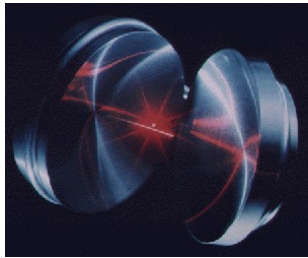
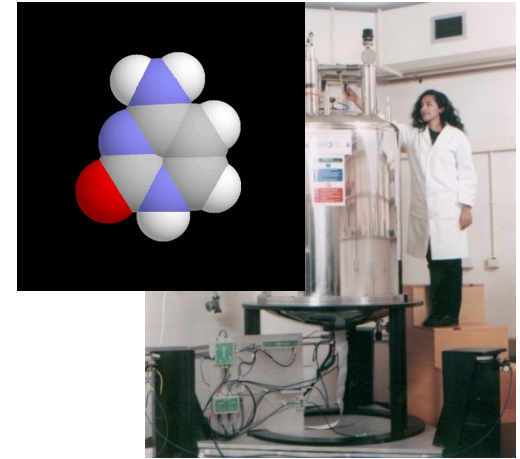
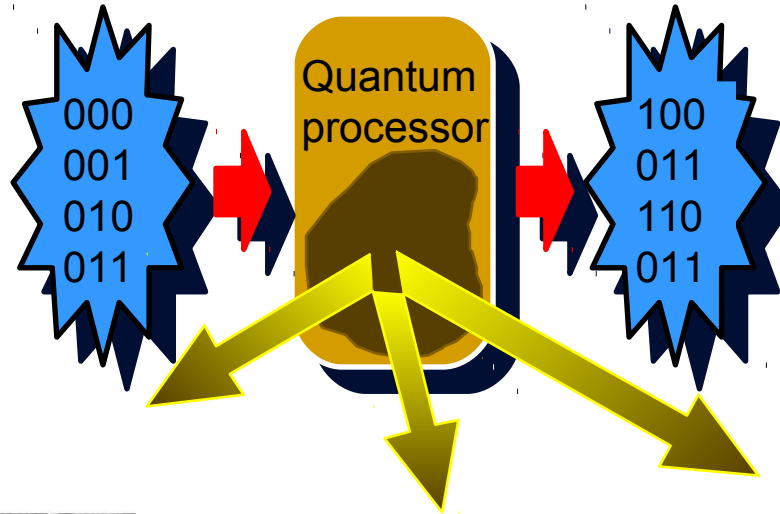


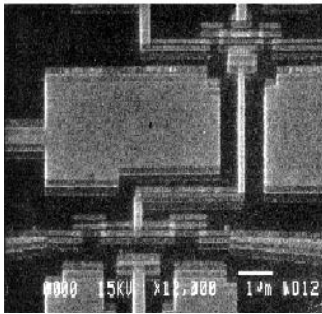
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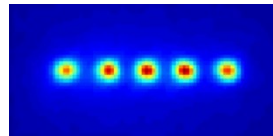
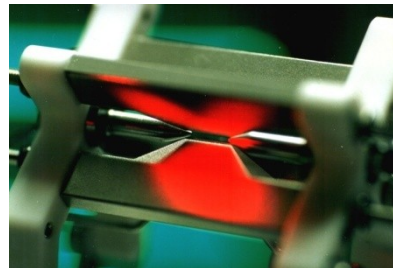
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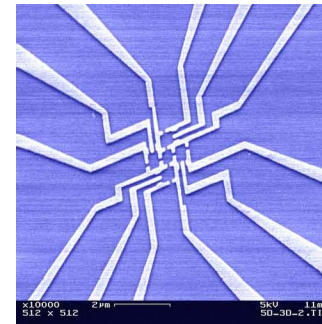
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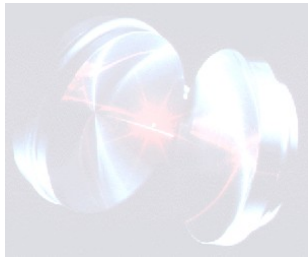


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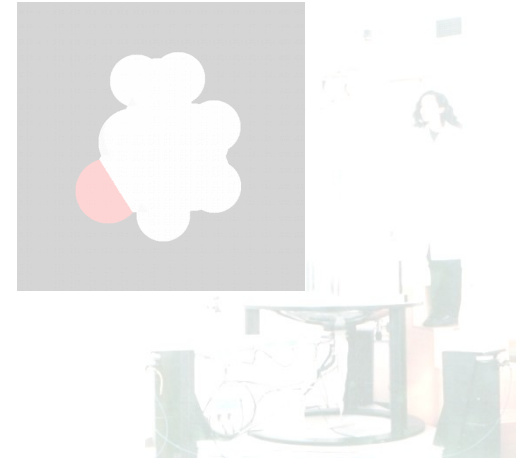
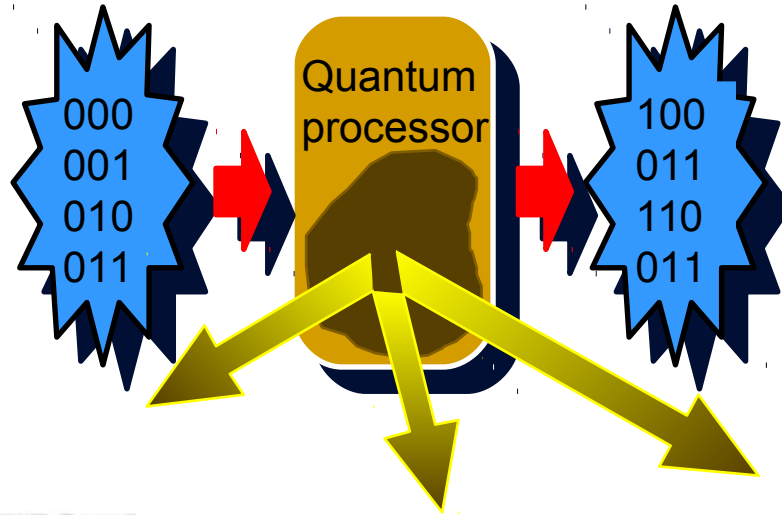


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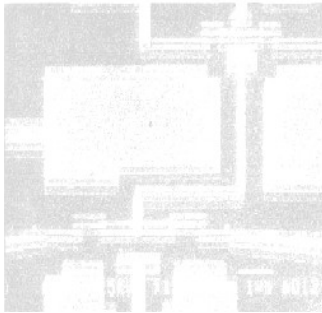
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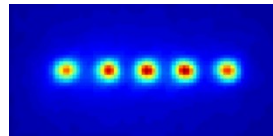
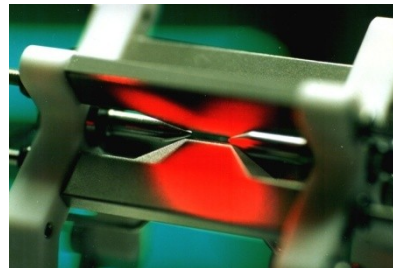
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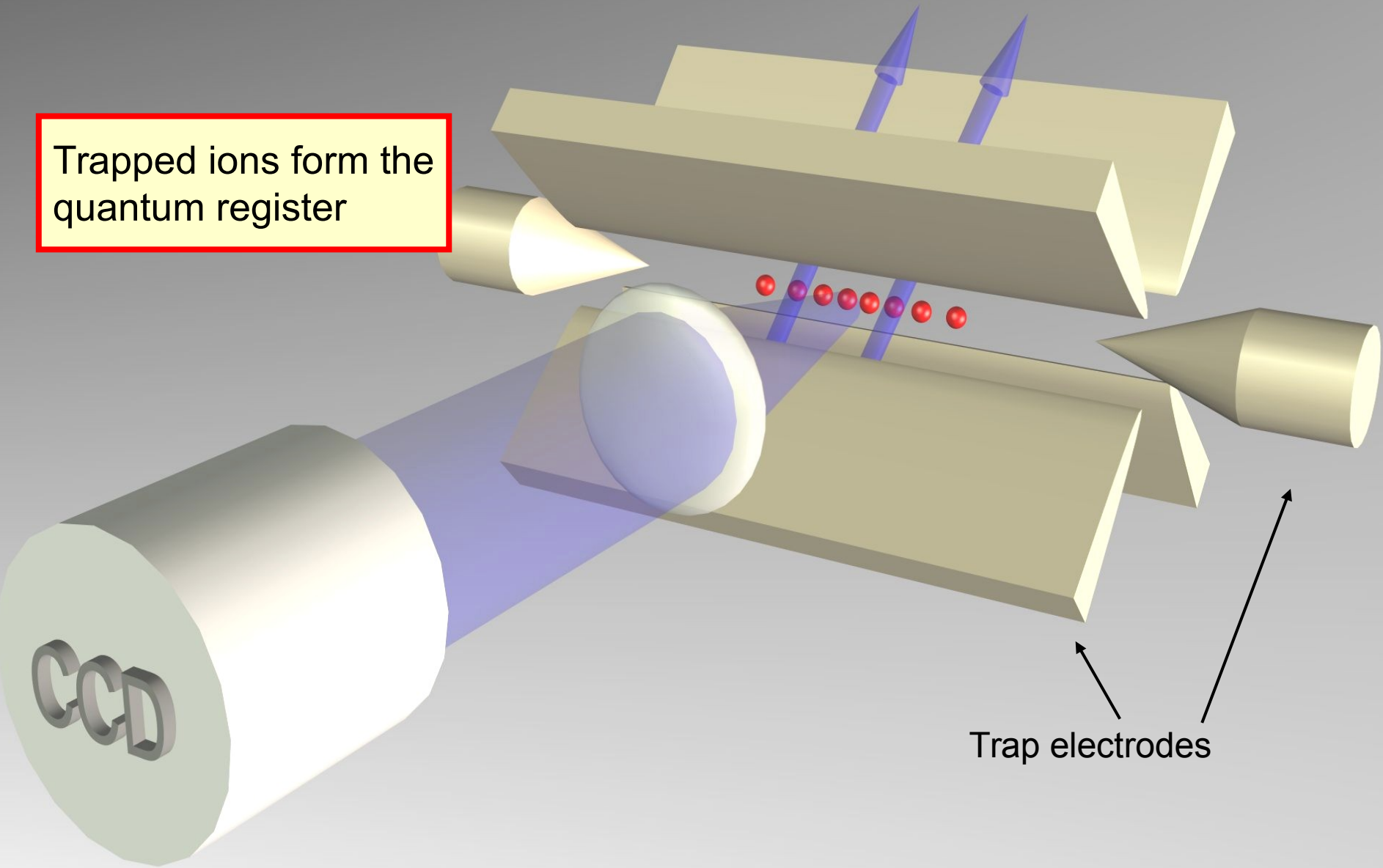
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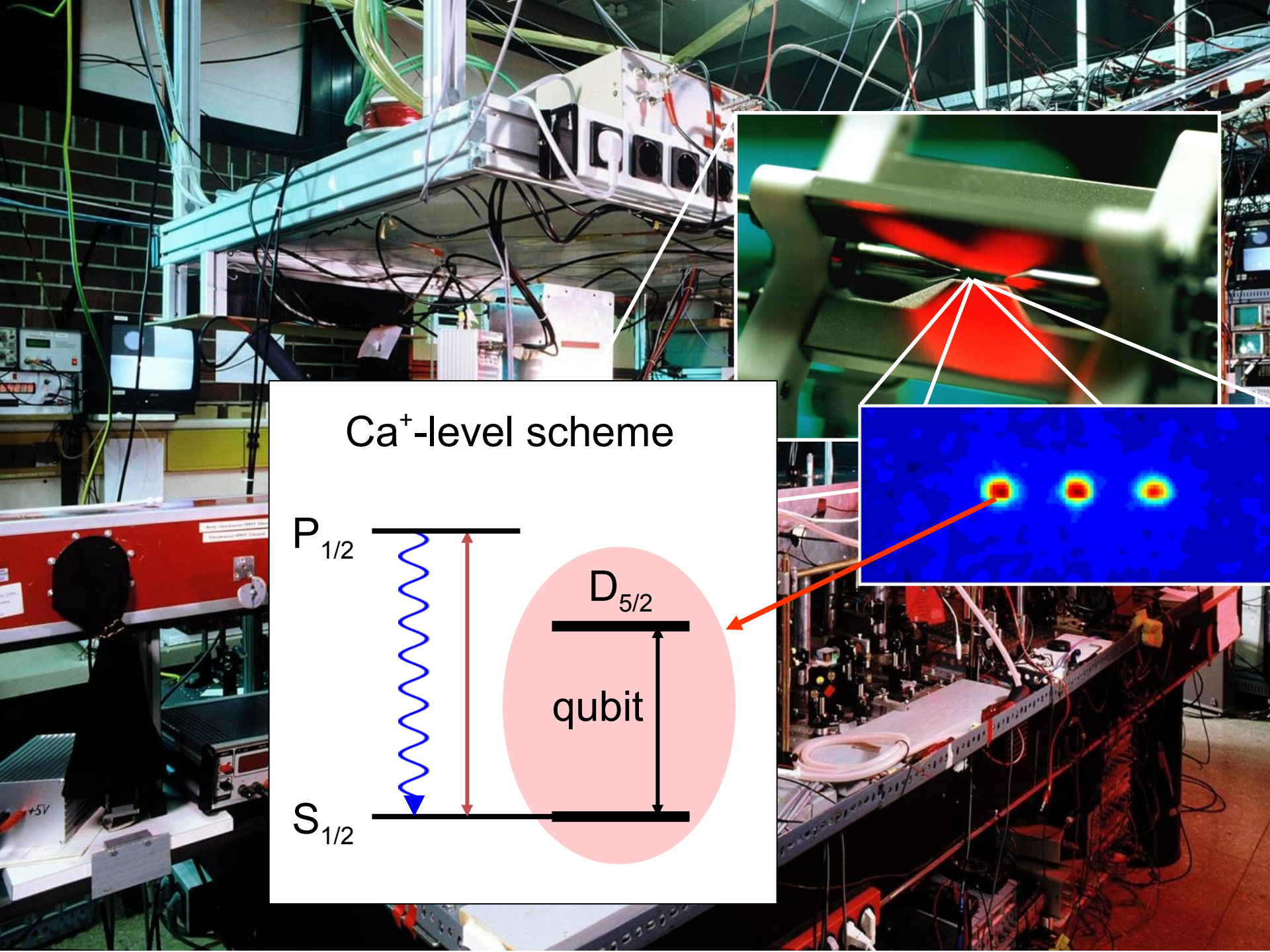
# Ion trap quantum computing

Trapped ions form the quantum register

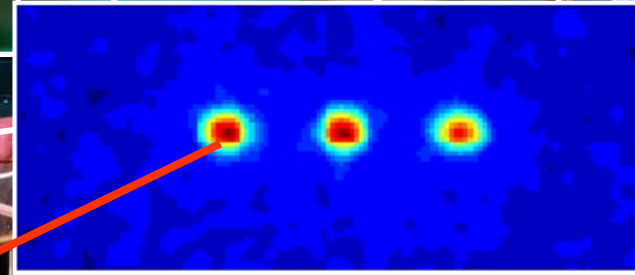
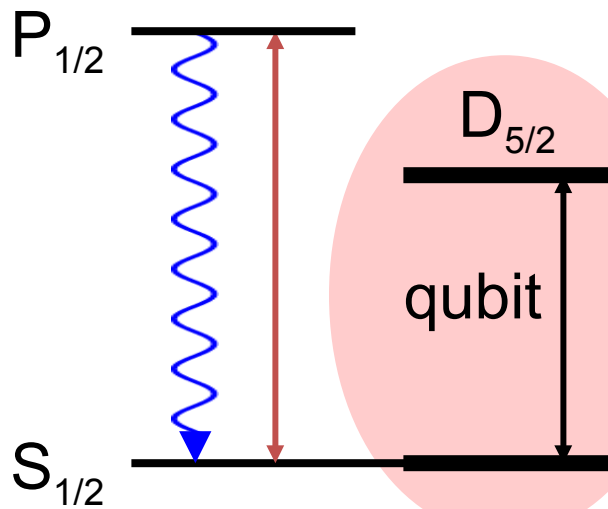


Trap electrodes





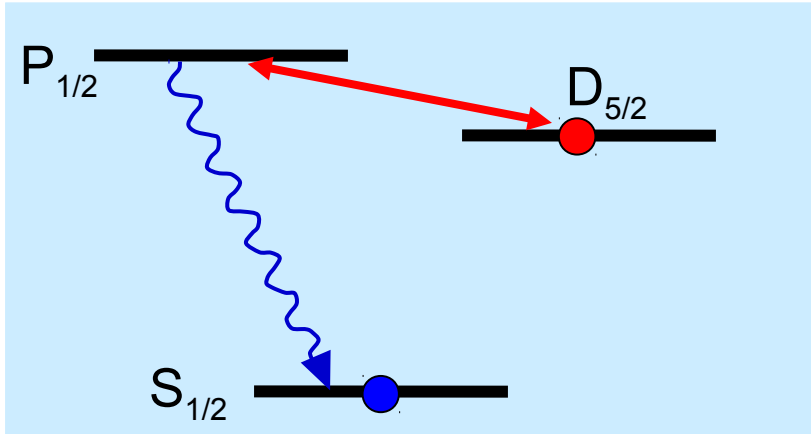
### Ca<sup>+</sup>-level scheme



# Di Vincenzo criteria

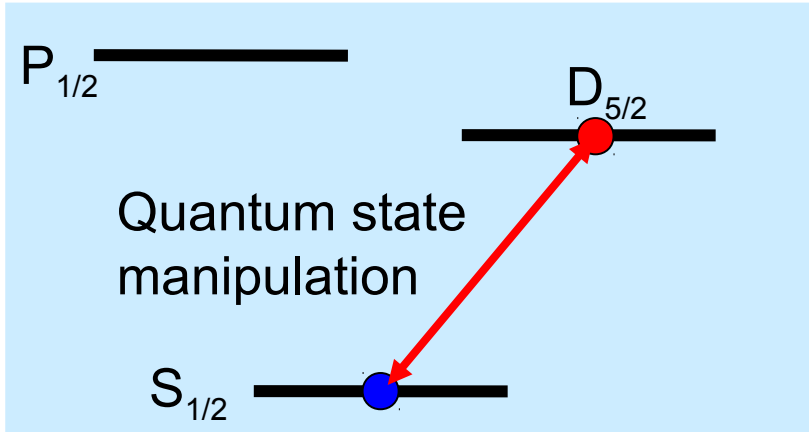
- I. Scalable physical system, well characterized qubits
- II. Ability to initialize the state of the qubits
- III. Long relevant coherence times, much longer than gate operation time
- IV. “Universal” set of quantum gates
- V. Qubit-specific measurement capability

# Experimental procedure



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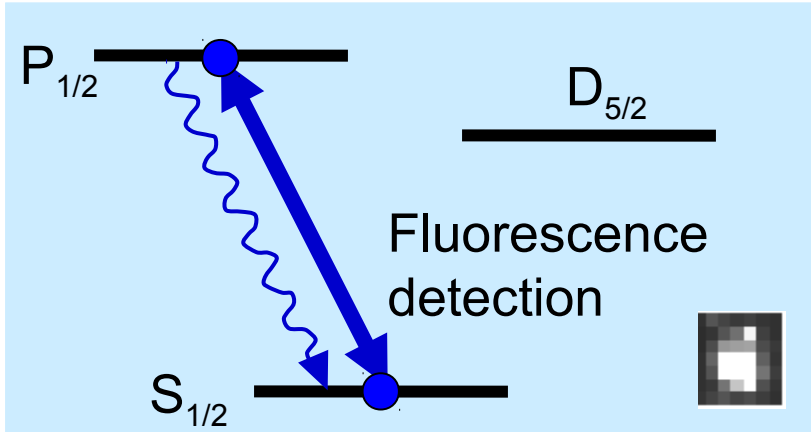
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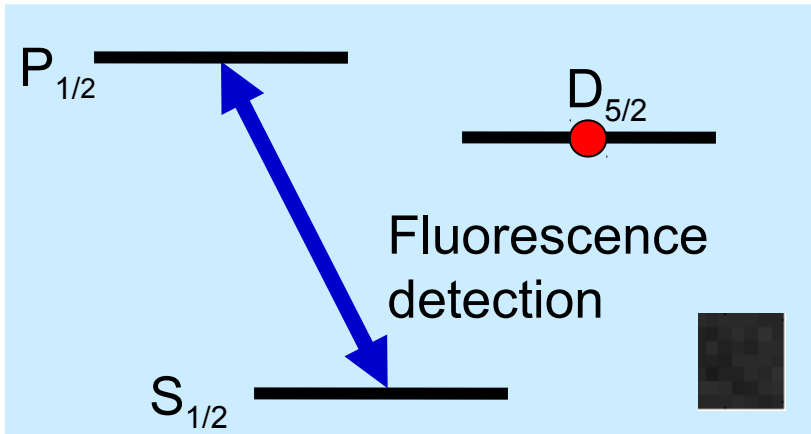
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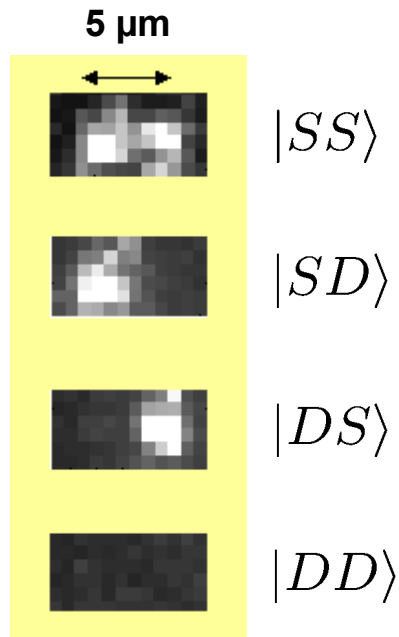
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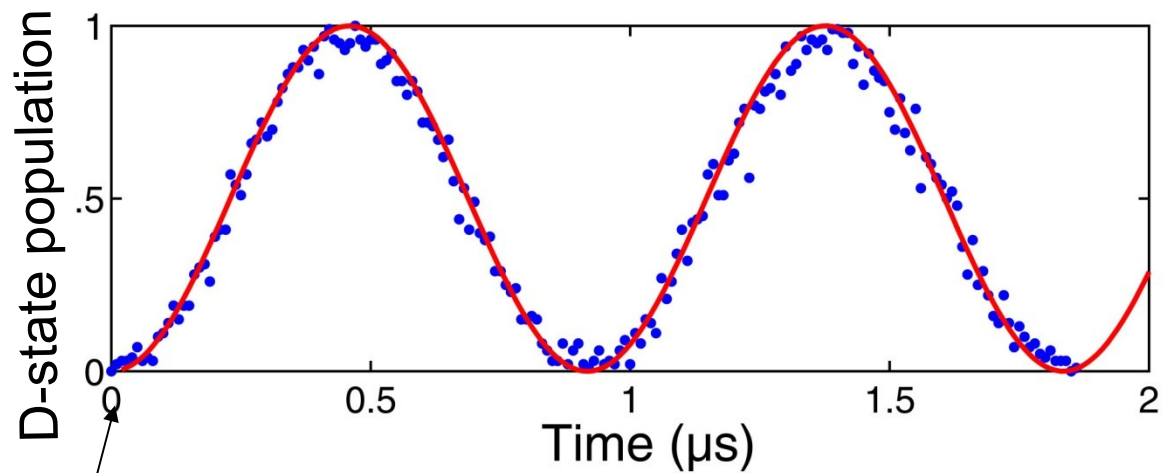
Spatially resolved detection with CCD camera



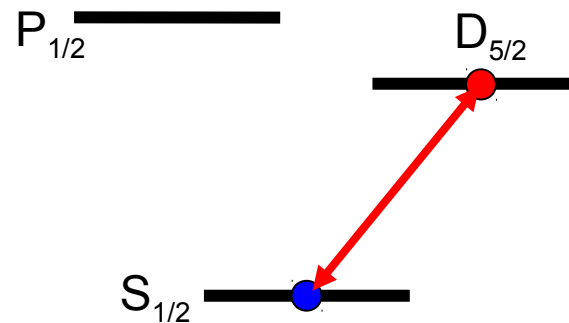
50 experiments / s

Repeat experiments  
100-200 times

# Rabi oscillations

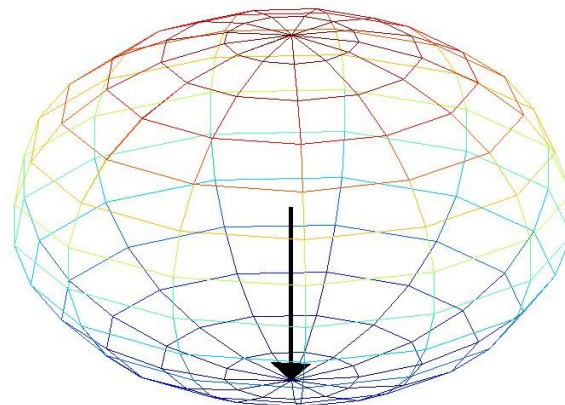


$|S\rangle$



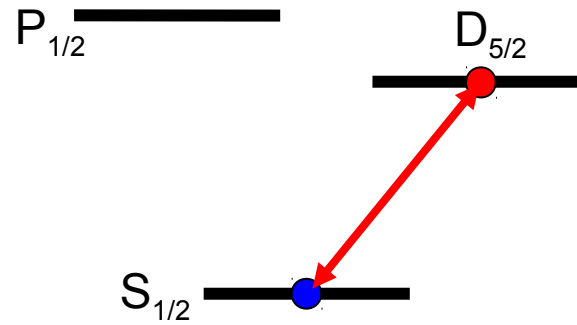
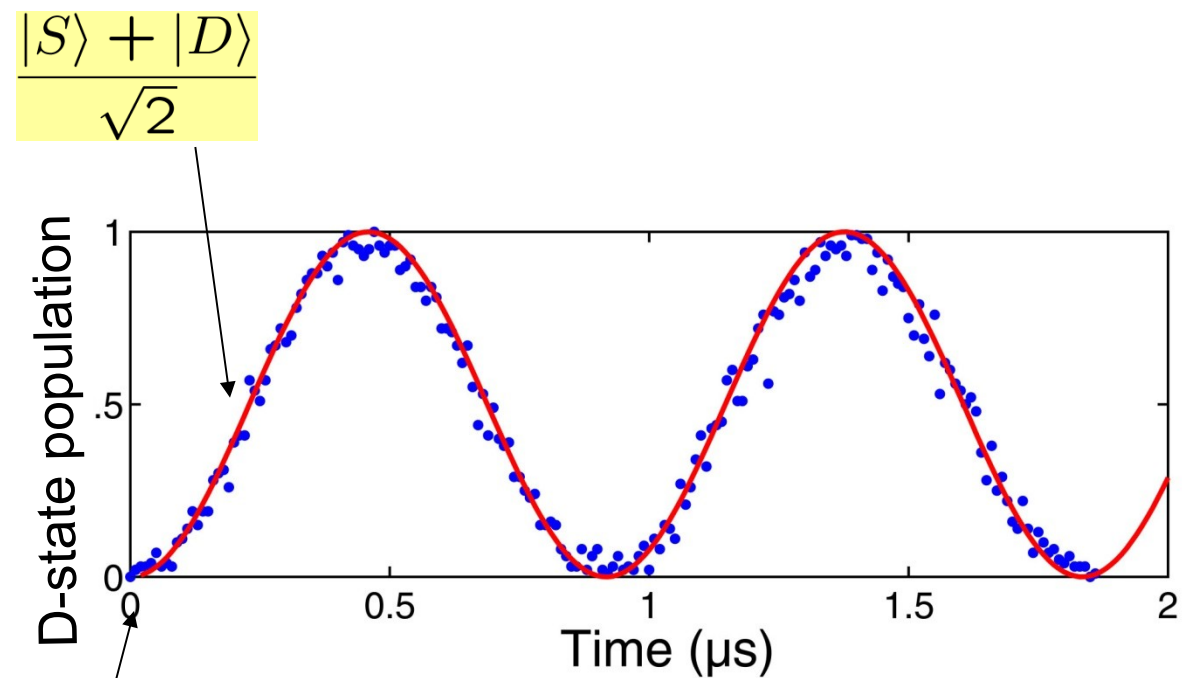
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$$\frac{|S\rangle + |D\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



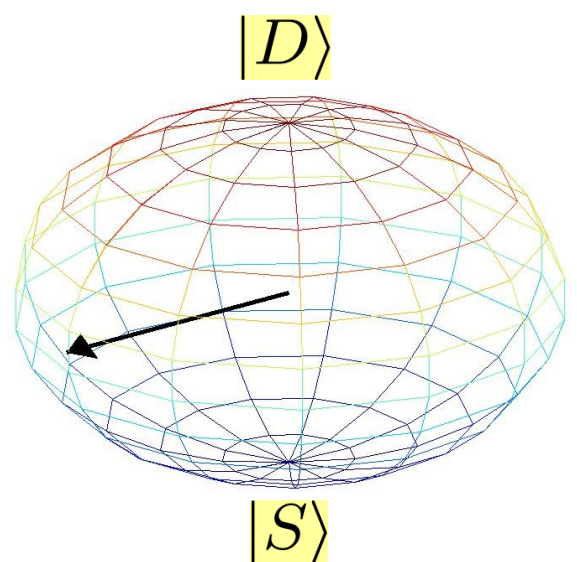
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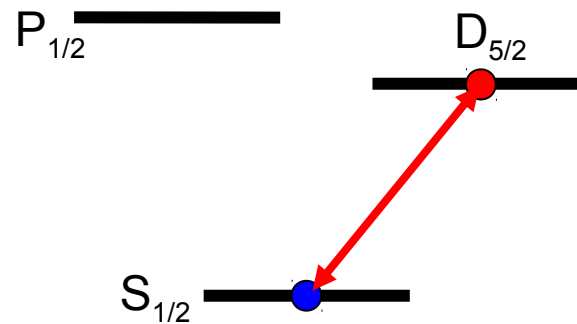
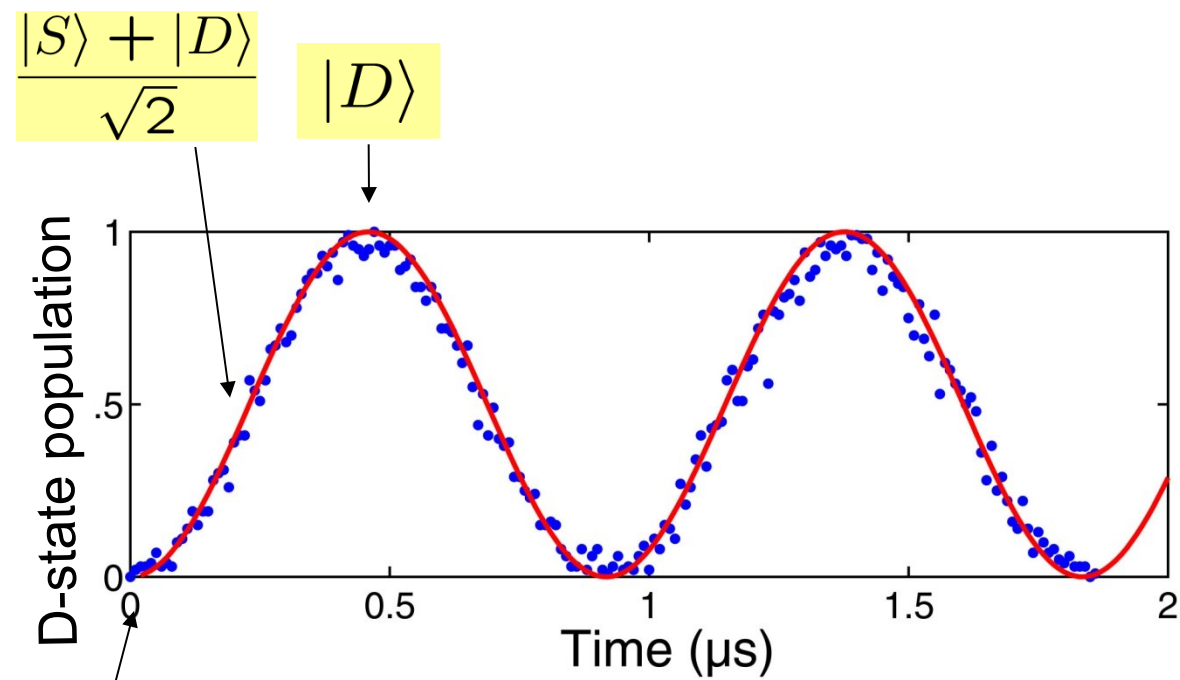


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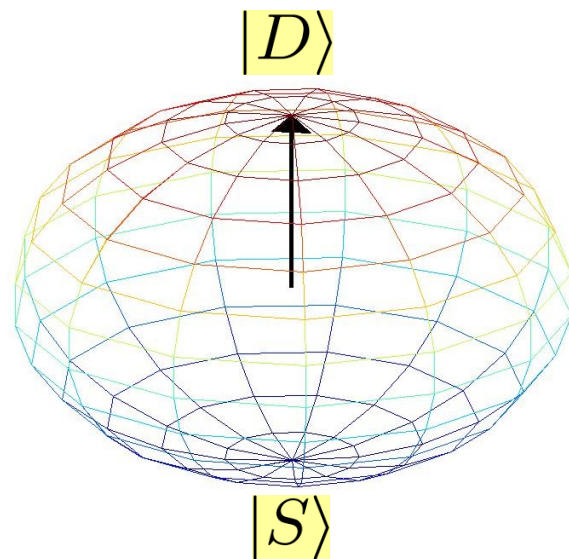
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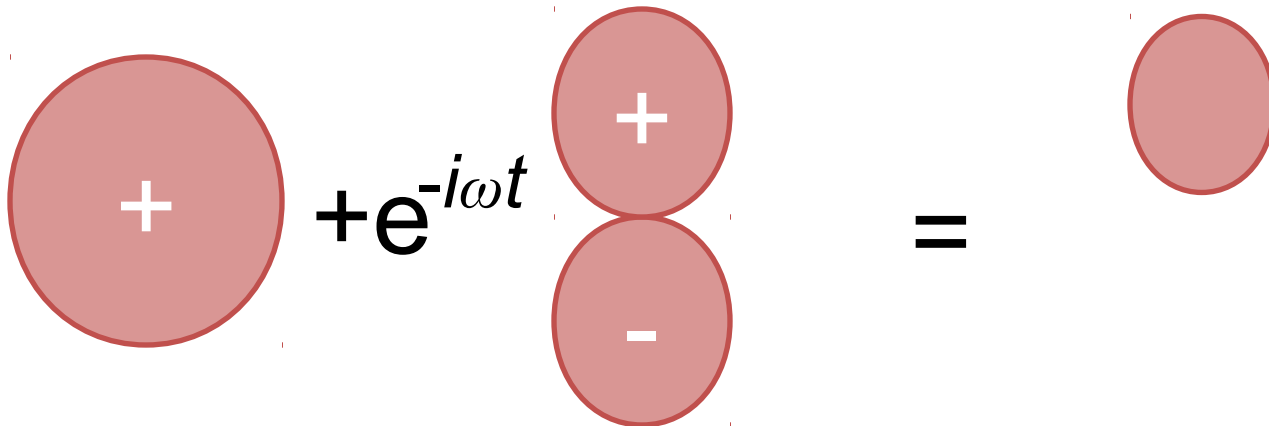
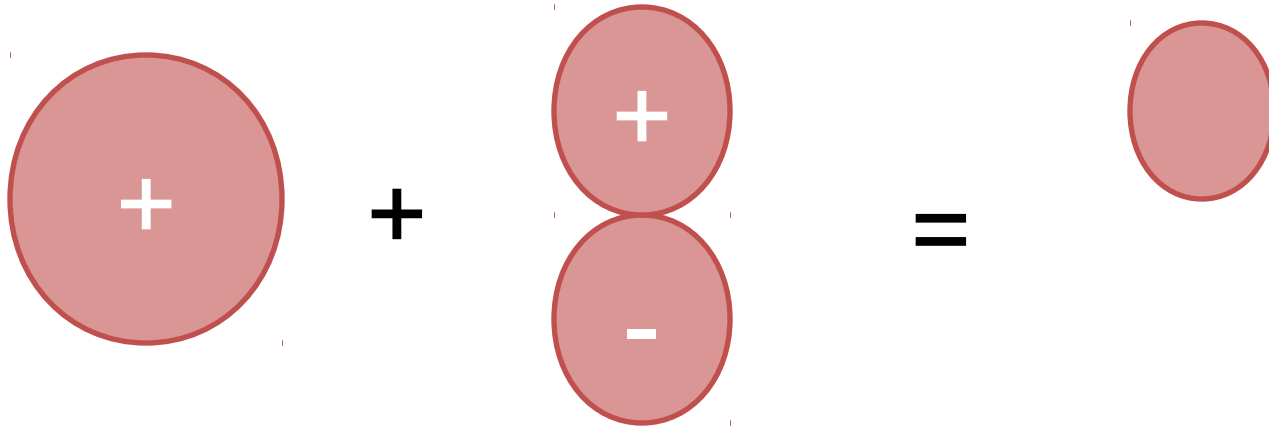
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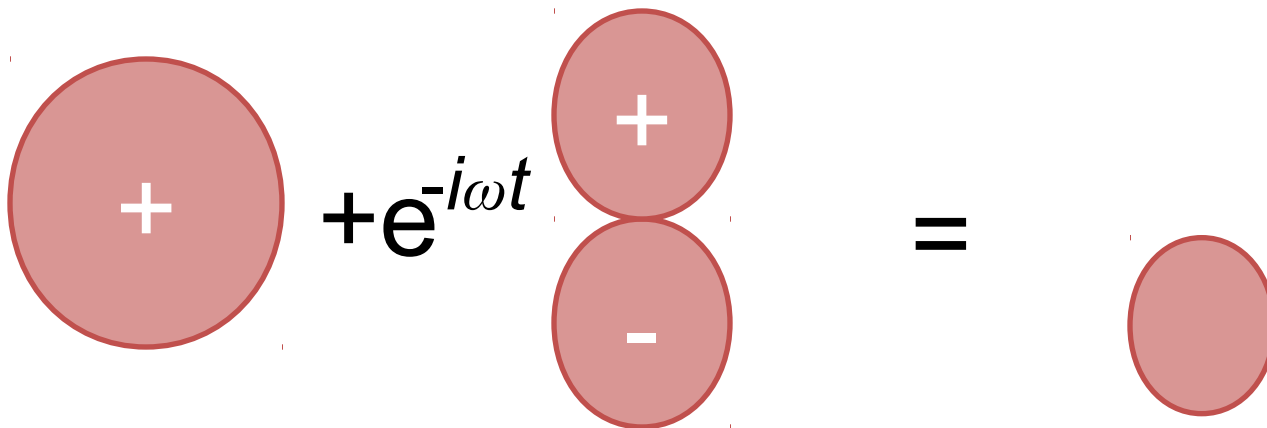
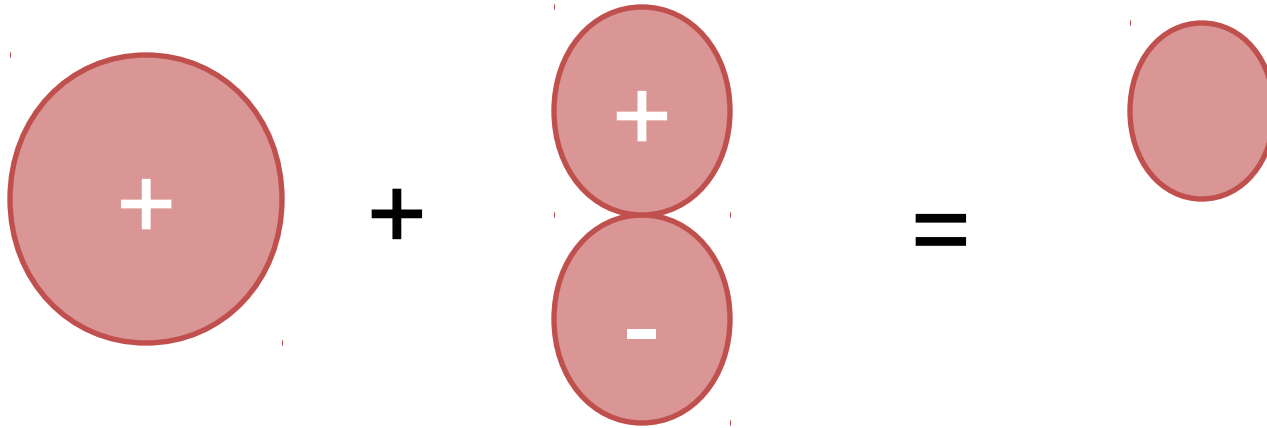
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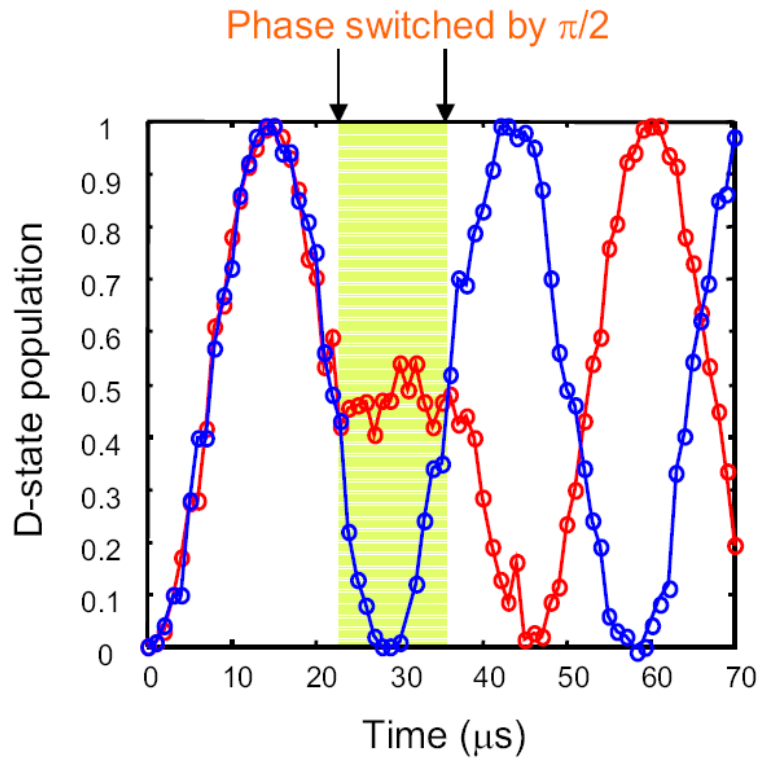


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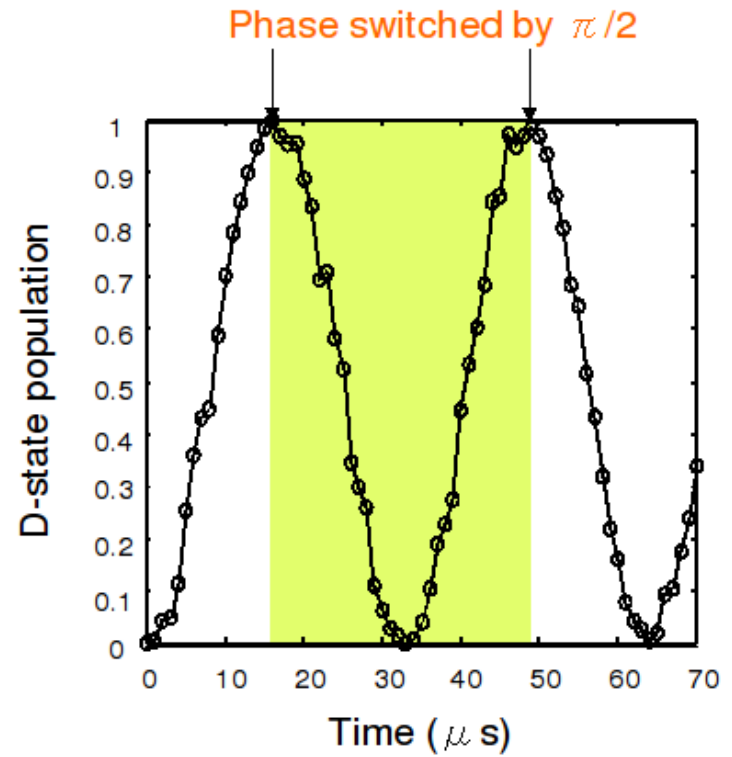
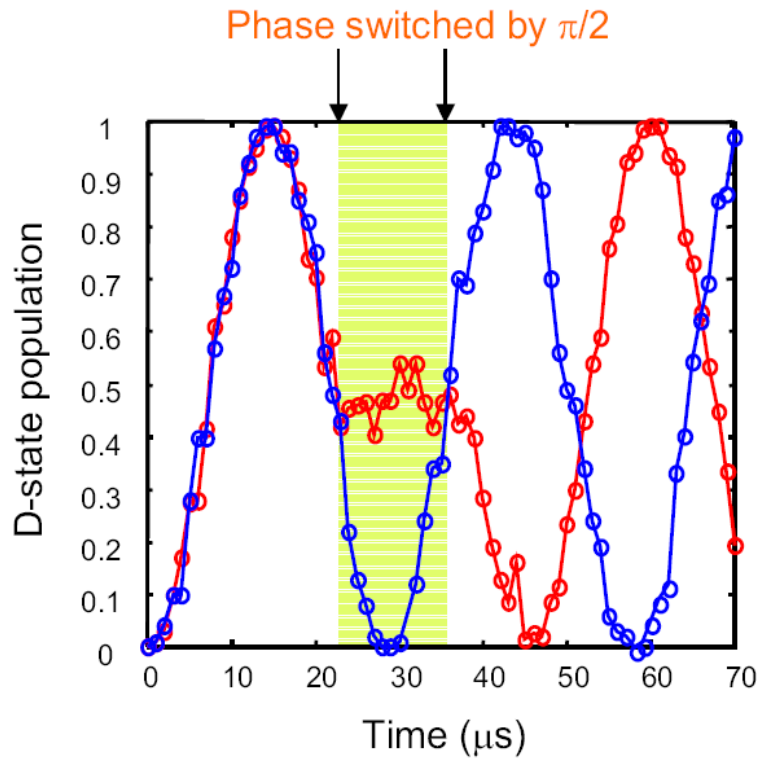




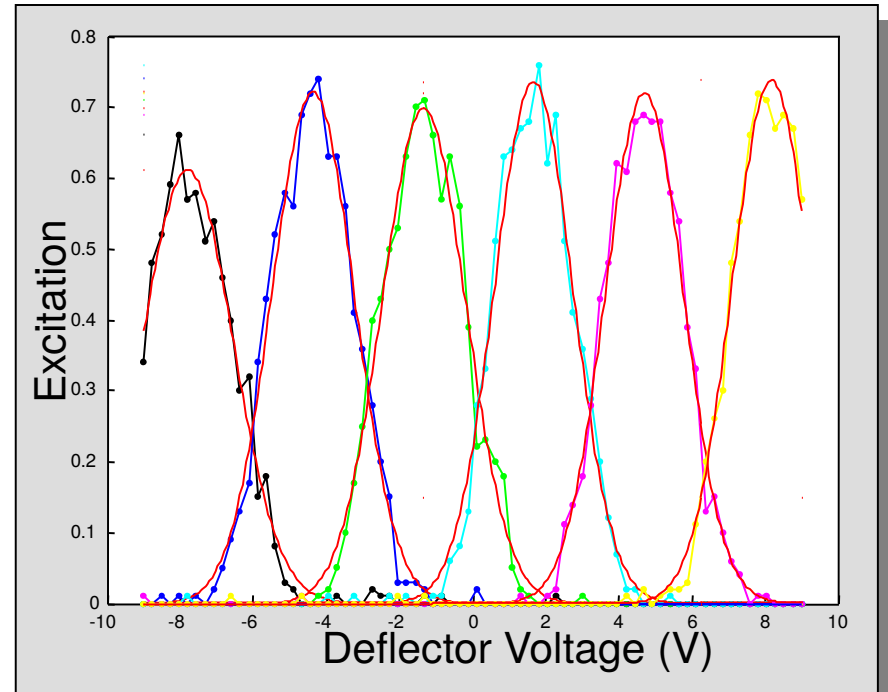
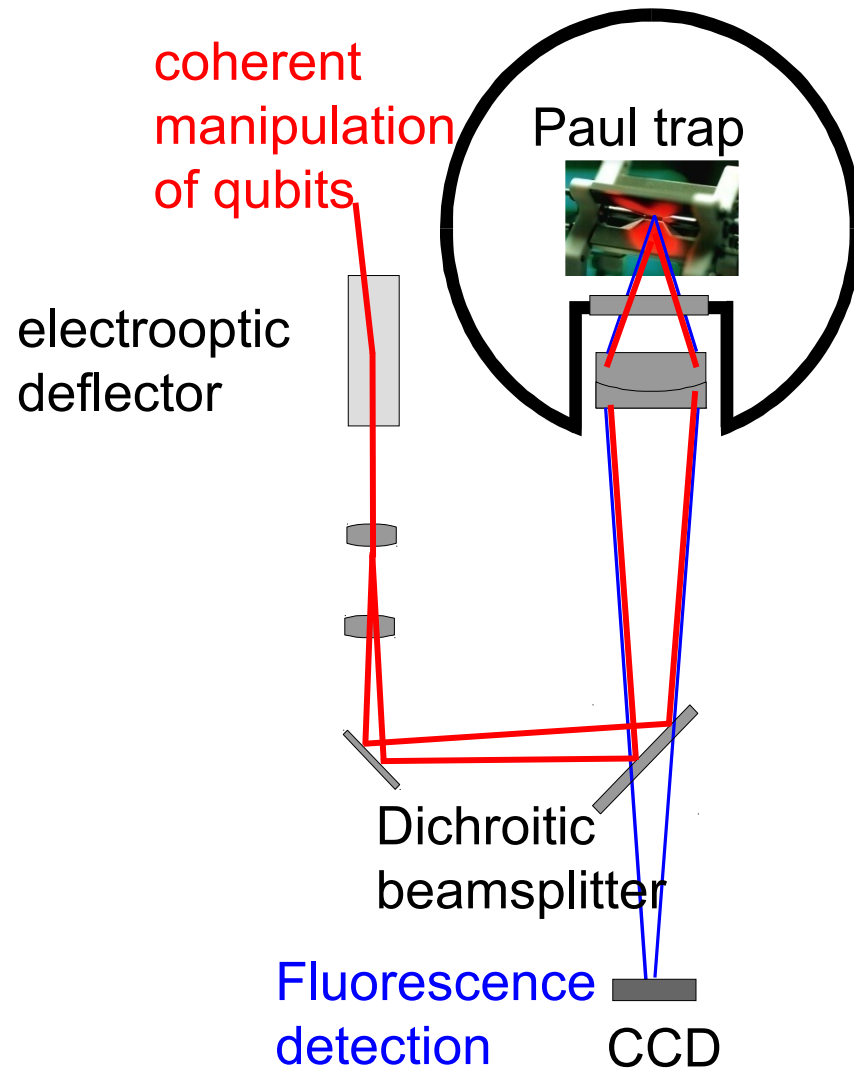
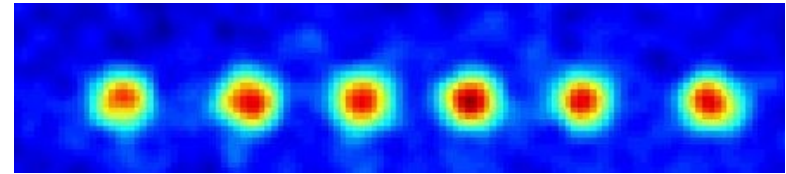
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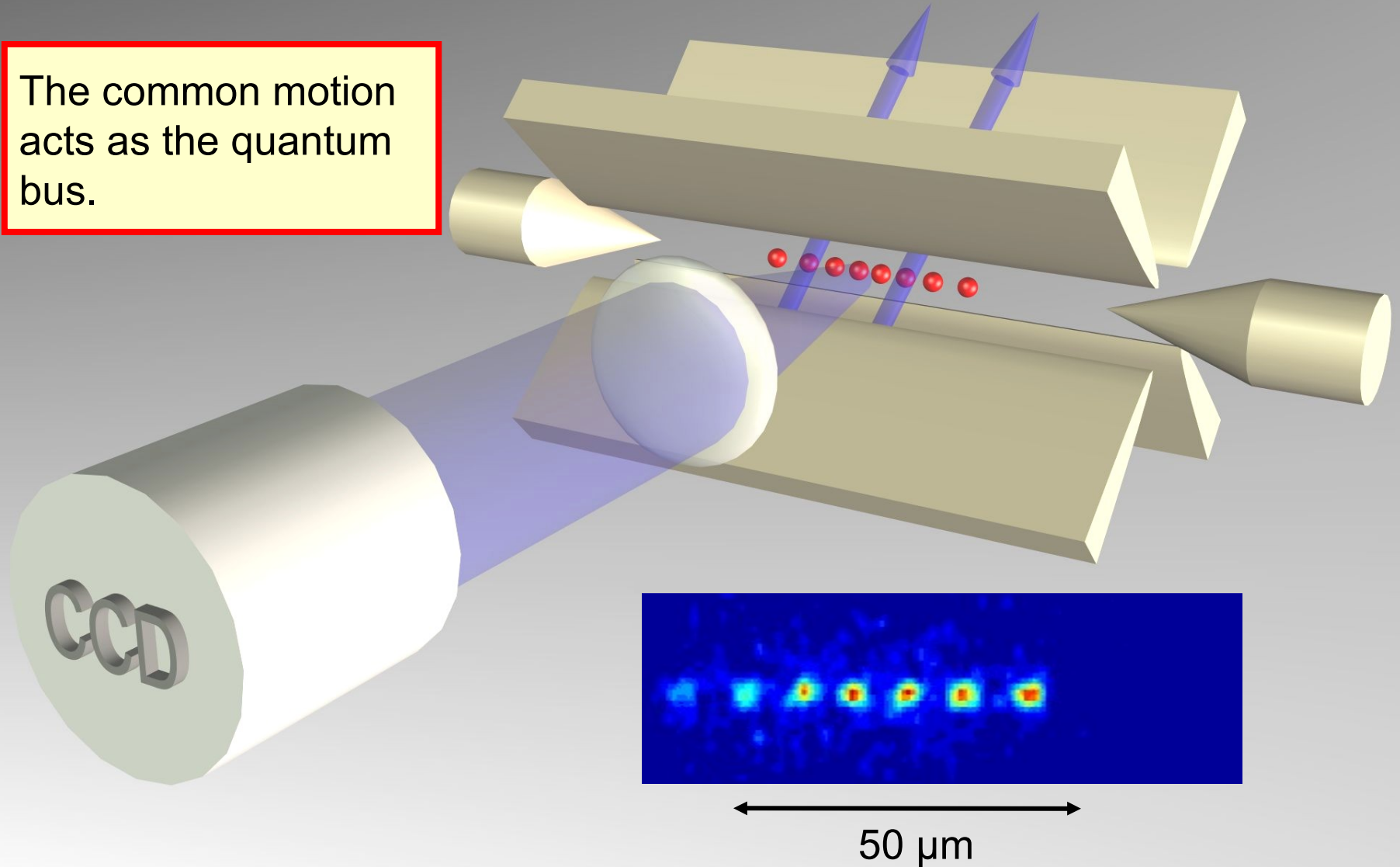
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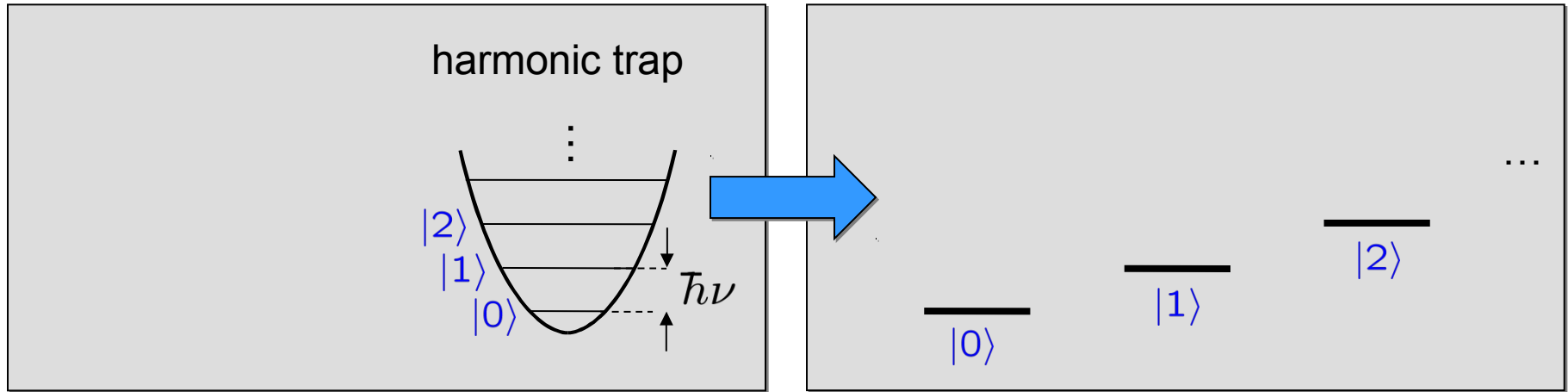
- inter ion distance:  $\sim 4 \mu\text{m}$
- addressing waist:  $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$
- < 0.1% intensity on neighbouring ions

# Having the qubits interact

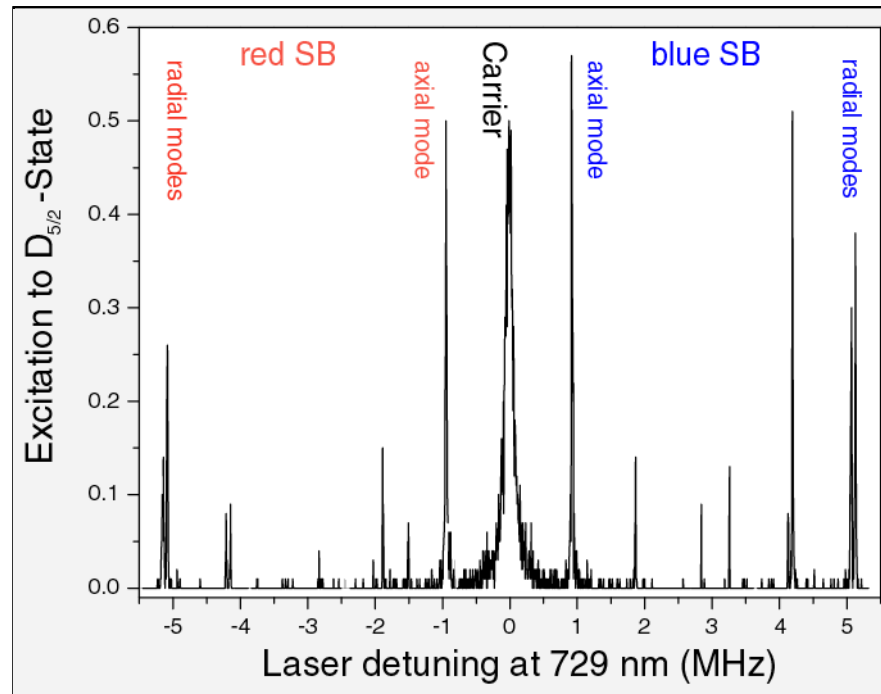
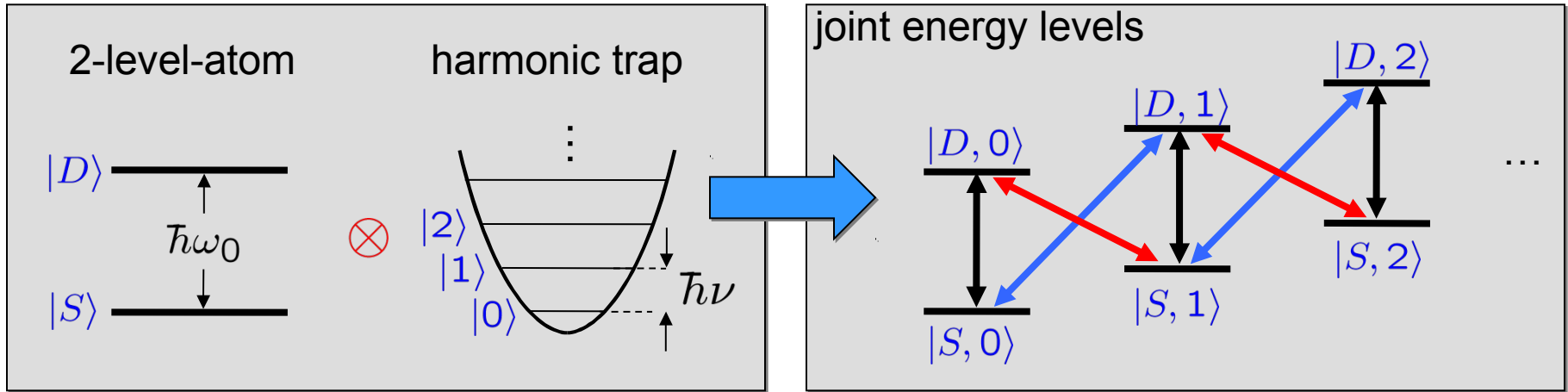
The common motion acts as the quantum bus.



# Ion motion

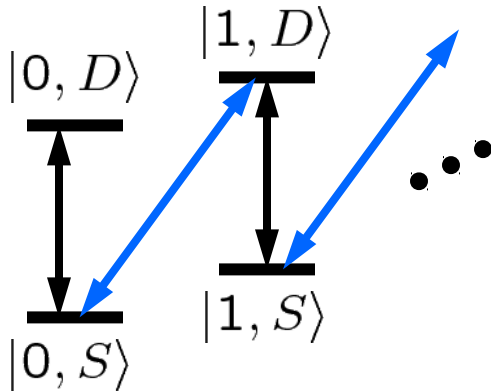


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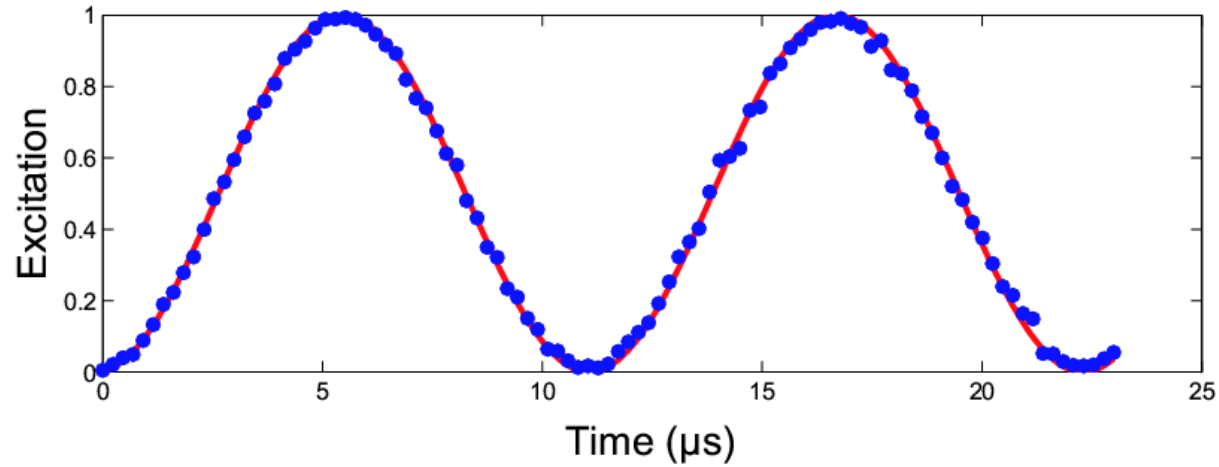




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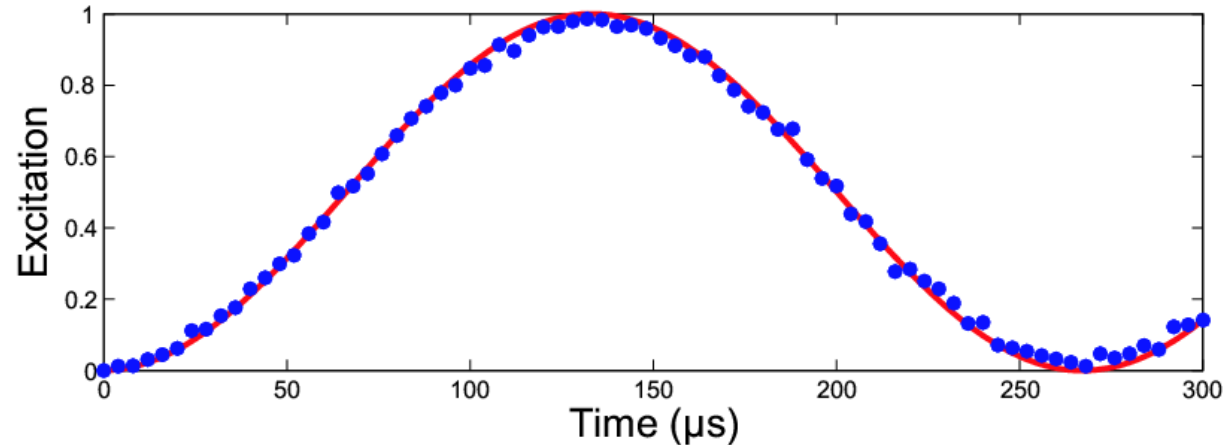


carrier



carrier and **sideband**  
Rabi oscillations  
with Rabi frequencies

$$\Omega, \eta\Omega$$

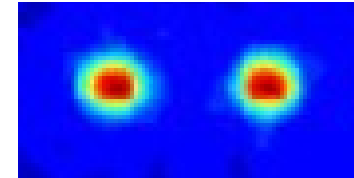


$\eta = kx_0$  Lamb-Dicke parameter

# Generation of Bell states

$|DD1\rangle$   $\vdots$   
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$|DD0\rangle$  \_\_\_\_\_



$|SD1\rangle$   $\vdots$   
\_\_\_\_\_

$|SD0\rangle$  \_\_\_\_\_


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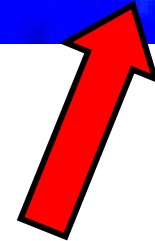
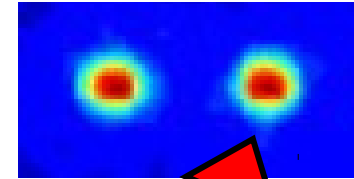
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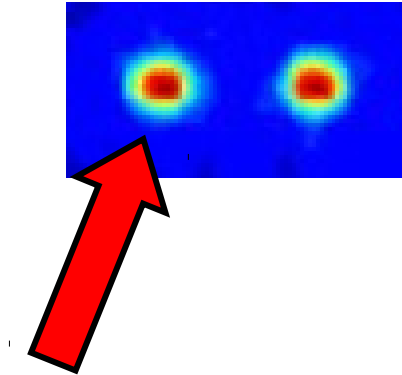
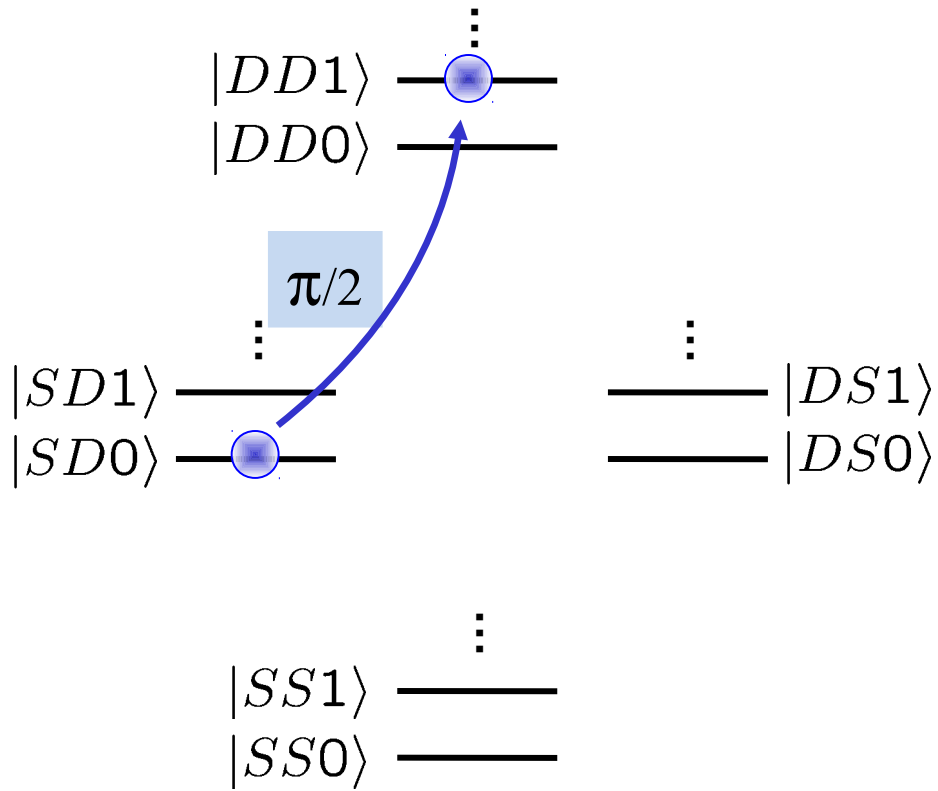
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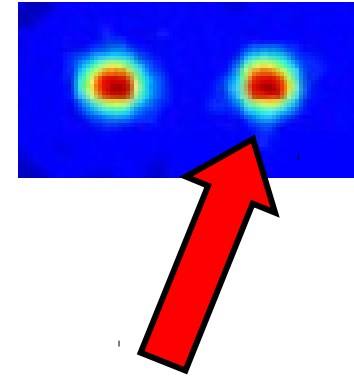
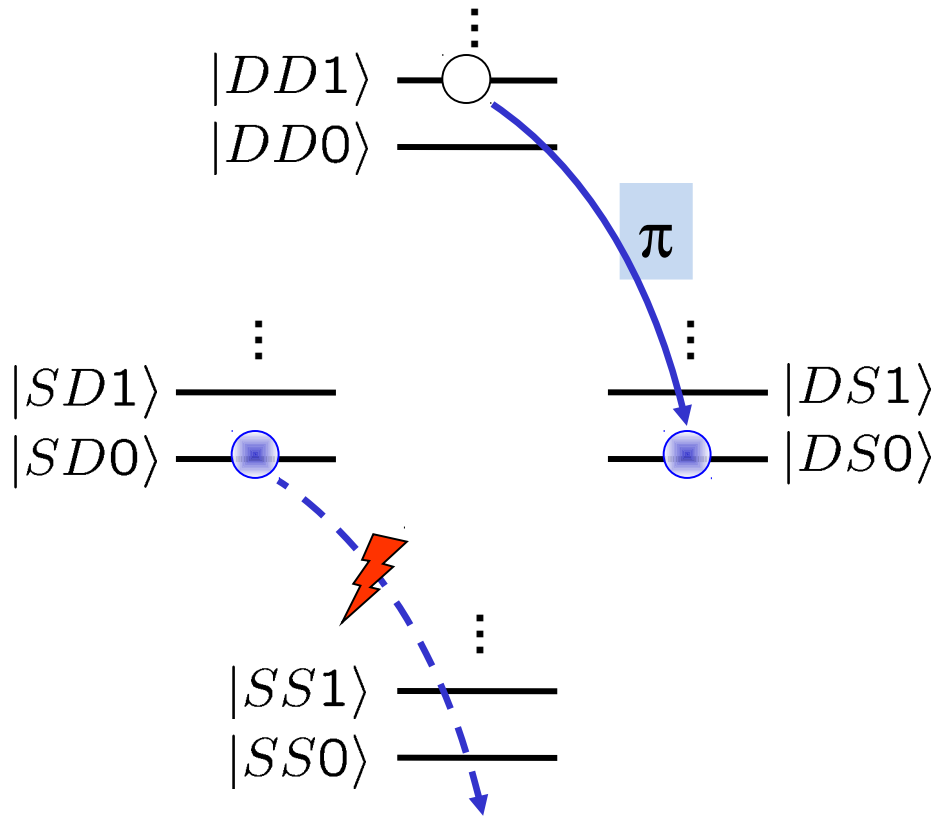
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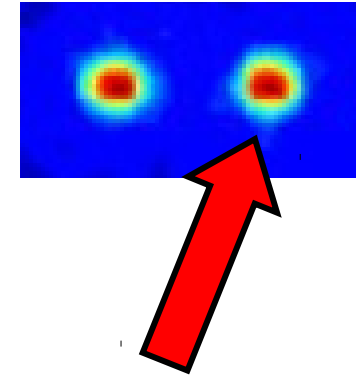
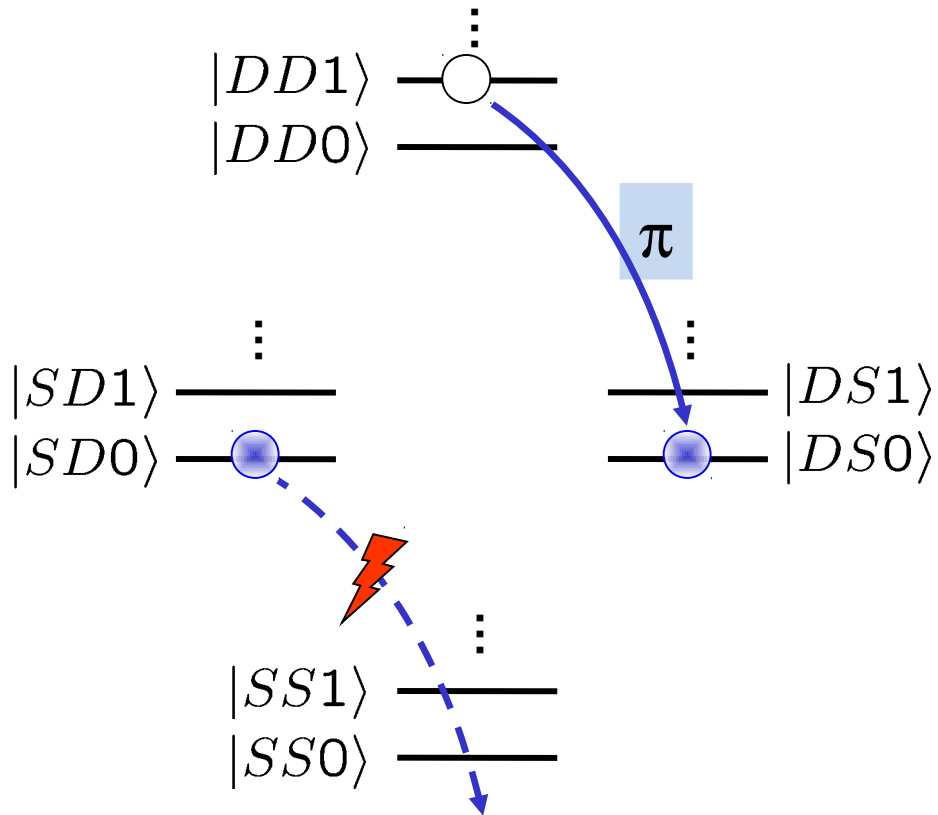
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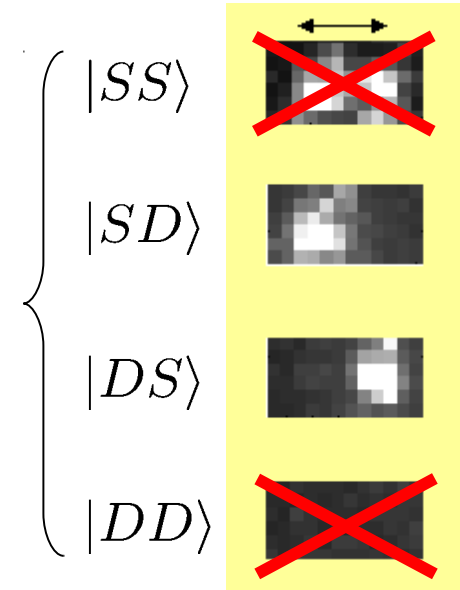
- ${}^9\text{Be}^+$ : NIST (fidelity: 97 %)
- ${}^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ : Oxford (99.6 %)
- ${}^{111}\text{Cd}^+$ : Ann Arbor (79%)
- ${}^{171}\text{Yb}$ : Maryland (96%)
- ${}^{25}\text{Mg}^+$ : Munich (97%)
- ${}^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ : Innsbruck (99.3%)



# Analysis of Bell states

$$|SD\rangle + |DS\rangle$$

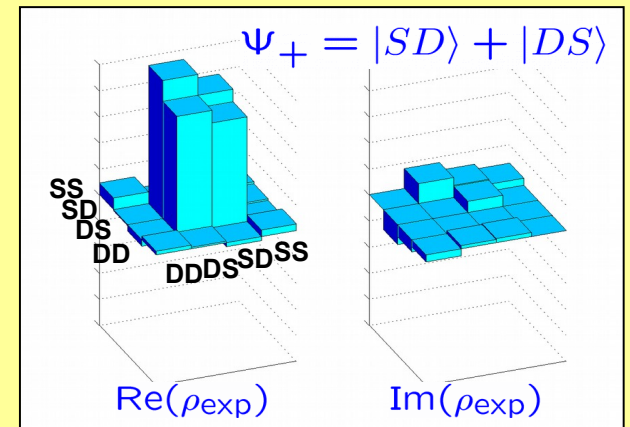
Fluorescence  
detection with  
CCD camera:



Coherent superposition or incoherent mixture ?

What is the relative phase of the superposition ?

➔ Measurement of the density matrix:

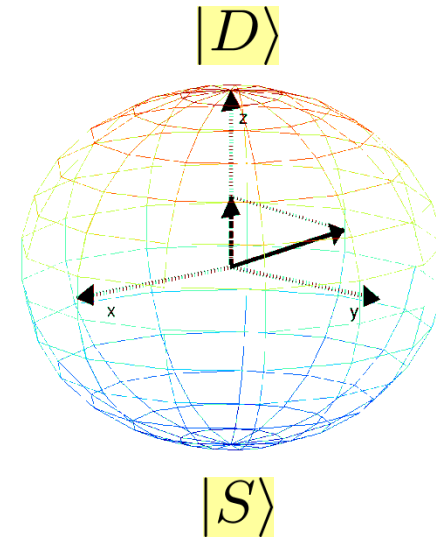


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A measurement yields the z-component of the Bloch vector

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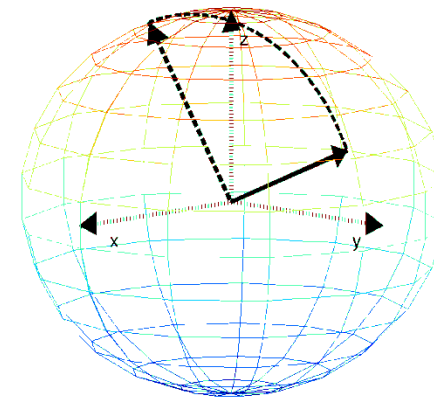
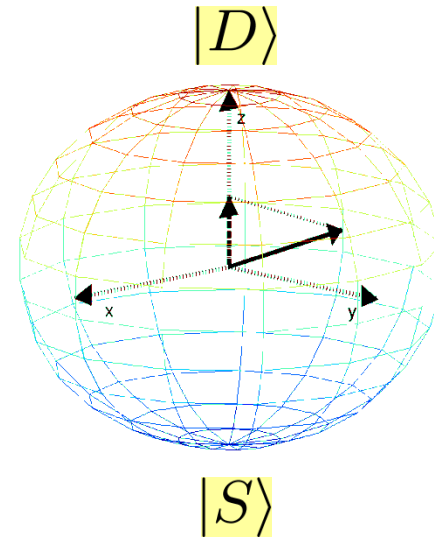
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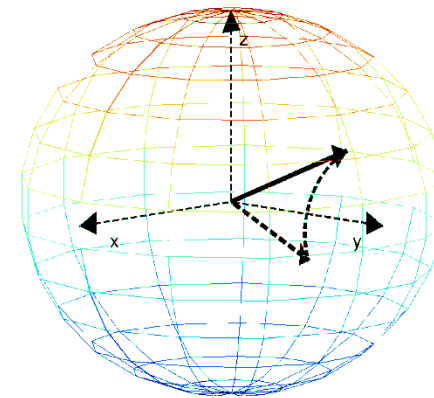
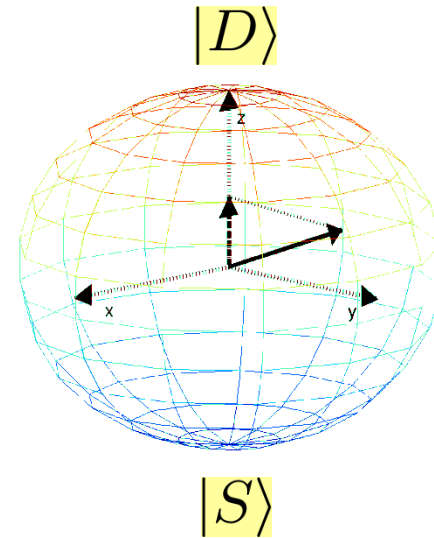
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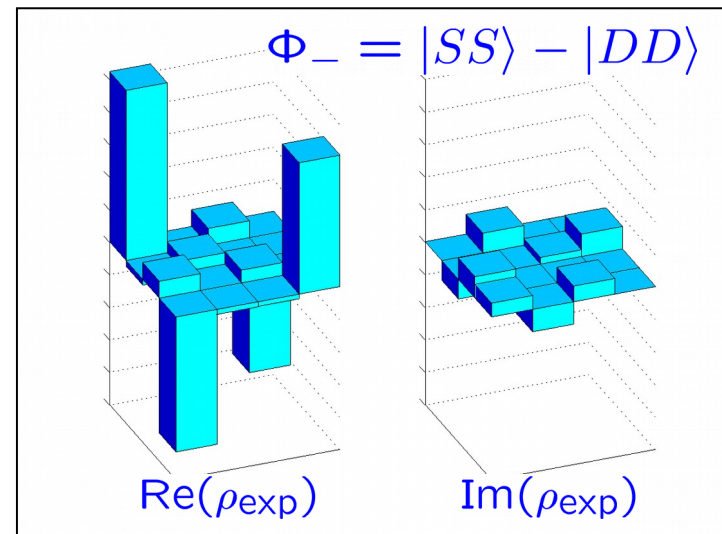
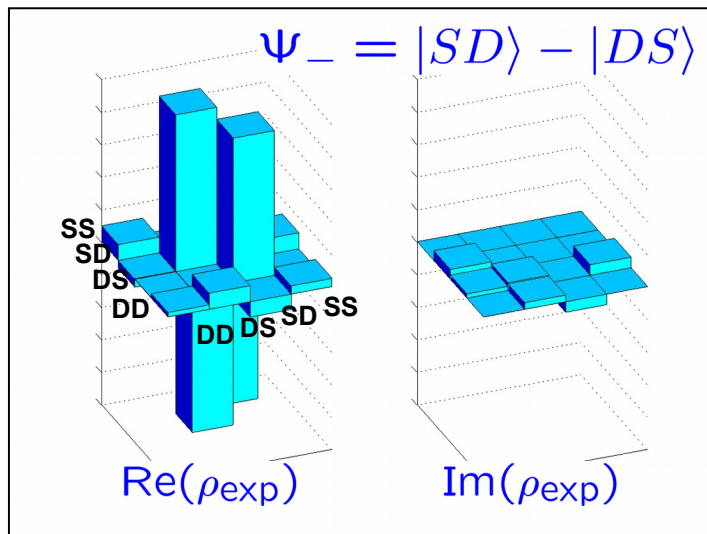
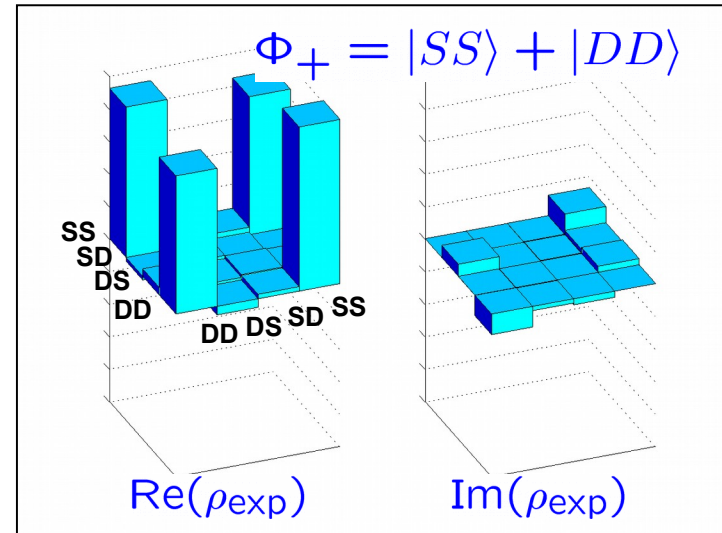
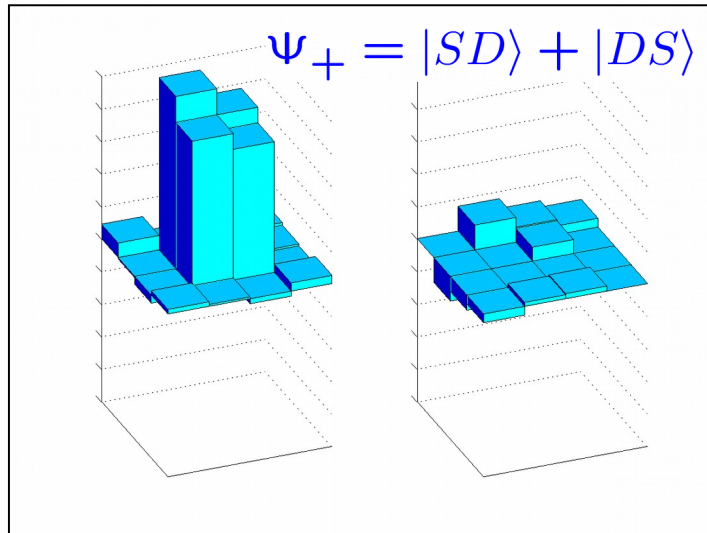
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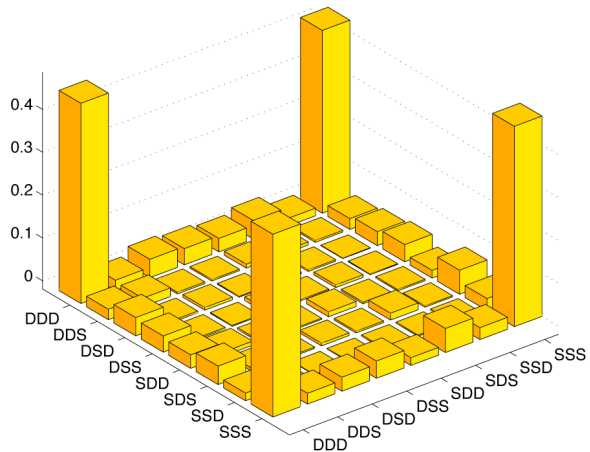


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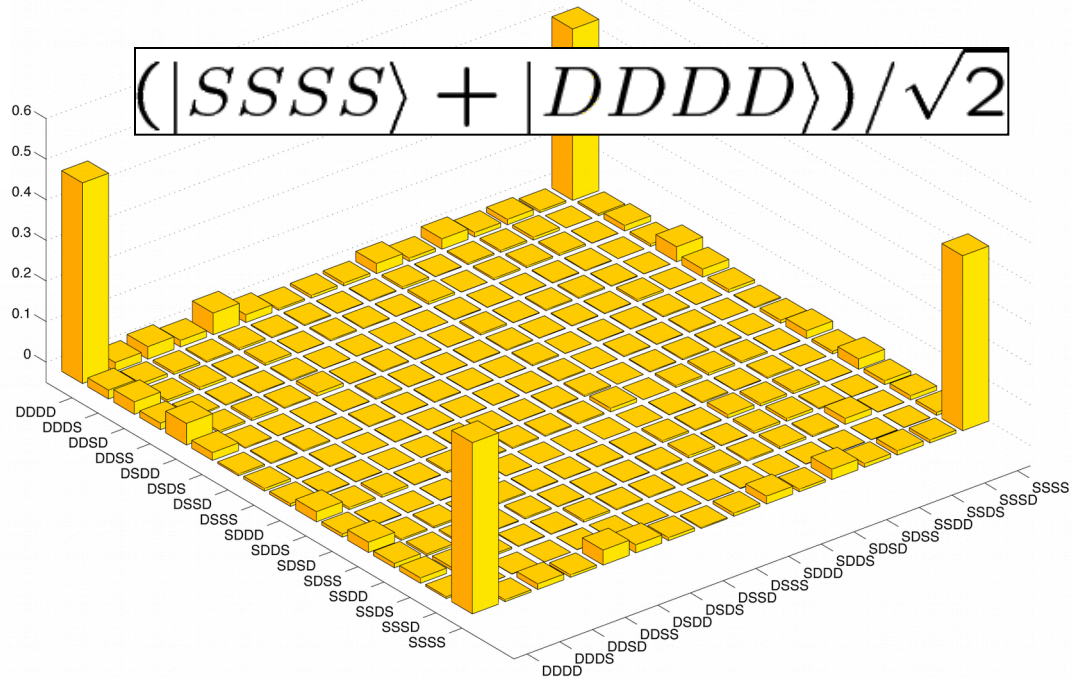


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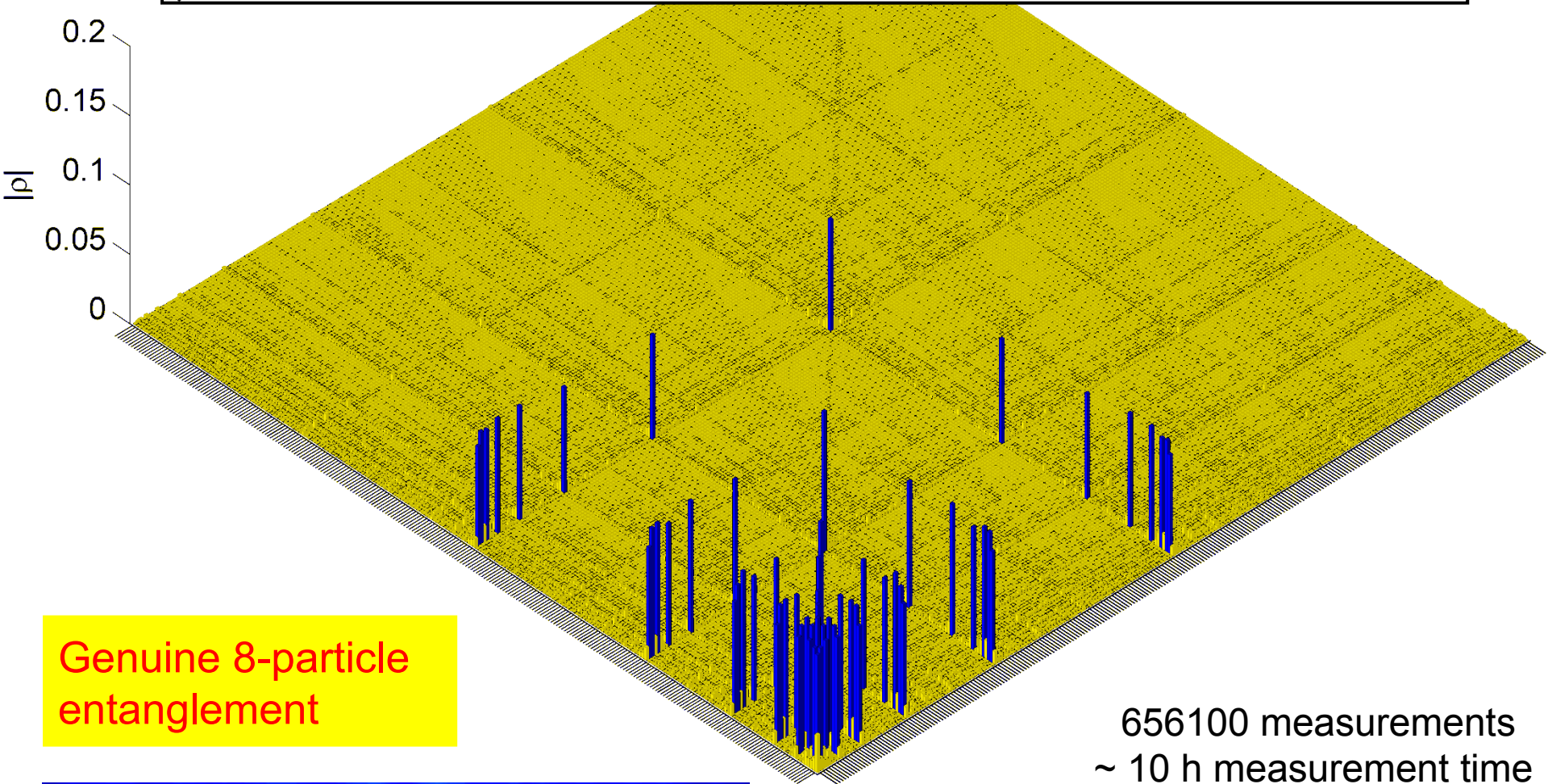
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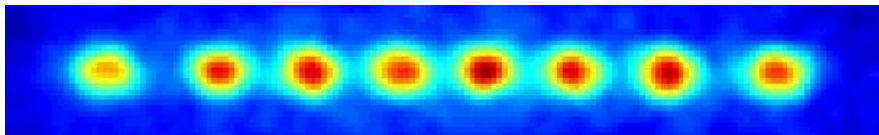
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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}(|DDDDDDDS\rangle + |DDDDDDSD\rangle + \dots + |SDDDDDDD\rangle)$$



Genuine 8-particle  
entanglement

656100 measurements  
~ 10 h measurement time



Universal set of quantum gates ...

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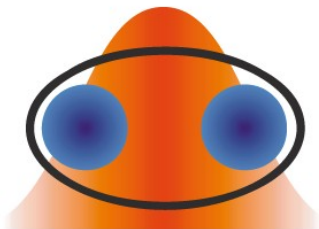
control

target

Most popular gates:

- Cirac-Zoller gate (Schmidt-Kaler et al., Nature **422**, 408 (2003)).
- Geometric phase gate (Leibfried et al., Nature **422**, 412 (2003)).
- Mølmer-Sørensen gate (Sackett et al., Nature **404**, 256 (2000)).

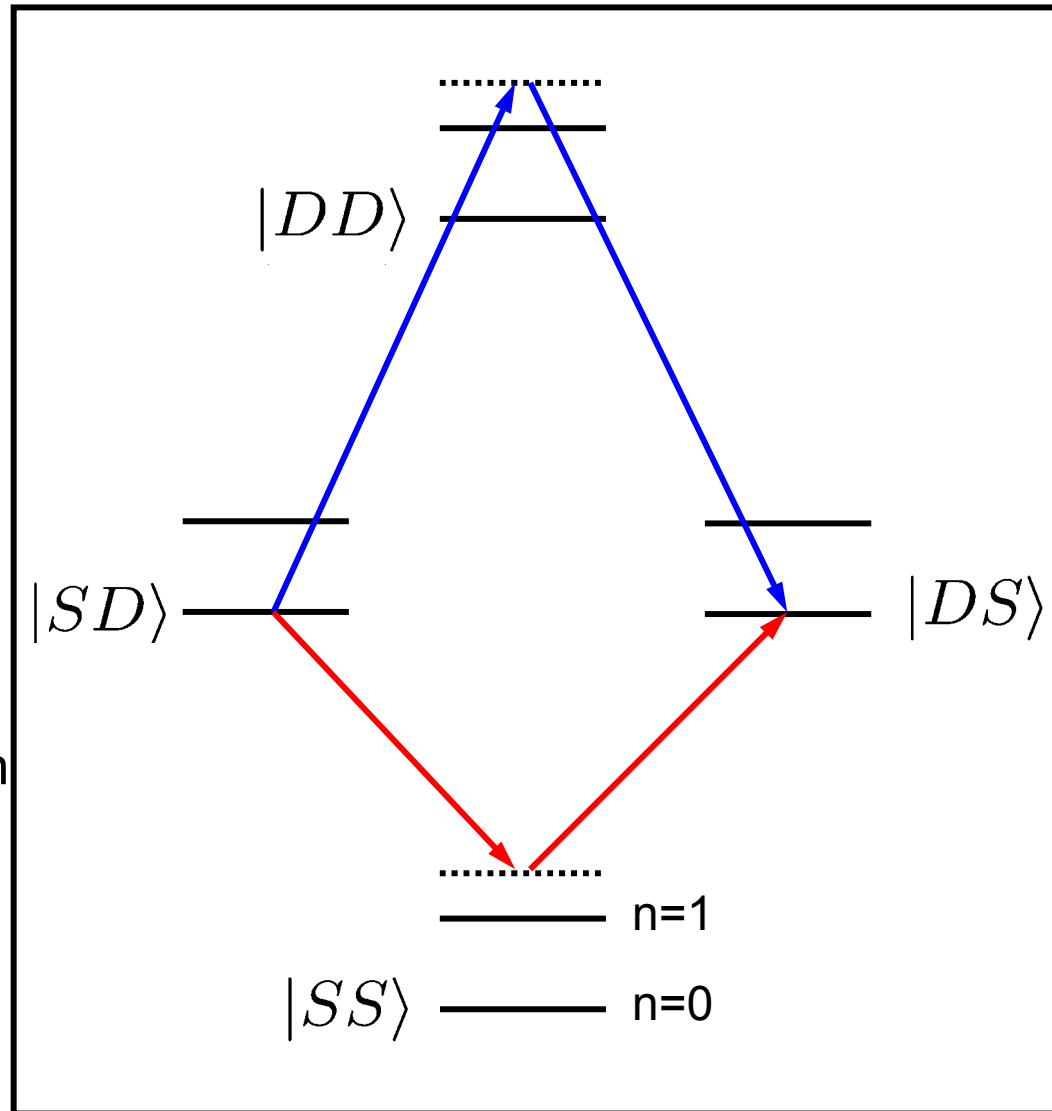
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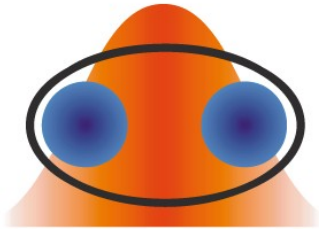
Raman transitions between

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Interaction of two ions via common motion.



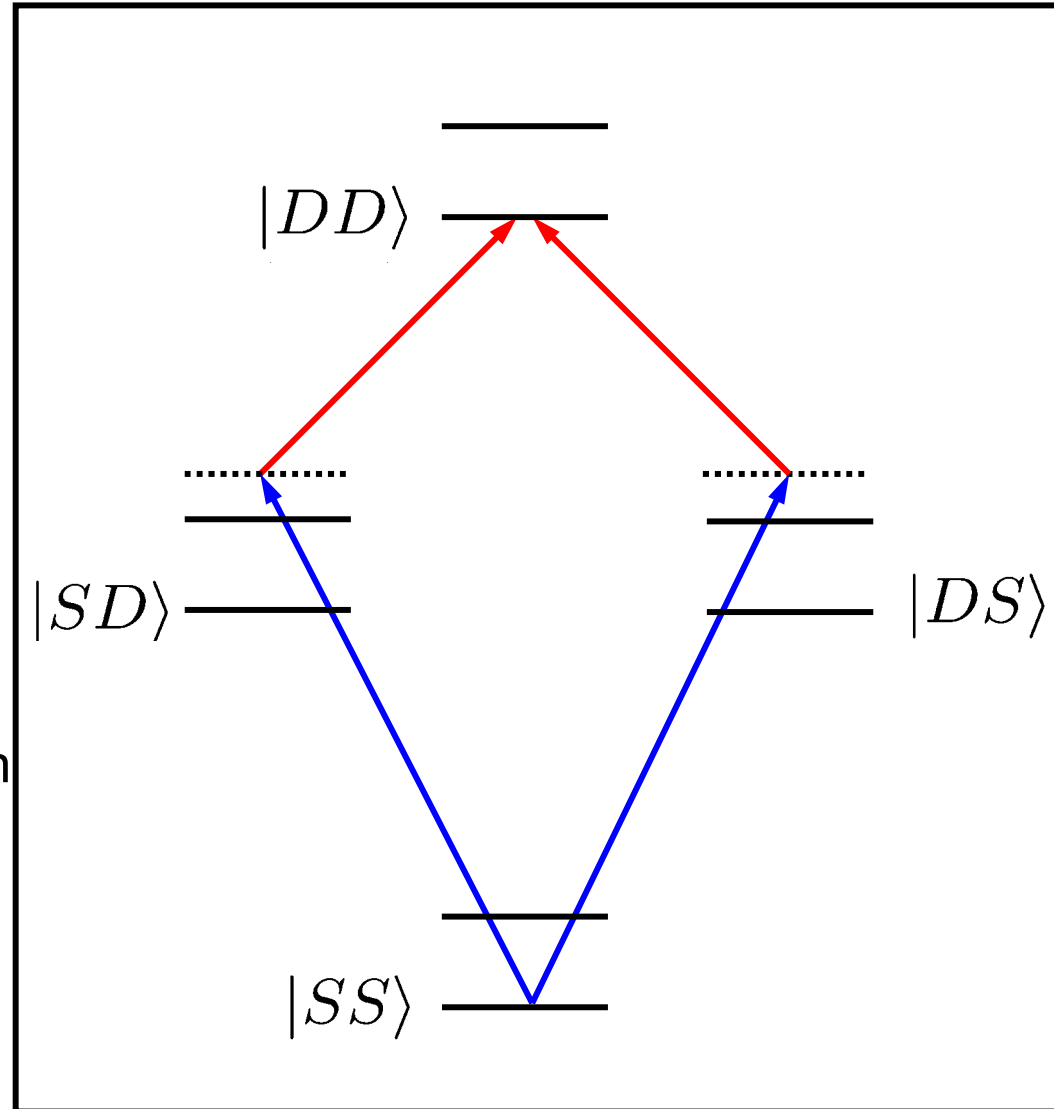
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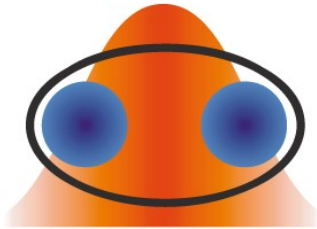
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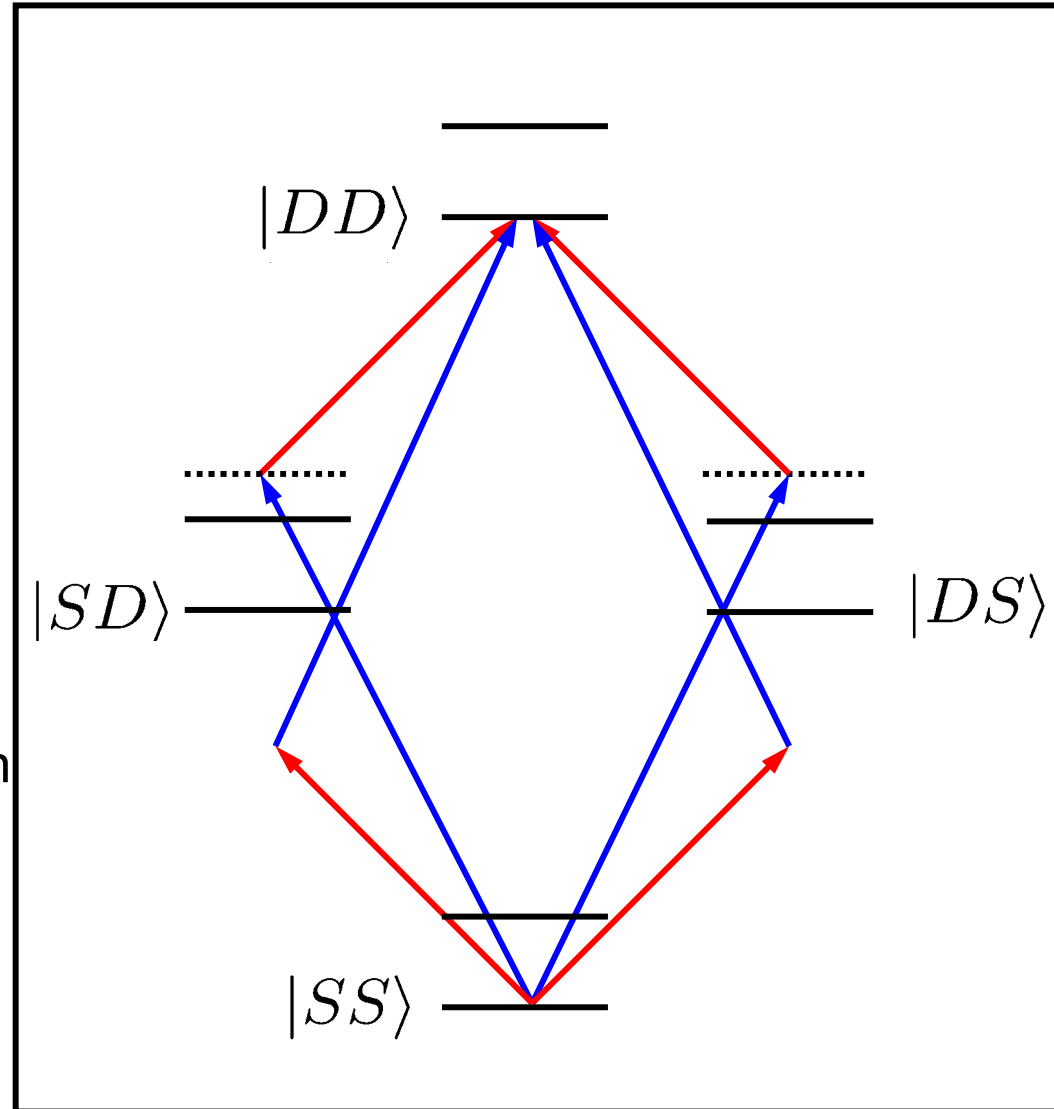
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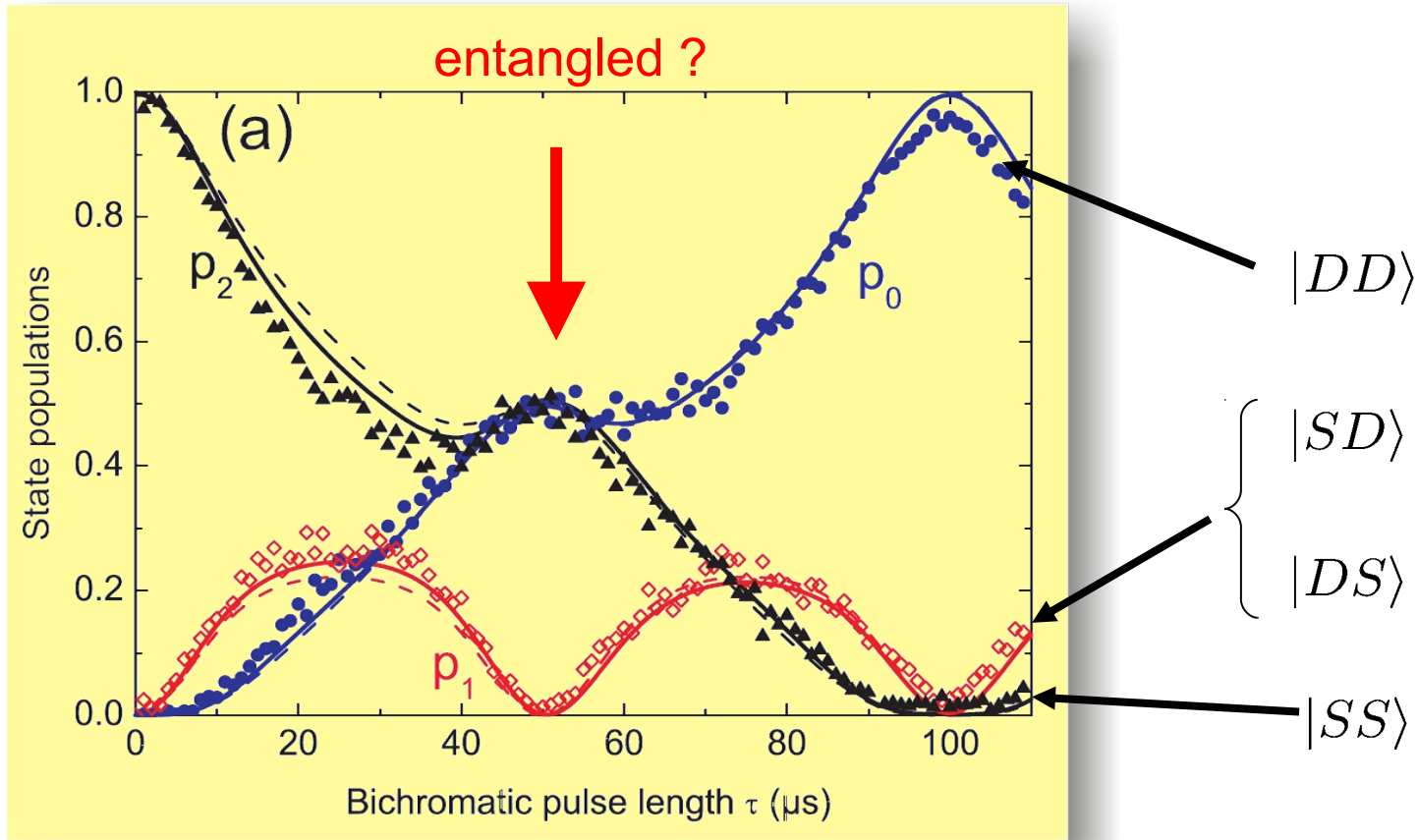
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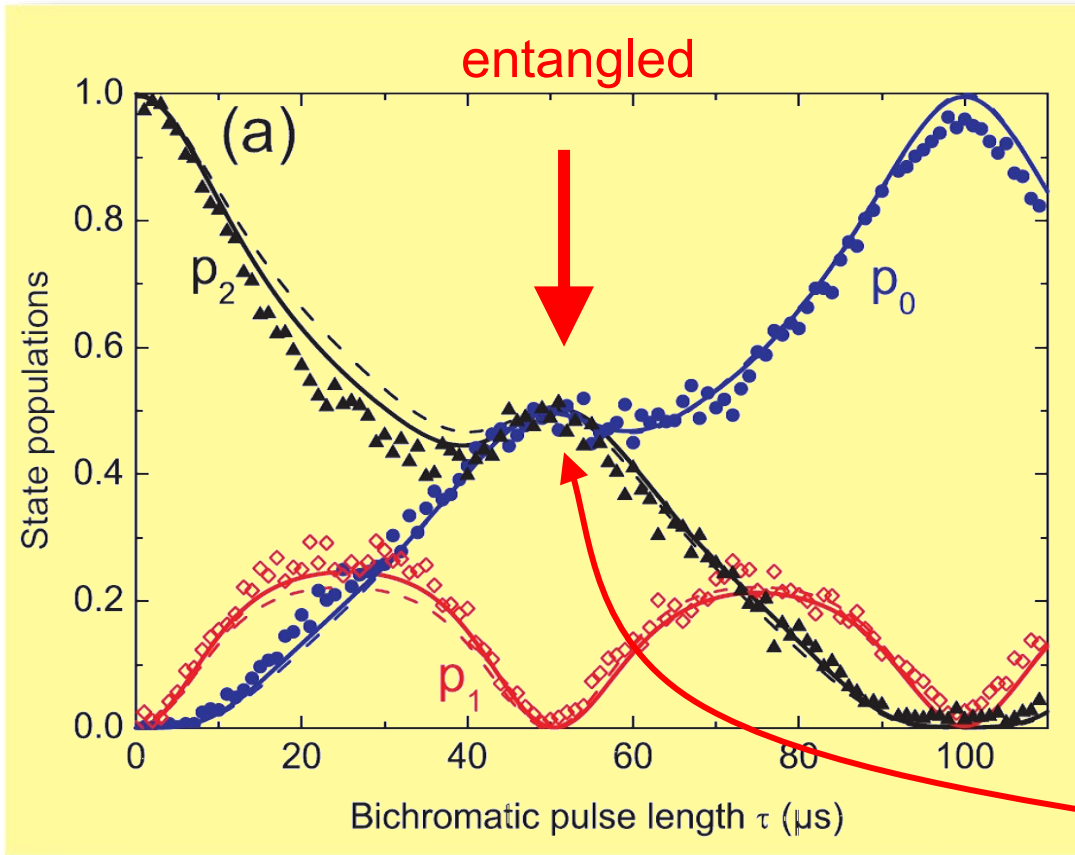


J. Benhelm et al., Nature Physics **4**, 463 (2008)

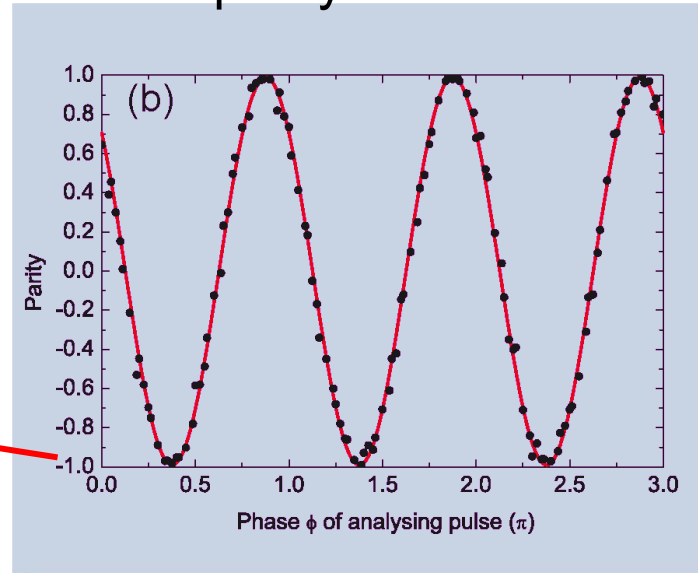
Theory: C. Roos, NJP **10**, 013002 (2008)



# Entangling ions



measure entanglement  
via parity oscillations

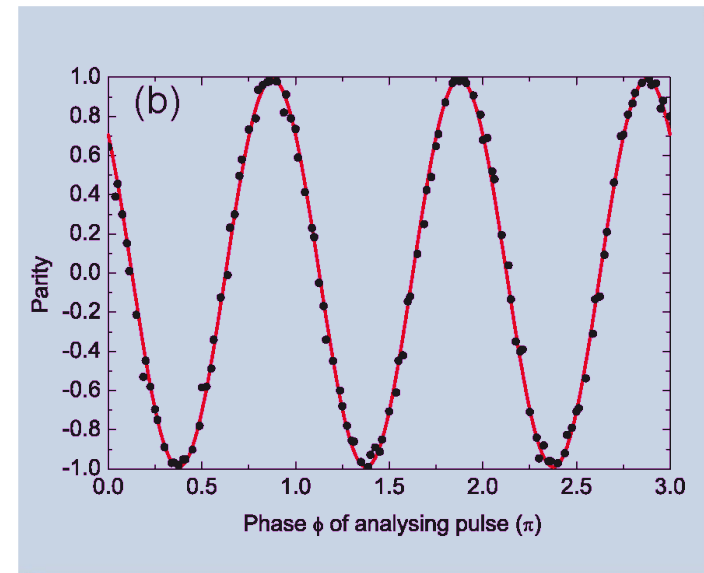


gate duration  $51 \mu\text{s}$

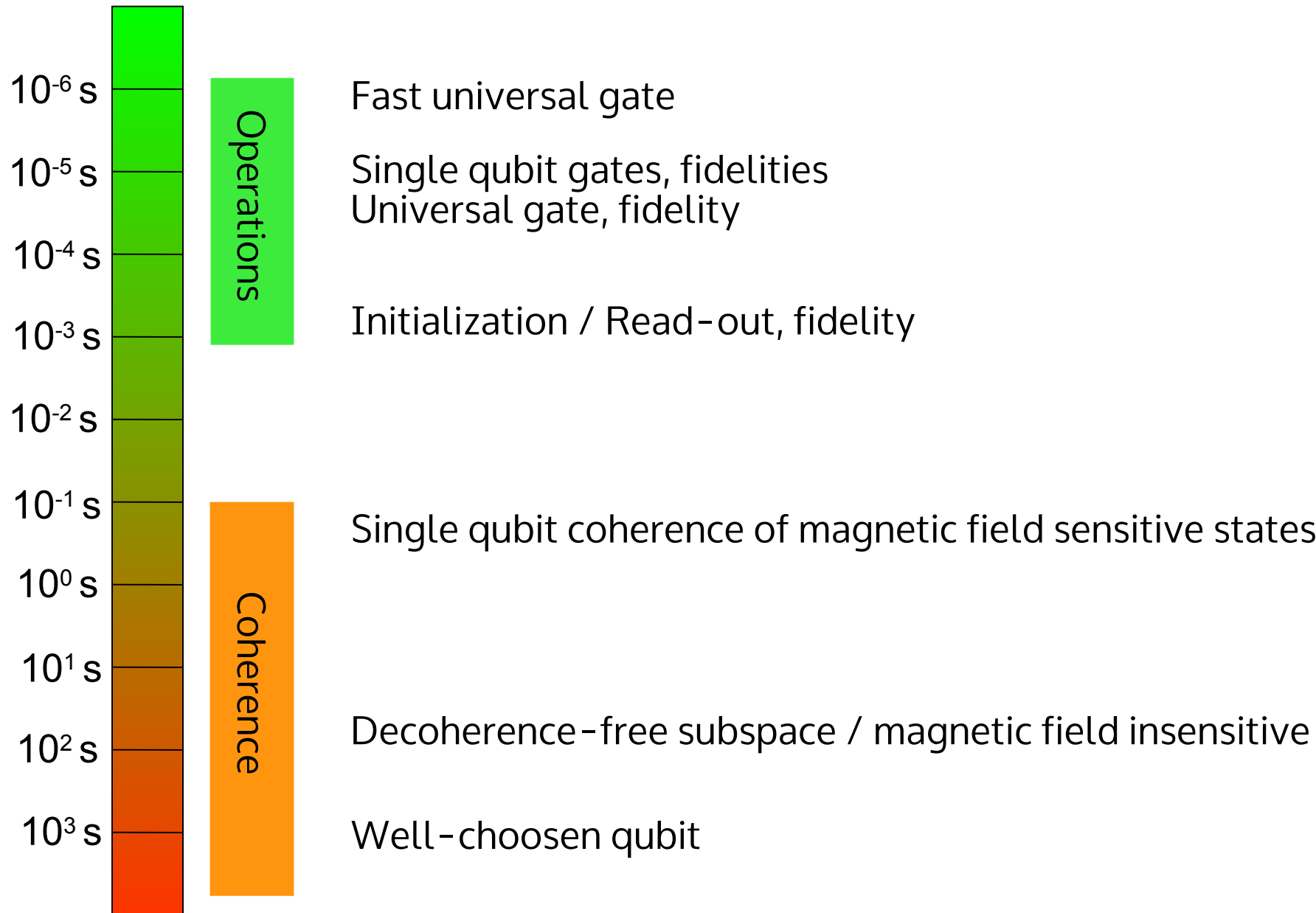
average fidelity: 99.3 (2) %

$$|00\rangle + |11\rangle \xrightarrow{R_2^C(\pi/2, \varphi), R_1^C(\pi/2, \varphi)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (|0\rangle + ie^{i\varphi}|1\rangle)(|0\rangle + ie^{i\varphi}|1\rangle) + (|1\rangle + ie^{-i\varphi}|0\rangle)(|1\rangle + ie^{-i\varphi}|0\rangle) \\ &= (1 - e^{-2i\varphi})|00\rangle + ie^{i\varphi}(1 + e^{-2i\varphi})|01\rangle \\ & \quad + ie^{i\varphi}(1 + e^{-2i\varphi})|10\rangle + (1 - e^{-2i\varphi})|11\rangle, \end{aligned}$$



# Achieved times scales for ion trap QIP

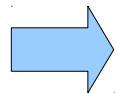


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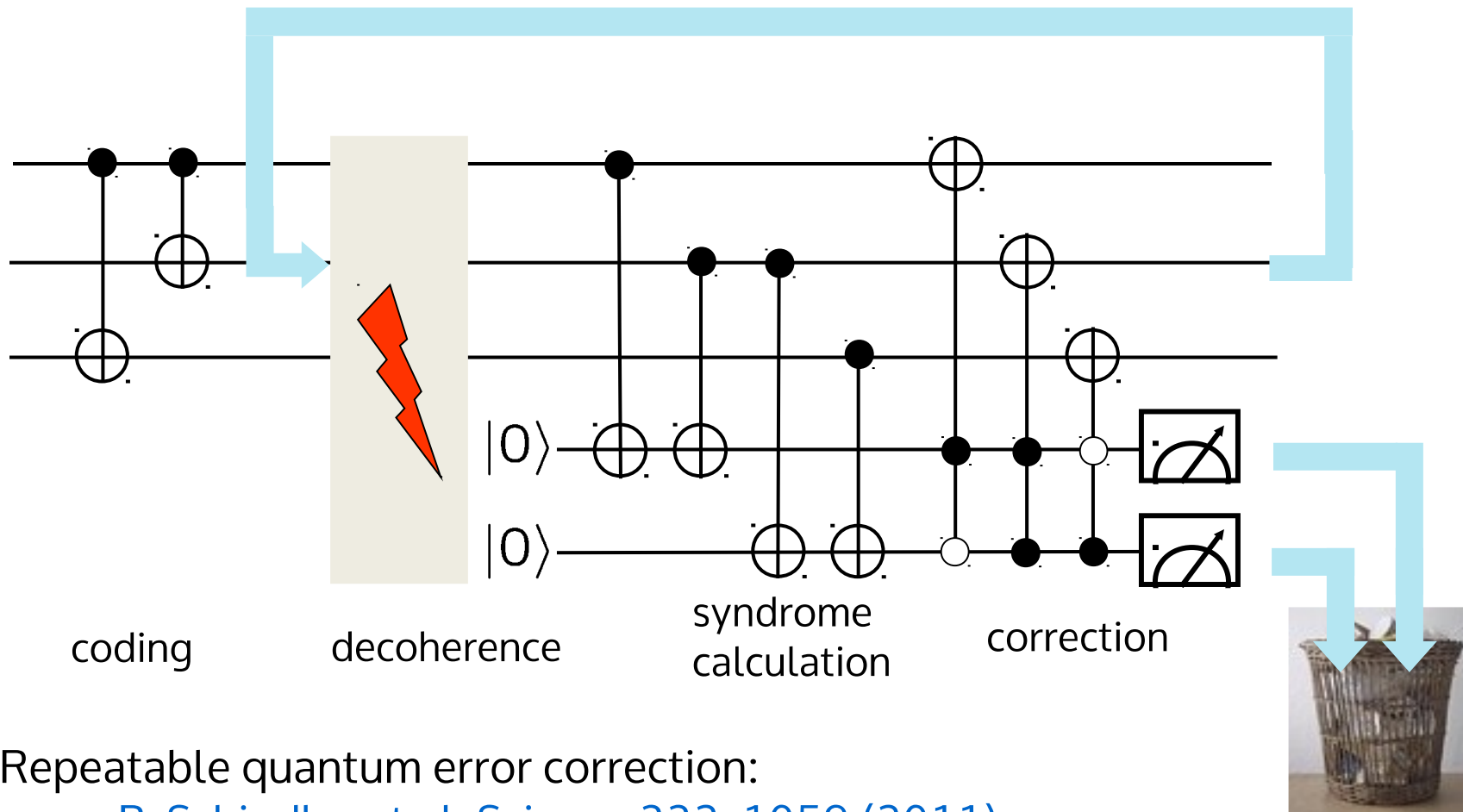
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need to beat the fault-tolerant “threshold”

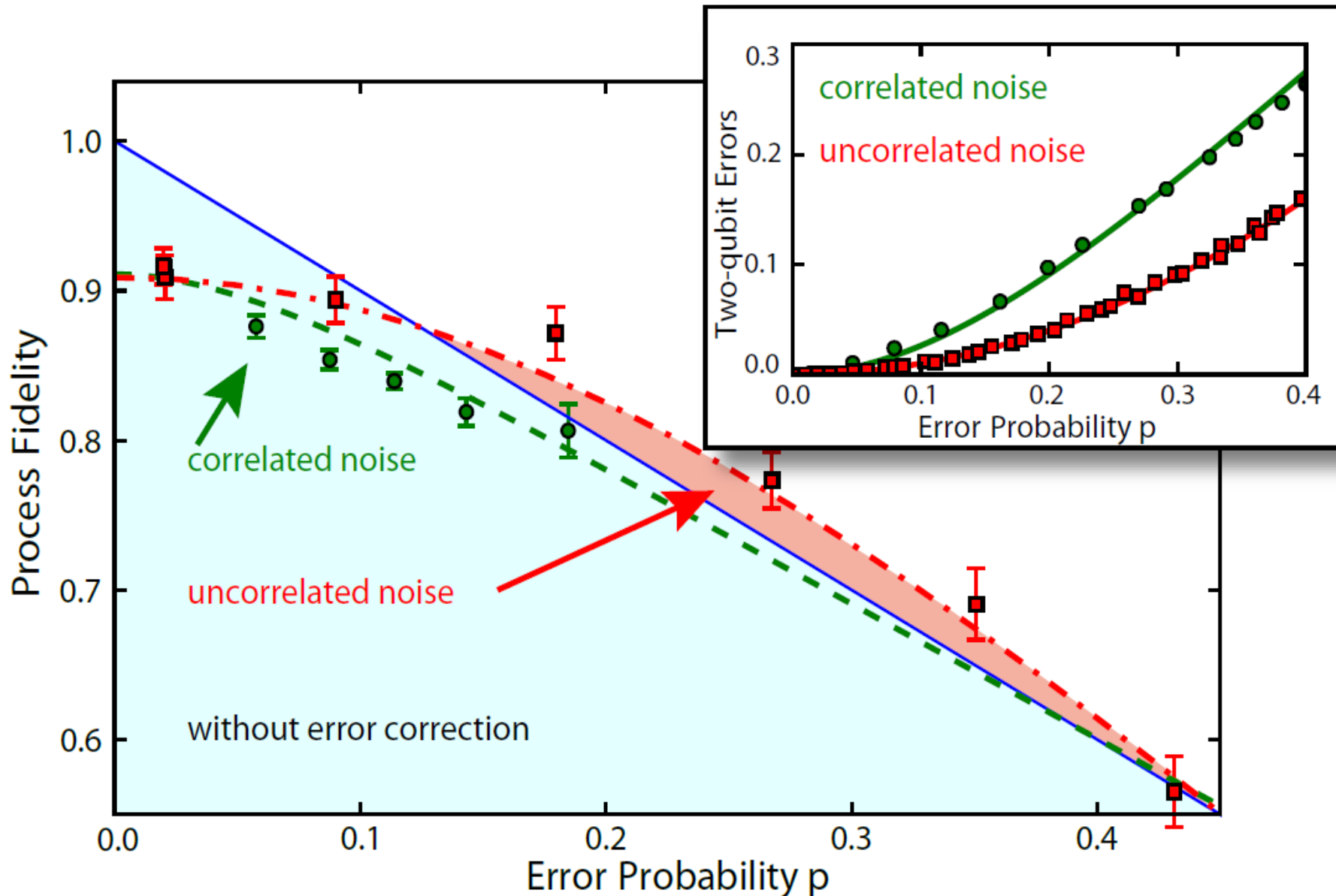
# Quantum error correction



Repeatable quantum error correction:

P. Schindler et al, *Science* 332, 1059 (2011)

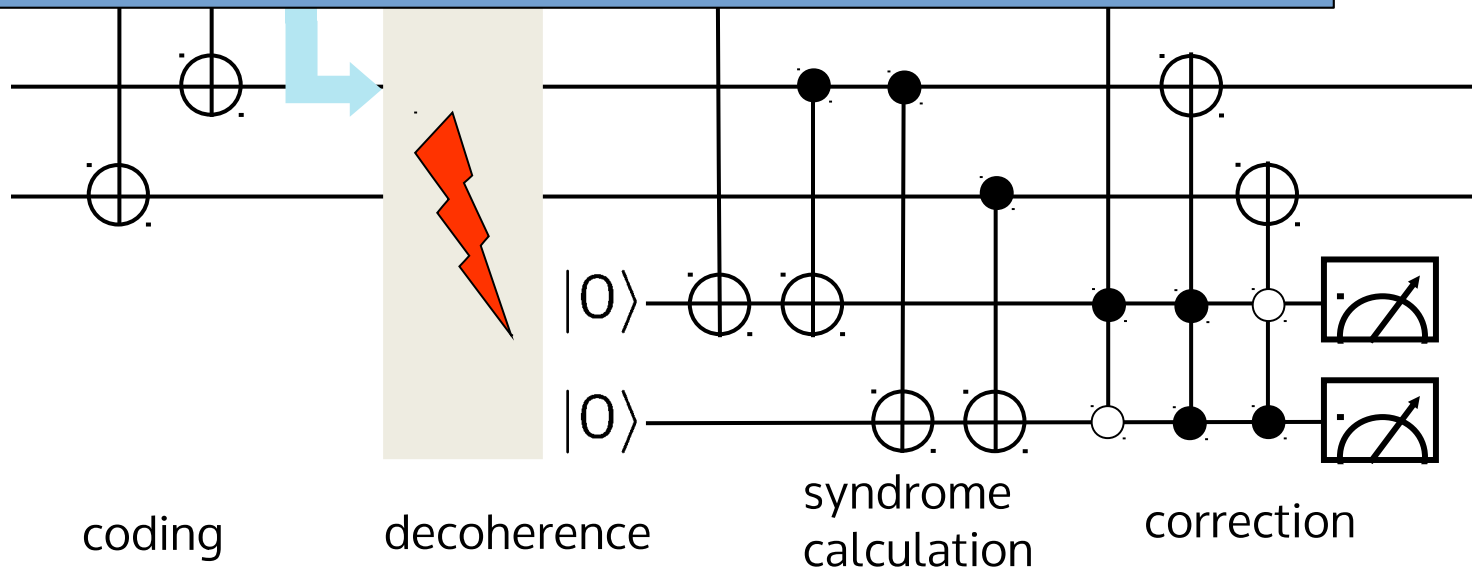
# Consequences for QEC



Threshold for quantum computing: 99.99% fidelity / operation

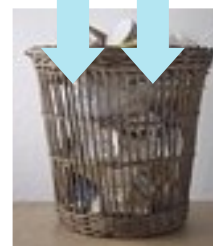
Status of ion-trap QIP:

- Initialization / Read-out: 99.5% – 99.99%
- Single qubit gates: 99% – 99.999%
- Universal gate: 99.9%



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# Scaling of this approach?

Problems :

- Coupling strength between internal and motional states of a N-ion string decreases as

$$\eta \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

(momentum transfer from photon to ion string becomes more difficult)

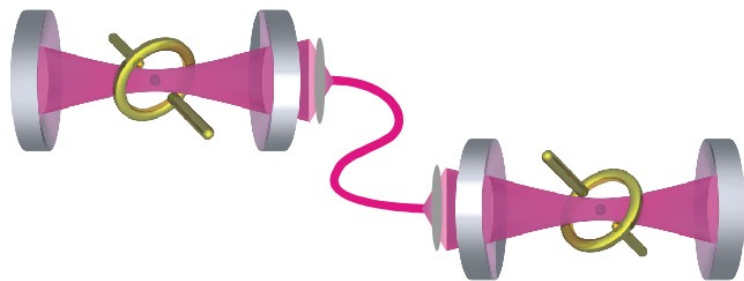
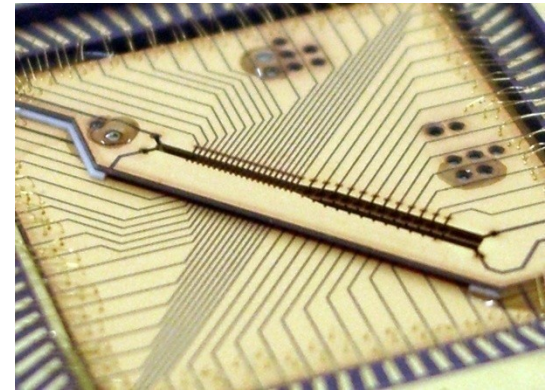
-> Gate operation speed slows down

- More vibrational modes increase risk of spurious excitation of unwanted modes
- Distance between neighbouring ions decreases -> addressing more difficult

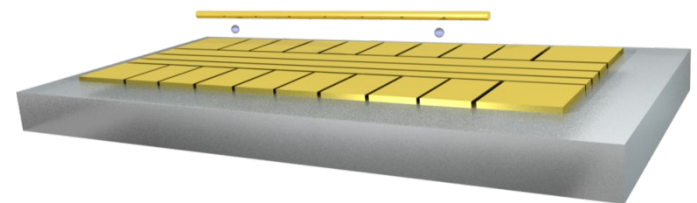
-> Use flexible trap potentials to split long ion string into smaller segments and perform operations on these smaller strings

# Scaling of ion trap quantum computers

Kielpinski, Monroe, Wineland



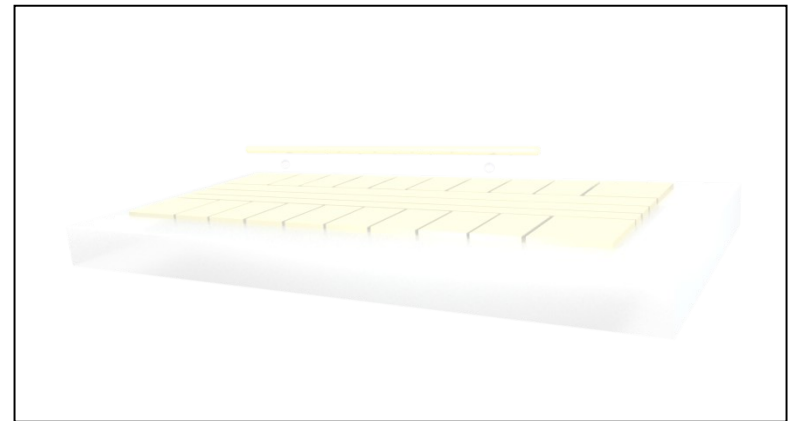
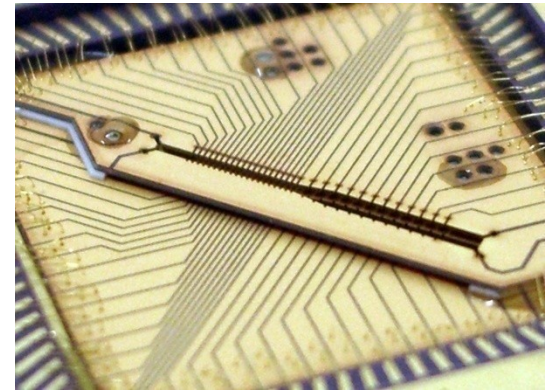
Cirac, Zoller, Kimble, Mabuchi



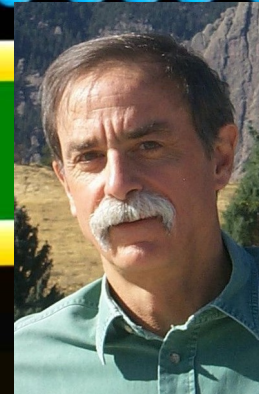
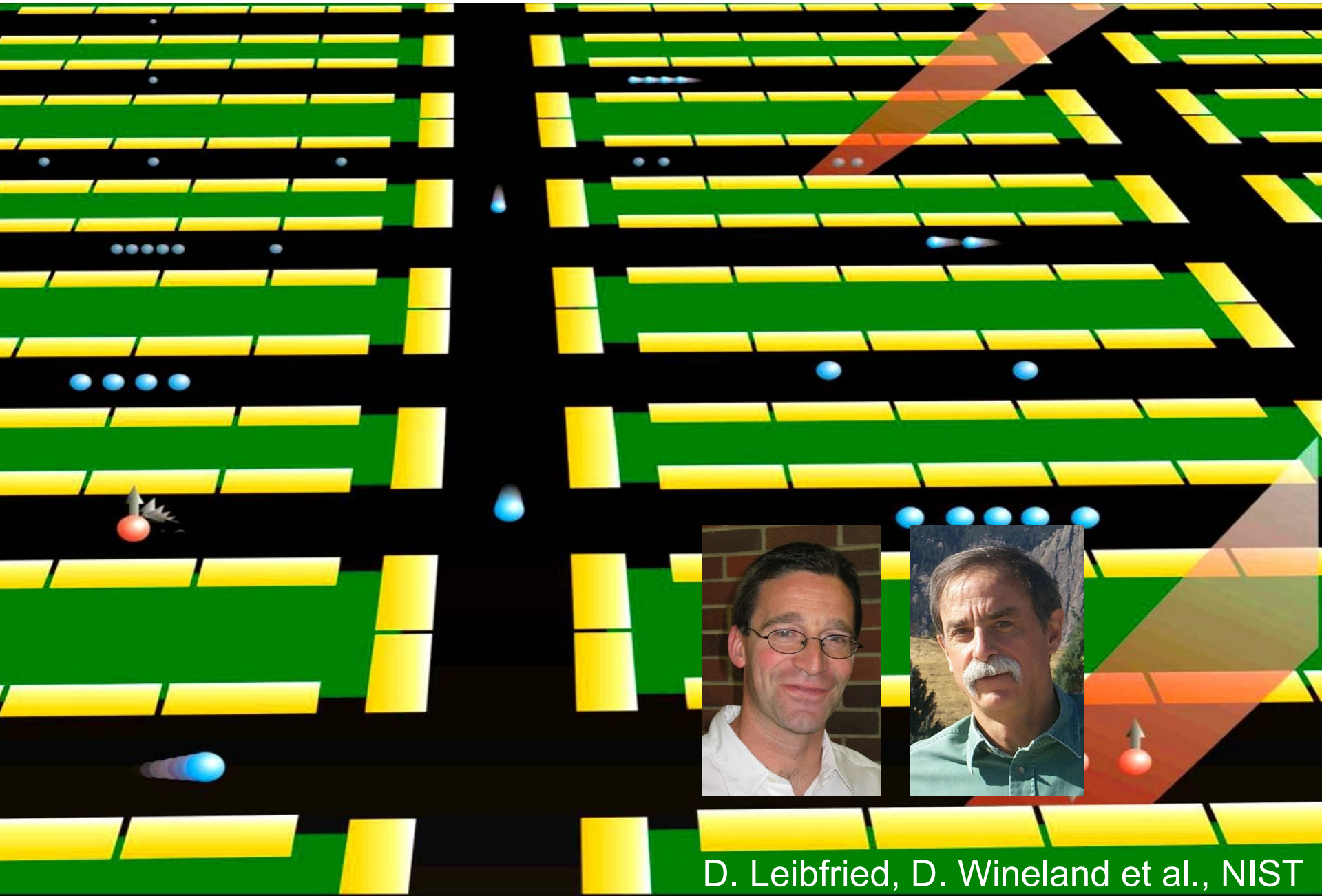
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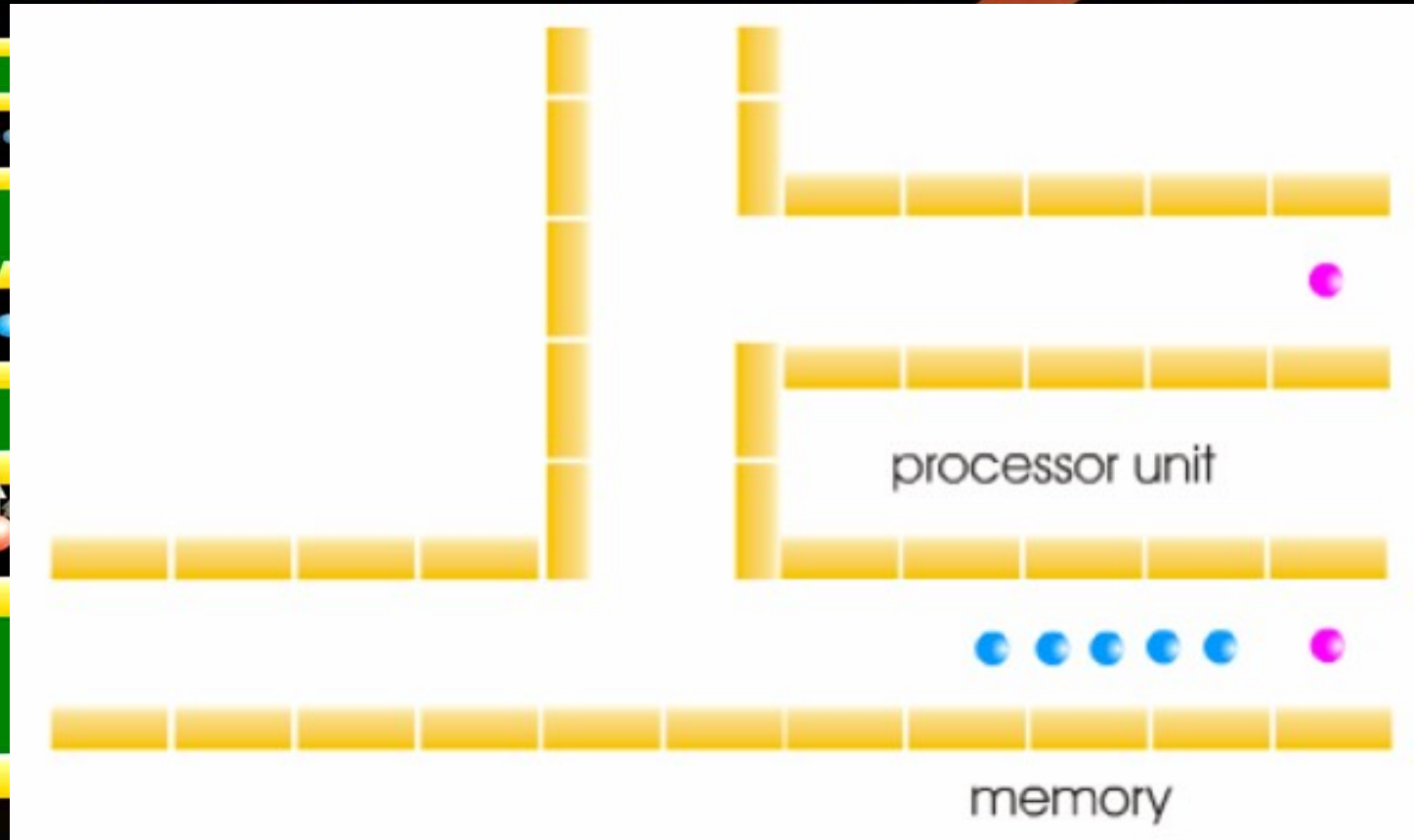
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D. Leibfried, D. Wineland et al., NIST



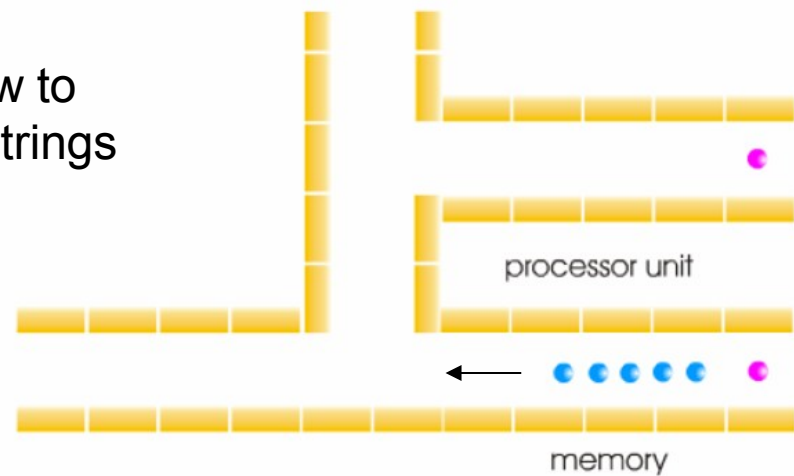
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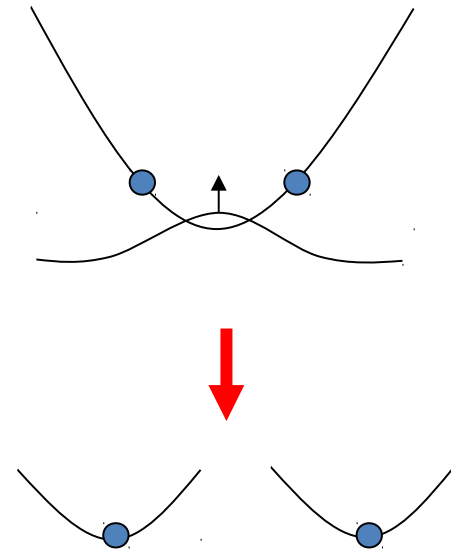
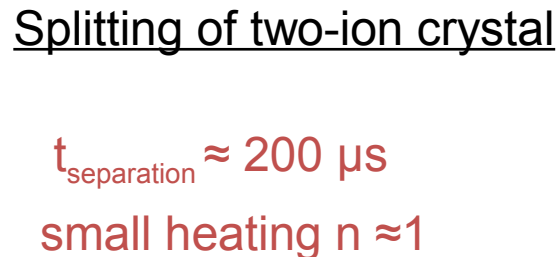
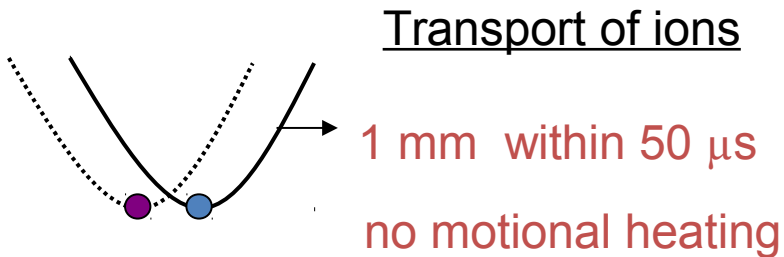
# Segmented ion traps as scalable trap architecture

(ideas pioneered by D. Wineland, NIST)

Segmented trap electrode allow to transport ions and to split ion strings



State of the art:

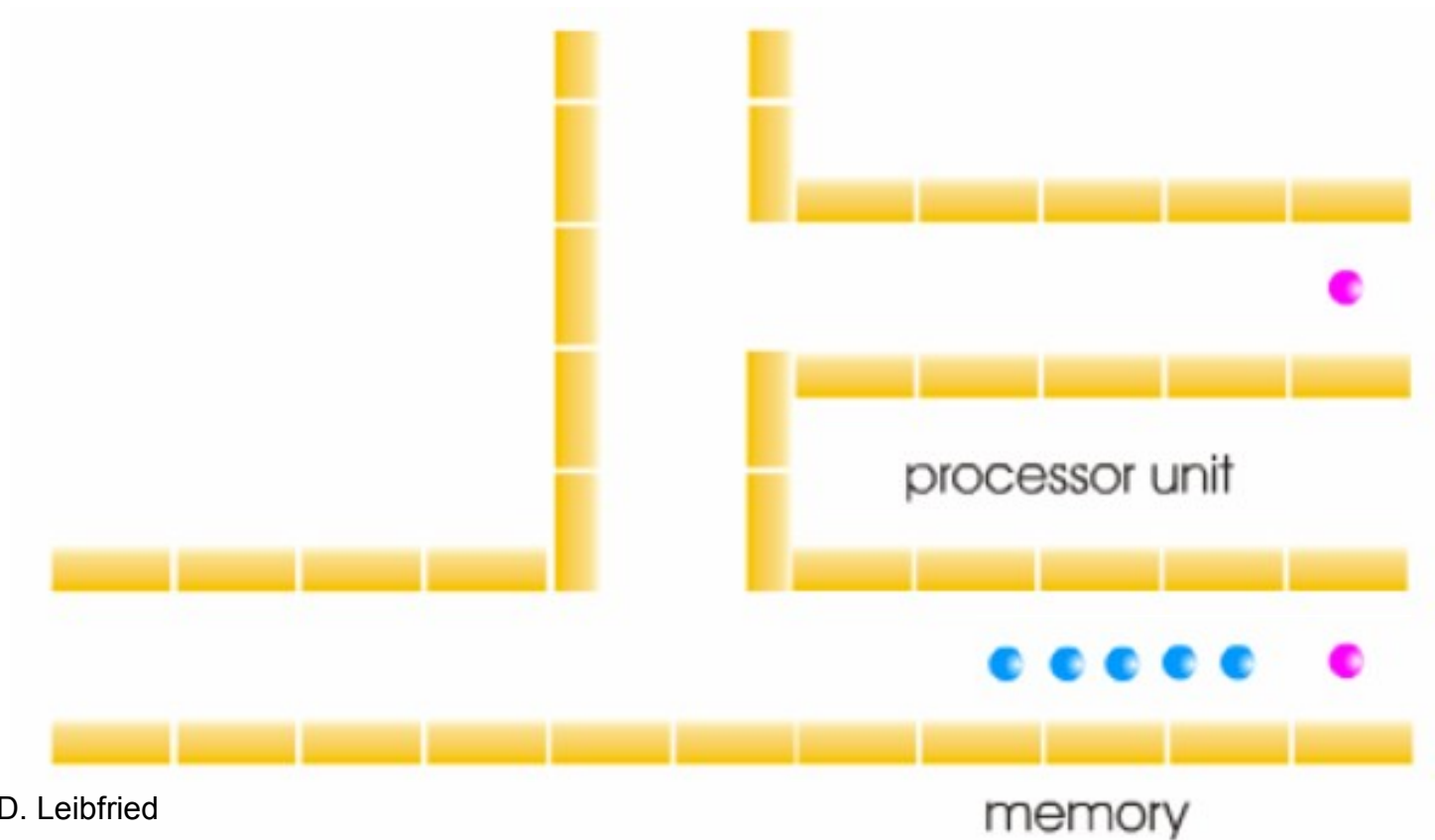


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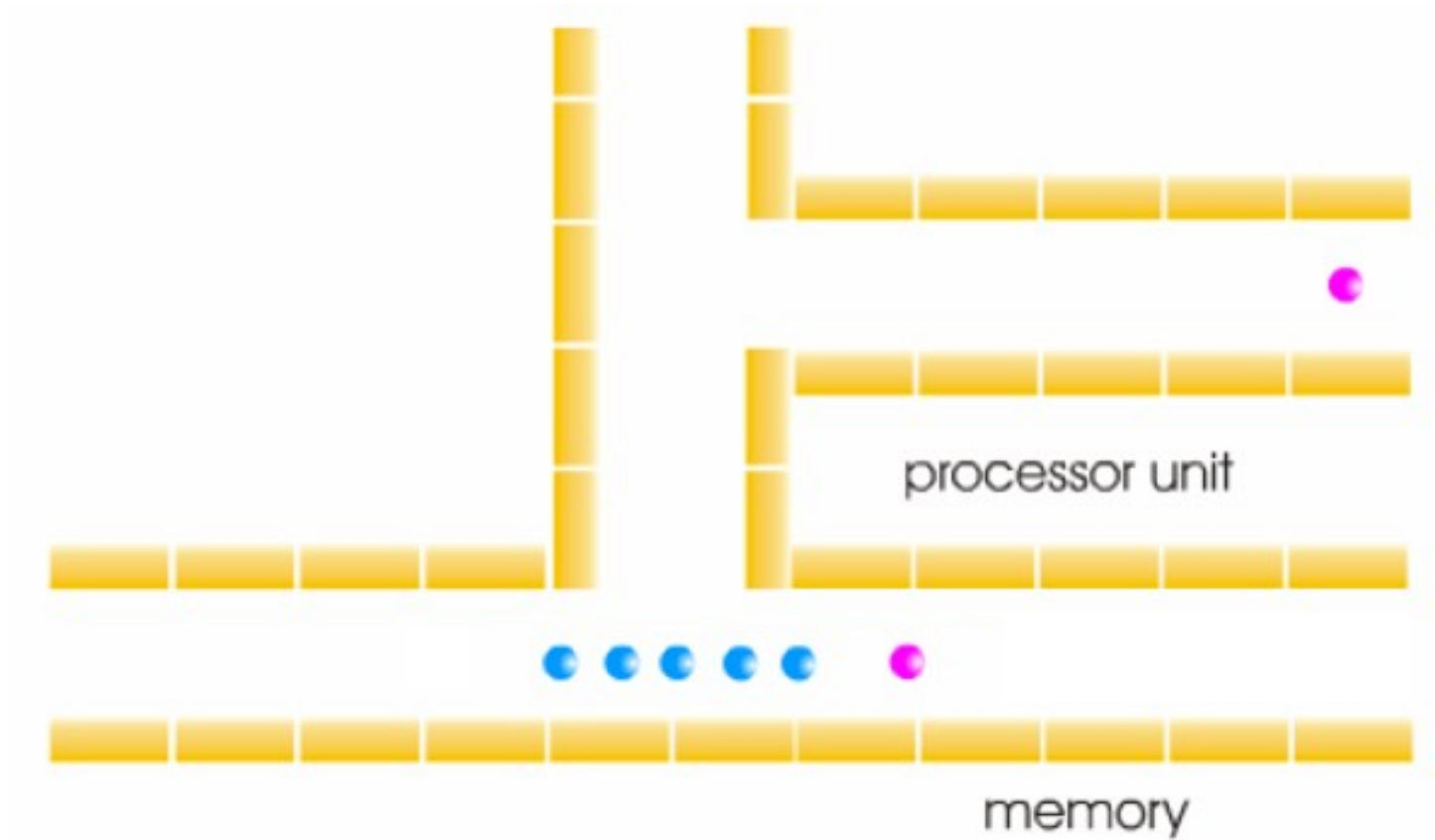
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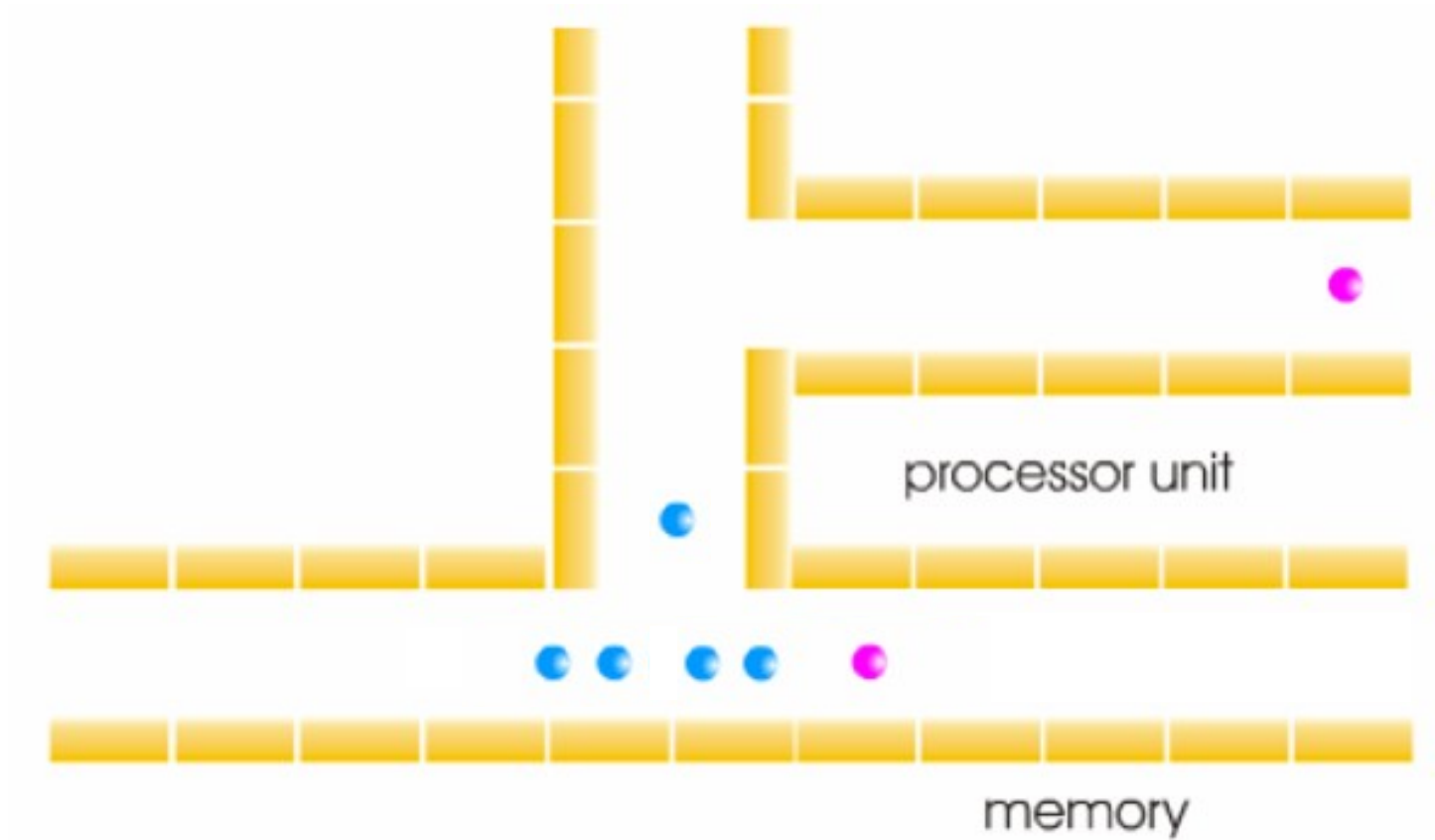
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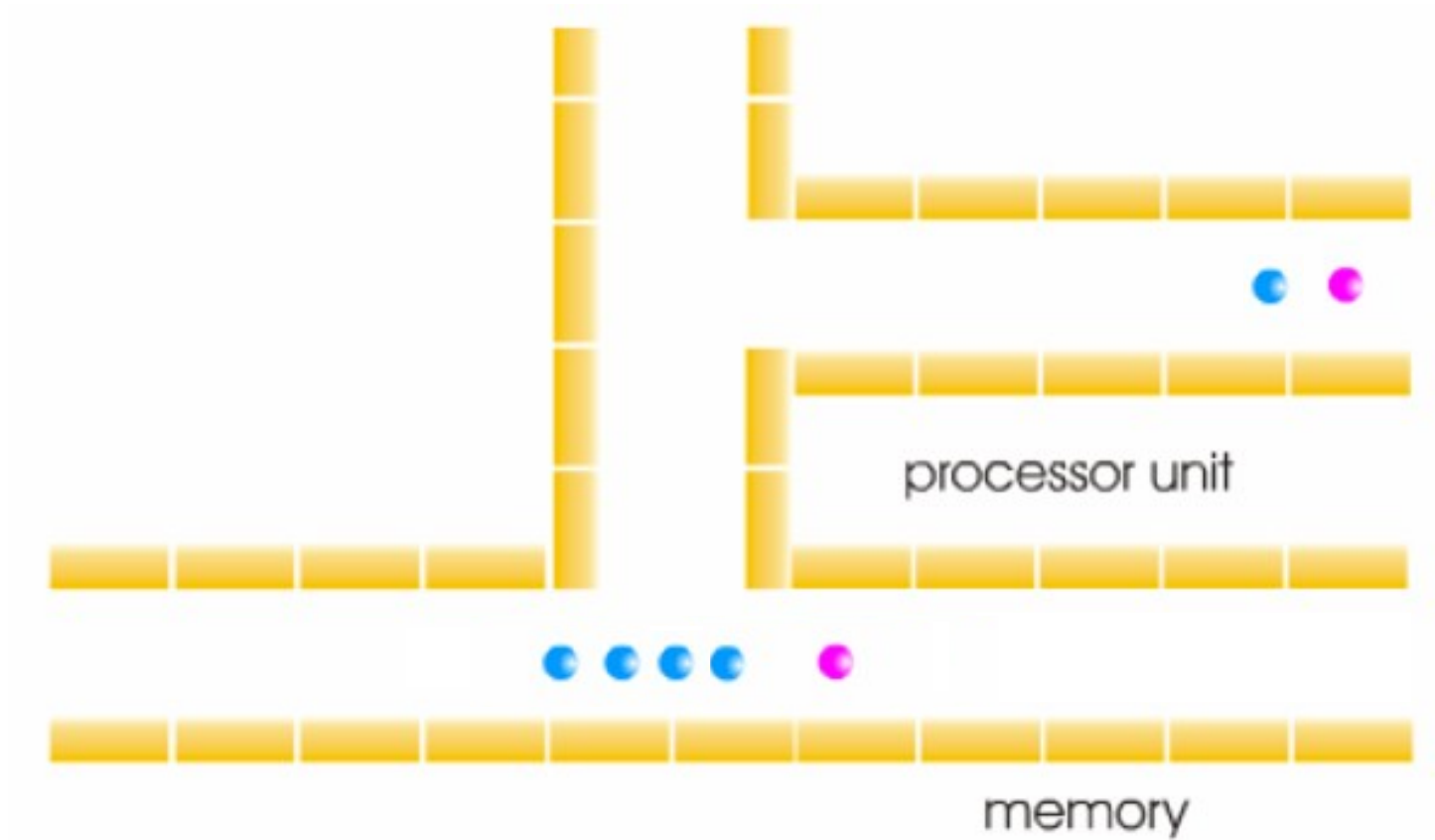
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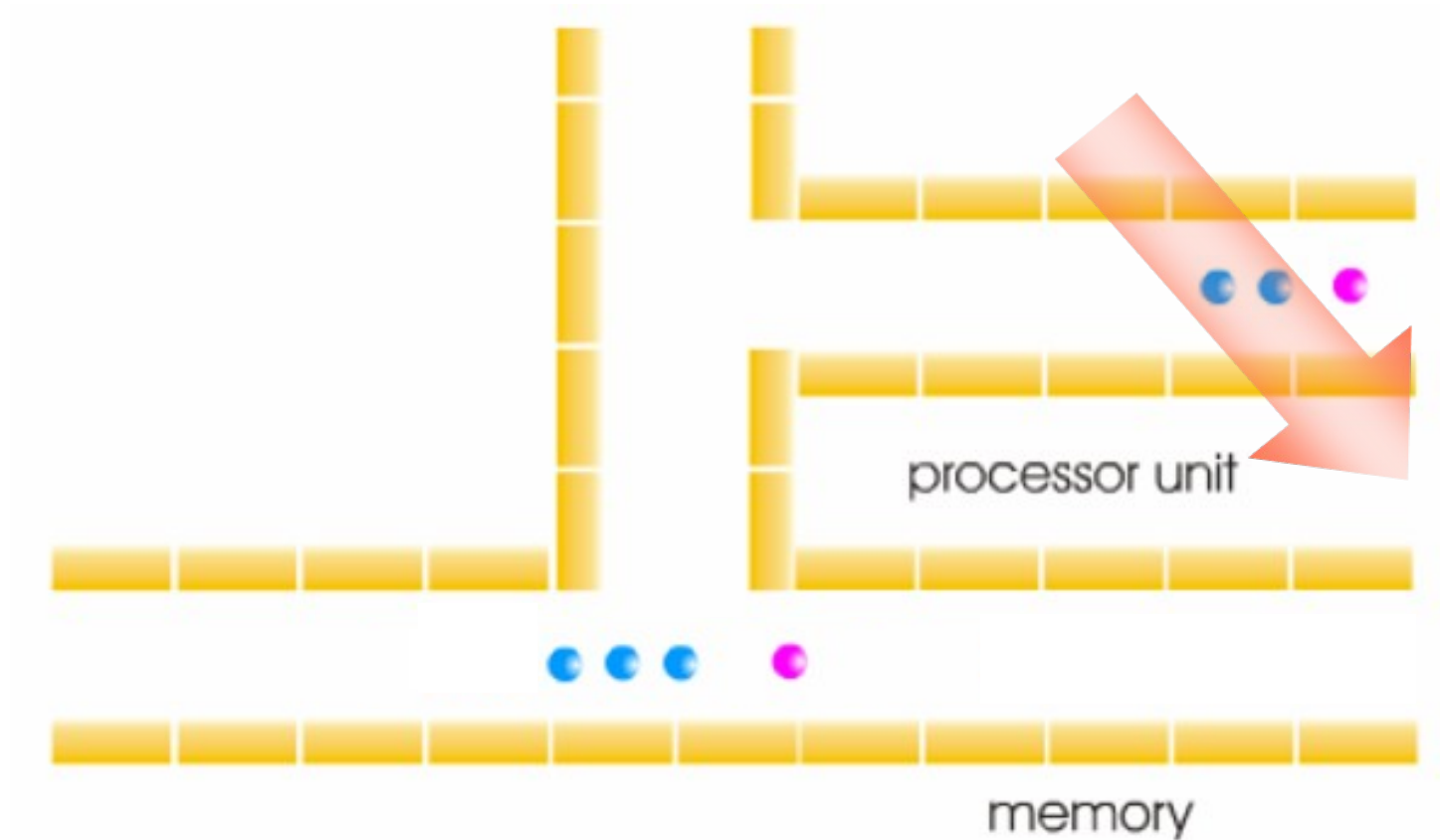
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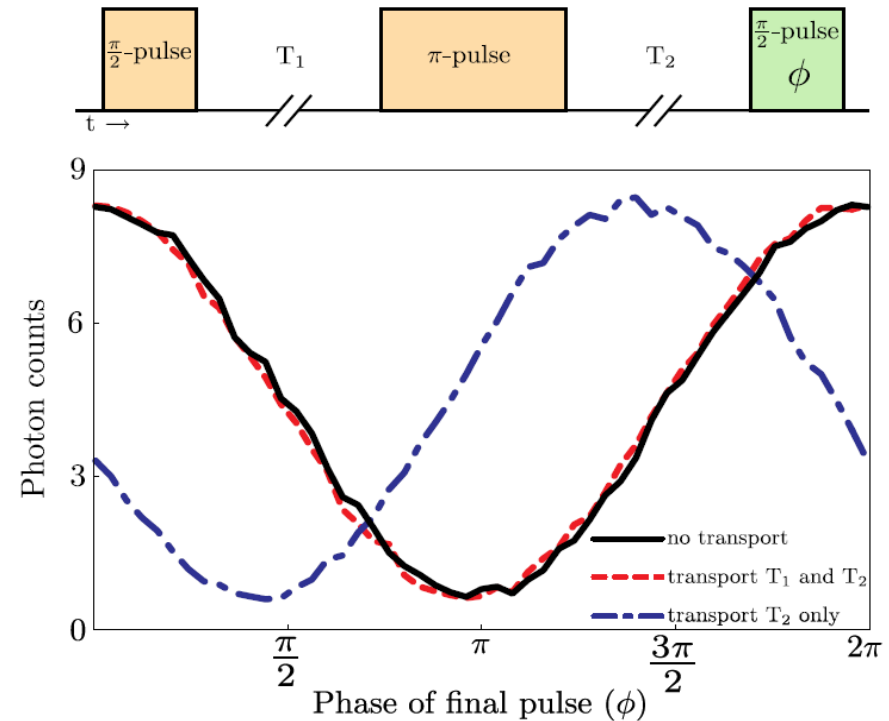
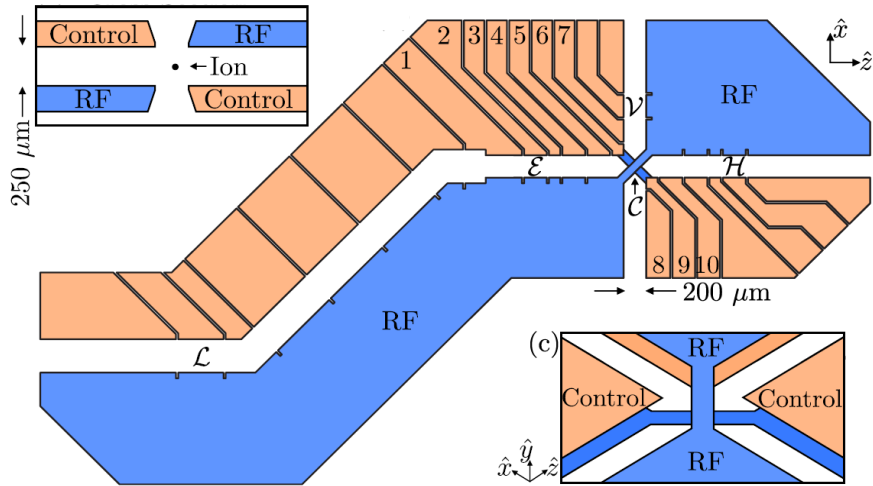


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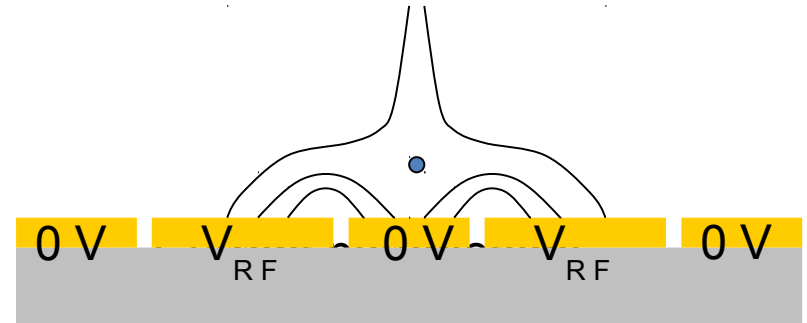
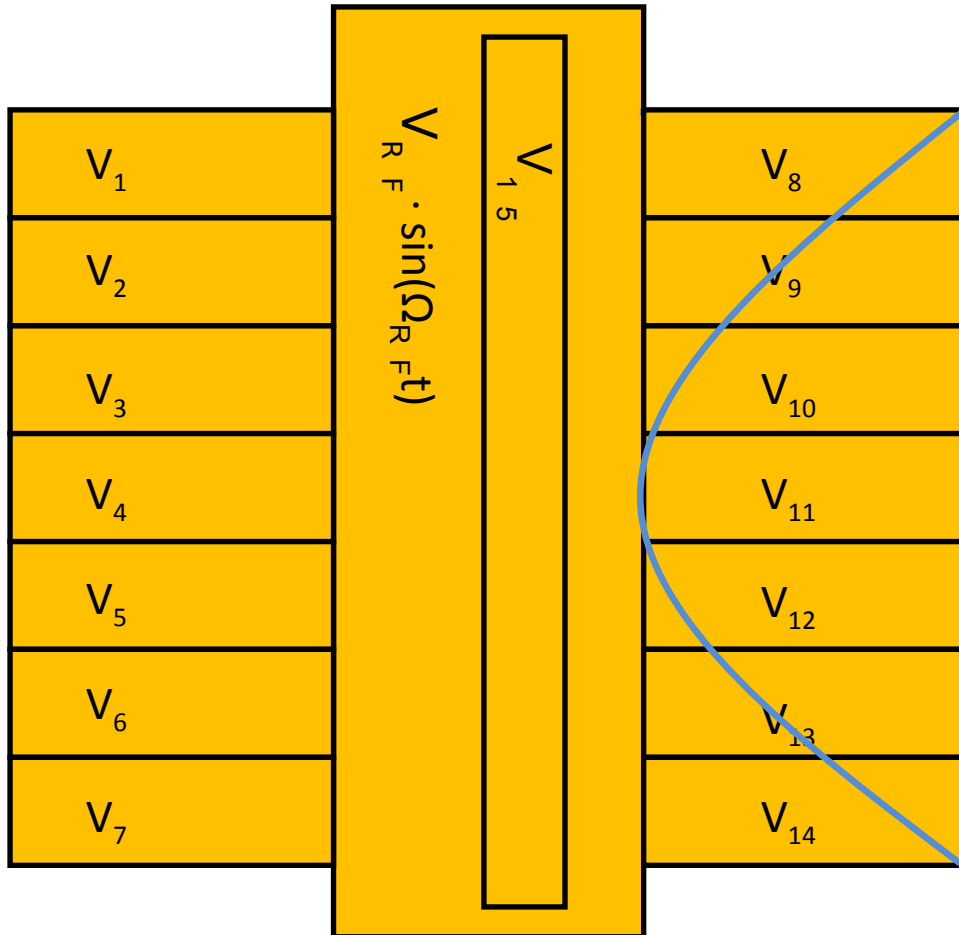
# Coherent transport through a junction



Transport		Energy Gain (recoiling method) quanta/trip
$\mathcal{E}$ - $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{E}$	1 ion	$3.2 \pm 1.8$
$\mathcal{E}$ - $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{H}$ - $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{E}$	1 ion	$7.9 \pm 1.5$
$\mathcal{E}$ - $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{V}$ - $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{E}$	1 ion	$14.5 \pm 2.0$
$\mathcal{E}$ - $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{E}$	2 ions	$5.4 \pm 1.2$
$\mathcal{E}$ - $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{H}$ - $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{E}$	2 ions	$16.6 \pm 1.8$
$\mathcal{E}$ - $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{V}$ - $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{E}$	2 ions	$53.0 \pm 1.2$

NIST:

# Surface traps



Ion height  $\approx 220 \mu\text{m}$

$\Omega_{RF} \approx 2\pi \cdot 15 \text{ MHz}$

$V_{RF} \approx 100 \text{ V}$

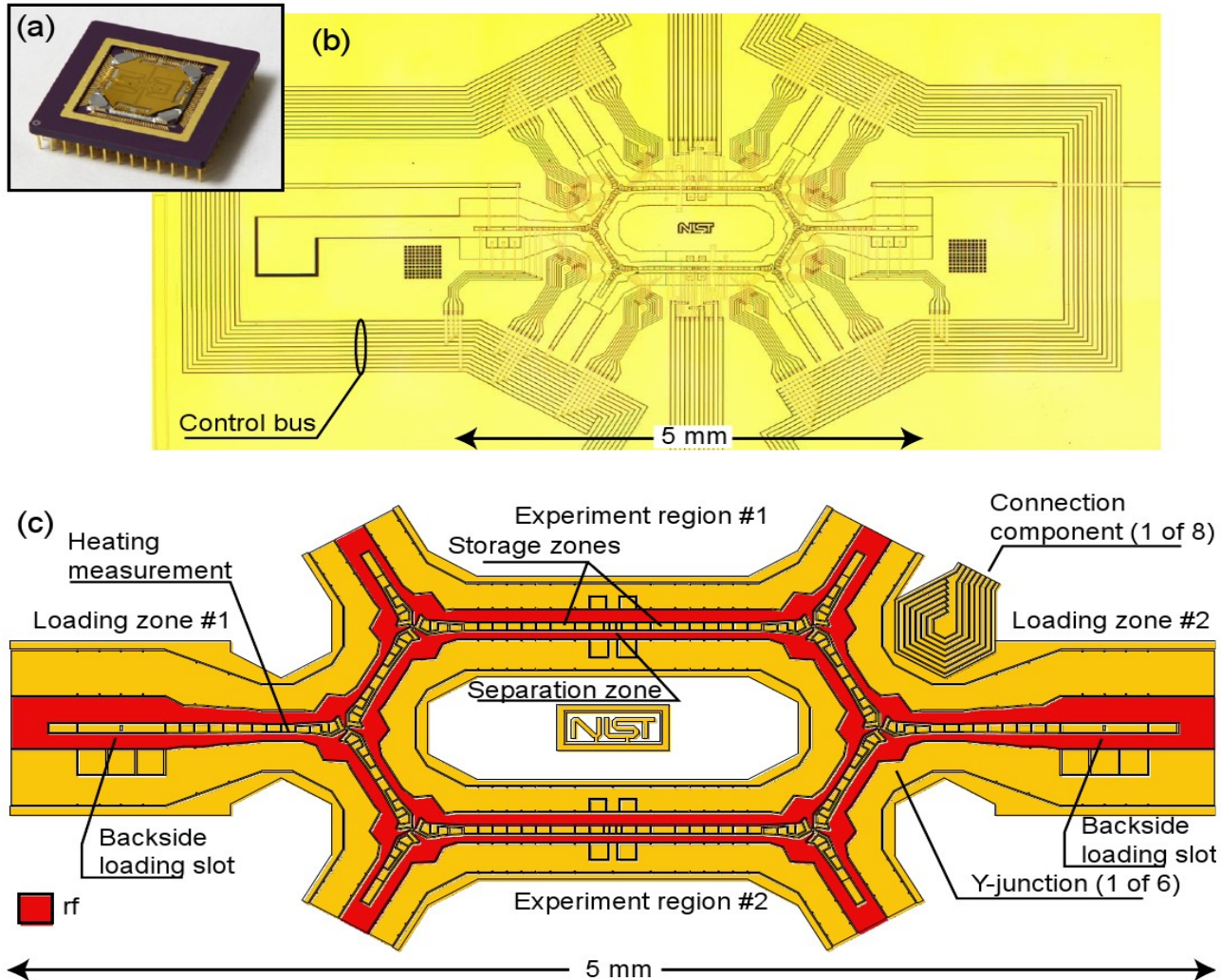
$V_{DC} < 10 \text{ V}$

$\omega_H \approx 2\pi \cdot 1.3 \text{ MHz}$

$\omega_V \approx 2\pi \cdot 1.5 \text{ MHz}$

$\omega_A \approx 2\pi \cdot 300 \text{ kHz}$

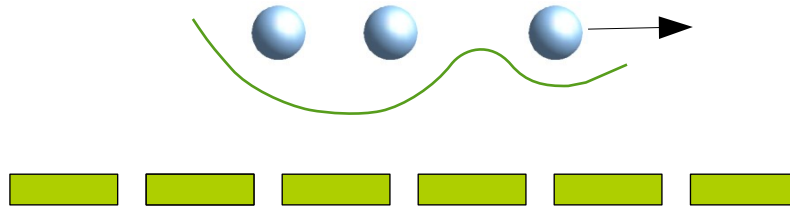
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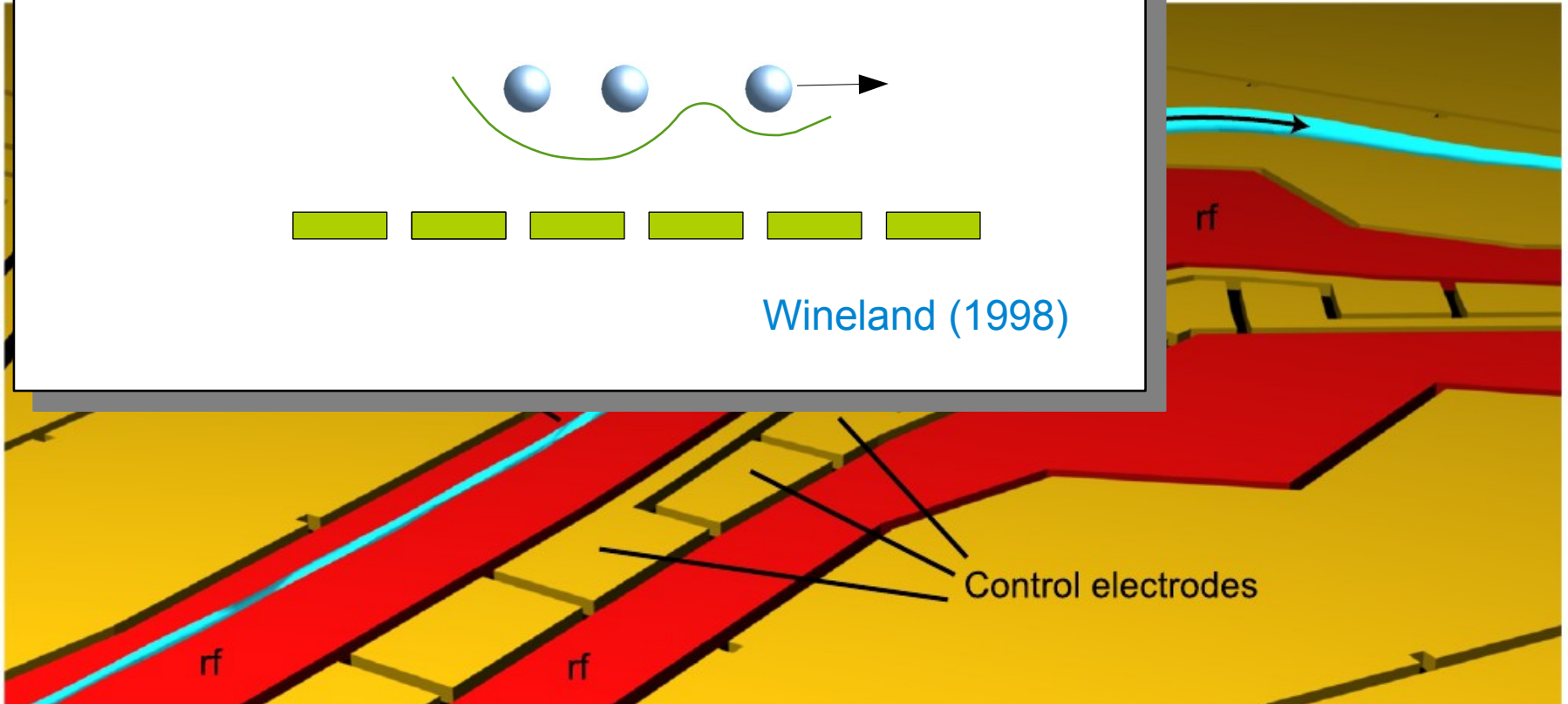


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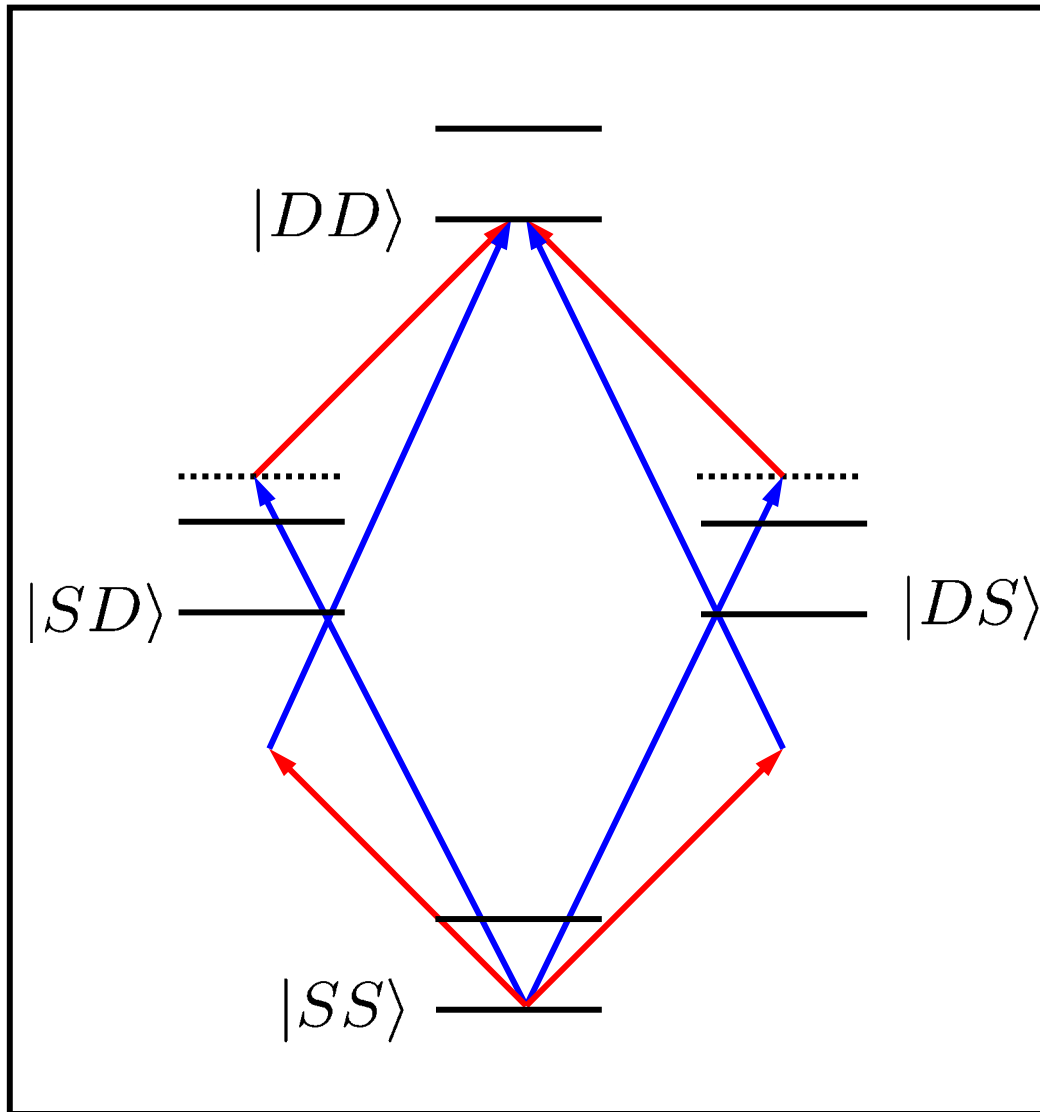
Need to split and merge ion strings fast for multi-qubit gates.



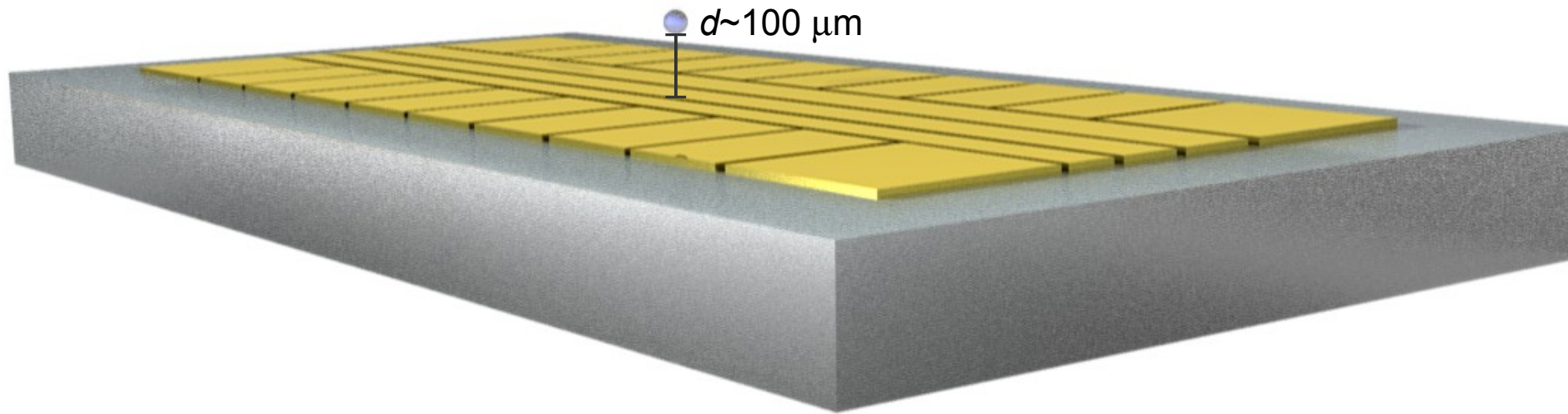
Wineland (1998)



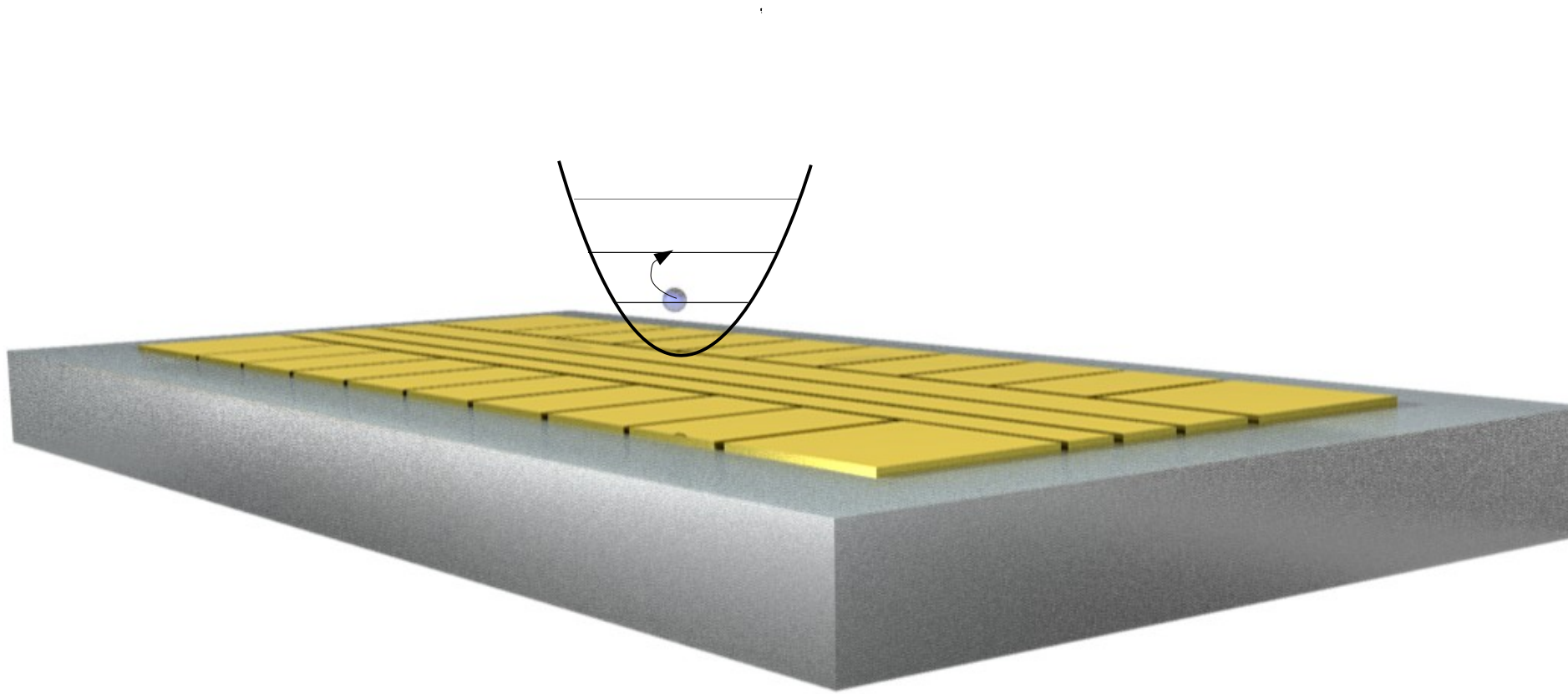
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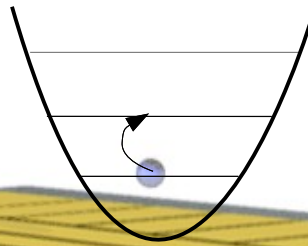
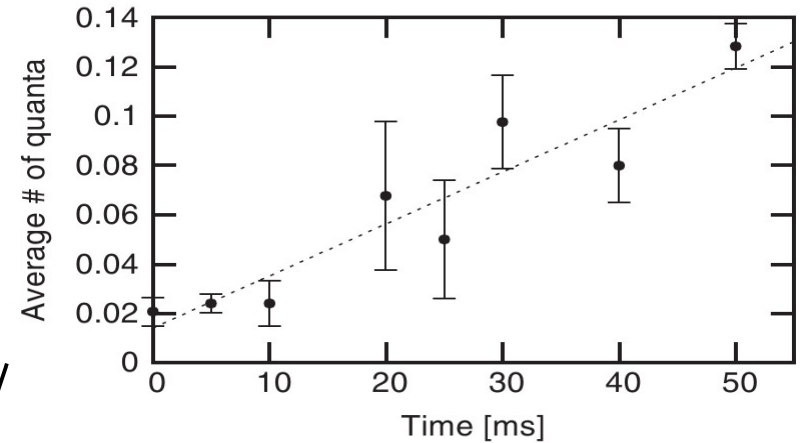
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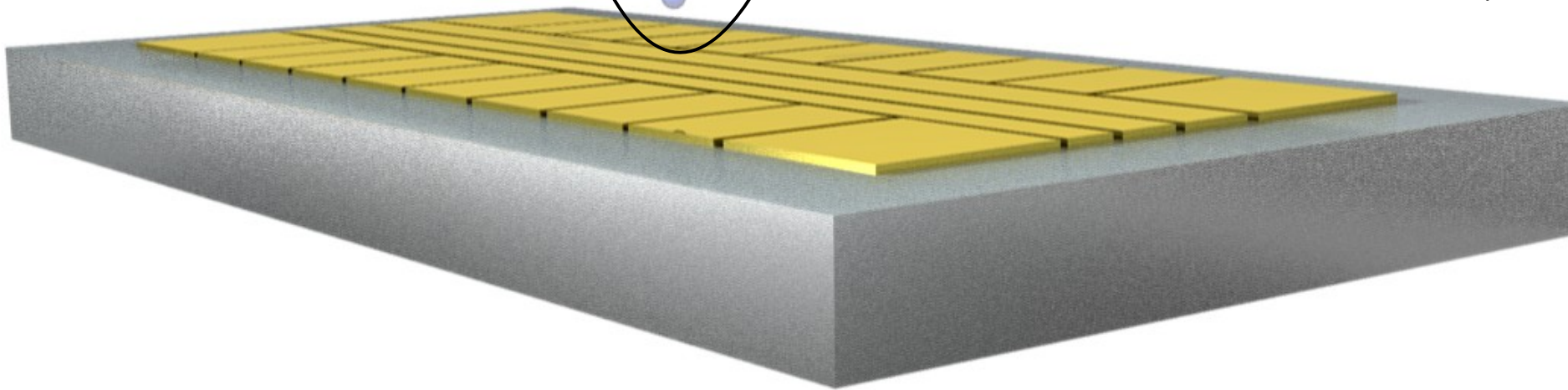
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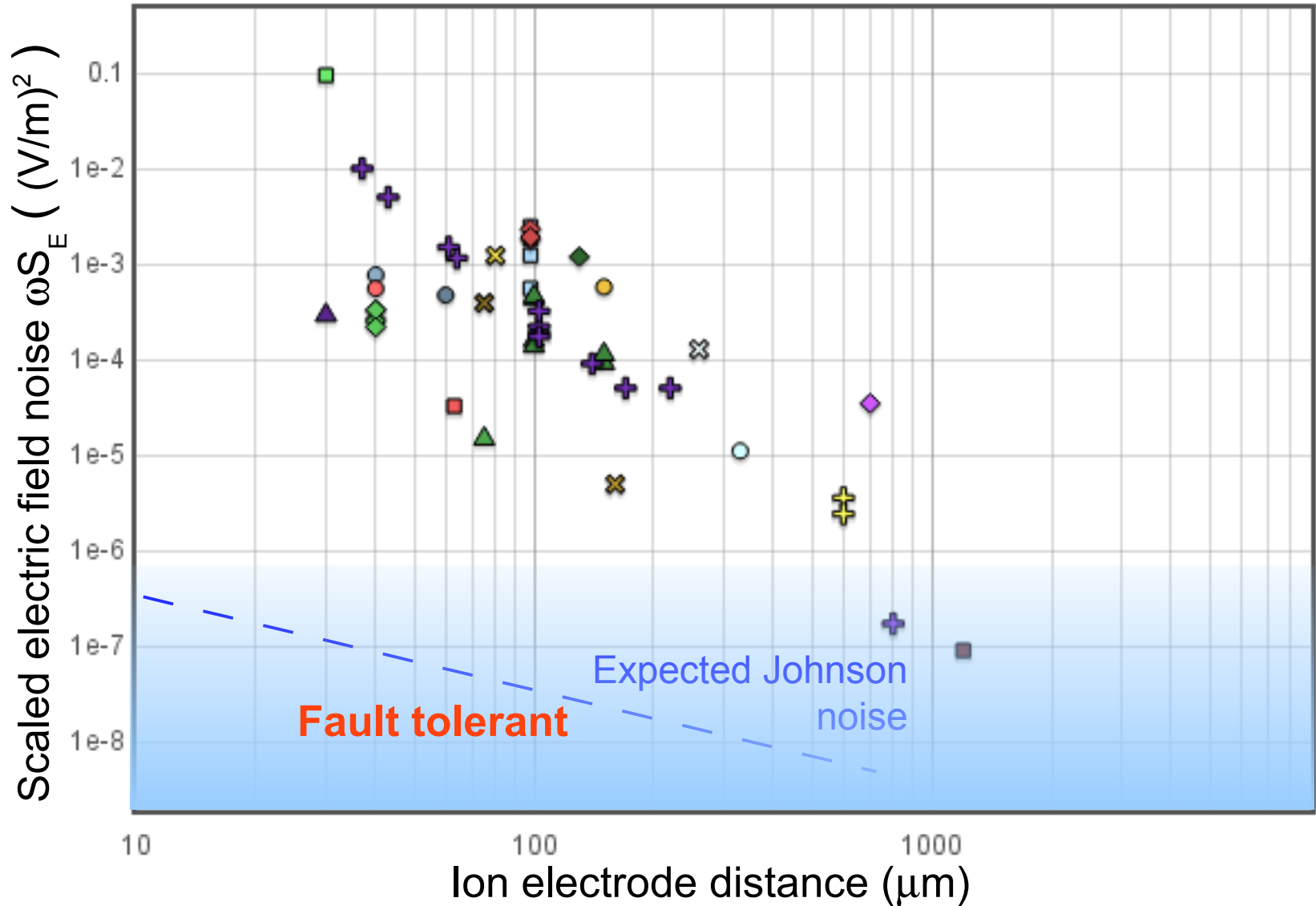


From: Labaziewicz et al., PR **100**, 013001 (2008)



# Excessive heating in ion traps

From: [http://www.quantum.gatech.edu/heating\\_rate\\_plot.shtml](http://www.quantum.gatech.edu/heating_rate_plot.shtml)

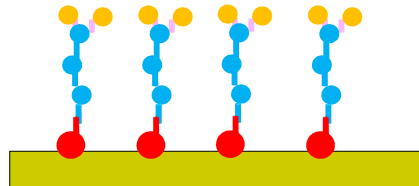


# What is causing “the” anomalous heating ?

- fluctuating patch potentials, ad-atom diffusion (Wineland 1998)



- independently fluctuating dipoles (Daniilidis 2010)



- fluctuating strength of dipoles (Safavi-Naini 2011)

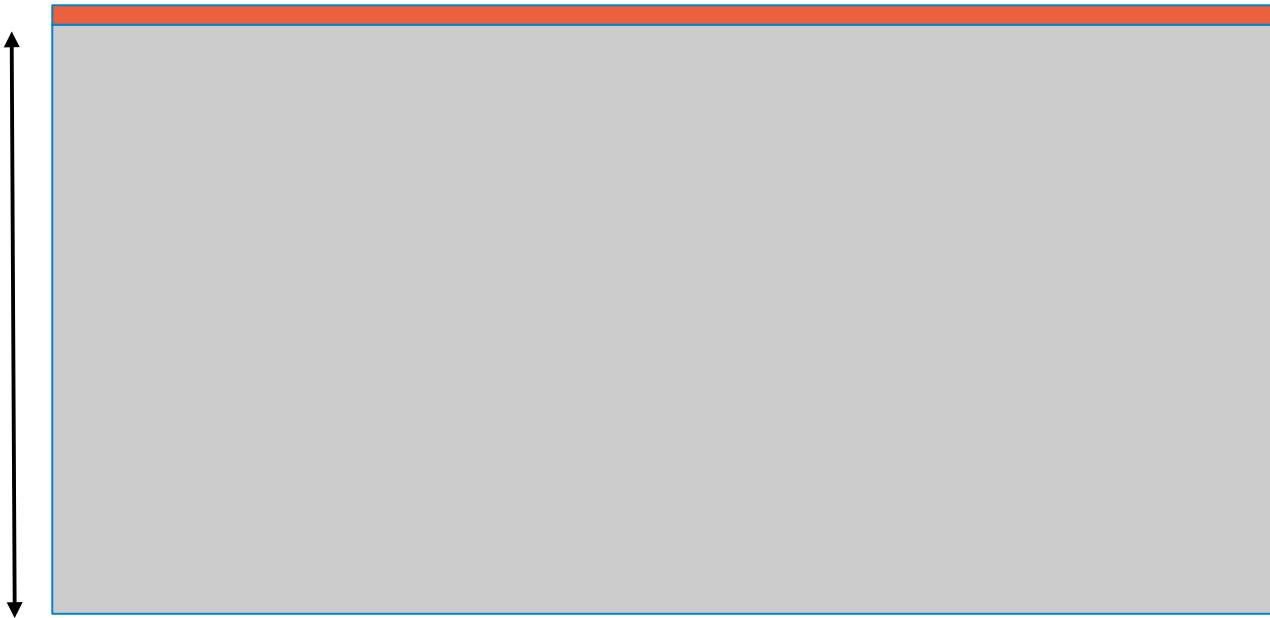


- all of the above and probably something else

# Copper on Aluminum trap

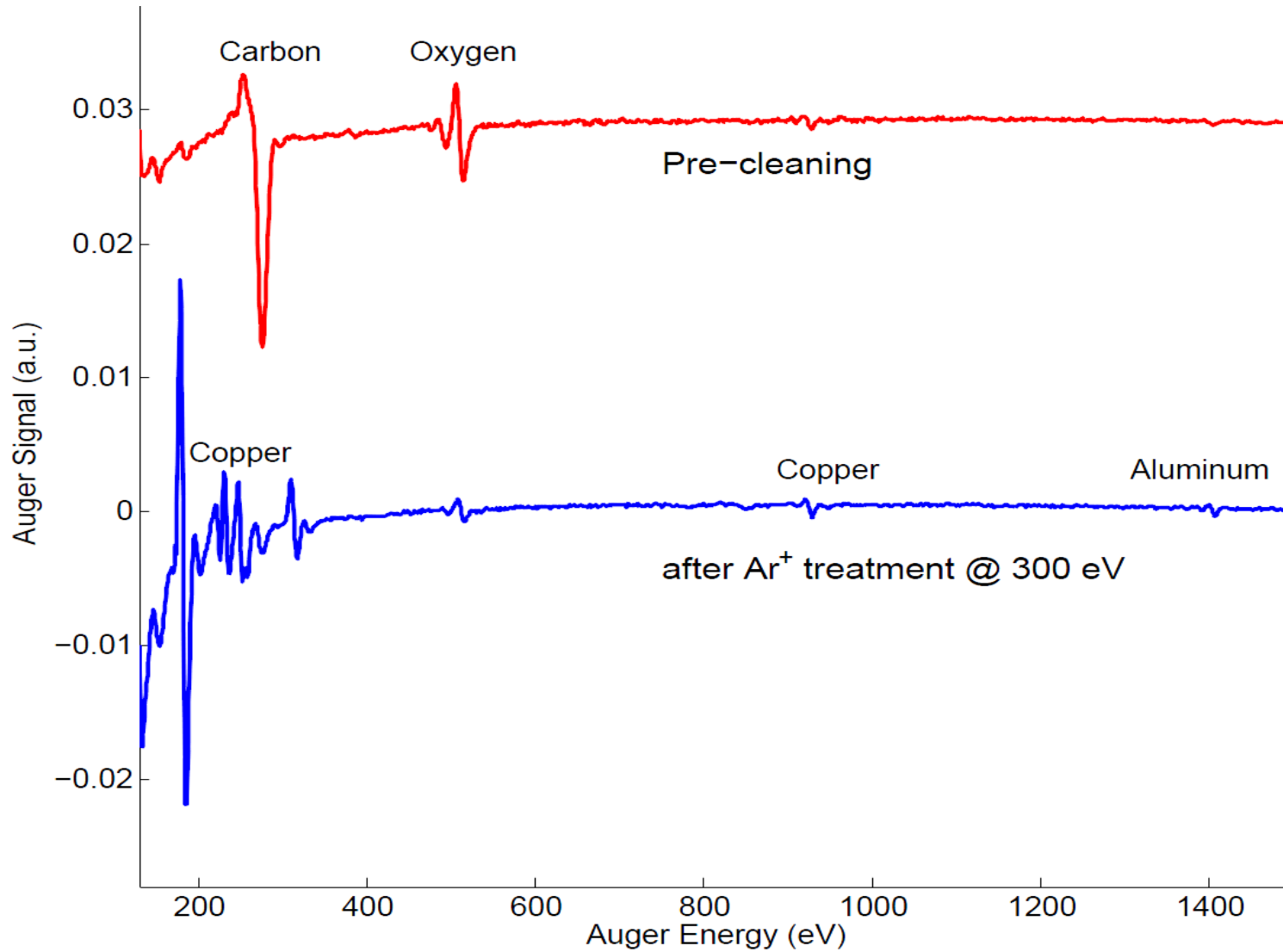
20 nm Cu

1  $\mu\text{m}$   
Al

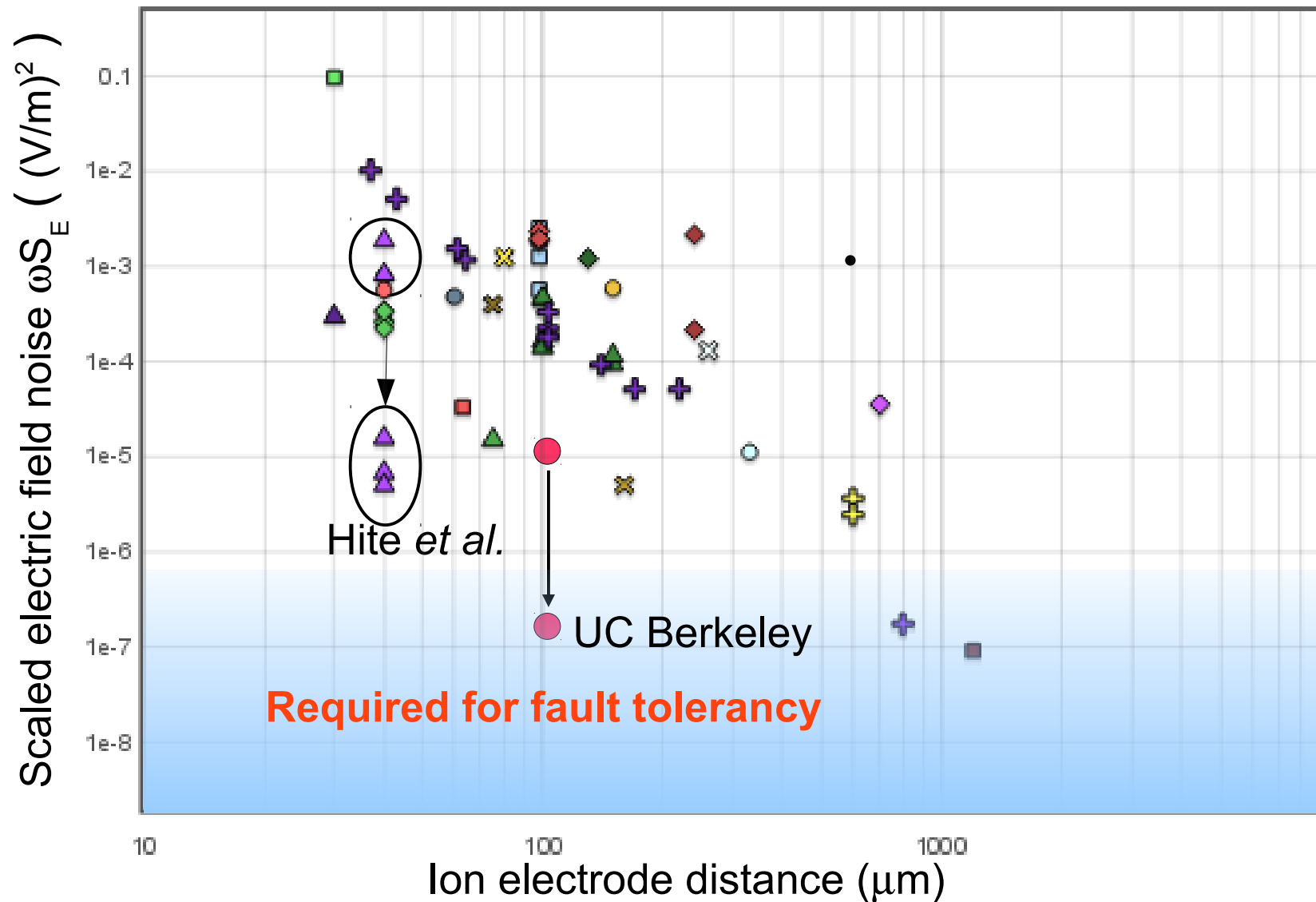




# Monitoring the cleaning



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More material:

Review on "Quantum computing with trapped ions", H. Häffner, C. F. Roos, R. Blatt, Physics Reports **469**, 155 (2008), <http://xxx.lanl.gov/abs/0809.4368>

Most recent progress:

NIST, Boulder

<http://www.nist.gov/pml/div688/grp10/quantum-logic-and-coherent-control.cfm>

Innsbruck

<http://www.quantumoptics.at/>

University of Maryland:

[http://www.iontrap.umd.edu/publications/recent\\_pubs.html](http://www.iontrap.umd.edu/publications/recent_pubs.html)

