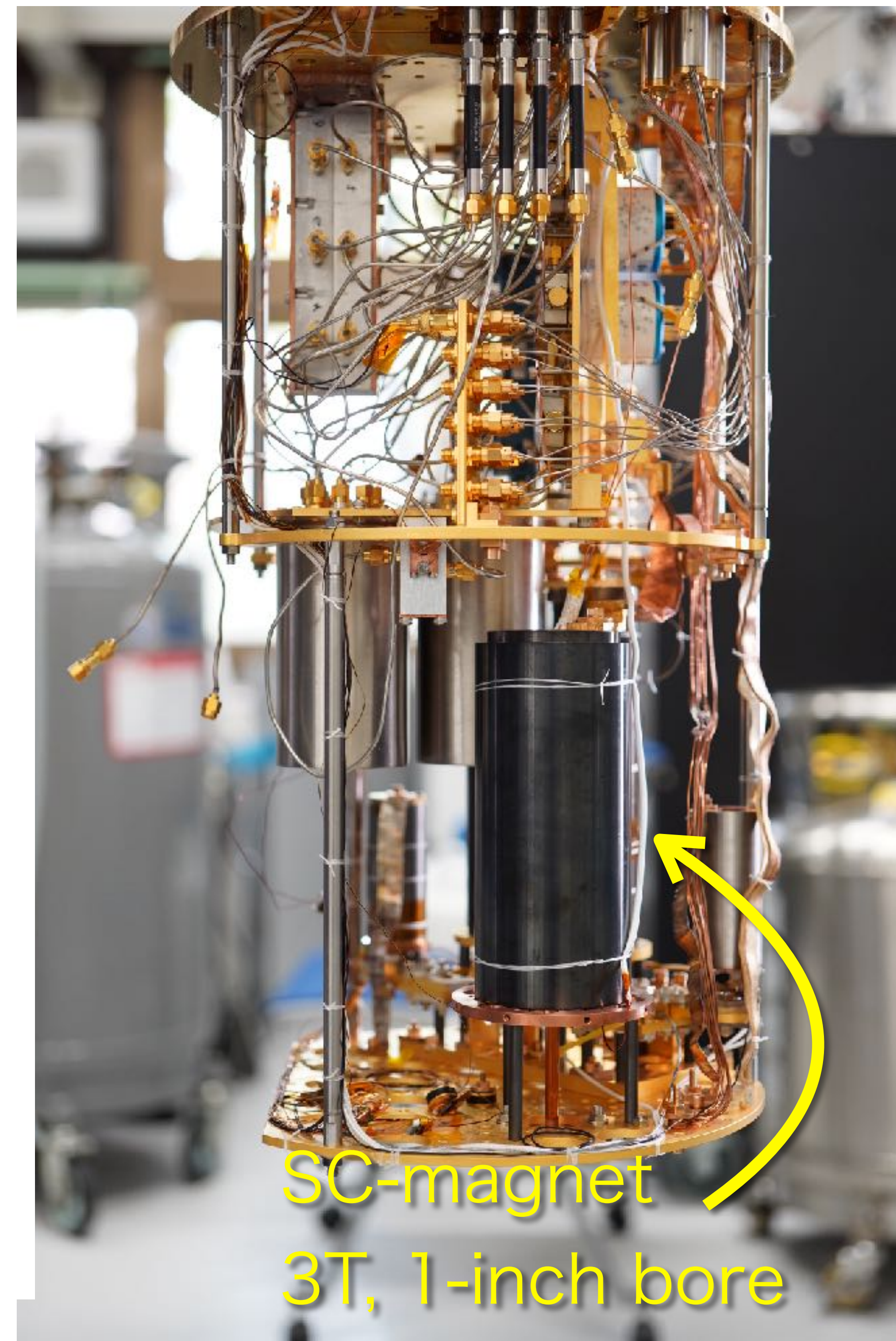
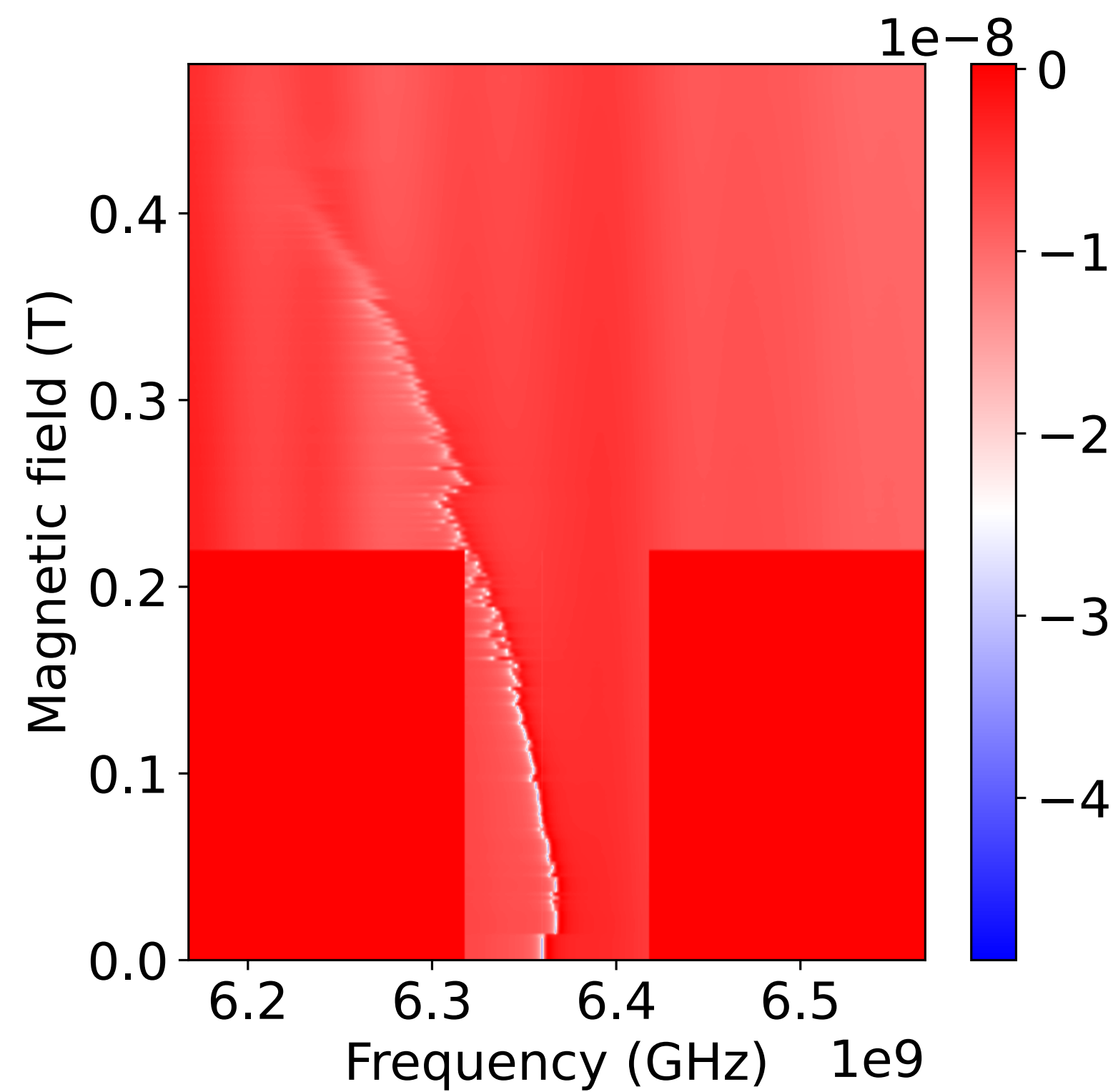
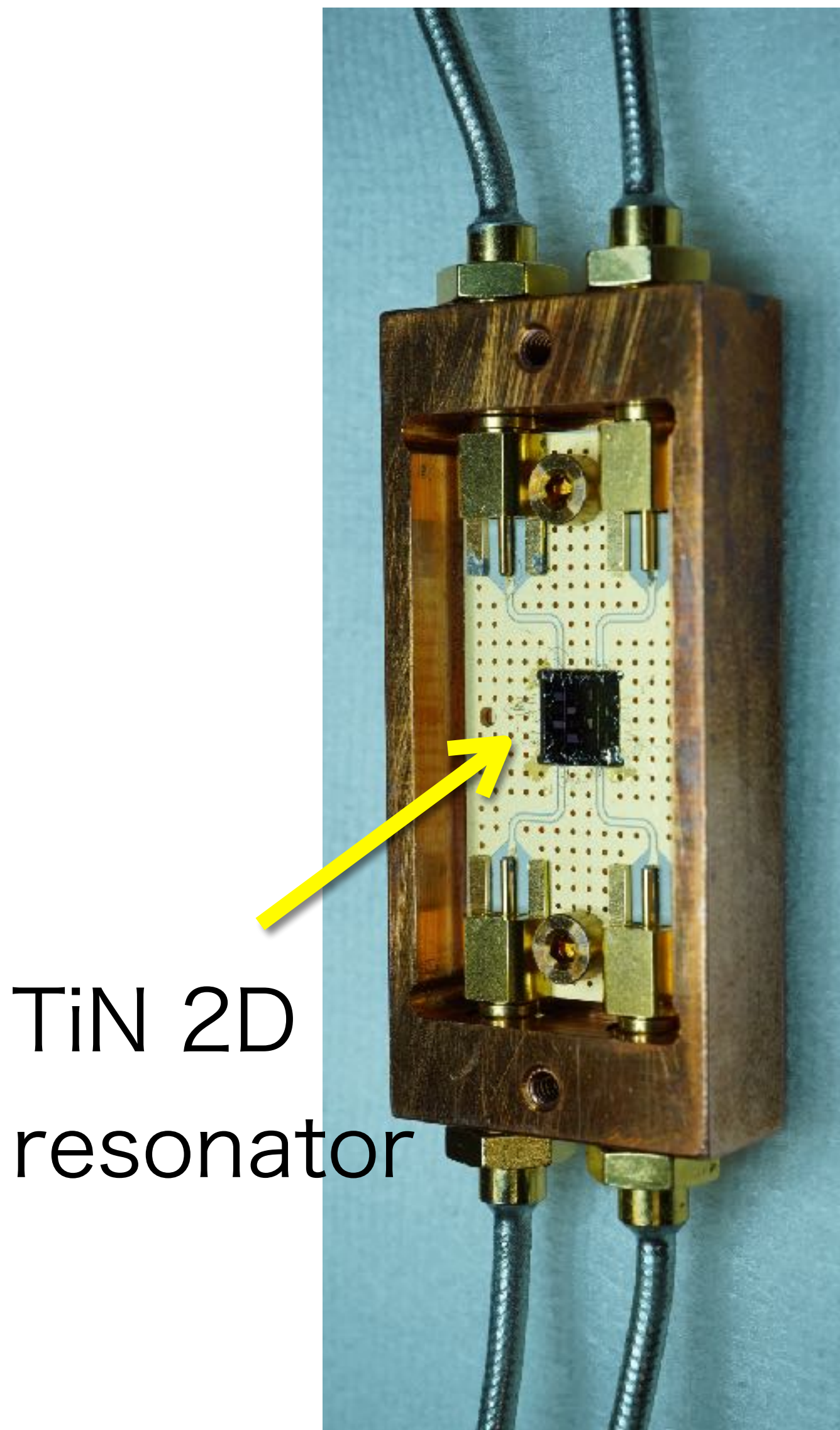
All-nitride
Partially-nitride
Thin

All-nitride
Thin & Small JJ



		1 T		3 T		10 T	
Difficulty	Critical field	Critical field	Diffraction	Critical field	Diffraction		
Solution	Thinner Al + Nb	All-nitride Partially-nitride Thin		All-nitride Thin & Small JJ			

Current Status



Summary

- Qubits working under 10 T → Dark matter or QSL study
- Nitride has high H_c
- Collaborating with NICT scientists (All nitride qubits)
and FNAL scientists (Better shapes of JJ, magnets, etc)