

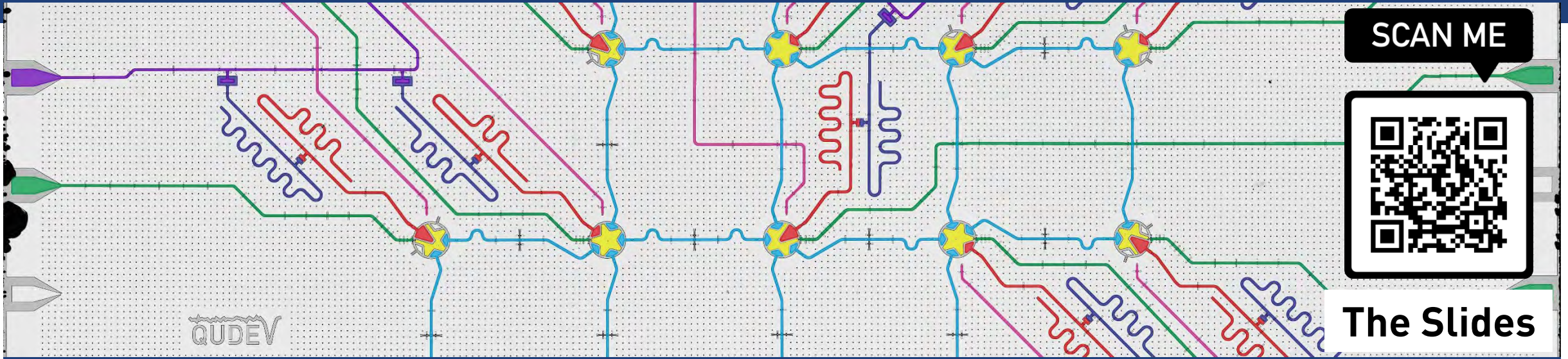
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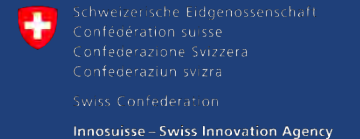
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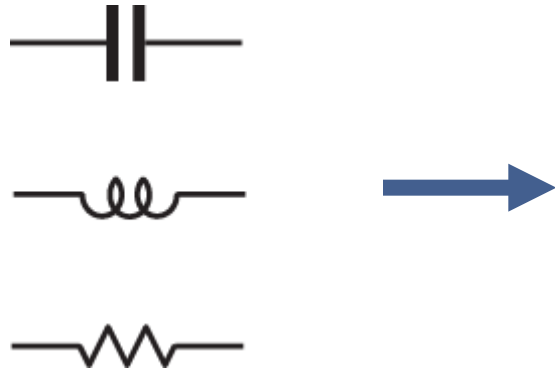
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# Quantum Electronic Circuits

basic circuit elements:



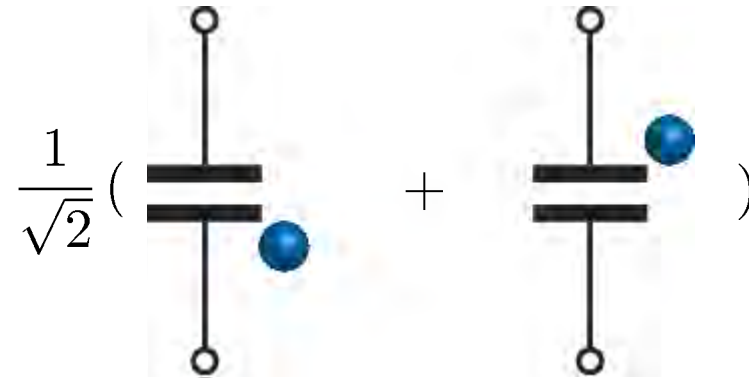
quantum superposition states of:

- charge  $Q$
- flux  $\phi$

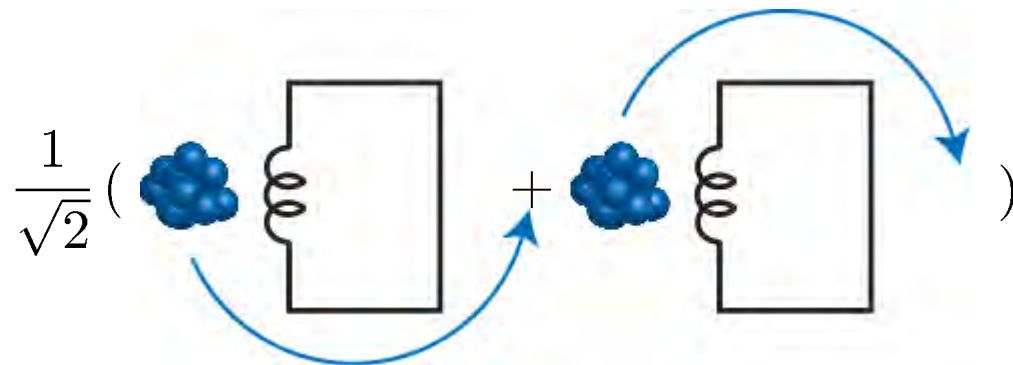
$Q, \phi$  are conjugate variables

uncertainty relation  $\Delta\phi\Delta Q > h$

charge on a capacitor:

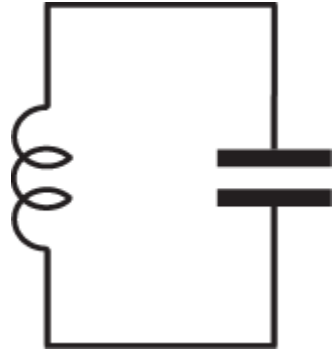


current or magnetic flux in an inductor:



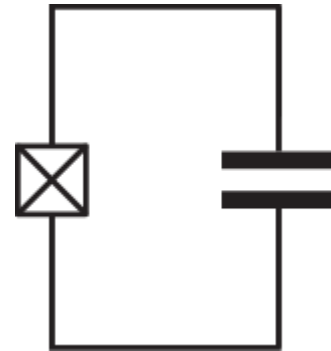
# Linear and Nonlinear Superconducting Electronic Oscillators

LC resonator:

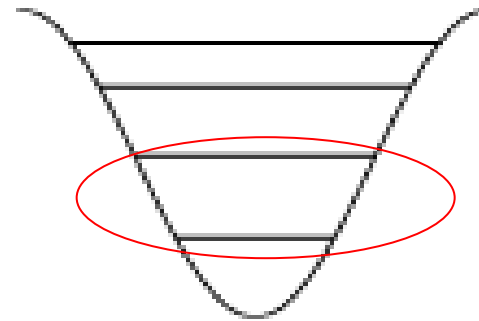
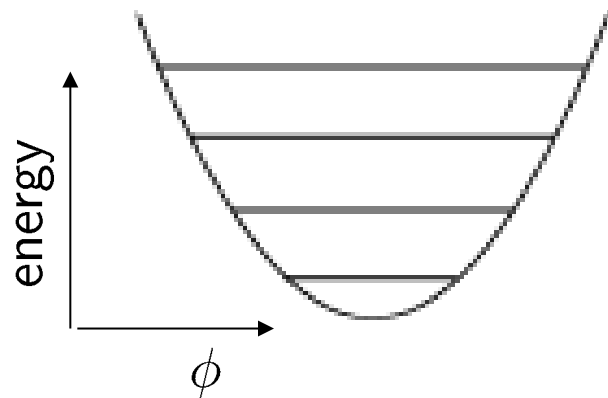


Josephson junction resonator:

Josephson junction = nonlinear inductor

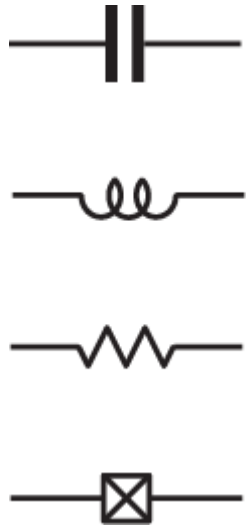


anharmonicity defines effective two-level system



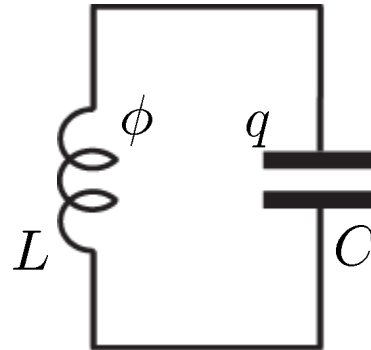
# Superconducting Circuits as Components for a Quantum Computer

constructing quantum electronic circuits from basic circuit elements:



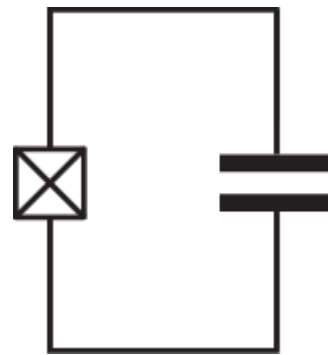
Josephson junction:  
a non-dissipative  
nonlinear element  
(inductor)

harmonic LC oscillator:



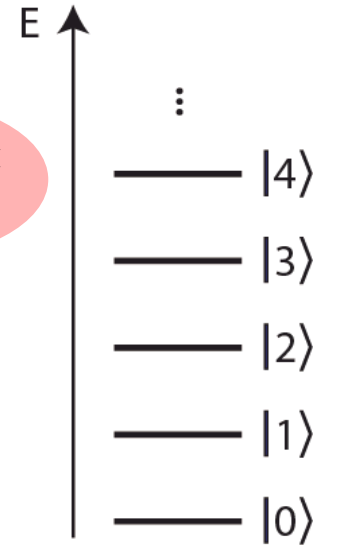
$$H = \hbar\omega(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} + \frac{1}{2})$$

anharmonic oscillator:

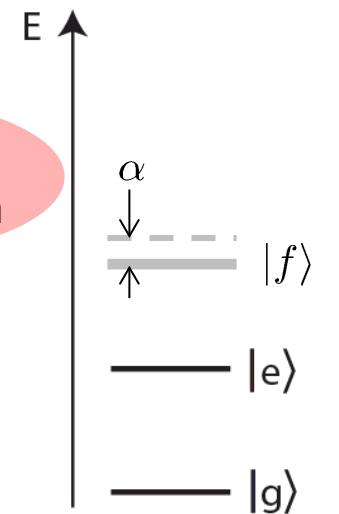


$$H \approx \hbar(\omega_{ge}\hat{b}^\dagger\hat{b} - \frac{\alpha}{2}\hat{b}^{\dagger 2}\hat{b}^2)$$

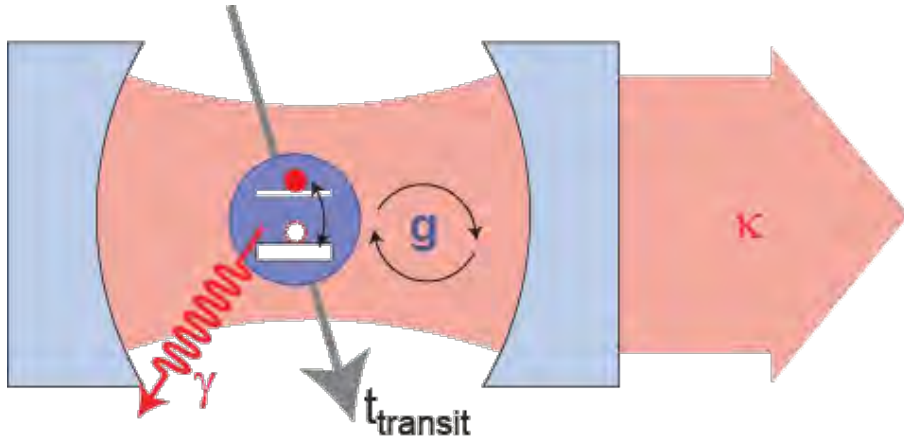
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electronic  
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# Cavity Quantum Electrodynamics (QED) with Superconducting Circuits



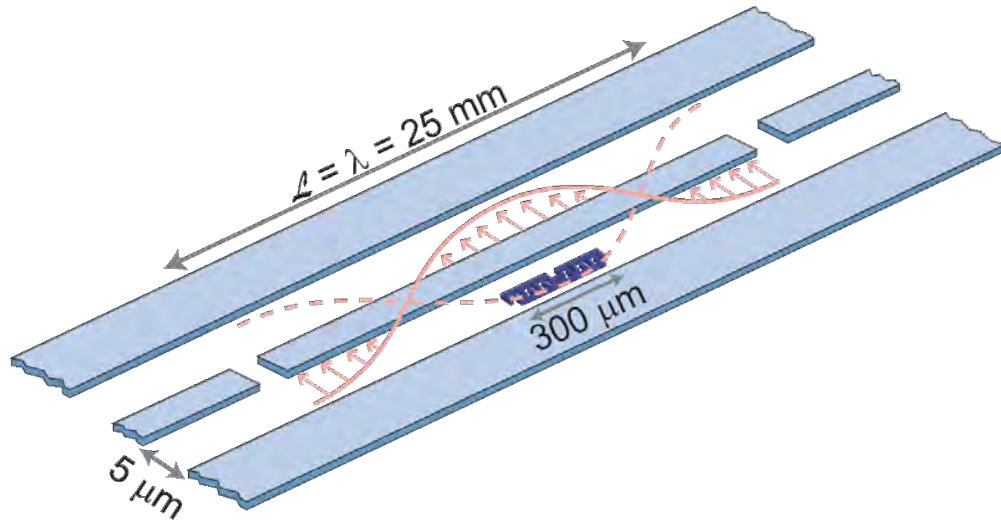
Controllable coherent interaction  
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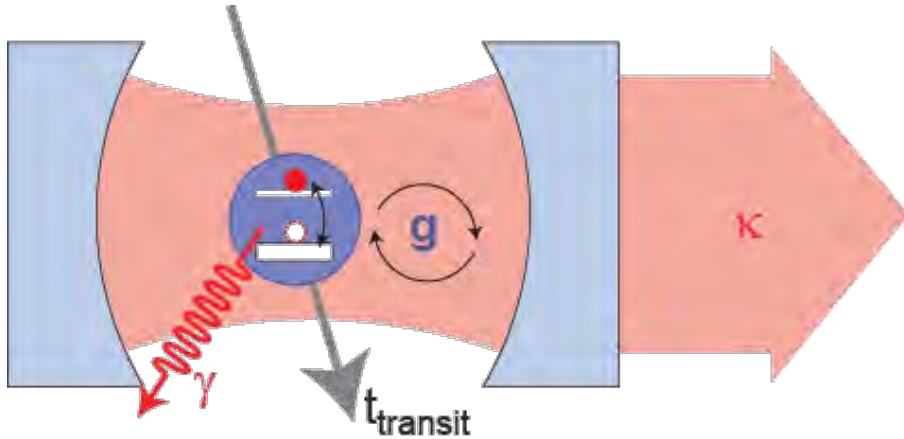
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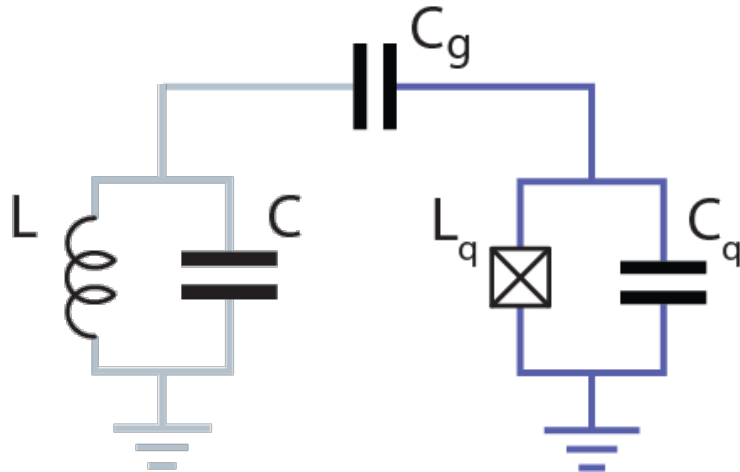
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With superconducting circuits:



How is circuit QED useful for quantum information processing?

- Isolating qubits from their electromagnetic environment
- Maintaining addressability of qubits
- Reading out the state of qubits
- Coupling qubits to each other
- Converting stationary qubits to flying qubits

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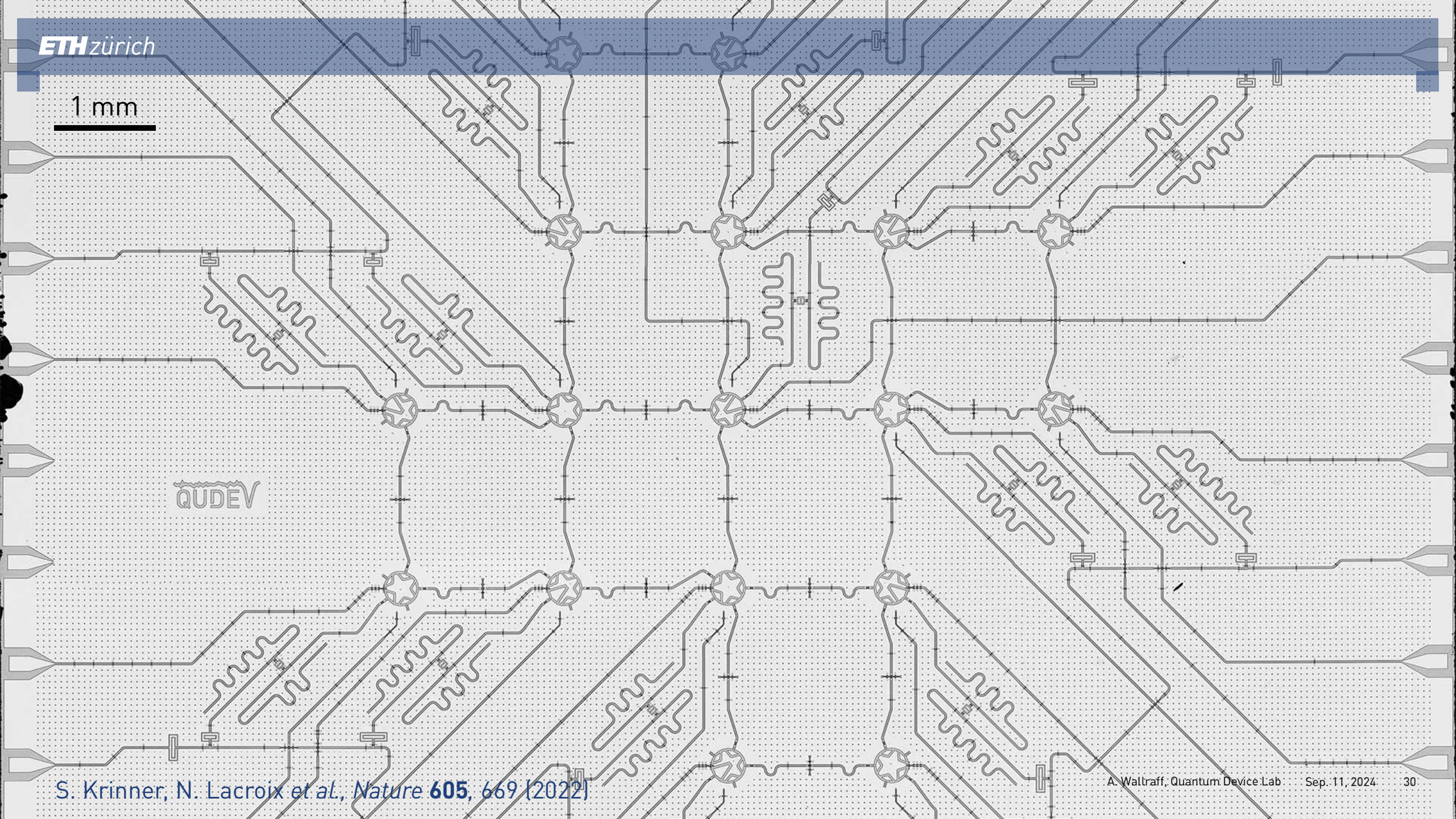
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**17 Qubits, with 24 Coplanar Waveguide Resonators for Two-Qubit Coupling  
and 17 Resonator-Purcell-Filter Pairs for Qubit Readout.**

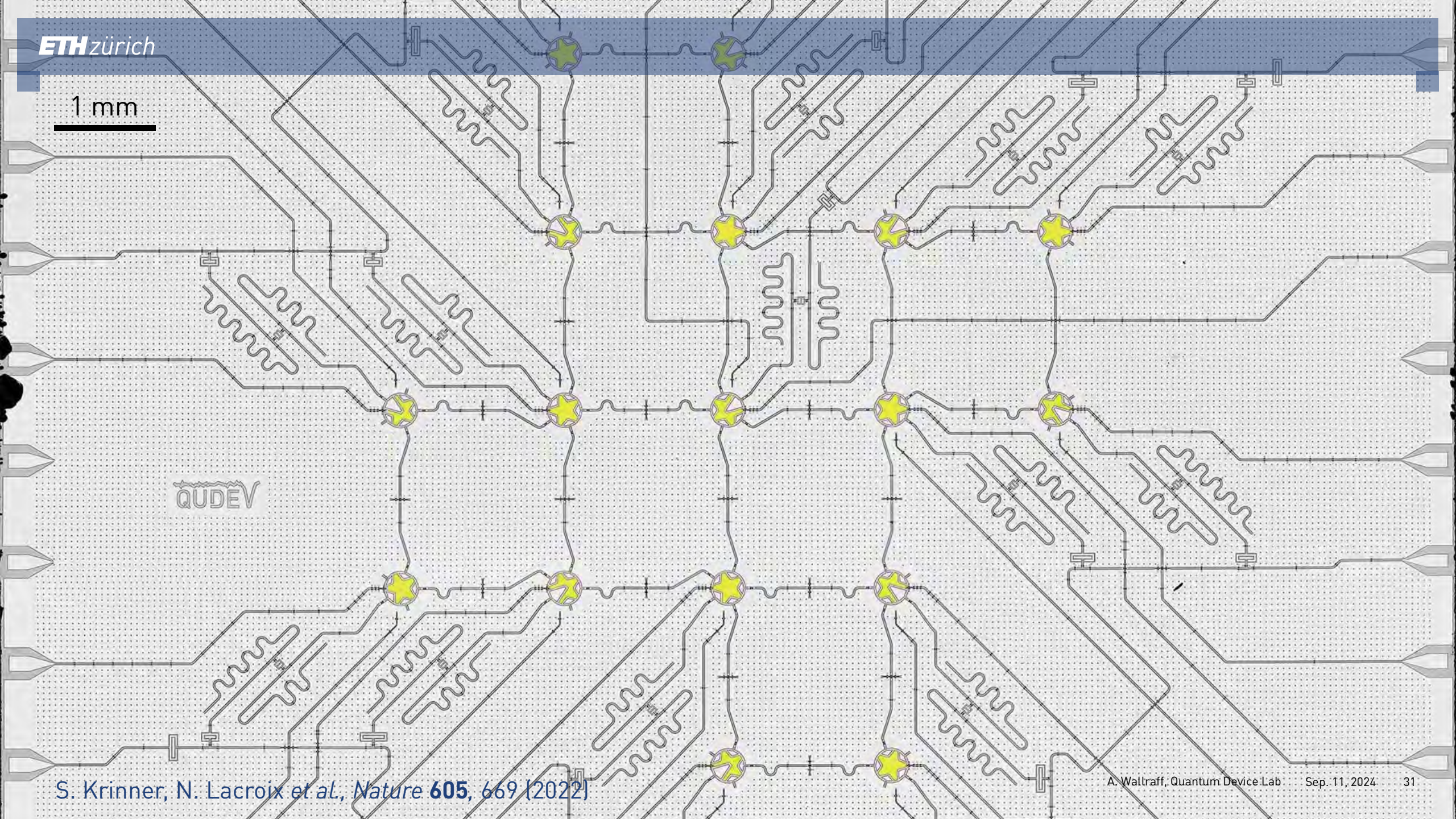
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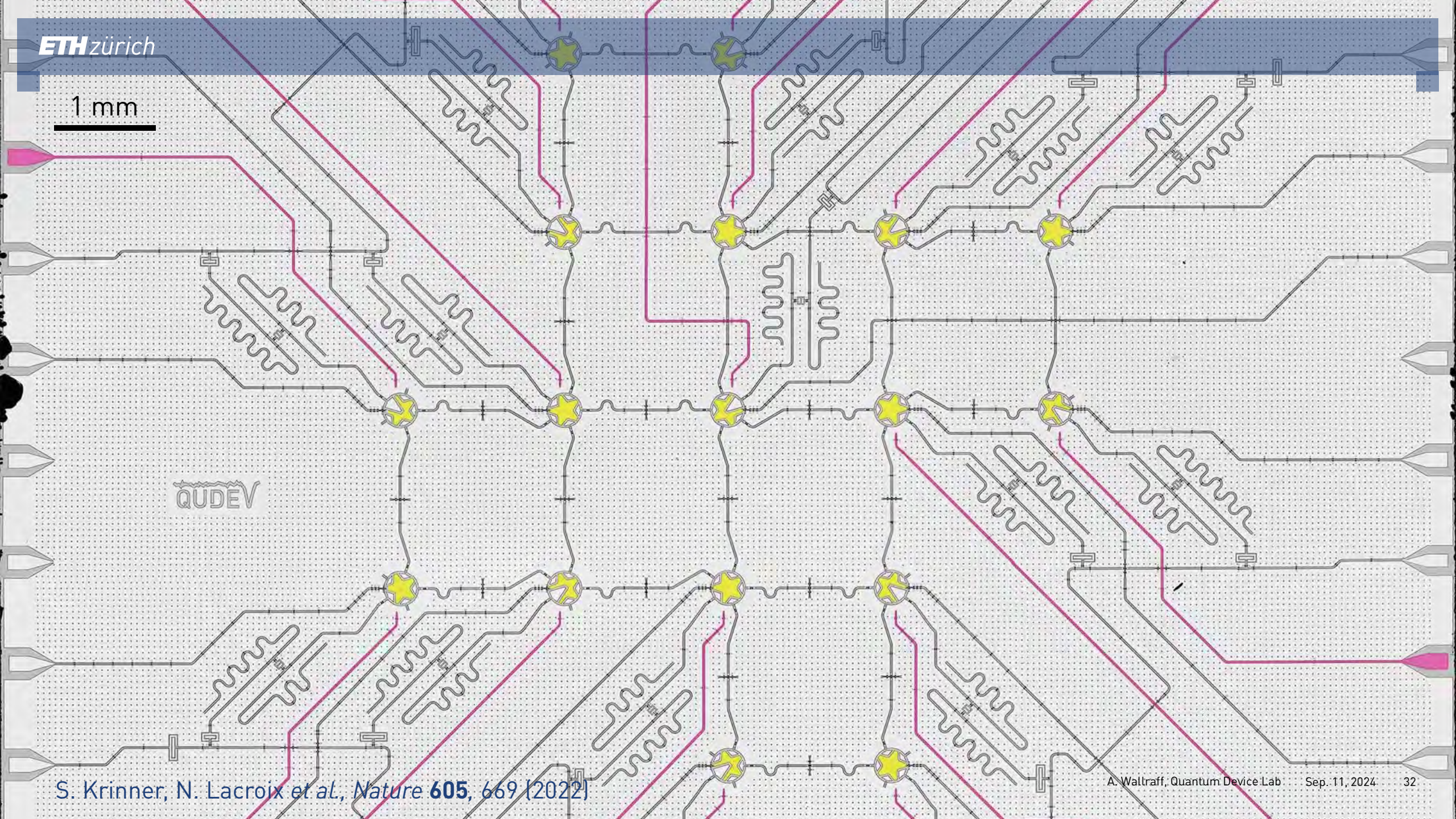
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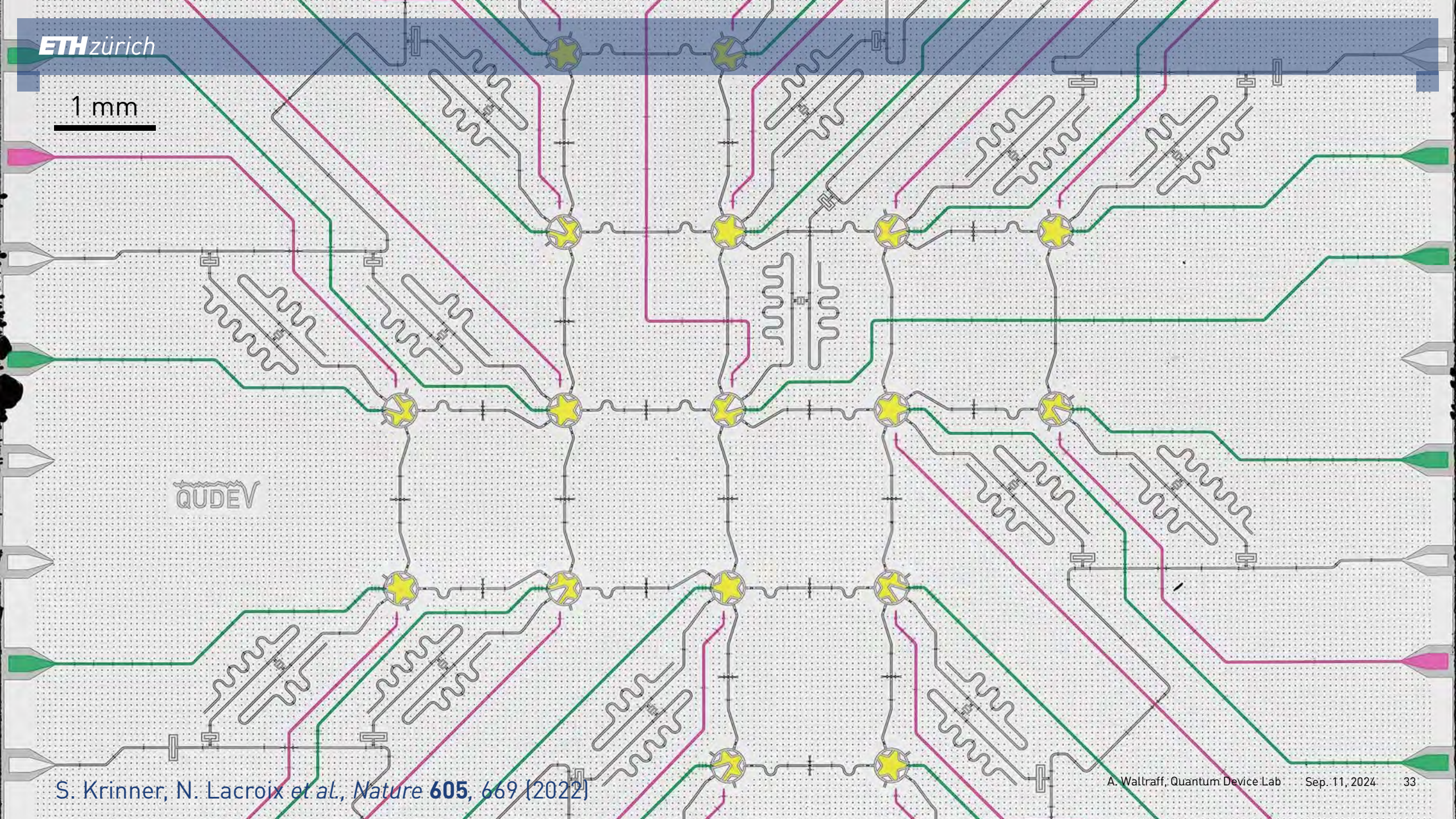
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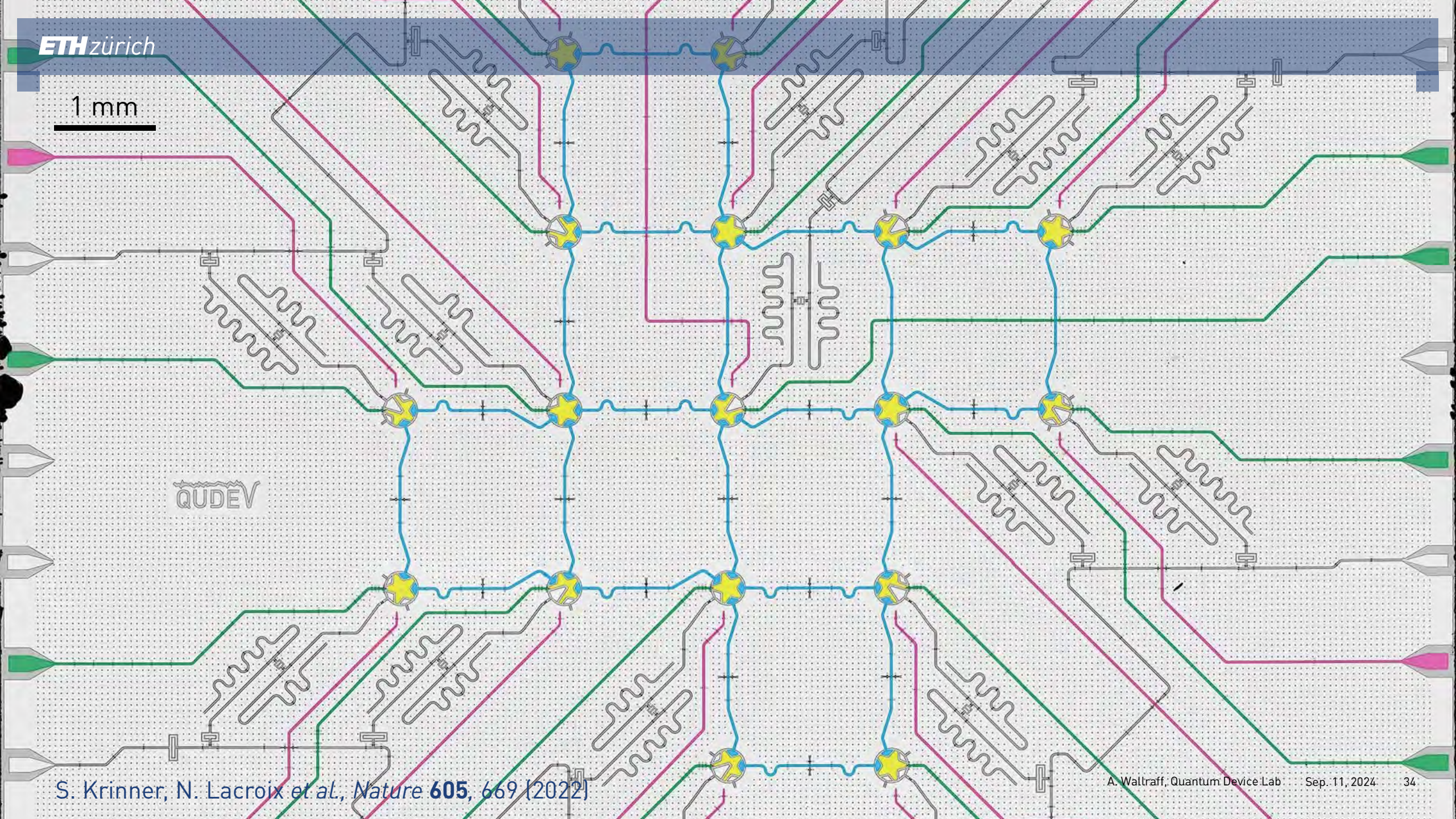


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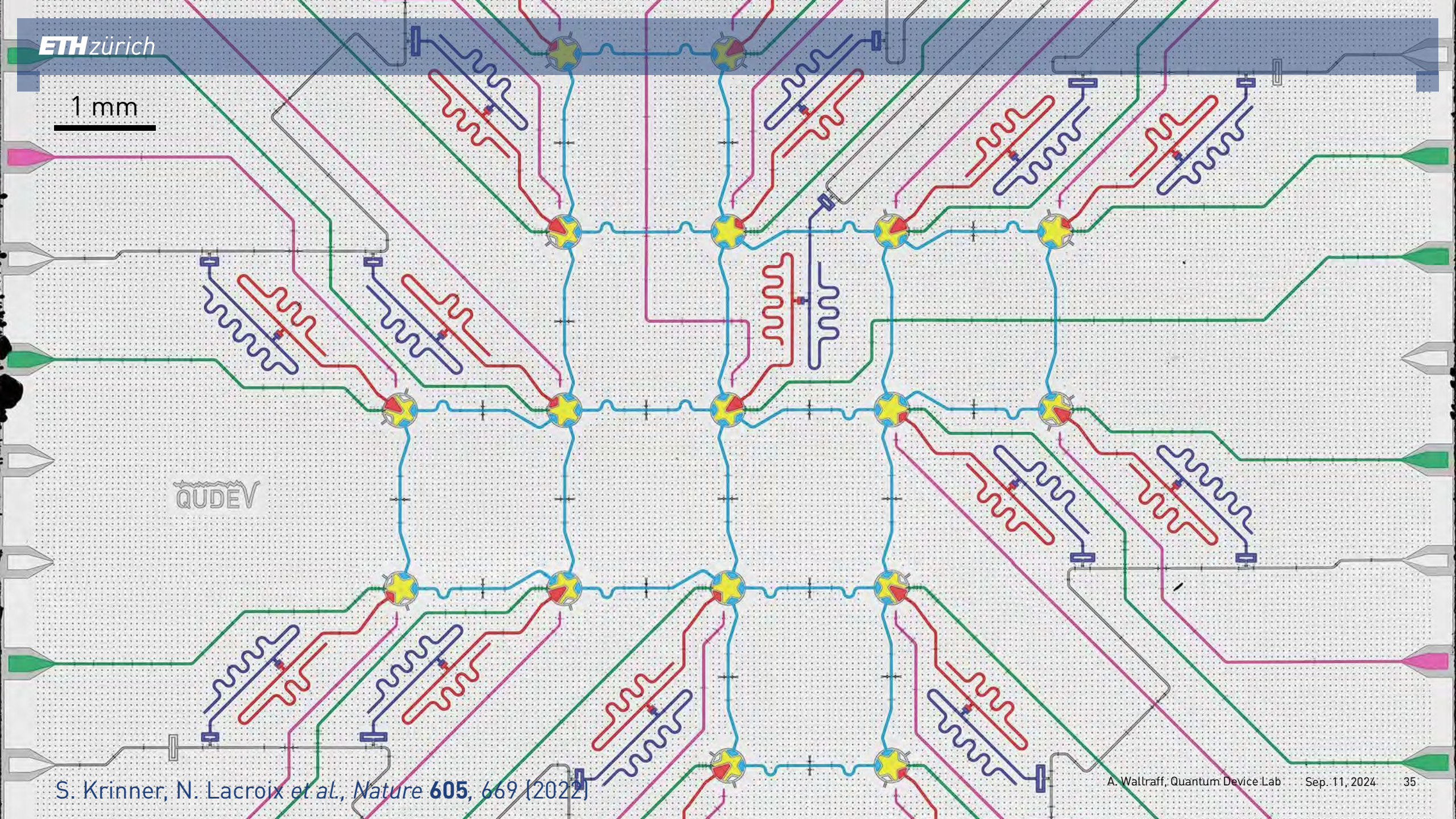


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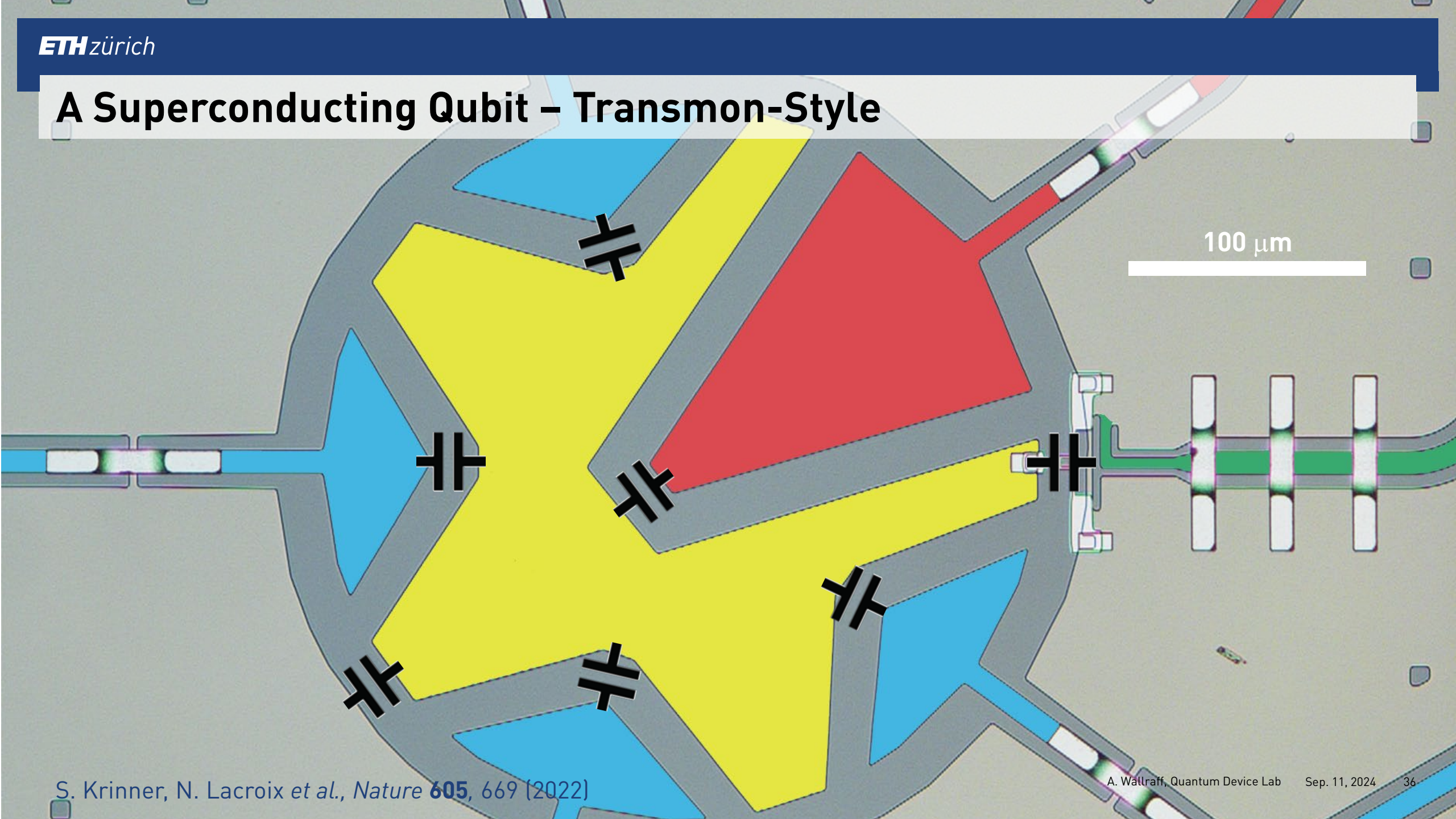


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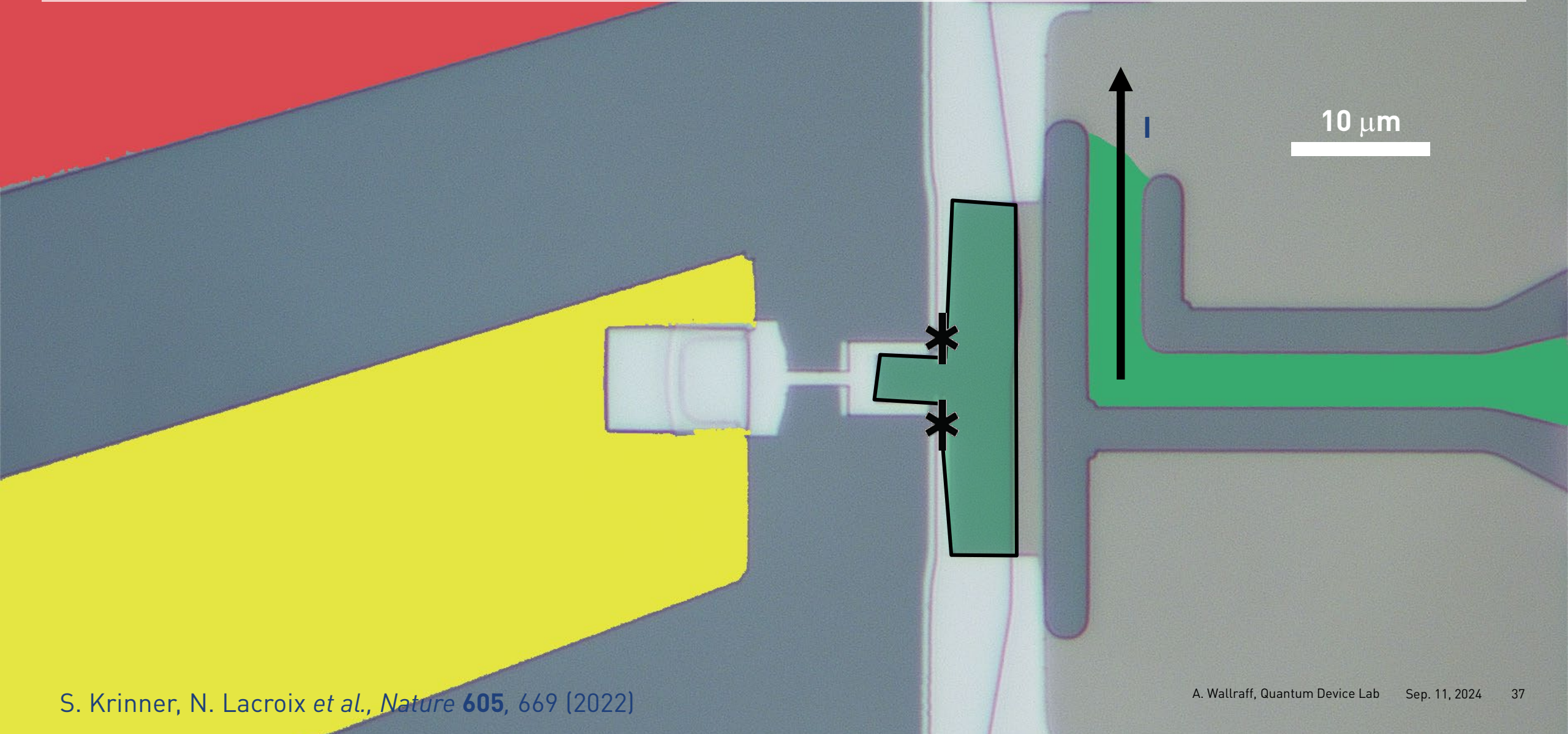
# A Superconducting Qubit – Transmon-Style



100  $\mu\text{m}$



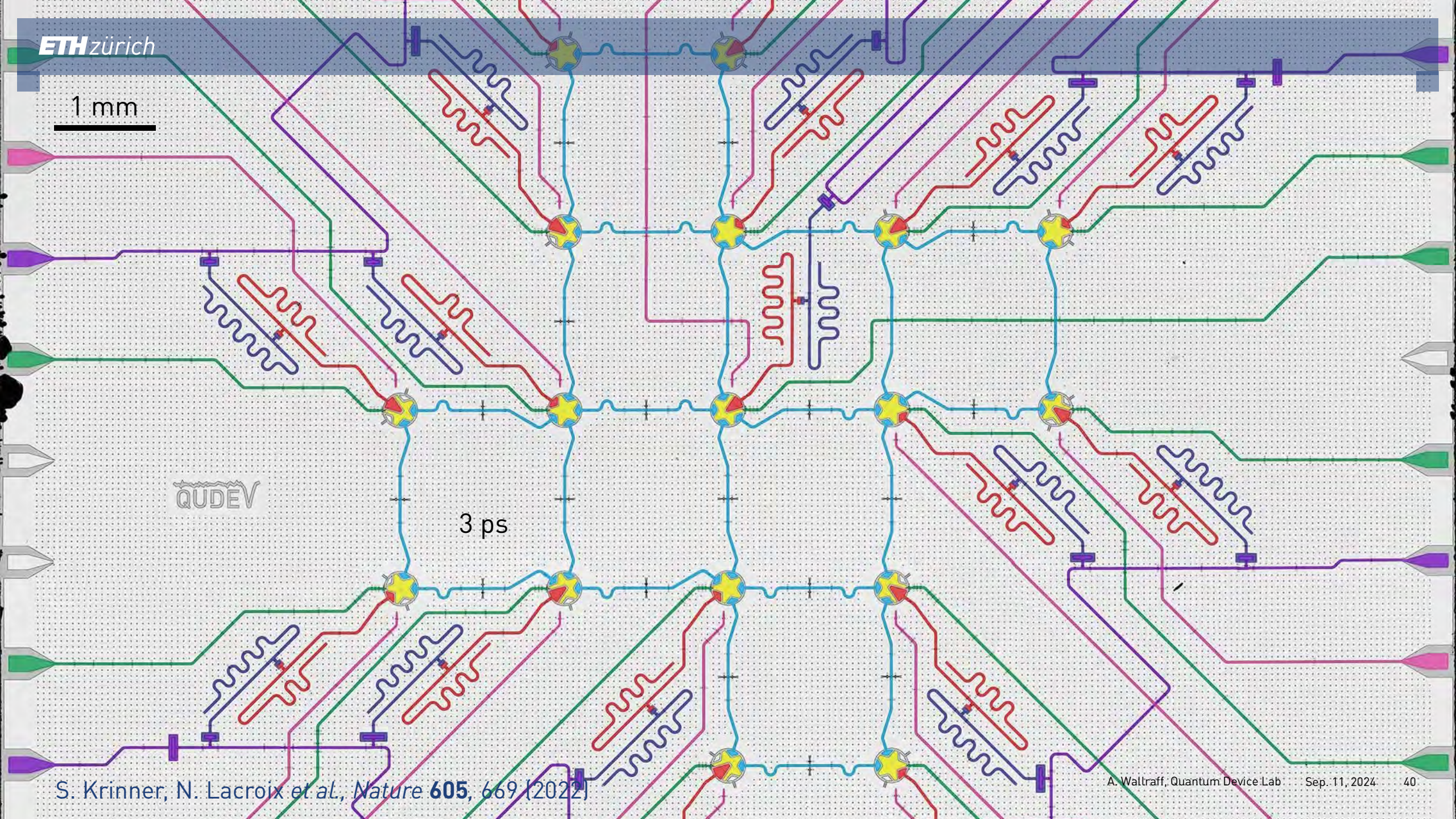
# Tunnel Junctions, SQUID, and Fluxline



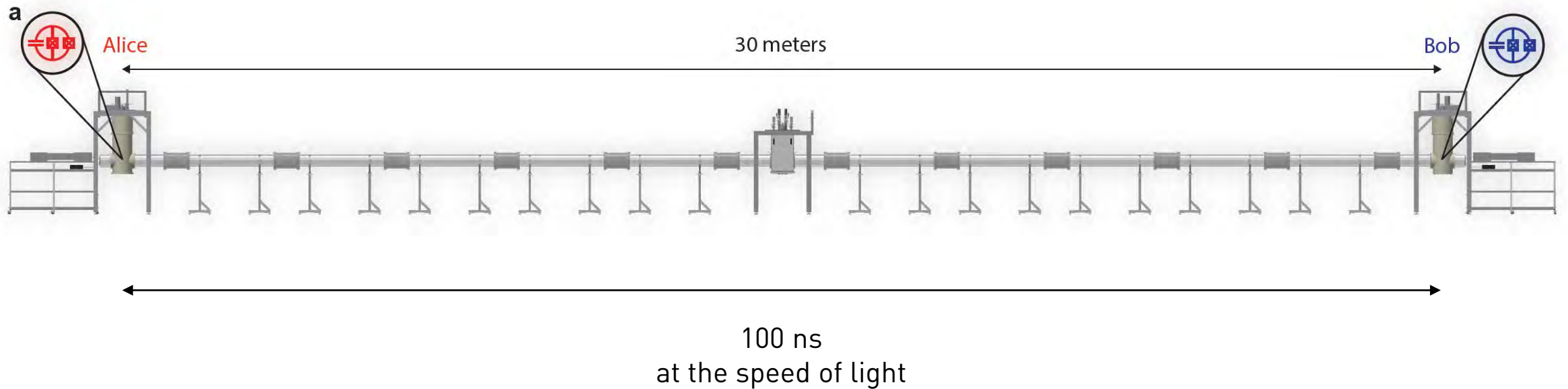
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3 ps



# Entangle qubits over a distance 30-thousand times larger



# Bell Test Protocol

Alice and Bob ...

1. ... prepare a shared non-local entangled state  $|\psi^+\rangle = \frac{|g,g\rangle + |e,e\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$
2. ... randomly select local measurement bases  $a, b \in \{0,1\}$
3. ... read out state of qubits with local outcome  $x, y \in \{1, -1\}$

Repeat steps 1-3

Calculate Clauser-Horne-Shimony-Holt S-value

J.F. Clauser et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., **23** 880-884, [1969]

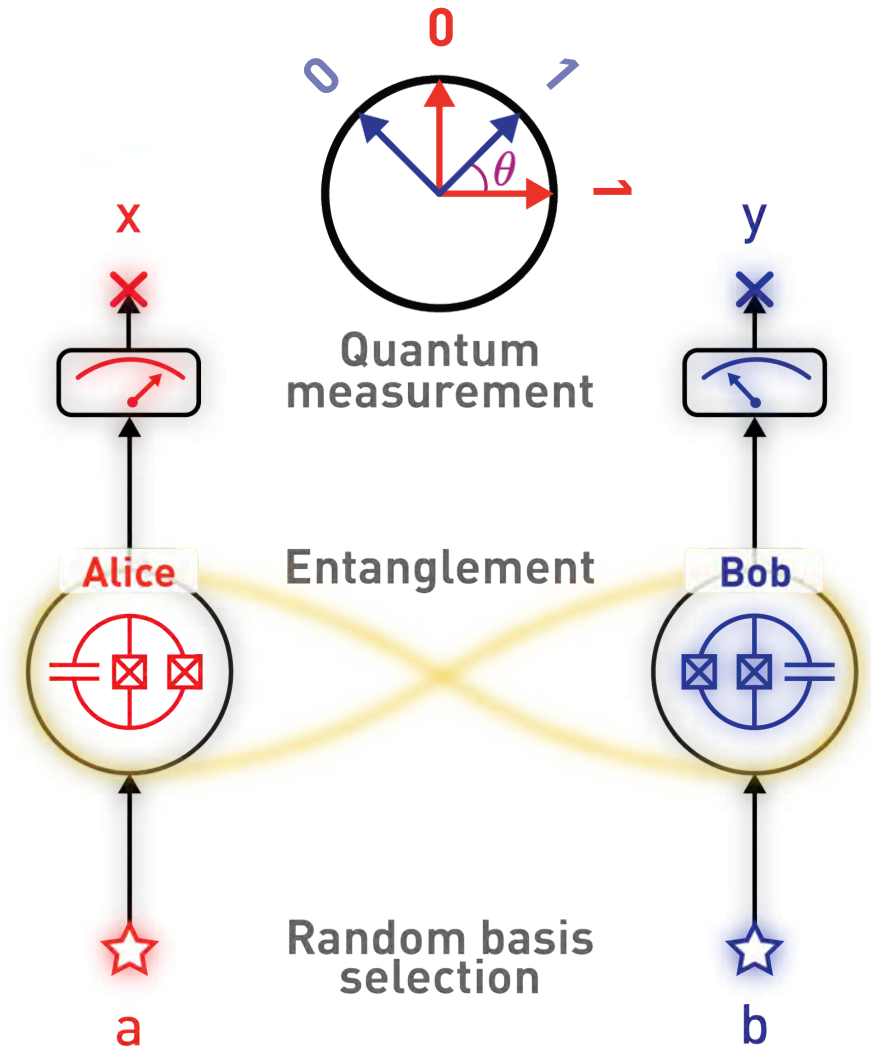
from two qubit correlators  $xy$  with randomly selected basis  $a, b$

$$\langle x \cdot y \rangle_{(a,b)}$$

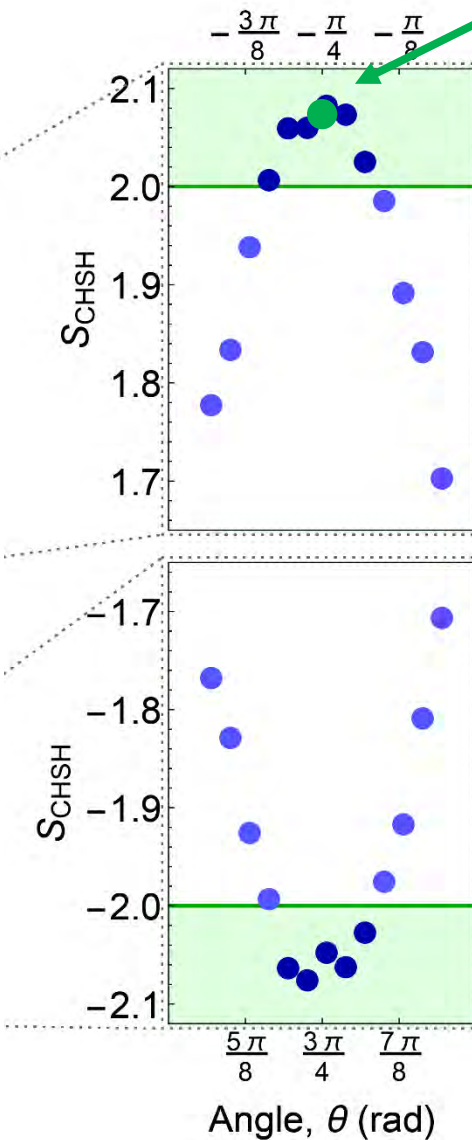
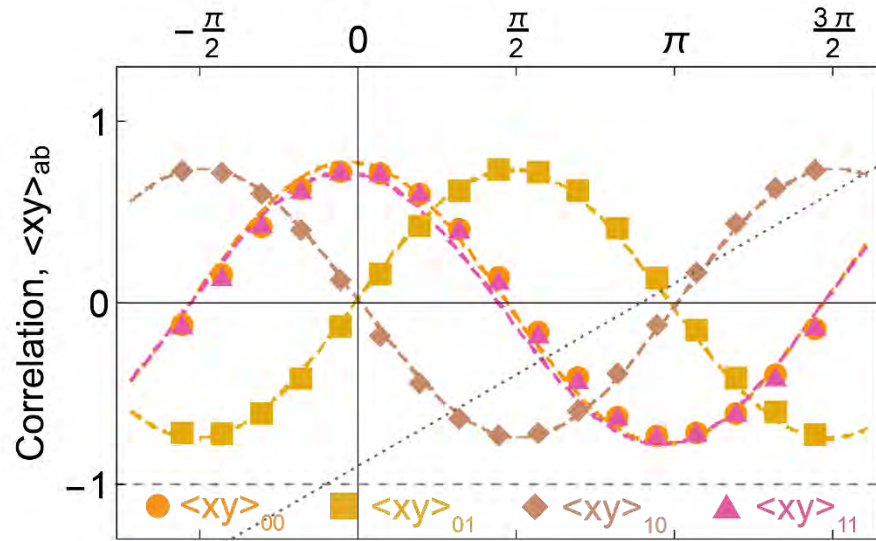
$$S_{\text{CHSH}} = \langle x \cdot y \rangle_{(0,0)} - \langle x \cdot y \rangle_{(0,1)} + \langle x \cdot y \rangle_{(1,0)} + \langle x \cdot y \rangle_{(1,1)}$$

Expect Bell inequality violation for entangled quantum systems

$$S_{\text{CHSH}} > 2$$



# Experimental Results



$$S = 2.0747 \pm 0.0033 > 2$$

- Extract correlations of measurement outcomes
- Calculate  $S_{\text{CHSH}}$ -value
  - Observe  $S_{\text{CHSH}} > 2$
- Perform experiment at optimal angle
  - $2^{20}$  ( $\sim 10^6$ ) repetitions
- Violates Bell inequality by
  - $22 \sigma$
  - p-value of  $p = 10^{-108}$

**Superconducting circuits pass the most stringent tests of quantum physics.**

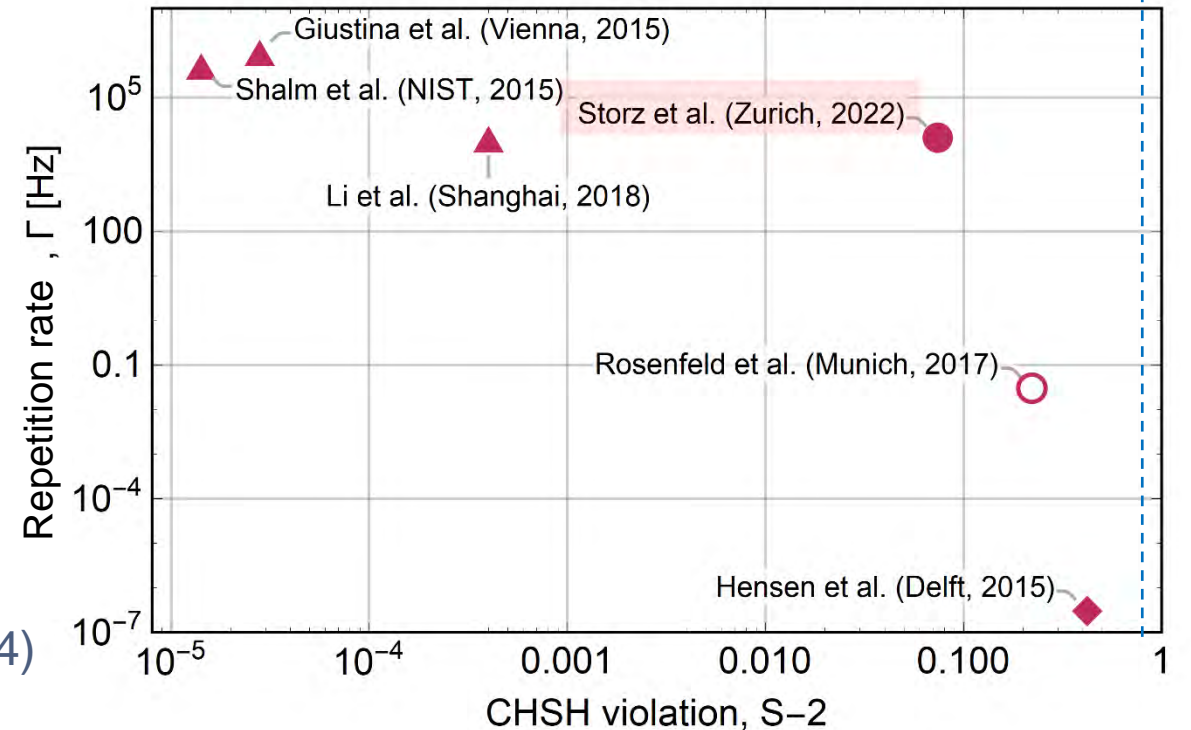
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# Bell Violation (S-2) and Repetition Rates of Loophole-Free Bell Tests

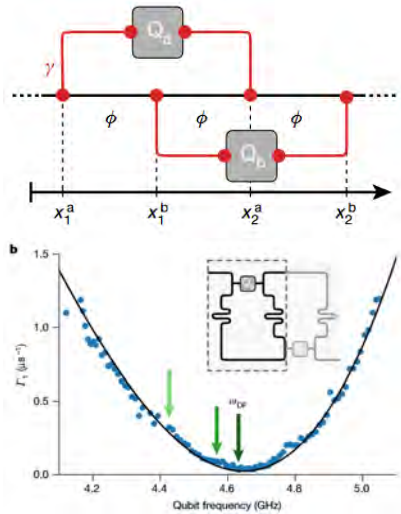
## Comparison of Bell tests with

- **polarization-encoded photons** ▲  
High repetition rates, low S-value
- **NV-centers** ◆ / **neutral atoms** ○  
Low repetition rates, high S-value
- **superconducting circuits** ●  
Combination of high repetition rates *and* S-value
- **High rate and high violation** is interesting for implementation of device-independent QIP protocols
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R. Colbeck, *PhD thesis*, University of Cambridge (2009)
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S. Pironio *et al.*, *Nature* **464**, 7291 (2010)
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R. Colbeck and R. Renner, *Nat. Phys.* **8**, 450-454 (2012);  
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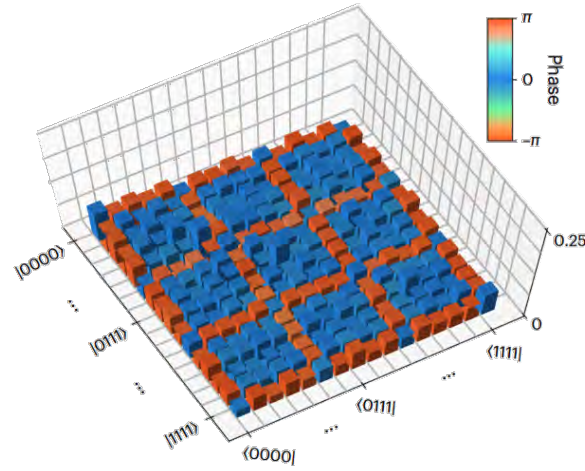


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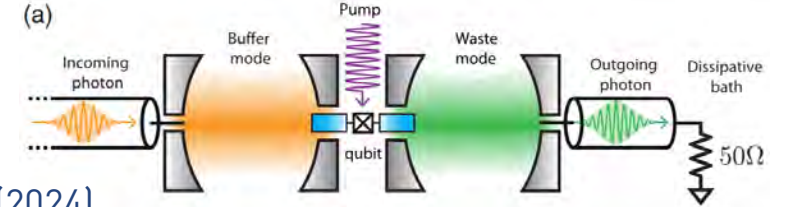
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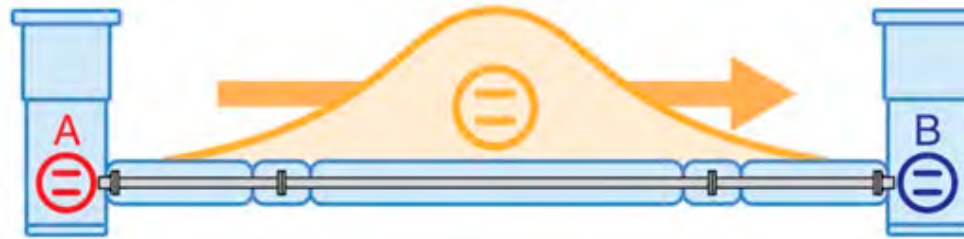
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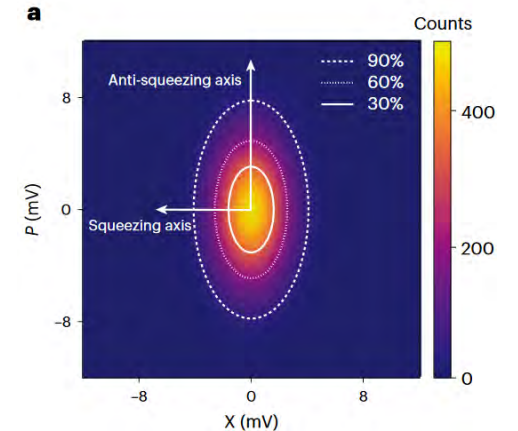
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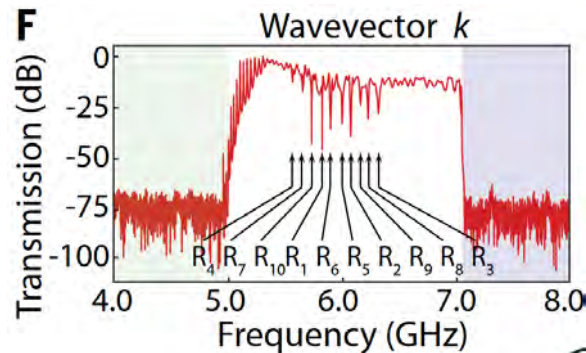
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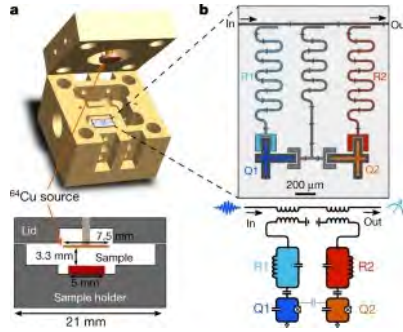
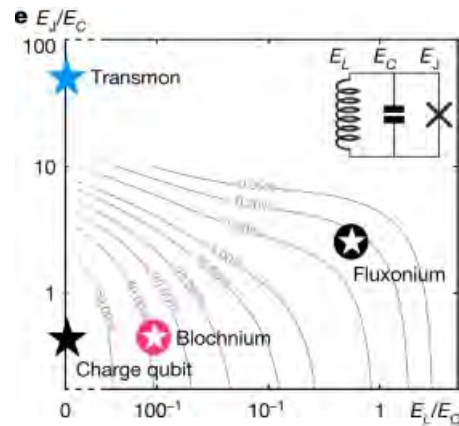
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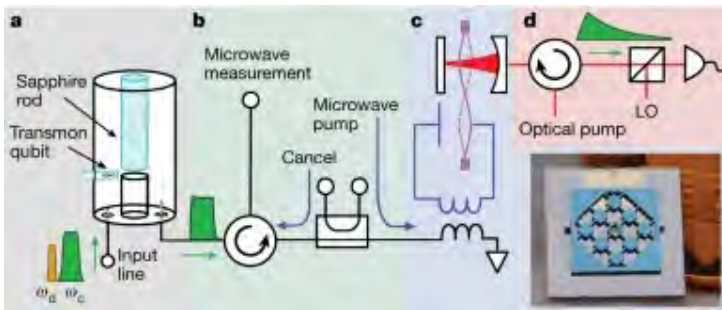
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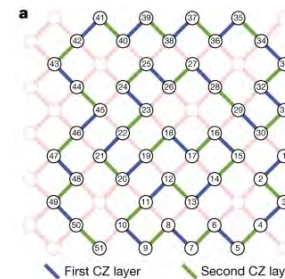
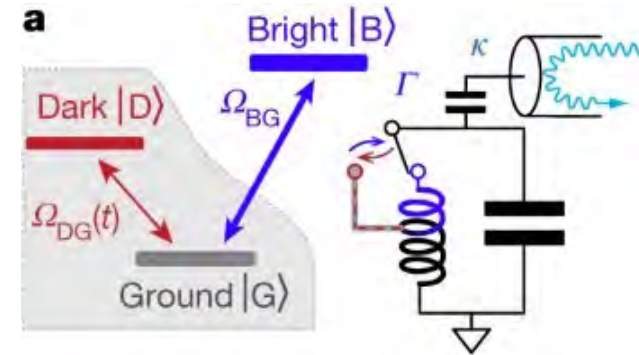


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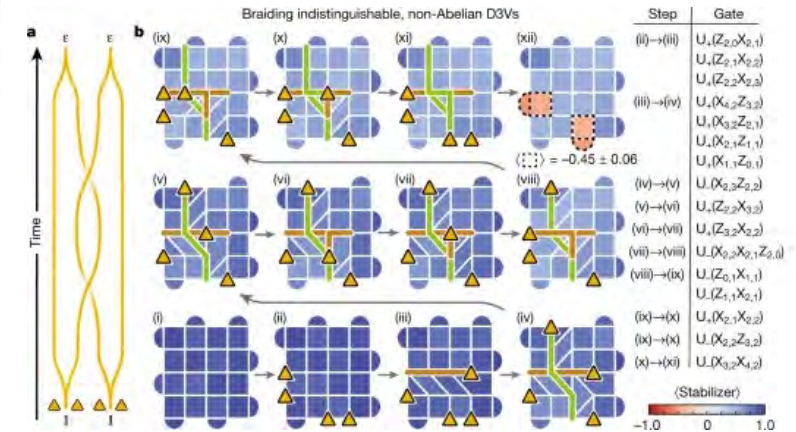
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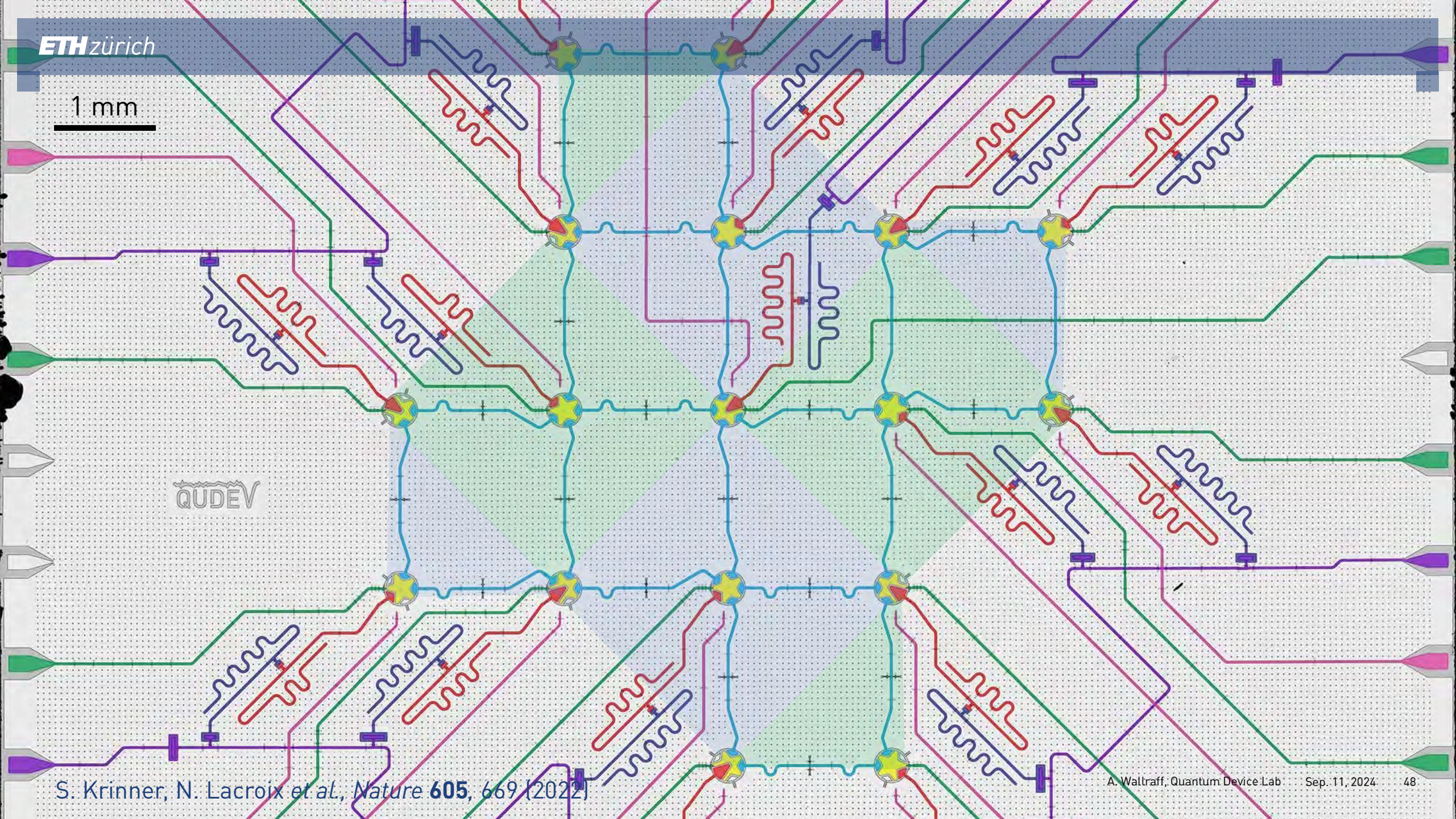
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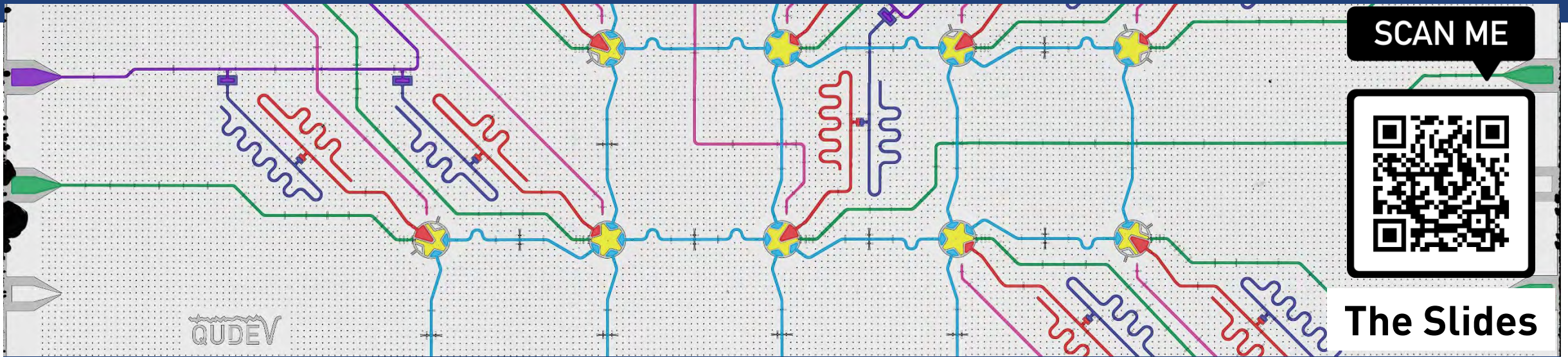
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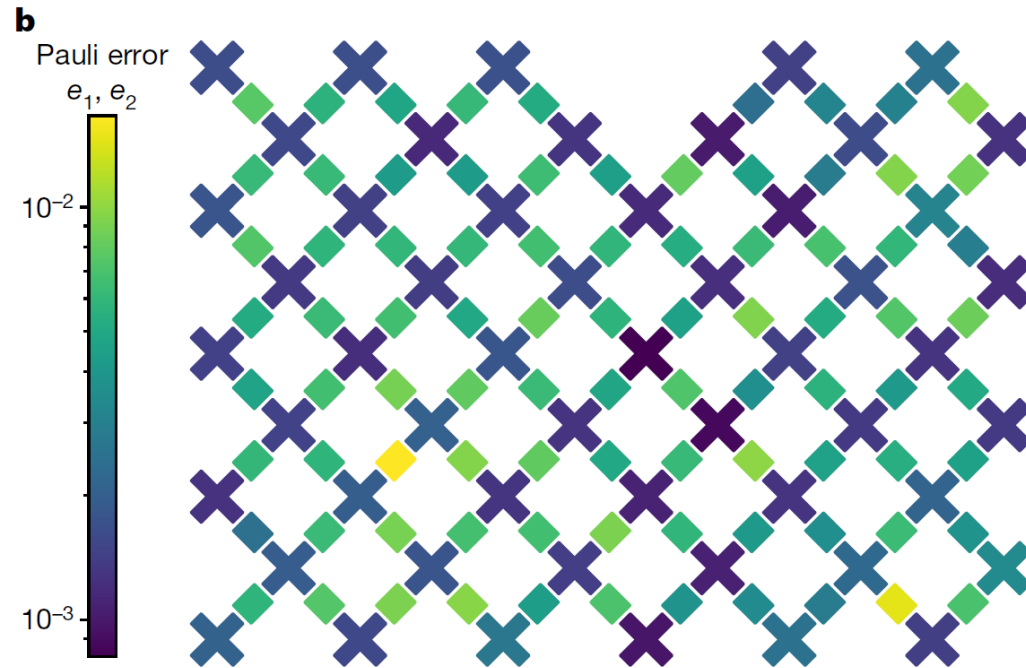
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# Two of the Major Goals in Quantum Information Processing ...

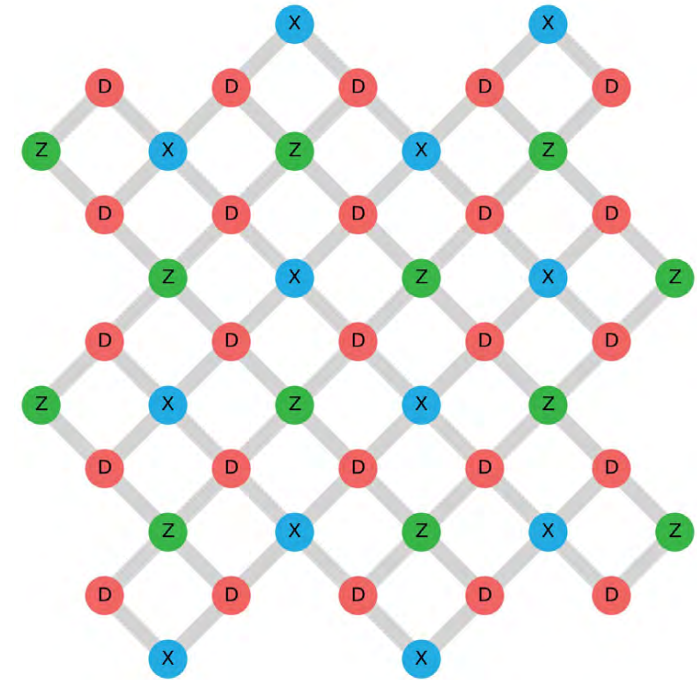
... with superconducting circuits

Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum (NISQ) algorithms displaying a quantum advantage



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Fault-tolerant, error-corrected, universal quantum information processor

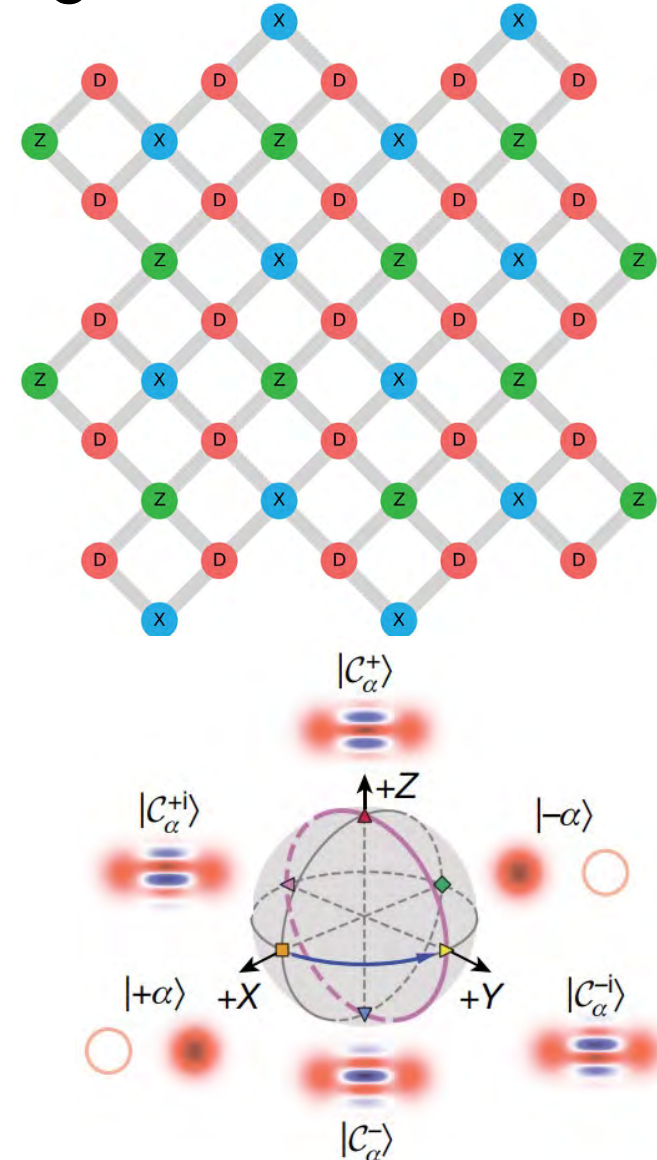


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# Quantum Error Correction with Superconducting Circuits

Approaches:

- Digital, qubit-based encodings: e.g. surface code, color code
- Continuous variable encodings in harmonic oscillator states: e.g. cat states, GKP states



Preskill, *Quantum* **2**, 79 (2020)

Review: Terhal, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **87**, 307 (2015)

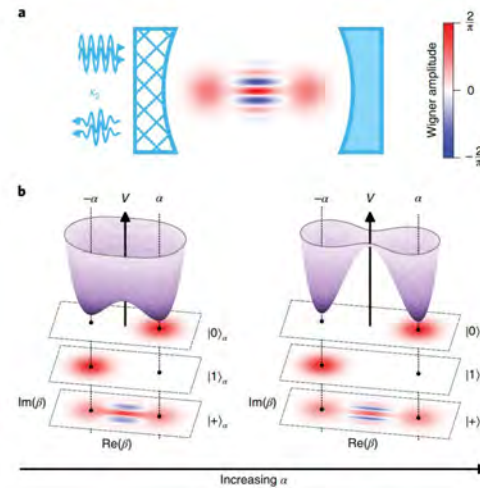
# Bosonic Quantum Error Correction Experiments

## Continuous QEC

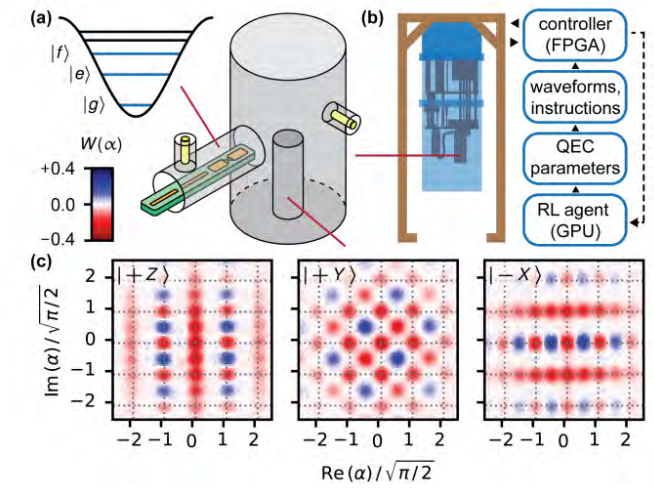
- Dissipative-cat codes  
Leghtas, et. al. Science 347, 853 (2015)  
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Gertler et. al. Nature 590, 243 (2021)
- Kerr-cat codes  
Grimm, et. al. Nature 584, 205 (2020)

## Discrete QEC

- Binomial bosonic codes  
Ni, Z. et al., Nature 616, 56 (2023).  
Hu et al., Nature Physics 15, 503 (2019).
- Cat-Codes  
Ofek et. al., Nature 536, 441 (2016)



Lescanne et. al. Nat. Phys. 16, 509 (2020)



Sivak et. al. arXiv:2211.09116 (2022)

## GKP codes

- Trapped ions  
Flühmann et. al., Nature 566, 513 (2019)  
de Neeve et. al., Nature Physics 18, 296 (2022)
- Superconducting circuits  
Campagne-Ibarcq et. al., Nature 584, 368 (2020)  
Sivak et al., Nature 616, 50 (2023).

# The Challenge of Quantum Error Correction

Detect and correct two types of errors:

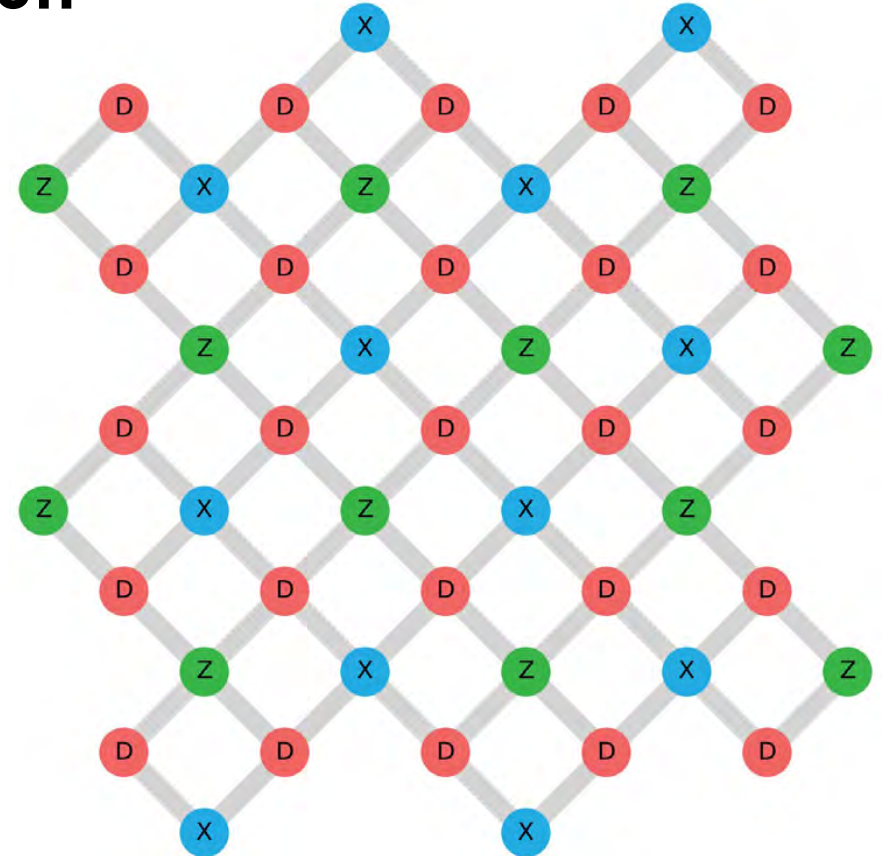
- Bit flips
- Phase flips

Preserve stored quantum states while detecting and correcting errors:

- Measurements collapse quantum (superposition) states

Solution: Use encoding

- Store **logical qubit** state  $|\psi\rangle$  in a system of many **physical qubits**
- Make use of **symmetry properties (parity)** of logical qubit states
  - revealing errors ...
  - ... but not the encoded quantum state



Kitaev, *Annals of Physics* **303**, 2 (2003),  
 Dennis et al., *Journ. of Math. Physics* **43**, 4452 (2002)  
 Raussendorff, Harrington, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **98**, 190504 (2007)  
 Fowler et al., *Phys. Rev. A* **86**, 032324 (2012)

# The Surface Code – Main Features

**Large error threshold**  $\epsilon_{\text{th}} \sim 1\%$

- Logical error rate  $\epsilon_L \propto (\epsilon_{\text{phys}}/\epsilon_{\text{th}})^{(d+1)/2}$

$\epsilon_{\text{phys}}$ : Physical error rate per step

$\epsilon_{\text{th}}$ : Threshold error rate

$d$ : Distance of the code

## Two-dimensional architecture

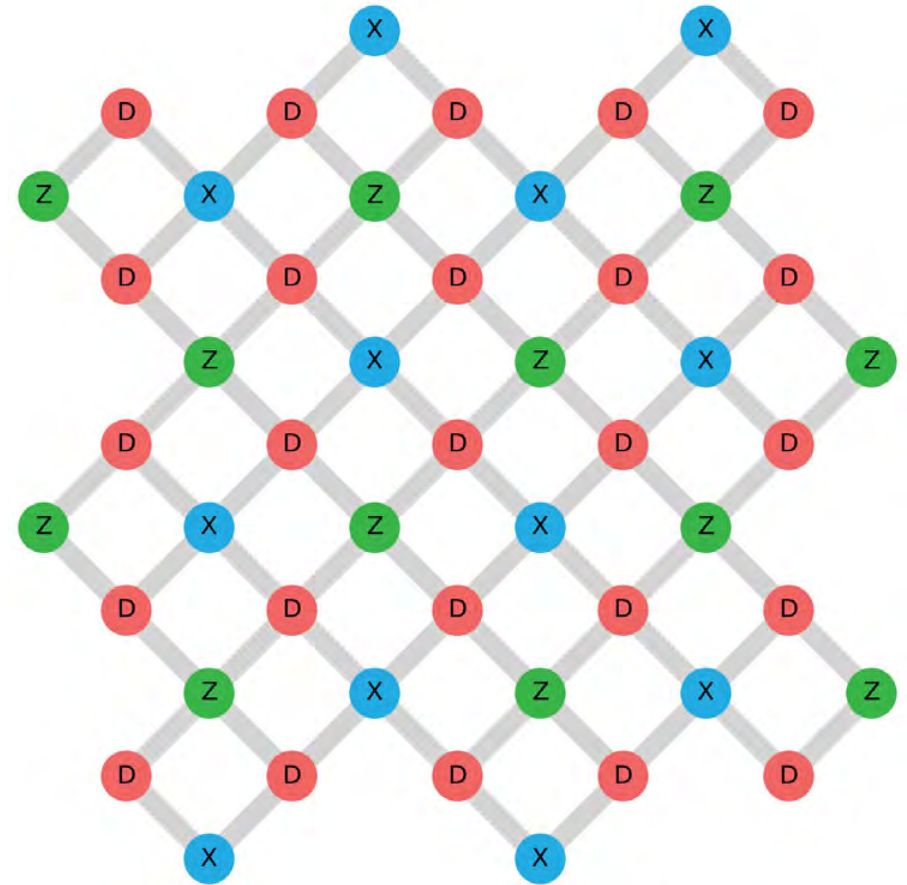
- All operations realizable on a planar qubit lattice
- Topological code: only local operations needed for error correction process

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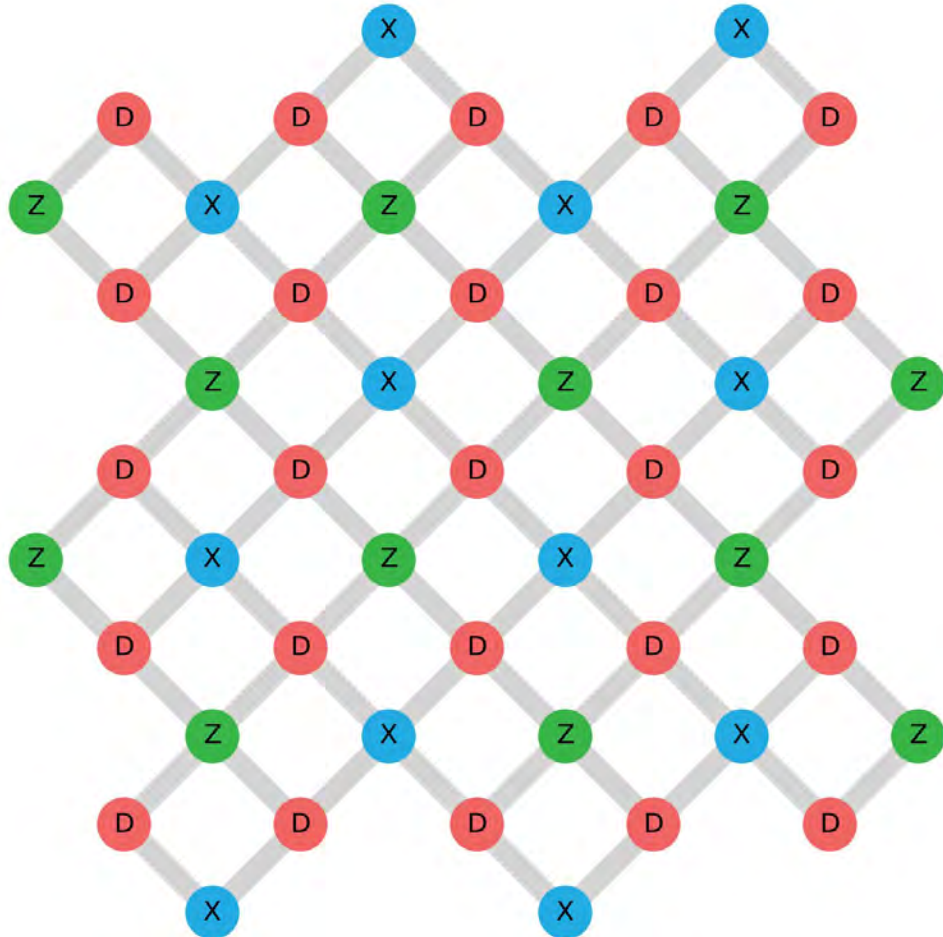
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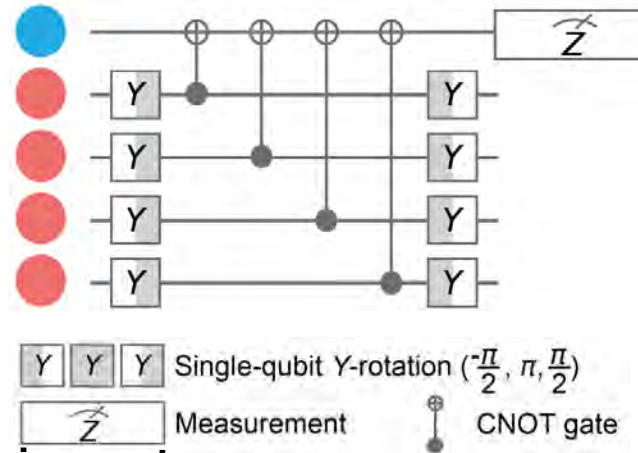
# Elements of the Surface Code



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 Versluis *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Applied* **8**, 034021 (2017)

## Features:

- Two-dimensional ( $d \times d$ ) grid of **data qubits**
- **X-type** and **Z-type** auxiliary qubits
- Auxiliary-qubit-assisted stabilizer measurement
  - $Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 Z_4$  (or  $Z_1 Z_2$  at the edges)
  - $X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4$  (or  $X_1 X_2$  at the edges)



## Requirements:

- High-fidelity entangling gates between data and ancilla qubits
- Fast high-fidelity measurements of the ancilla qubits
- Low readout crosstalk between ancilla and data qubits
- Ability to do repeated gates and mid-cycle measurements



# Distance-Two Surface Code for Error Detection

- Distance-two code: detect 1 error, correct 0 errors
- Stabilizers for parity measurement:

$$\hat{X}_1 \hat{X}_2 \hat{X}_4 \hat{X}_5, \quad \hat{Z}_1 \hat{Z}_4, \quad \hat{Z}_2 \hat{Z}_5$$

Stabilizers commute, common eigenstates

- Logical eigenstates and their equal superpositions:

$$|0\rangle_L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0000\rangle + |1111\rangle)$$

$$|1\rangle_L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0101\rangle + |1010\rangle)$$

$$|+\rangle_L = \frac{1}{2} (|0000\rangle + |1111\rangle + |0101\rangle + |1010\rangle)$$

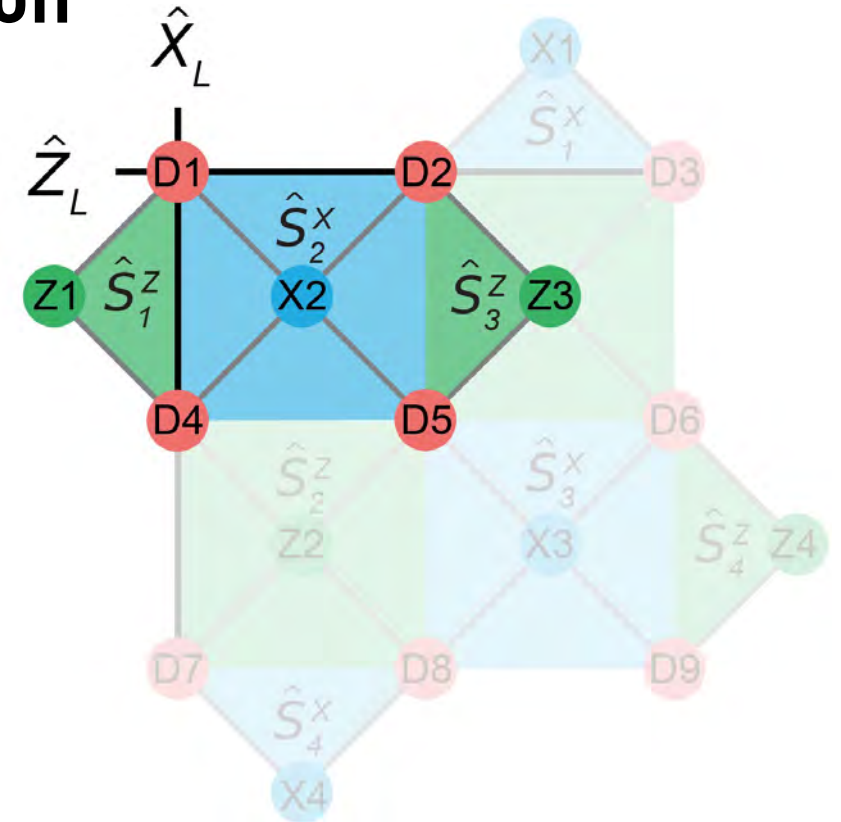
$$|-\rangle_L = \frac{1}{2} (|0000\rangle + |1111\rangle - |0101\rangle - |1010\rangle)$$

- Logical operators:

$$\hat{X}_L = \hat{X}_1 \hat{X}_4 \text{ or } \hat{X}_L = \hat{X}_2 \hat{X}_5$$

$$\hat{Z}_L = \hat{Z}_1 \hat{Z}_2 \text{ or } \hat{Z}_L = \hat{Z}_4 \hat{Z}_5$$

Anti-commute with each other  
and commute with stabilizers  
(as needed for logical operators  
in a stabilizer code)



Andersen *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **16**, 875 (2020)

Chen *et al.*, *Nature* **595**, 7867 (2021)

Marques *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **18**, 80 (2022)

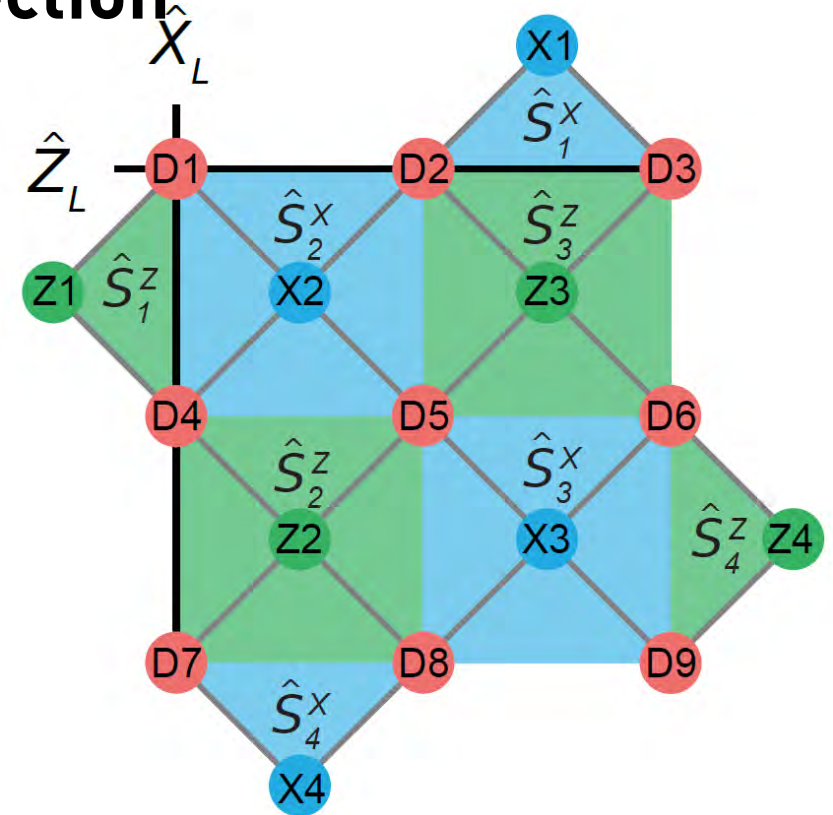
# Distance-Three Surface Code for Error Correction

Two-dimensional square lattice of qubits

- $d^2 = 9$  Data qubits: encode single (logical) qubit
  - Logical operators:  $\hat{Z}_L = \hat{Z}_1 \hat{Z}_2 \hat{Z}_3$     $\hat{X}_L = \hat{X}_1 \hat{X}_4 \hat{X}_7$
  - Distance  $d$ : min. number of Pauli operators in  $\hat{Z}_L, \hat{X}_L$
  - Number of correctable errors:  $\lfloor (d - 1)/2 \rfloor = 1$
- $d^2 - 1 = 8$  Auxiliary qubits: for parity measurements

Parity/Stabilizer measurements

- Detect errors without collapsing data-qubit state (Stabilizer operators commute with  $\hat{Z}_L, \hat{X}_L$ )
- 4 Z-type Stabilizers  $\hat{S}^{Zi}$  to detect bit-flip errors
- 4 X-type Stabilizers  $\hat{S}^{Xi}$  to detect phase-flip errors



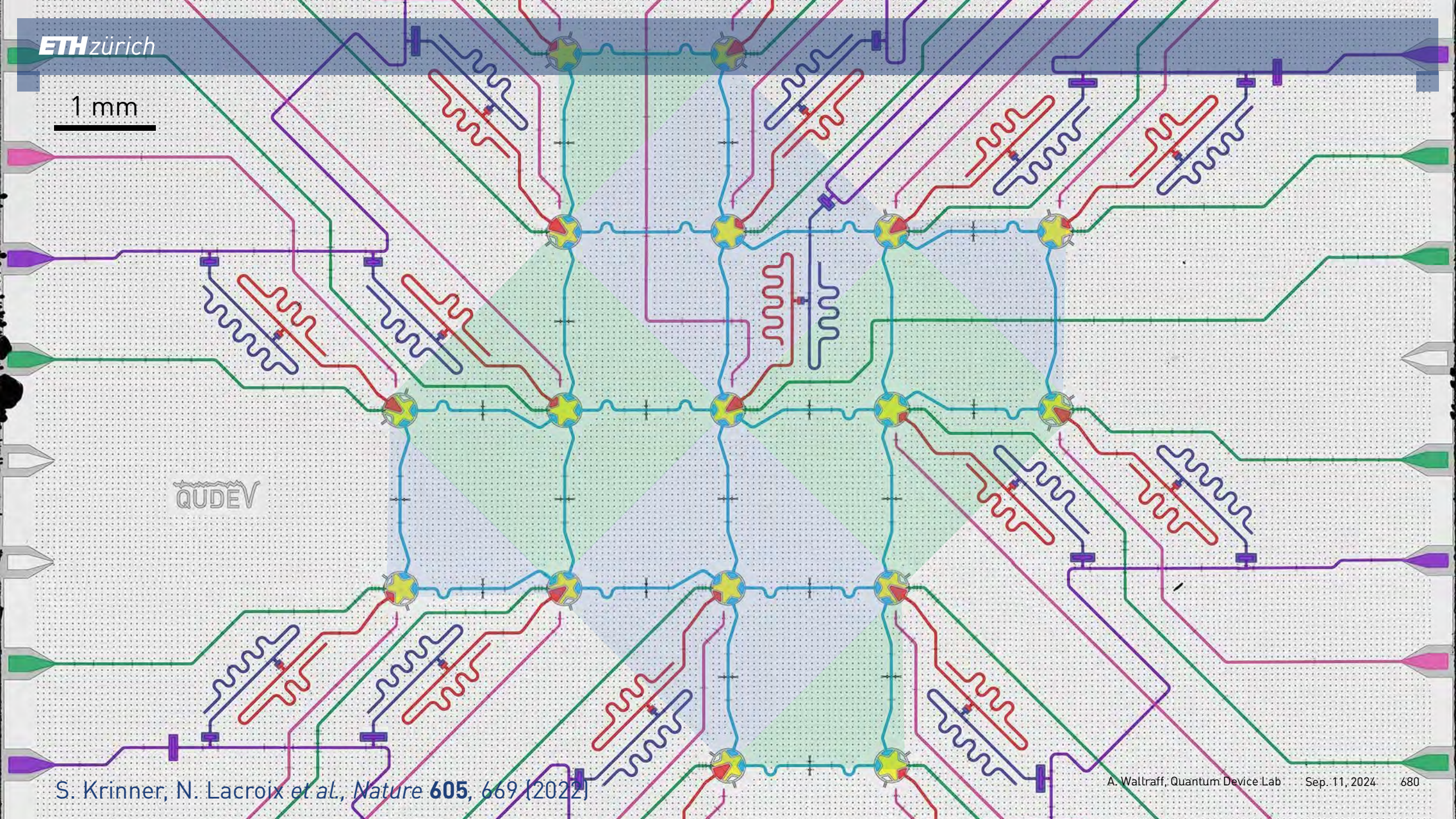
$\hat{S}^{Z1}$	$\hat{Z}_1 \hat{Z}_4$	$\hat{S}^{X1}$	$\hat{X}_2 \hat{X}_3$
$\hat{S}^{Z2}$	$\hat{Z}_4 \hat{Z}_5 \hat{Z}_7 \hat{Z}_8$	$\hat{S}^{X2}$	$\hat{X}_1 \hat{X}_2 \hat{X}_4 \hat{X}_5$
$\hat{S}^{Z3}$	$\hat{Z}_2 \hat{Z}_3 \hat{Z}_5 \hat{Z}_6$	$\hat{S}^{X3}$	$\hat{X}_5 \hat{X}_6 \hat{X}_8 \hat{X}_9$
$\hat{S}^{Z4}$	$\hat{Z}_6 \hat{Z}_9$	$\hat{S}^{X4}$	$\hat{X}_7 \hat{X}_8$

Bombin, Delgado, *Phys. Rev. A* **76**, 012305 (2007)

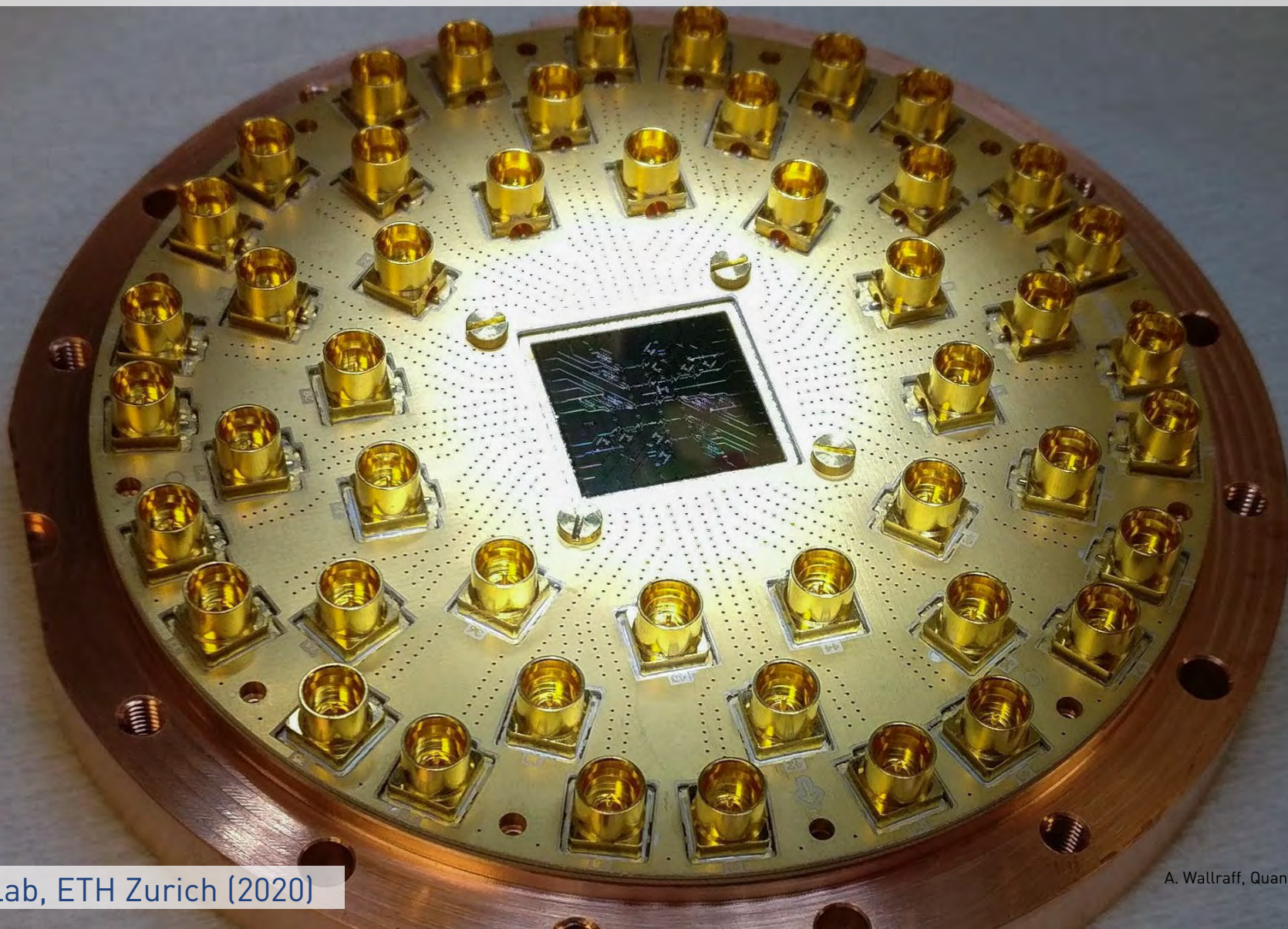
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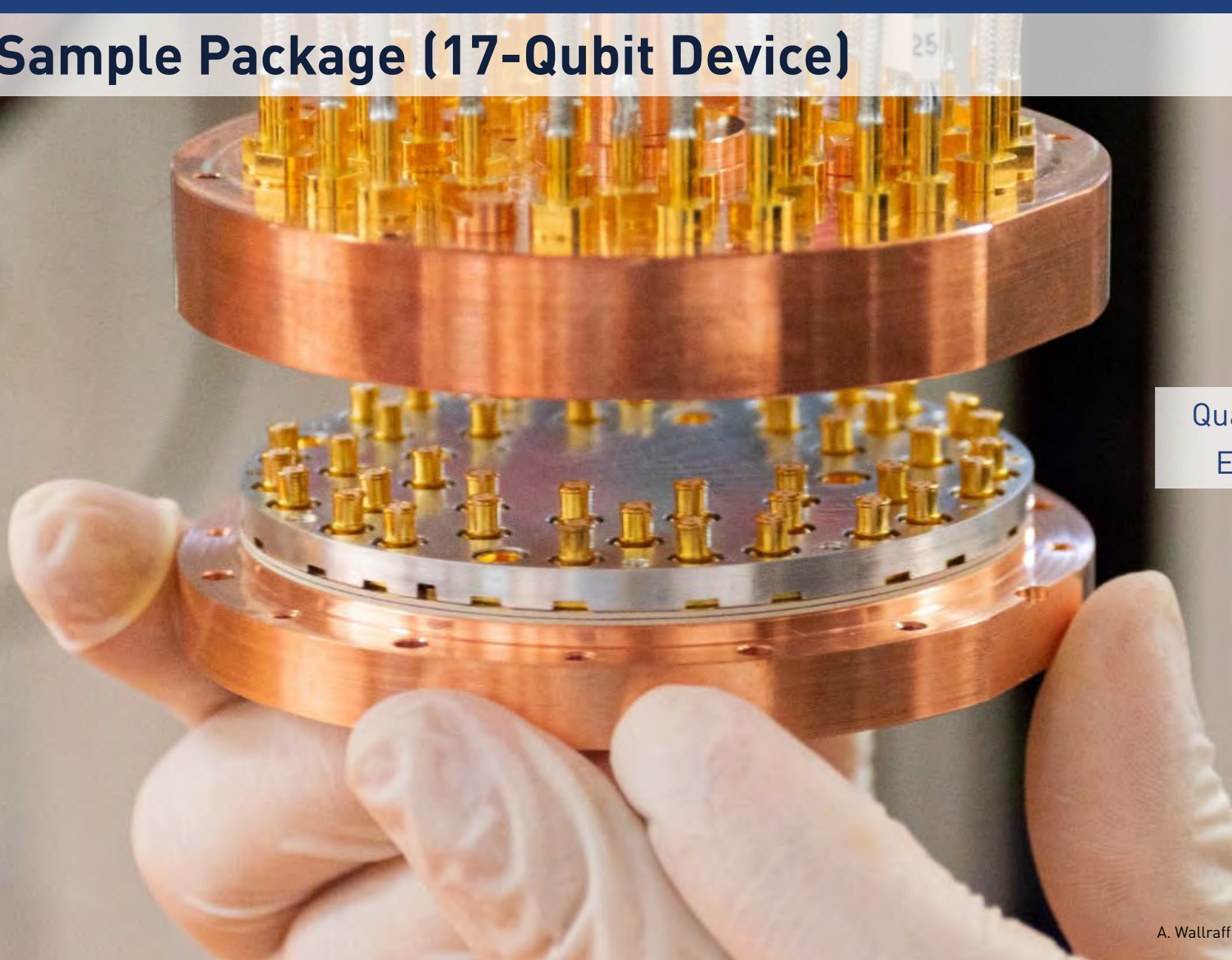
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# Distance-Three Surface-Code Device Mounted in Sample Holder



# 48-Port Sample Package (17-Qubit Device)



Quantum Device Lab,  
ETH Zurich (2020)



Quantum Device Lab, ETH Zurich (2021)

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# Qubit-Encoded Quantum Error Correction Experiments

## Bit or phase-flip codes (only X or Z errors):

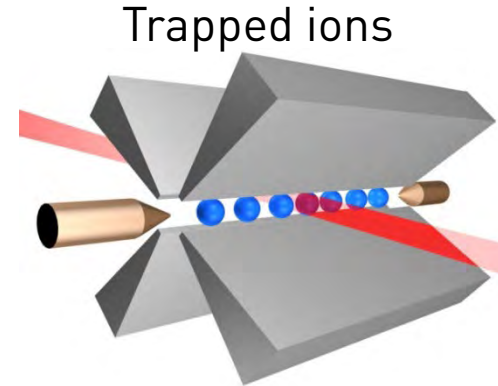
- NMR [Cory et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 81, 2152 (1998)]
- Ions [Chiaverini et al. Nature 432, 602 (2004), Schindler et al. Science 322, 1059 (2011)]
- NV-Centers [Cramer et al. Nature Comm. 7, 11526 (2016)]
- Superconducting qubits [Riste et al. Nature Comm. 6, 6983 (2015), Kelly et al. Nature 519, 66 (2015), Chen et al., Nature 595, 7867 (2021)]

## Quantum codes, single-cycle experiments:

- Five-qubit code [Knill et al., PRL 86, 5811 (2001), Abobeih et al., arXiv:2108.01646 (2021)]
- Bacon-Shor code [Egan et al., Nature 598, 281 (2021)]

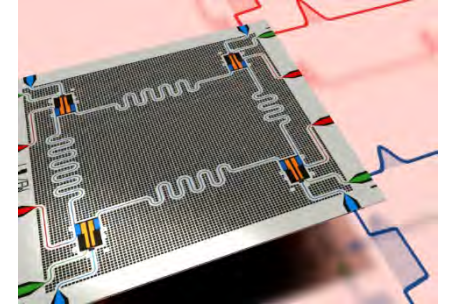
## Repeated error detection in the surface code

- Andersen et al., Nat. Phys. 16, 875 (2020)
- Chen et al., Nature 595, 7867 (2021)
- Marques et al., Nat. Phys. 18, 80 (2022)



e.g. Blatt & Roos, Nat. Phys. 8, 277 (2012)

## Supercond. circuits



Picture: Y. Salathé  
Review: e.g. Krantz et al., Appl. Phys. Rev. 6, 021318 (2019)

## Repeated quantum error correction

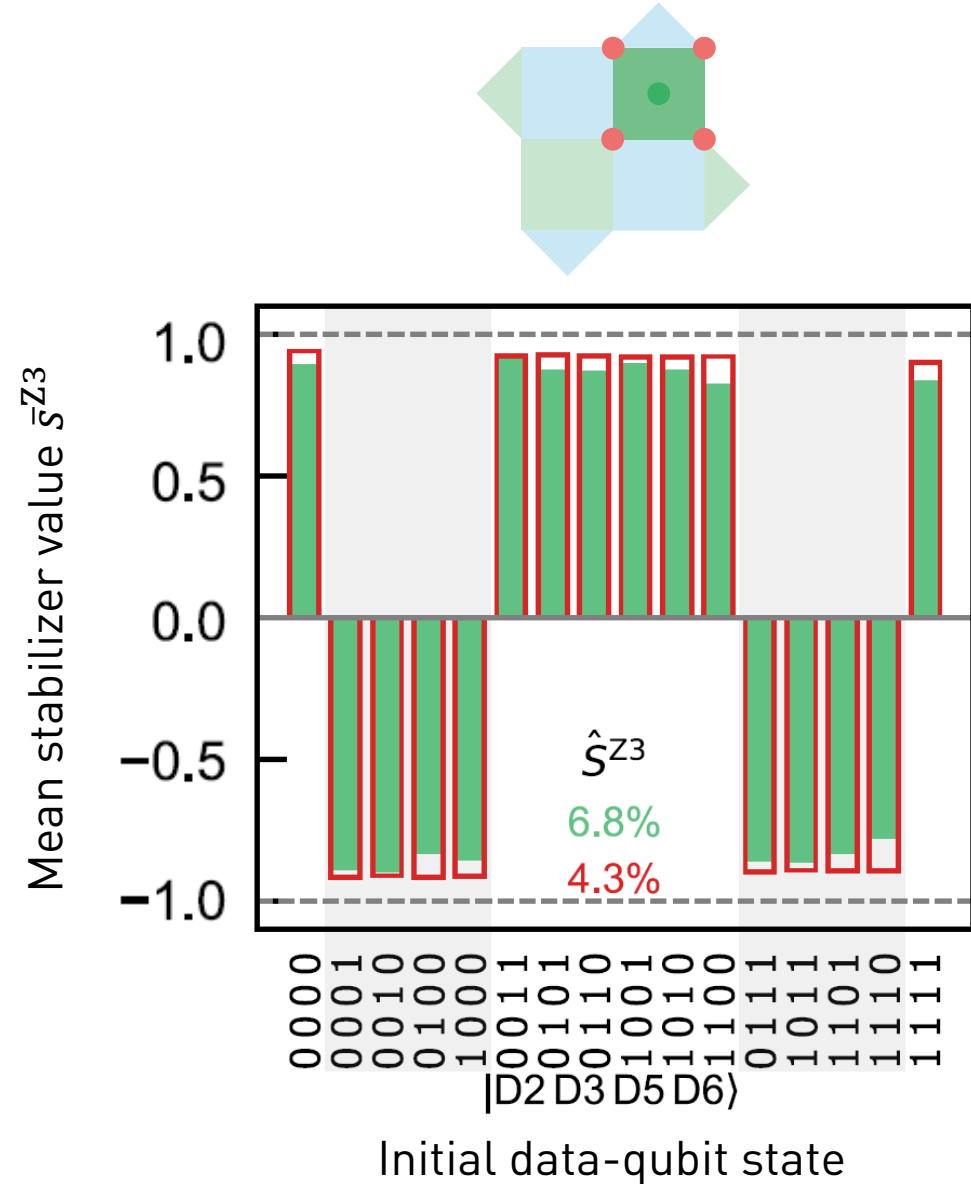
- Color code (trapped ions) Ryan-Anderson et al., PRX 11, 041058 (2021)
- Distance-3 surface code (s.c.) Krinner, Lacroix et al., Nature 605, 669 (2022) Zhao et al., PRL 129, 030501 (2022)
- Distance-3 heavy-hexagon code (s.c.) Sundaresan et al., Nat. Commun. 14, 2852 (2023)
- Distance-3 to 5 scaling of the surface code (s.c.) Google AI, Nature 614, 676 (2023)



# Stabilizer Characterization

## Individual characterization

- Prepare data qubits of plaquette in all 4 (weight-2) or 16 (weight-4) basis states
- Stabilizer execution yields  $s^{Ai} = \pm 1$
- Average over  $\sim 4 \times 10^4$  measurements to obtain  $\bar{s}^{Ai}$
- Measured and calculated error



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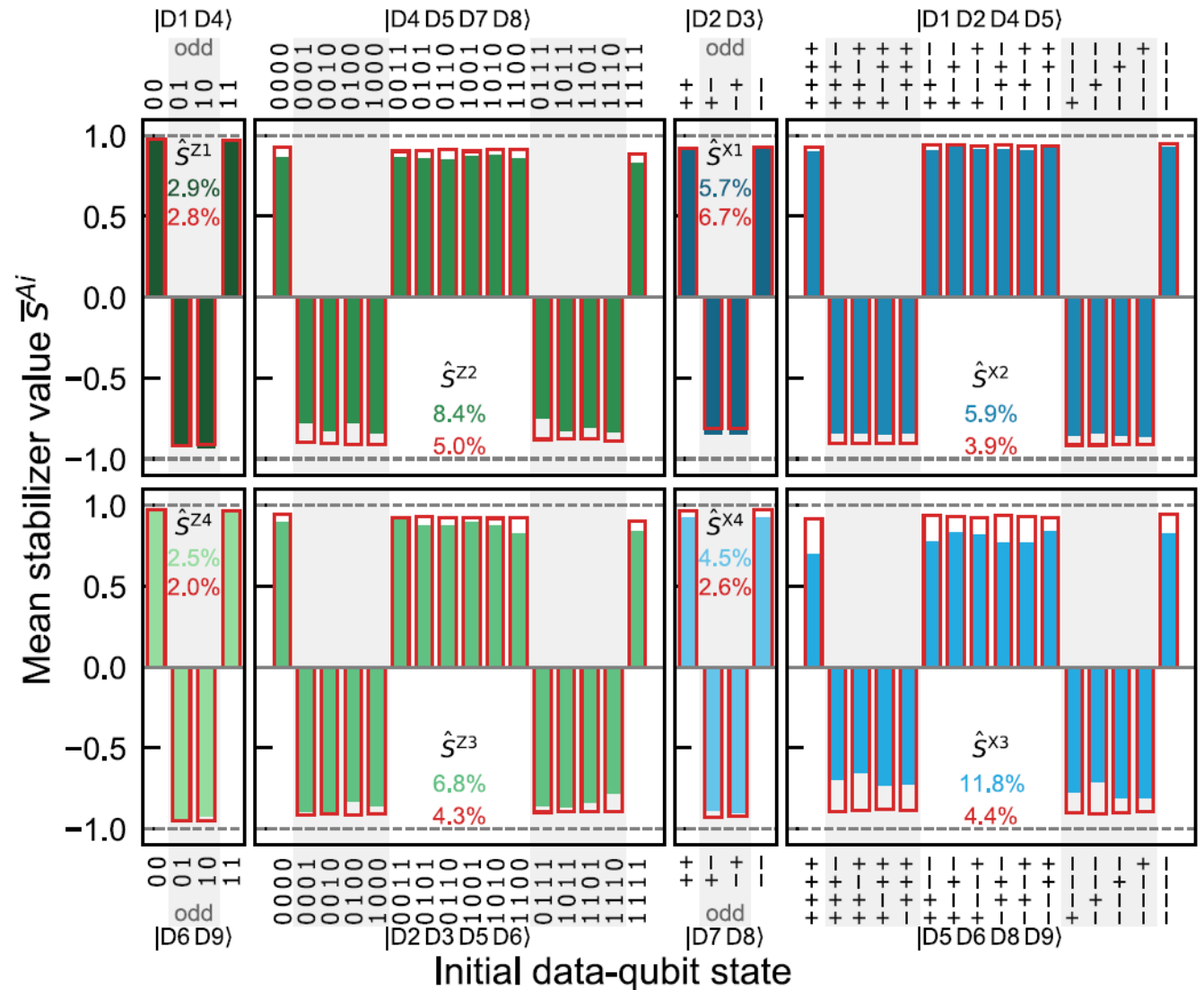
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## Average parity error

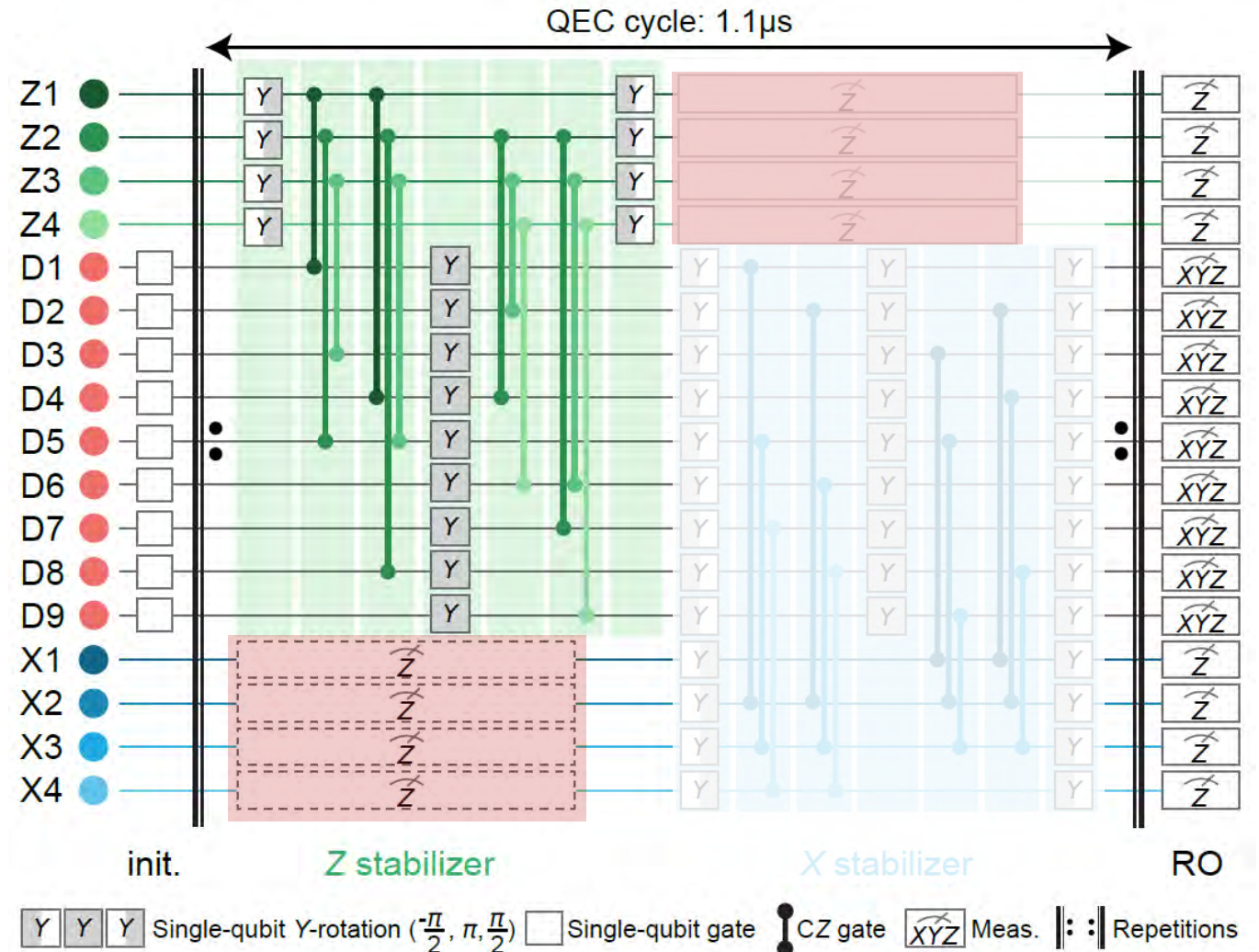
- Weight-2 stabilizers: 3.9(1.3) %
- Weight-4 stabilizers: 8.2(2.2) %

Qualitative agreement with **master-equation simulations**



# The Surface Code Cycle

- All four  $\hat{S}^{Zi}$  measured in parallel
- All four  $\hat{S}^{Xi}$  measured in parallel
- Pipelining: **Read out** one stabilizer type while running gates of the other.
- Logical state preparation:  $|0\rangle_L$ ,  $|1\rangle_L$  and  $|\pm\rangle_L = (|0\rangle_L \pm |1\rangle_L)/\sqrt{2}$  in single cycle.
- State preservation over n cycles
  - Cycle duration: 1.1  $\mu\text{s}$
  - Leakage detection and rejection executed in every cycle
  - circuits with  $\sim 800$  single-qubit gates and  $\sim 400$  two-qubit gates



Versluis et al., *PR Applied* **8**, 034021 (2017)

S. Krinner, N. Lacroix et al., *Nature* **605**, 669 (2022)

# Logical Error Probability and Logical Error per Cycle

Logical error probability:

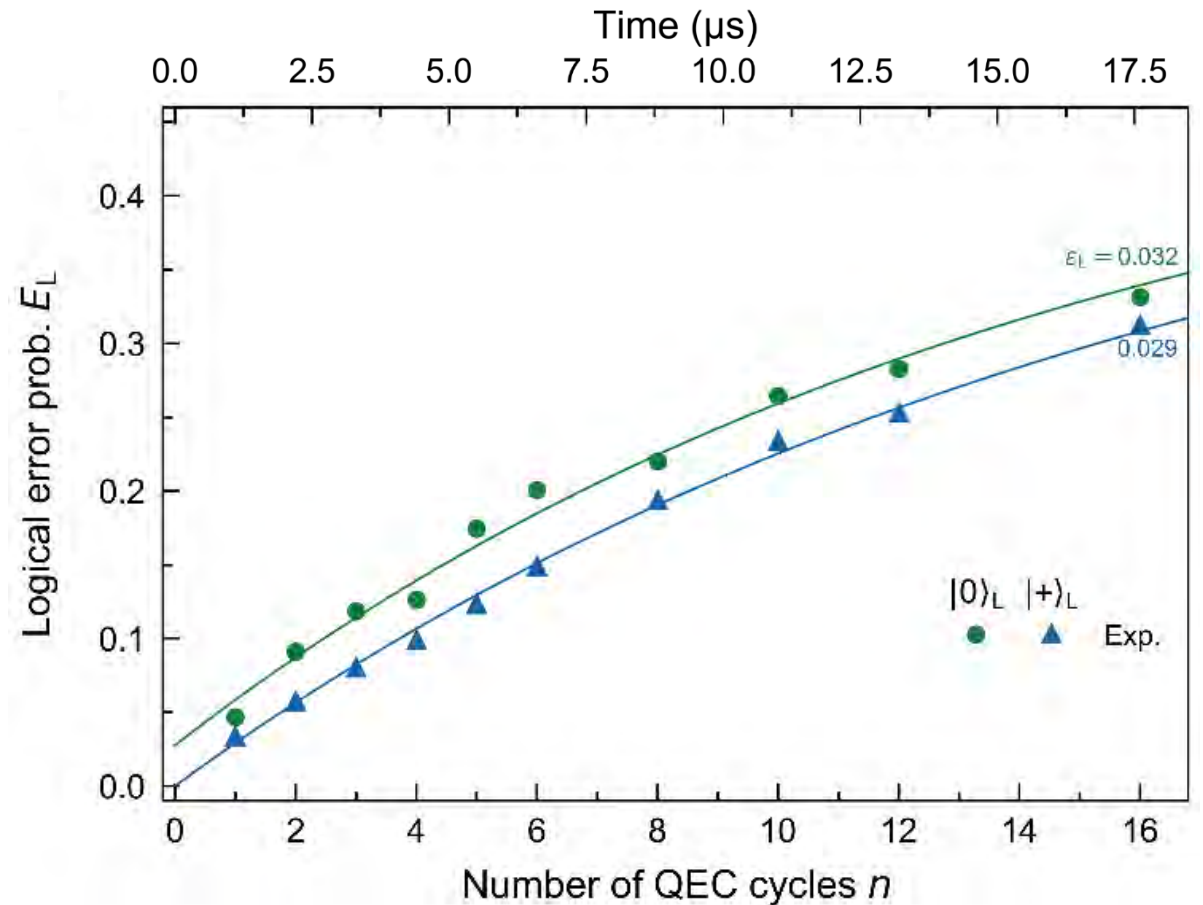
- $E_L = (1 - \langle \hat{Z}_L \rangle) / 2$  for eigenstates of  $\hat{Z}_L$
- $E_L = (1 - \langle \hat{X}_L \rangle) / 2$  for eigenstates of  $\hat{X}_L$

Logical error per cycle:

- Extracted from fit to  $E_L(n)$  or from  $T_{1/2,L}$ :

$$\epsilon_L = \frac{1}{2} [1 - \exp(-t_c / T_{1/2,L})] \approx t_c / 2T_{1/2,L}$$

- $\epsilon_L \sim 0.03$



# Comparison of Repeated Distance-Three QEC Experiments

The competition:

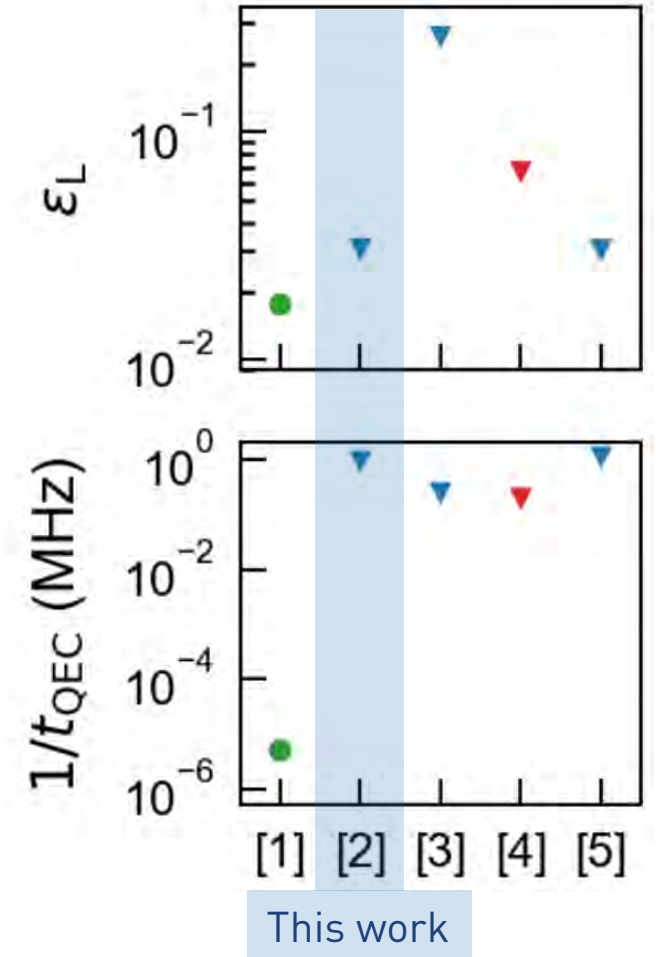
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- ETHZ: [2] Krinner, Lacroix *et al.* *Nature* **605**, 669 (2022)
- USTC: [3] Zhao *et al.*, *PRL* **129**, 030501 (2022)
- IBM: [4] Sundaresan *et al.*, *Nat. Commun.* **14**, 2852 (2023)
- Google: [5] Google AI, *Nature* **614**, 676 (2023)

Implementations:

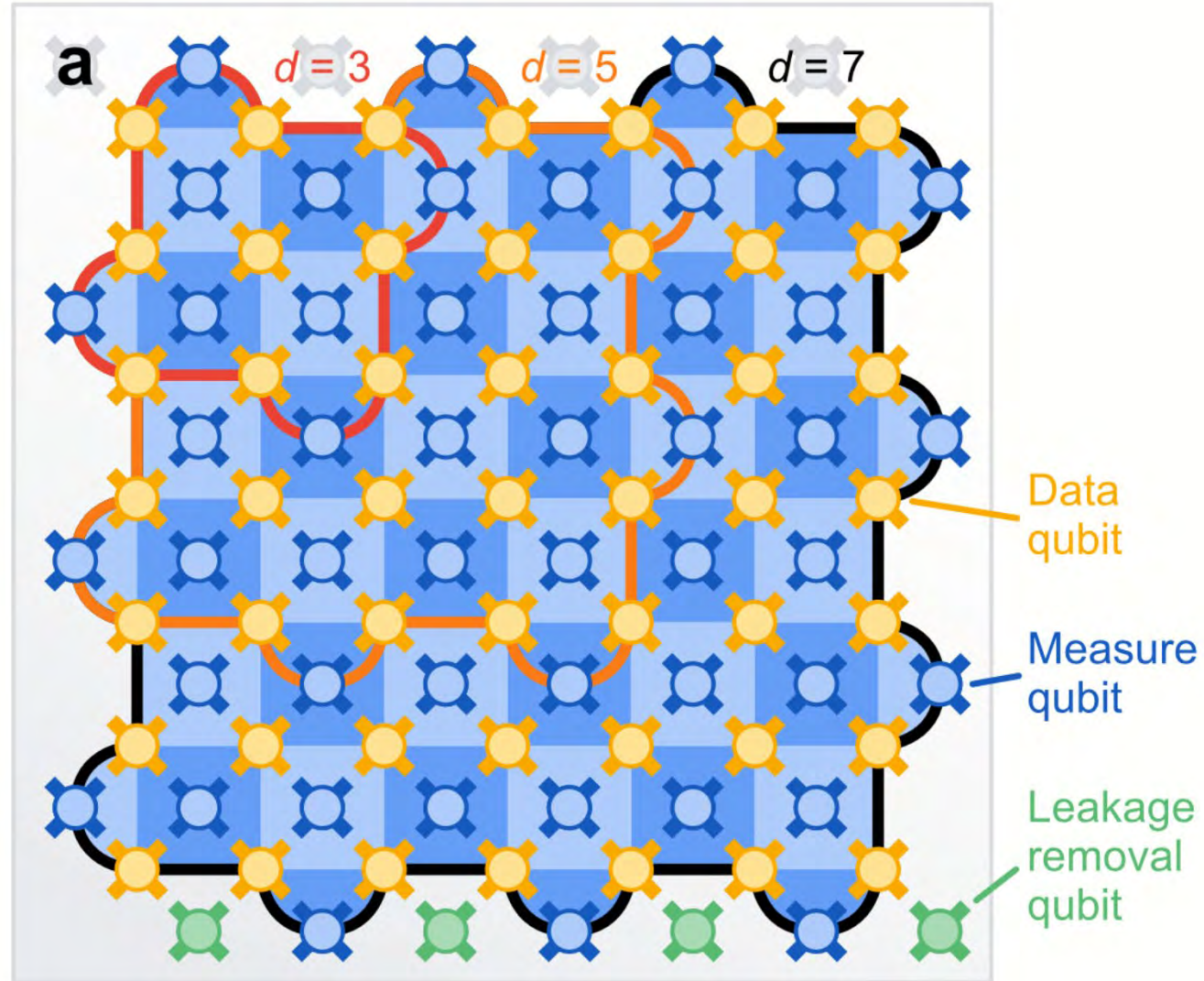
- superconducting-circuits ( $\nabla$ ) and trapped-ions (O)
- Color code, surface code and heavy-hexagon code

Performance criteria

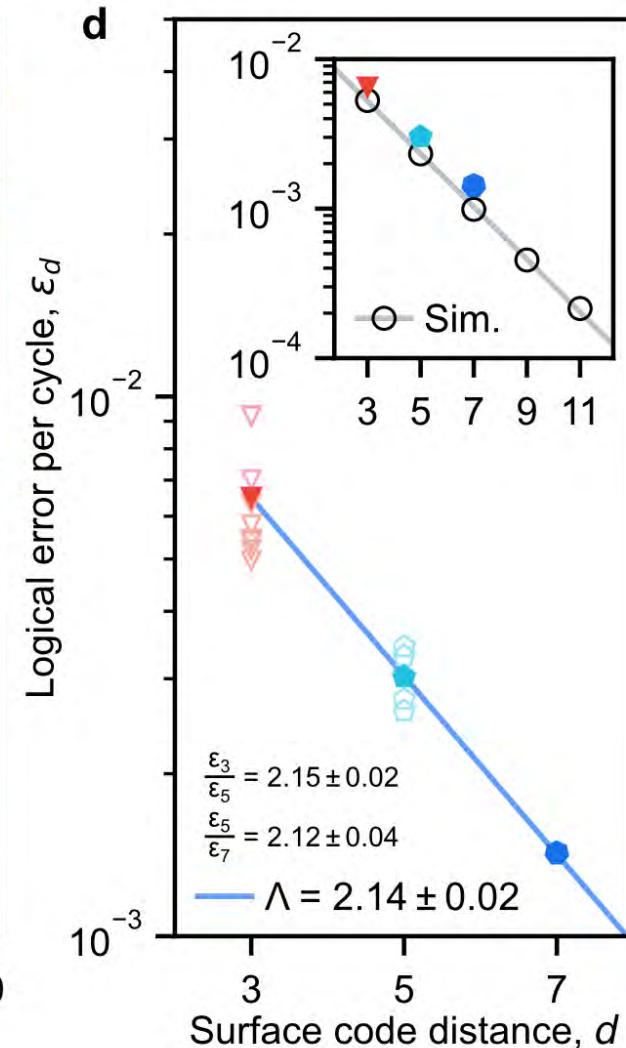
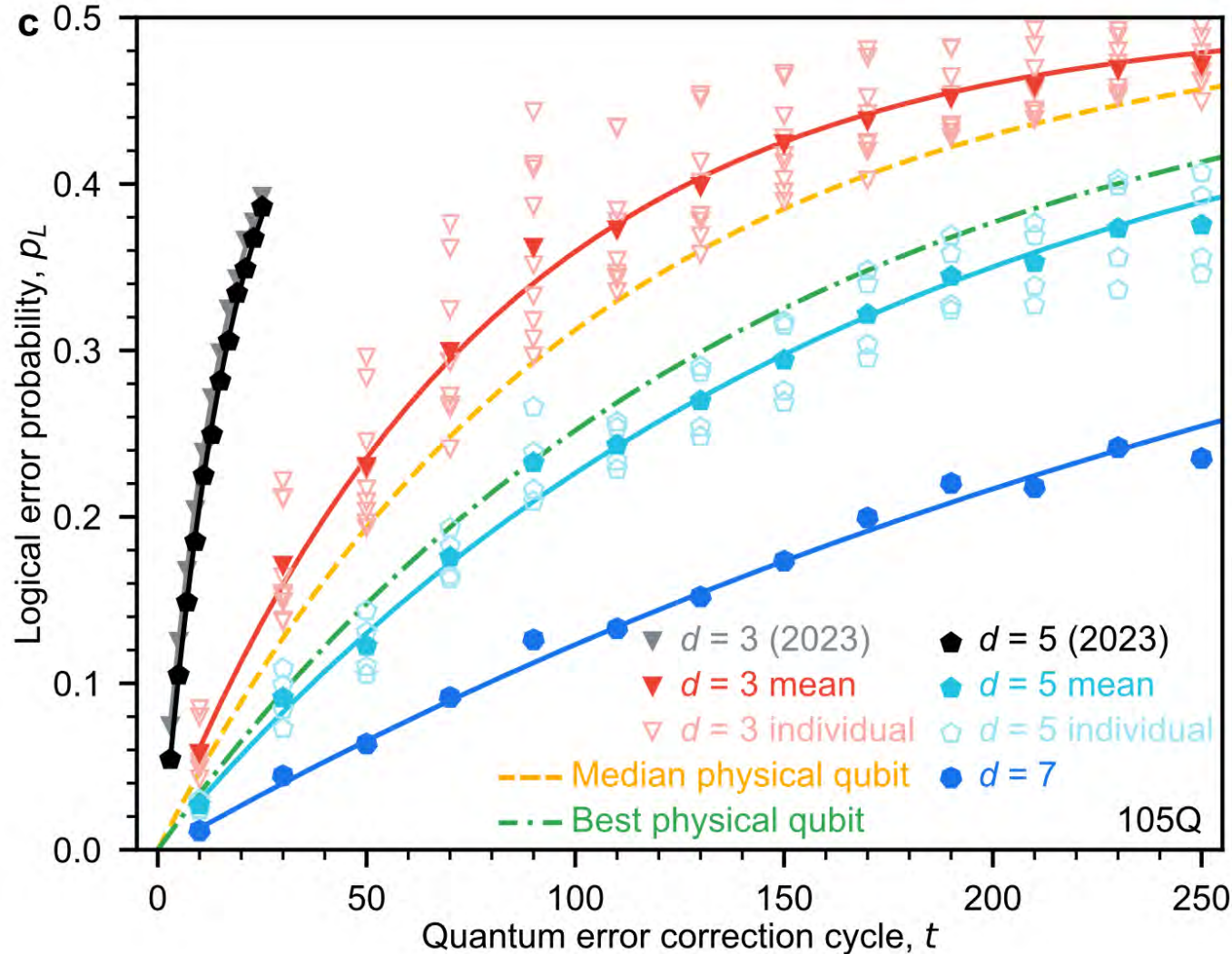
- Small logical error per cycle  $\epsilon_L$   
-> critical for fault tolerant quantum computing with high accuracy
- High QEC cycle rate  $1/t_{\text{QEC}}$   
-> crucial for execution of deep quantum circuits on short time scales



# Distance-Three, -Five and -Seven Surface Code Layout



# Distance Scaling and Logical Error Suppression



# Summary & Outlook

Here:

- Repeated quantum error correction in a distance-3 surface code
  - Fast QEC cycle of  $1.1 \mu\text{s}$
  - Low logical error per cycle  $\epsilon_L \sim 0.03$
  - Leakage reduction units under development
  - Break-even within reach, potentially close to threshold

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Up next:

- Logical operations on single logical qubit
- Gates between two logical qubits

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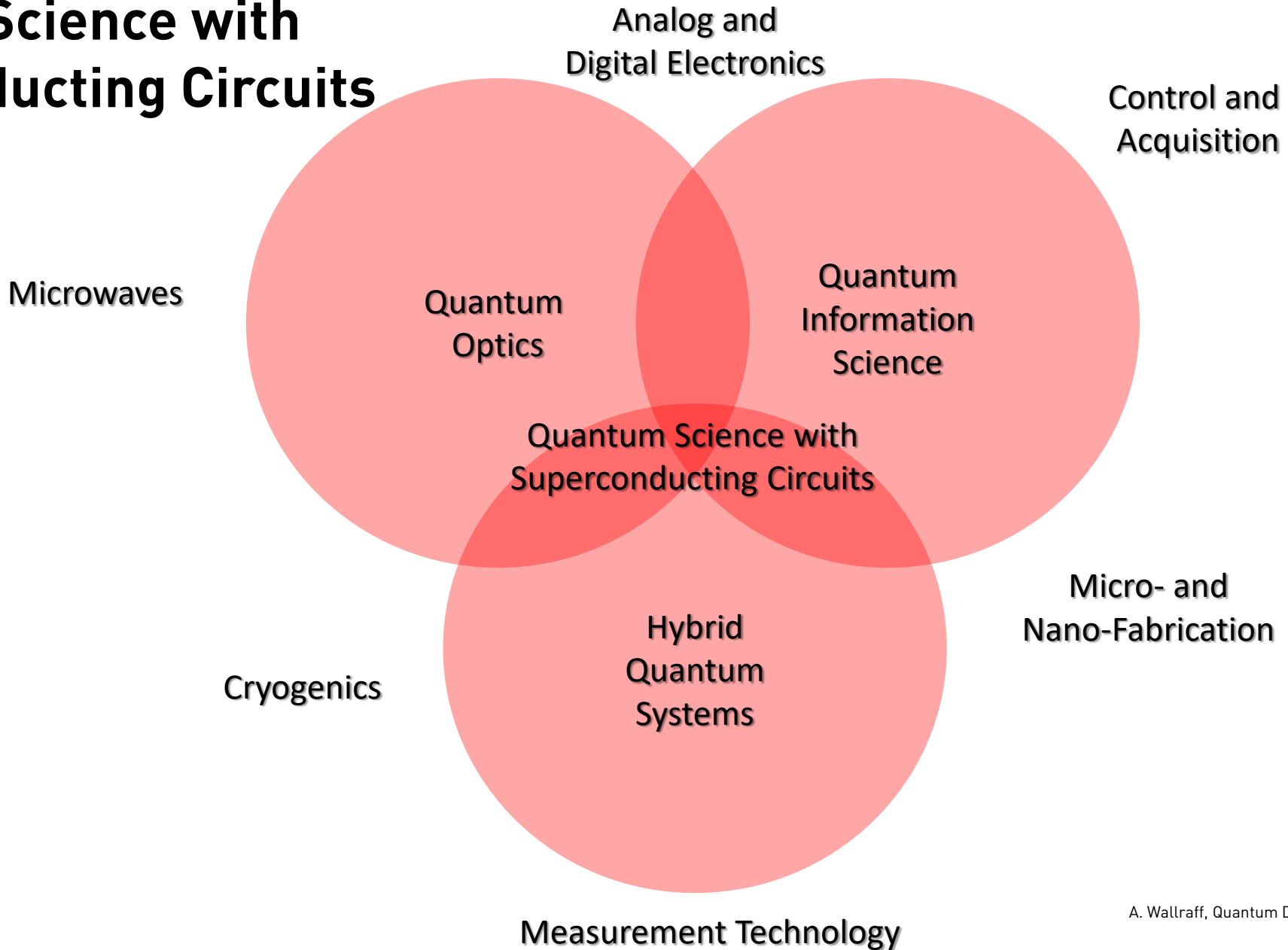
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