

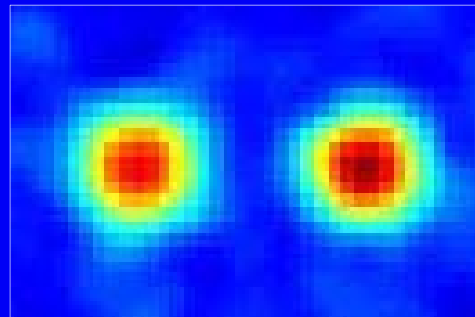
Quantum information processing with trapped ions

Part 2:

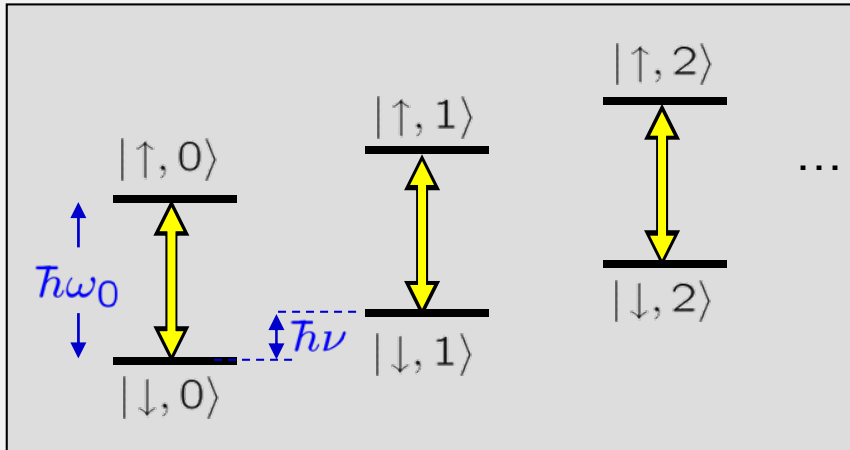
- Entangling quantum gates
- Elements of quantum computing
- Noise in trapped-ion experiments
- Precision spectroscopy with entangled states

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Entangling quantum gates



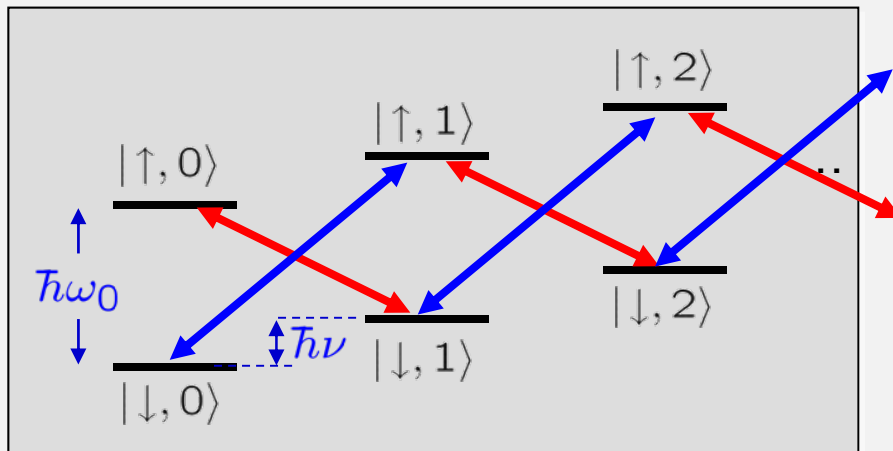
Trapped-ion laser interactions



qubit manipulation

$$\omega_{laser} = \omega_0$$

$$H \propto \sigma_x, H \propto \sigma_y$$



qubit-motion coupling

$$\omega_{laser} = \omega_0 - \nu$$

$$H \propto \sigma_+ a + \sigma_- a^\dagger$$

$$\omega_{laser} = \omega_0 + \nu$$

$$H \propto \sigma_+ a^\dagger + \sigma_- a$$

Entangling quantum gates

Pulse sequence:

Ion	Pulse length	Transition
1	$\pi/2$	blue sideband
2	π	carrier
2	π	blue sideband

State transformation

$$|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle|0\rangle \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle)|0\rangle$$

$$|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle|0\rangle \longrightarrow |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle|0\rangle$$

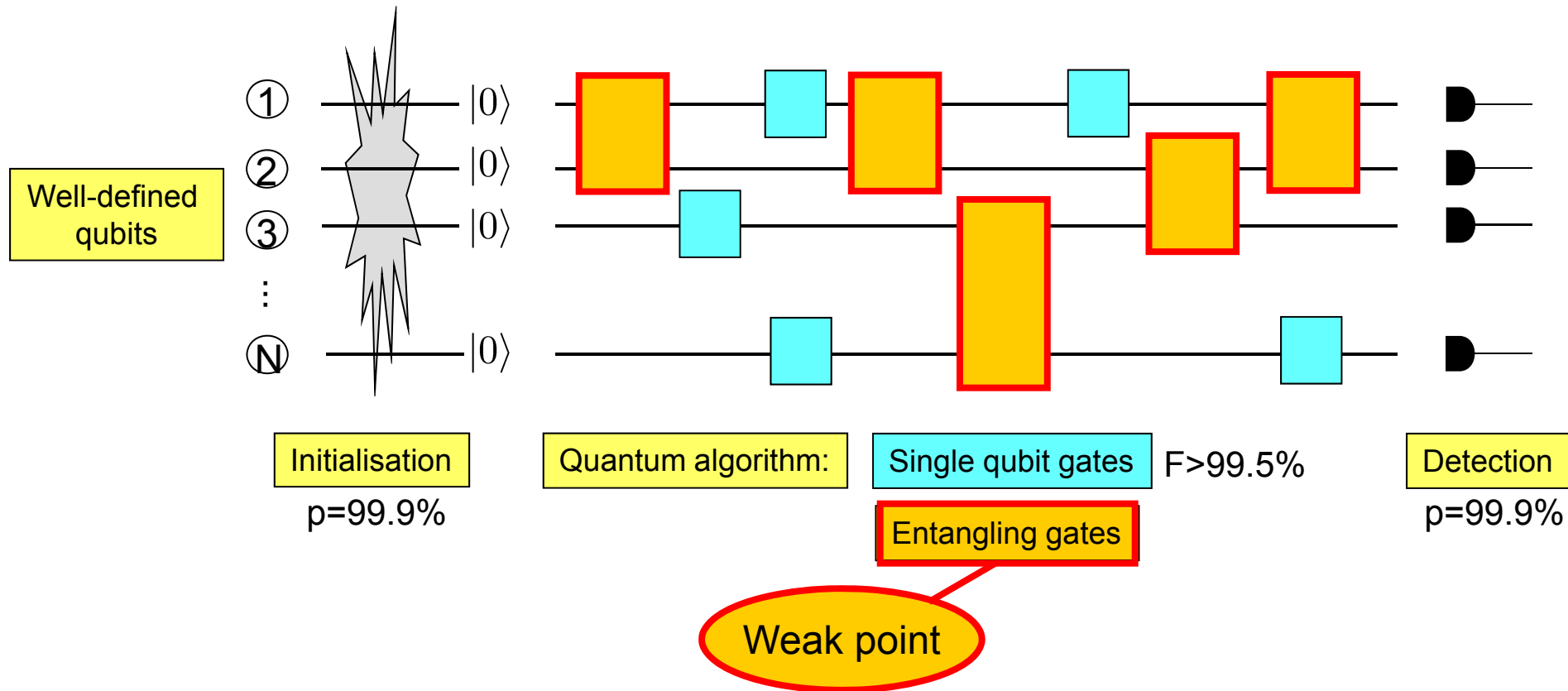
$$|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle|0\rangle \longrightarrow |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle|1\rangle$$

$$|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle|0\rangle \longrightarrow \alpha|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle|0\rangle + \beta|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle|1\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle(\gamma|1\rangle + \delta|2\rangle)$$

- Can we devise a pulse sequence that maps the two-qubit state space onto itself?
- Can we devise a pulse sequence that product states onto Bell states?

Quantum computing with trapped ions

Scheme:



- Conditional phase gate (Boulder, 2003): $F \approx 97\%$
- Controlled-NOT gate (Innsbruck, 2003): $F \approx 93\%$
- Mølmer-Sørensen gate (Innsbruck, 2008): $F \approx 99\%$

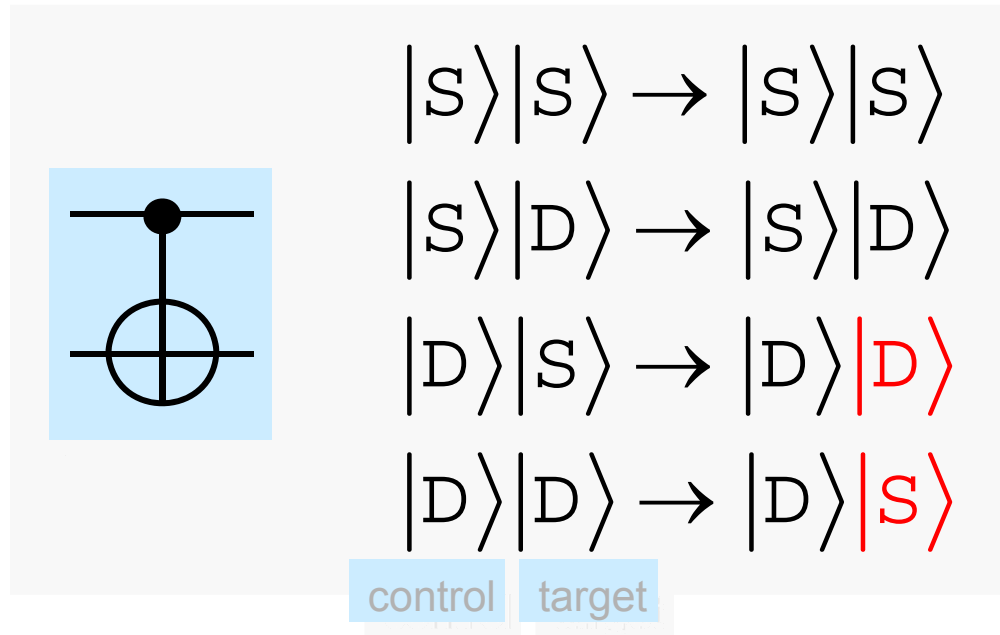
Quantum Computations with Cold Trapped Ions

J. I. Cirac and P. Zoller*

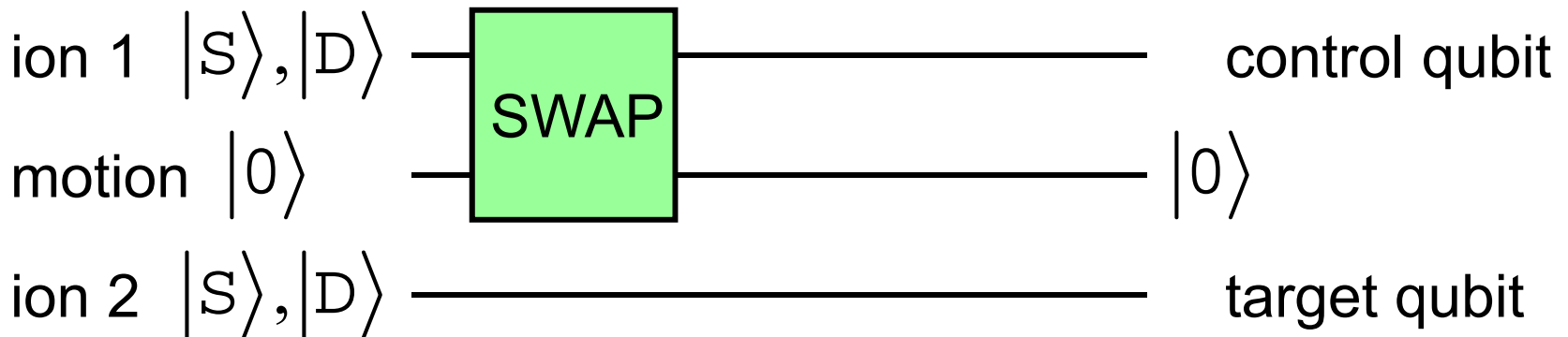
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A quantum computer can be implemented with cold ions confined in a linear trap and interacting with laser beams. Quantum gates involving any pair, triplet, or subset of ions can be realized by coupling the ions through the collective quantized motion. In this system decoherence is negligible, and the measurement (readout of the quantum register) can be carried out with a high efficiency.

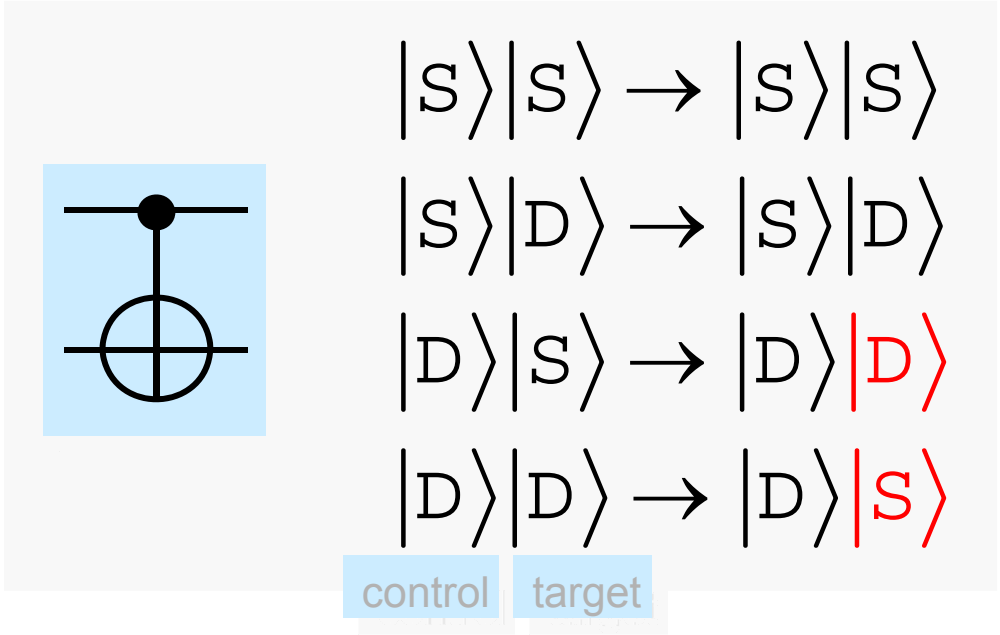
Cirac - Zoller two-ion controlled-NOT operation



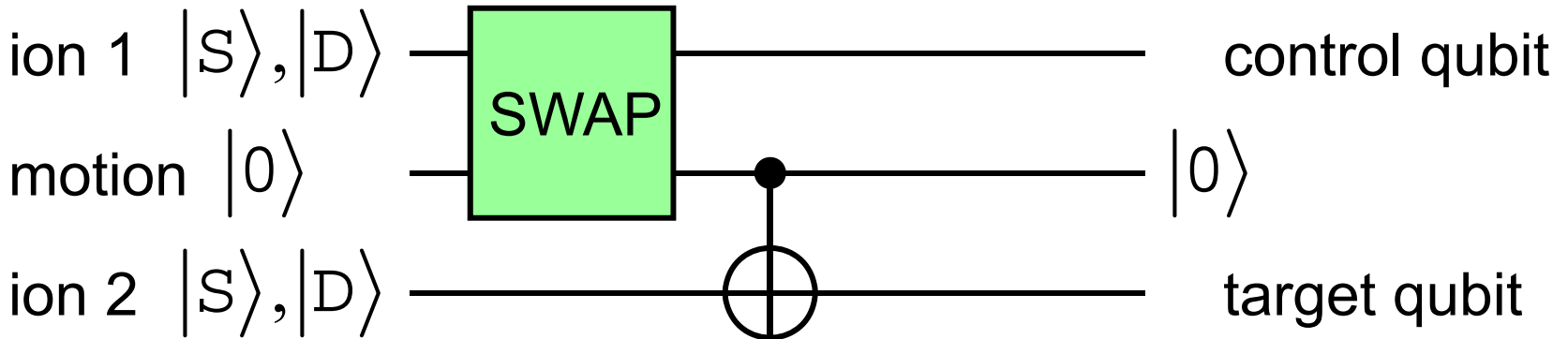
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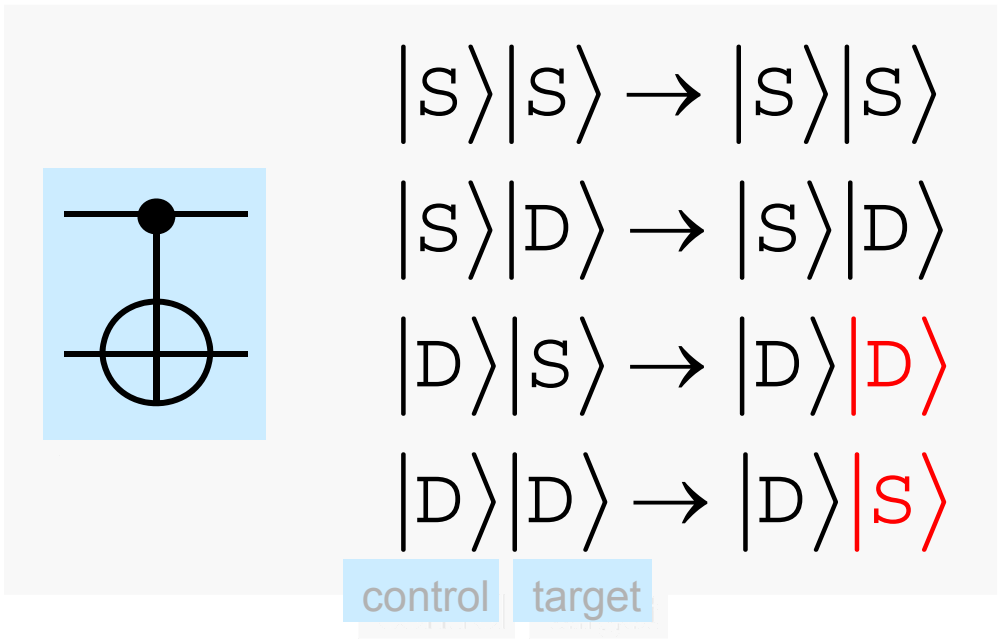
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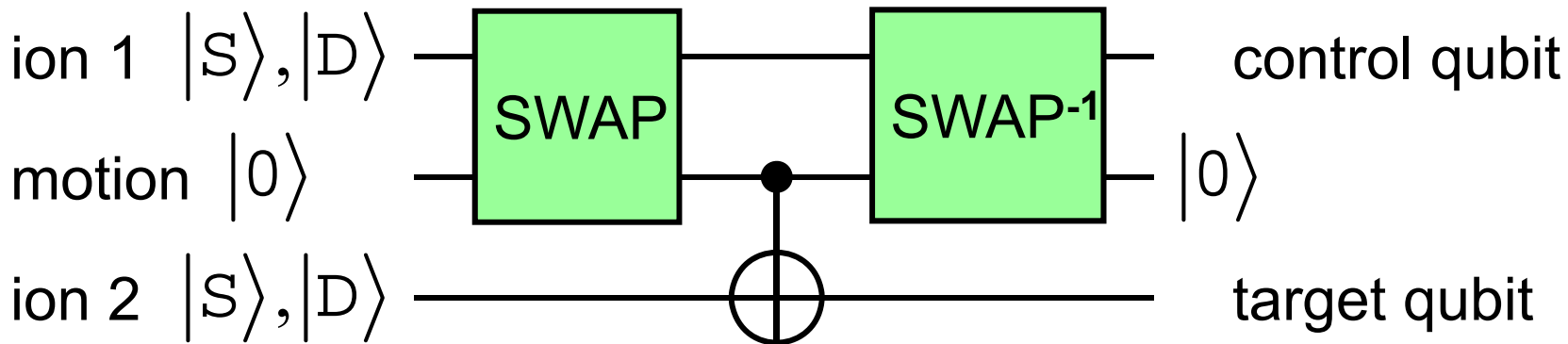
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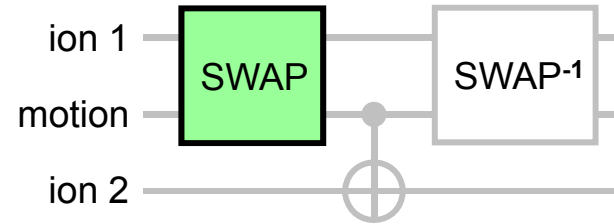
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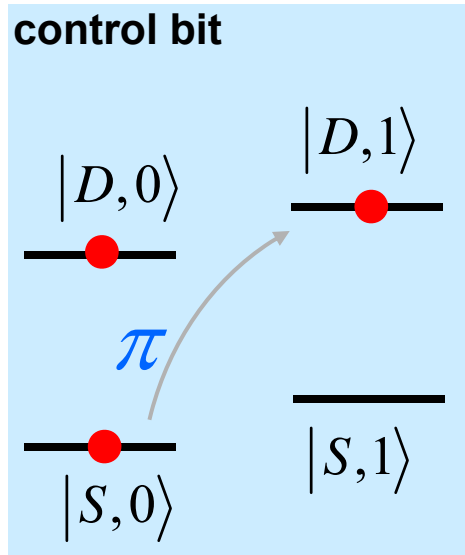
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CNOT gate (1)



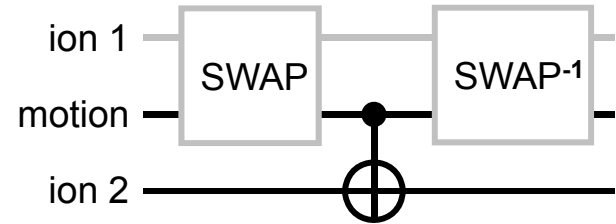
SWAP operation : π -pulse on blue sideband



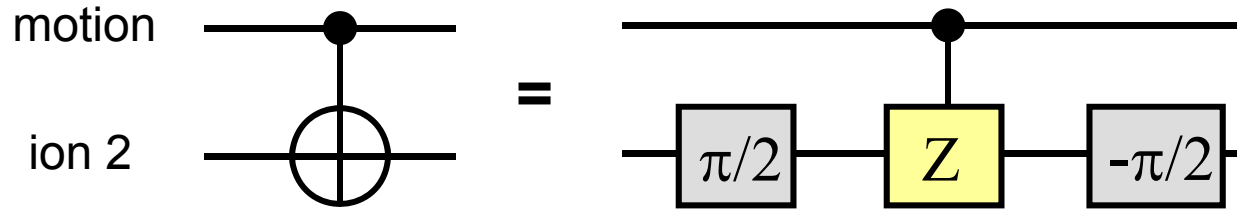
$$(\alpha|S\rangle + \beta|D\rangle)|0\rangle$$

$$\longrightarrow |D\rangle(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle)$$

CNOT gate (2)



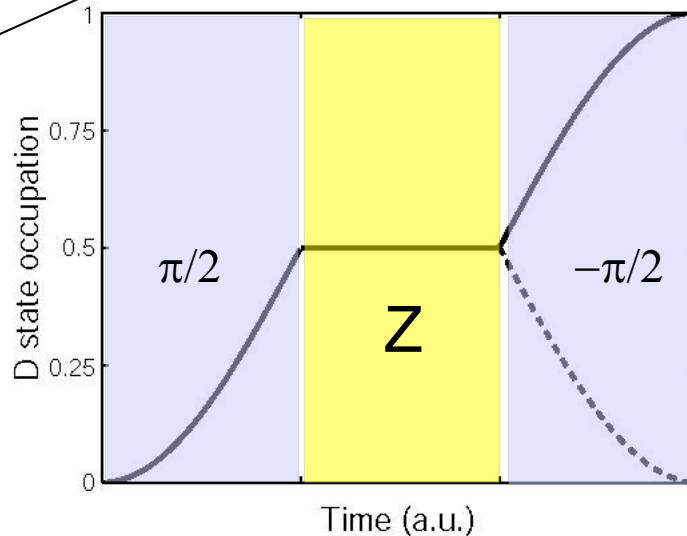
CNOT between motion and ion 2 :



Conditional phase shift:

changes relative phase between $|S\rangle$ and $|D\rangle$ by 0 or π depending on motional state

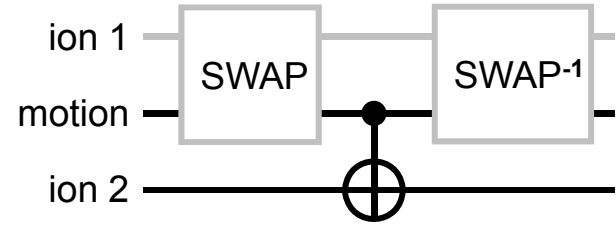
	$ D, 0\rangle$	$ S, 0\rangle$	$ D, 1\rangle$	$ S, 1\rangle$
$U_\Phi =$	1	0	0	0
	0	-1	0	0
	0	0	-1	0
	0	0	0	-1



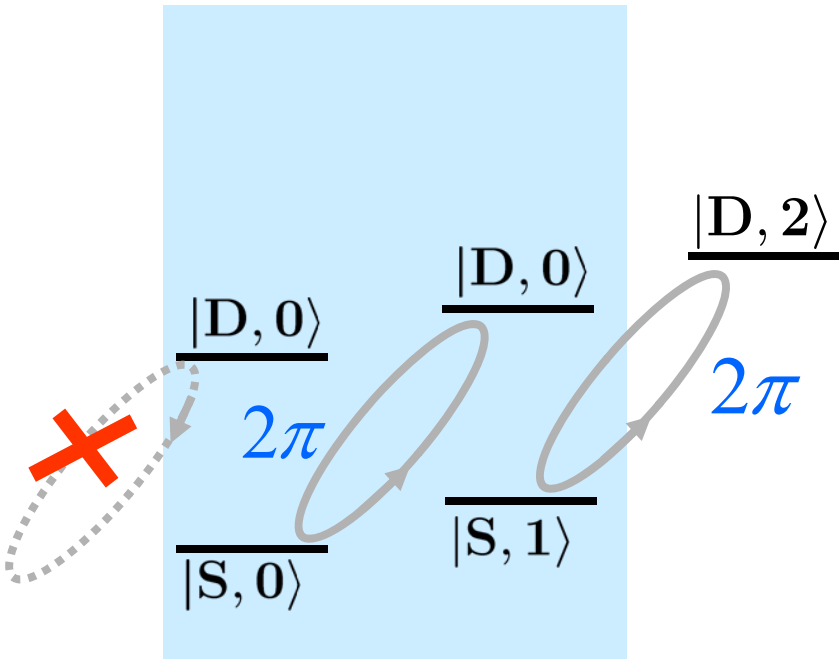
$|m\rangle = |0\rangle$

$|m\rangle = |1\rangle$

CNOT gate (3)



Conditional phase shift operation:



Rabi frequency:

Blue SB: $\eta\Omega\sqrt{n+1}$

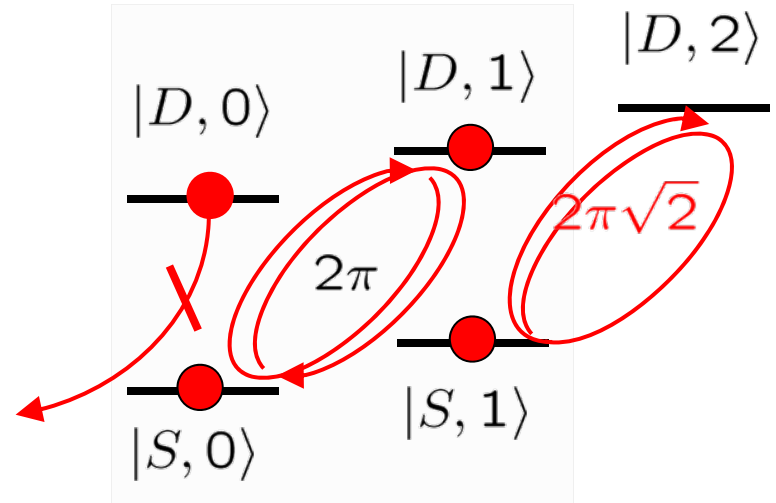
Composite pulse phase gate

Effect:

phase factor of **-1**
for all, except $|D, 0\rangle$

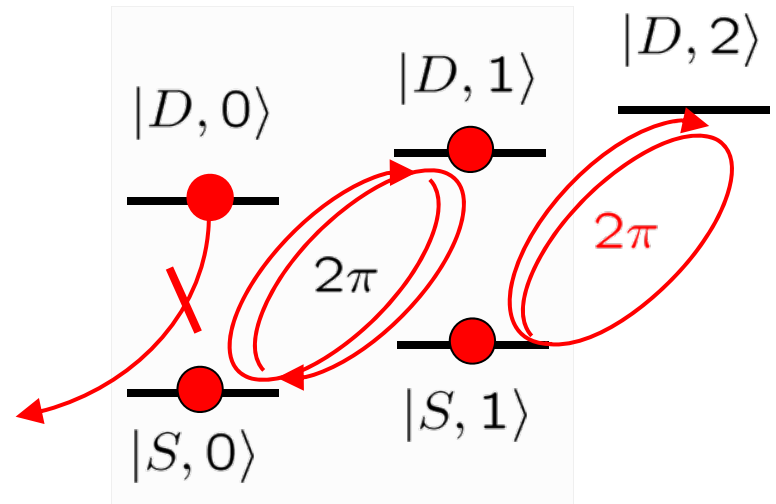
Conditional phase gate with a two-level system?

$$U_{\Phi} = \begin{matrix} & |D, 0\rangle & |S, 0\rangle & |D, 1\rangle & |S, 1\rangle \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & ? \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$



Conditional phase gate: composite pulses!

$$U_{\Phi} = \begin{matrix} & |D, 0\rangle & |S, 0\rangle & |D, 1\rangle & |S, 1\rangle \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

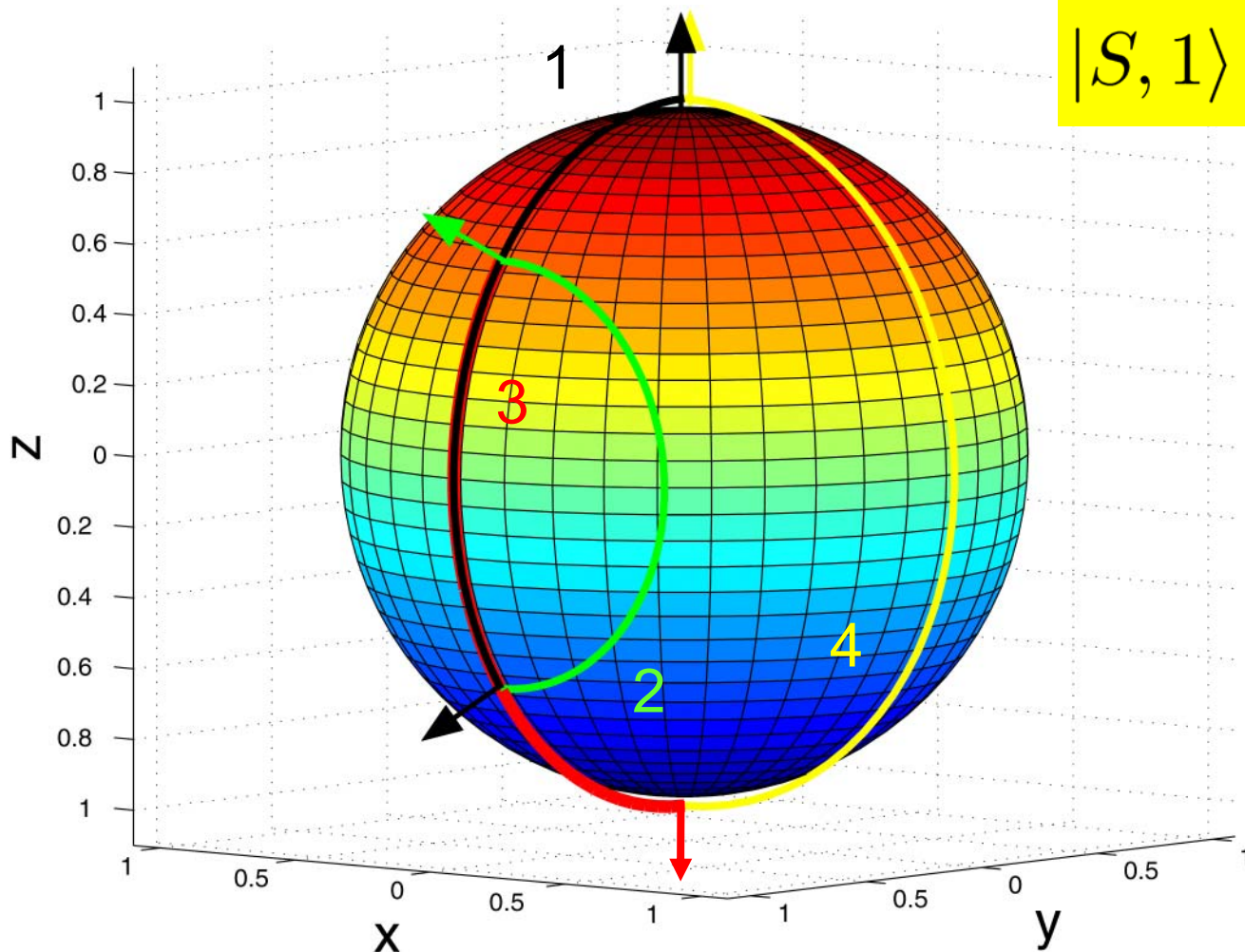


Composite 2π -rotation:

blue	blue	blue	blue
$\pi/\sqrt{2}$	π	$\pi/\sqrt{2}$	π
0	$\pi/2$	0	$\pi/2$

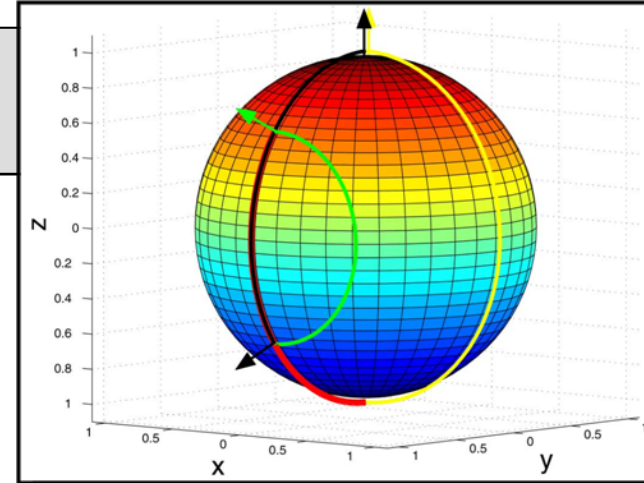
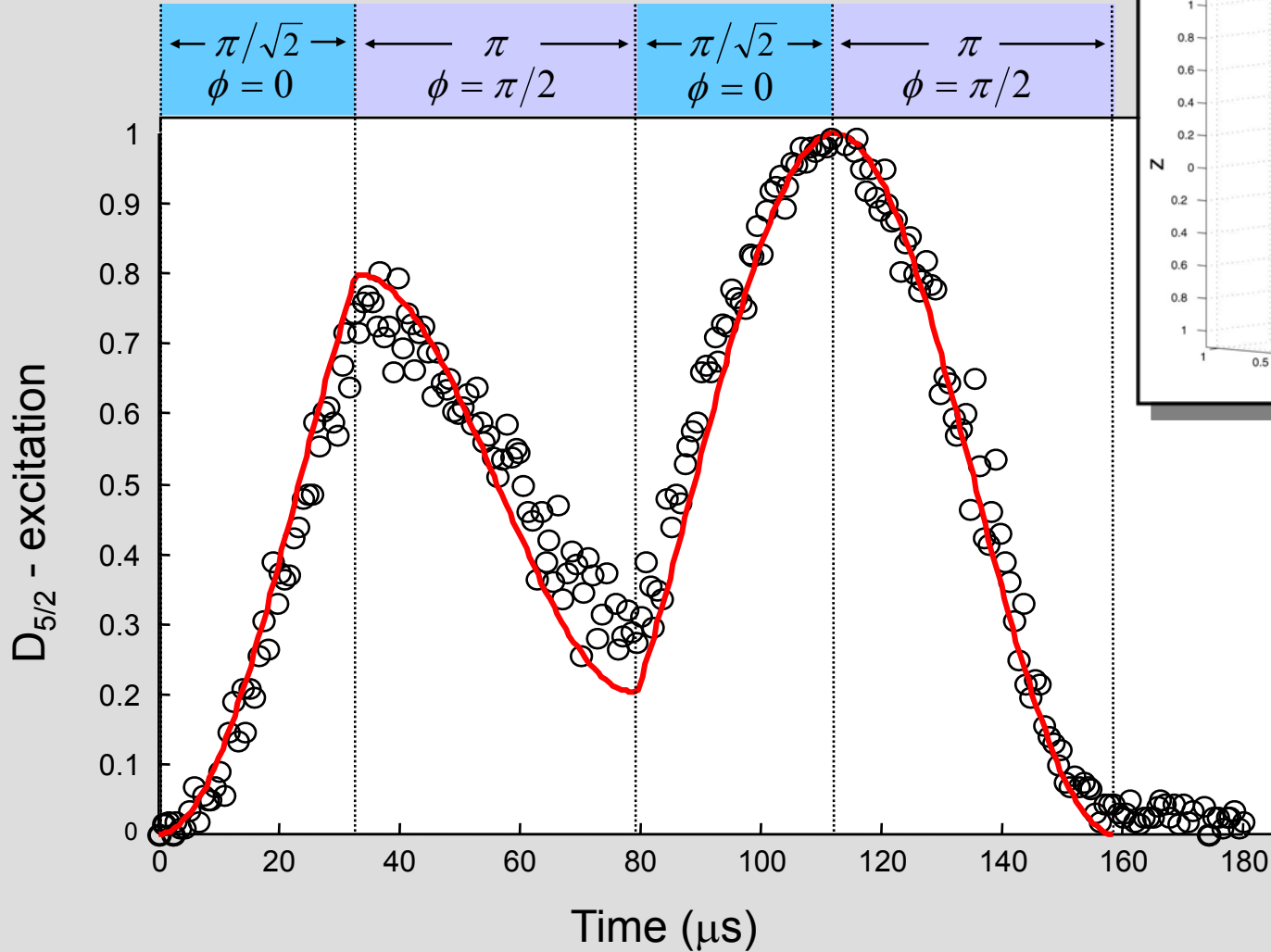
A phase gate with 4 pulses (2π rotation)

$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_1^+ (\pi, \pi/2) R_1^+ (\pi/\sqrt{2}, 0) R_1^+ (\pi, \pi/2) R_1^+ (\pi/\sqrt{2}, 0)$$



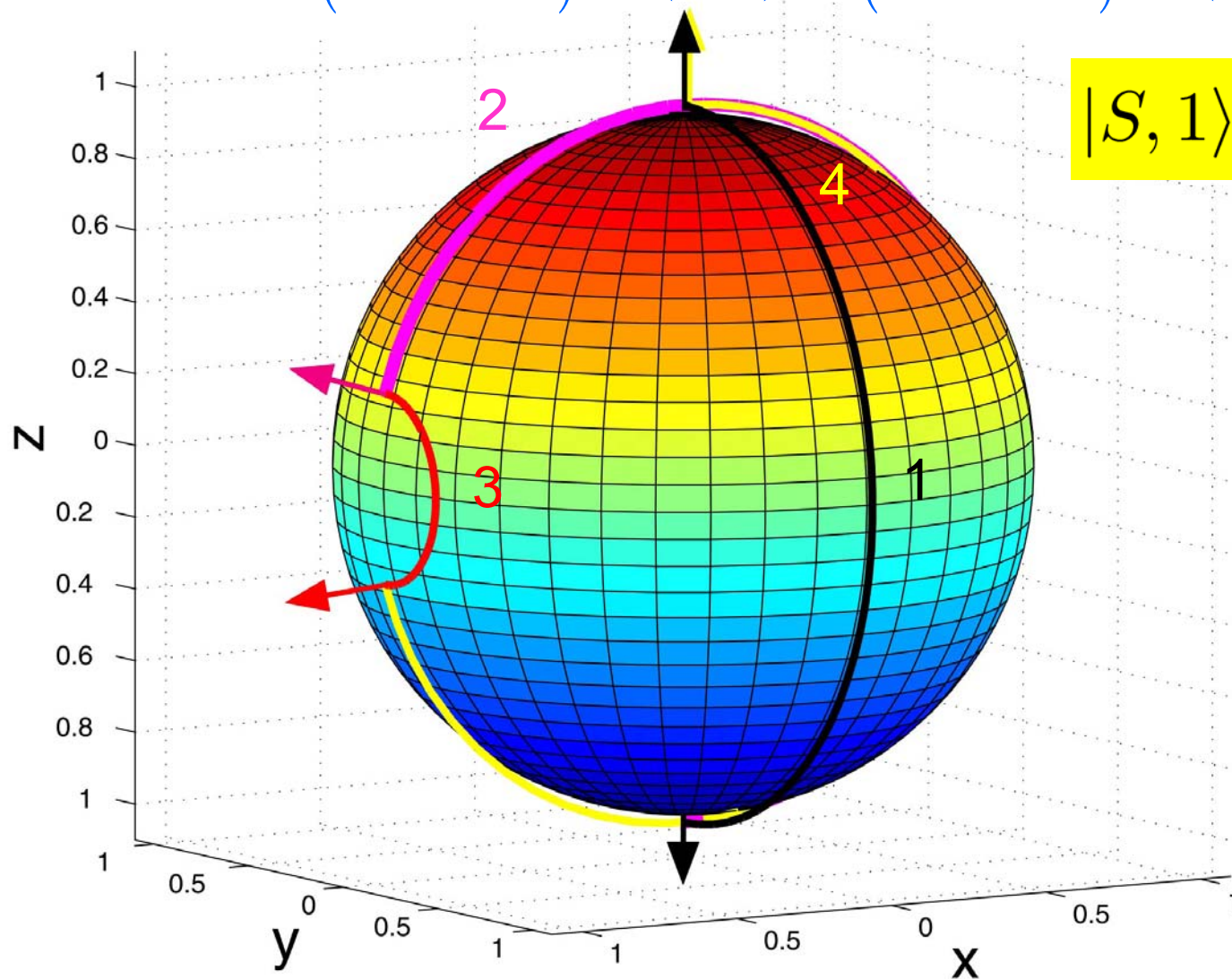
A single ion composite phase gate: Experiment

state preparation $|S, 0\rangle$, then application of phase gate pulse sequence

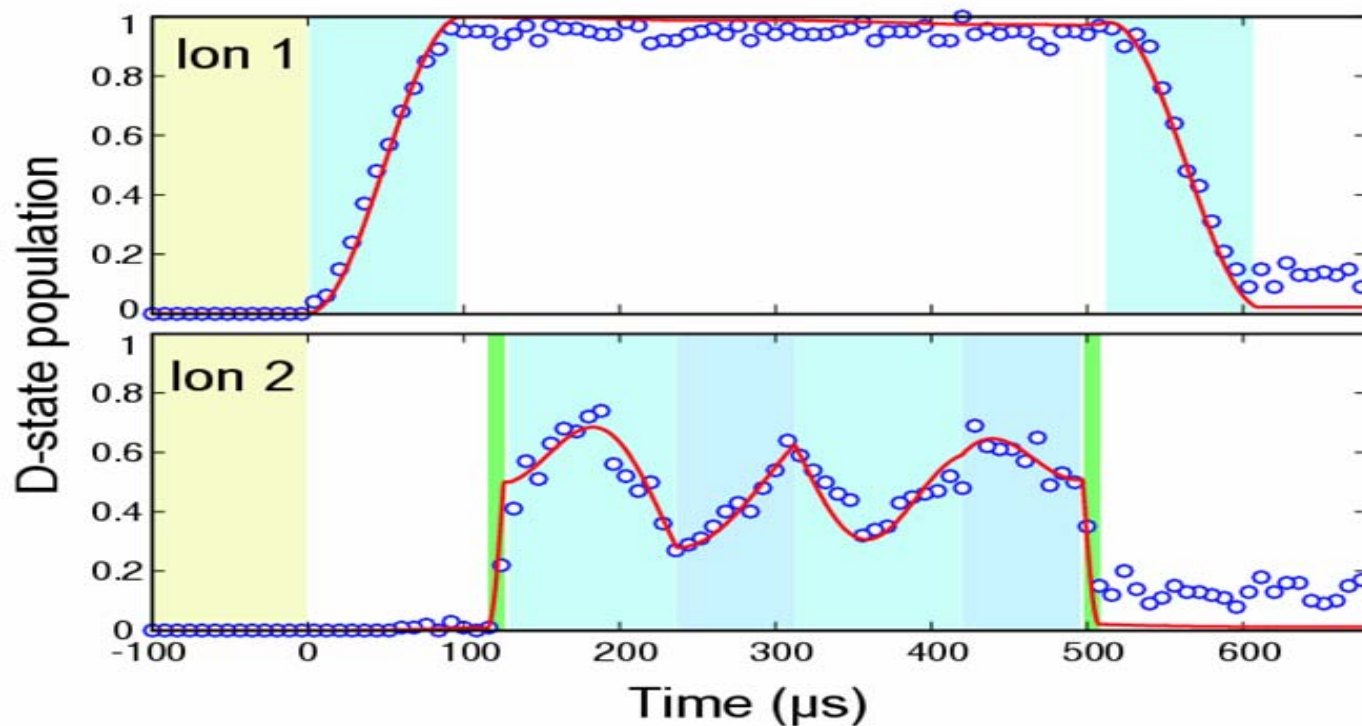
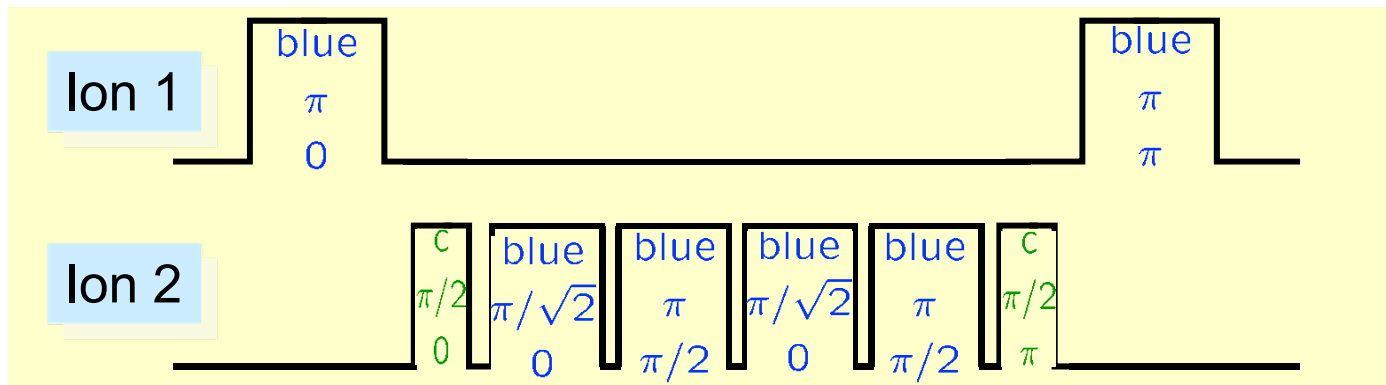


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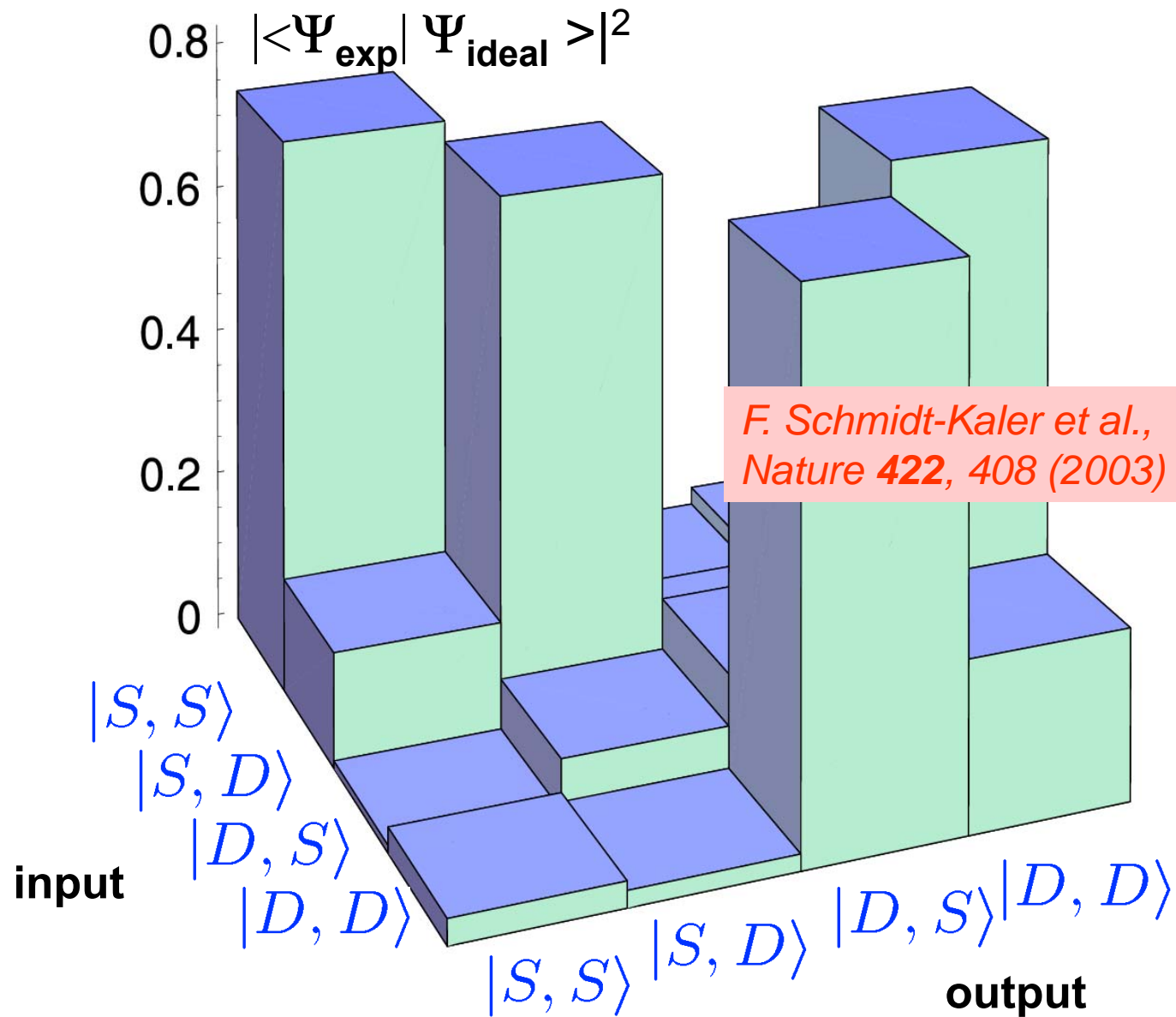
$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_1^+ (\pi\sqrt{2}, \pi/2) R_1^+ (\pi, 0) R_1^+ (\pi\sqrt{2}, \pi/2) R_1^+ (\pi, 0)$$



CNOT gate: Complete pulse sequence

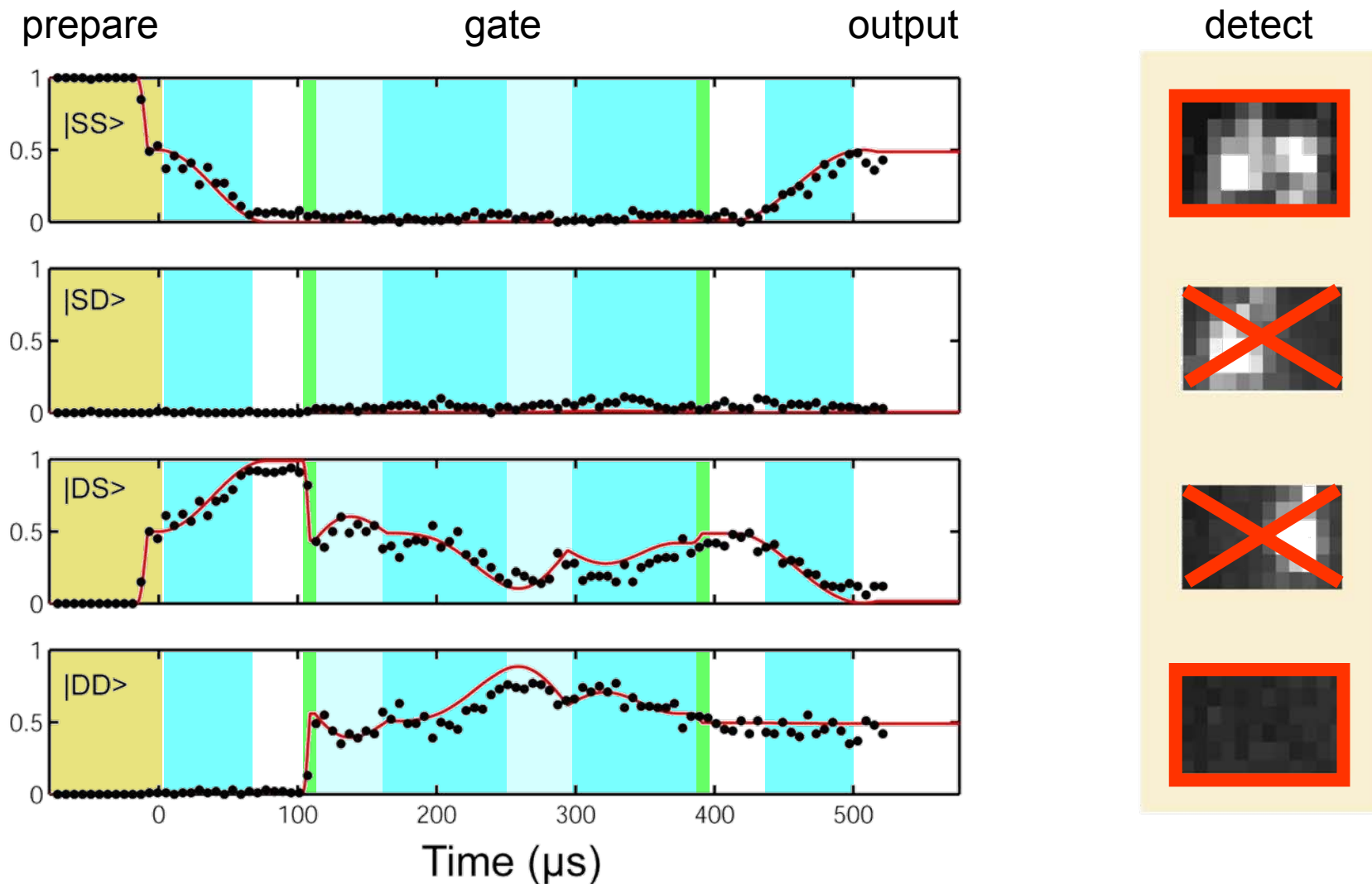


Fidelity of the CNOT operation

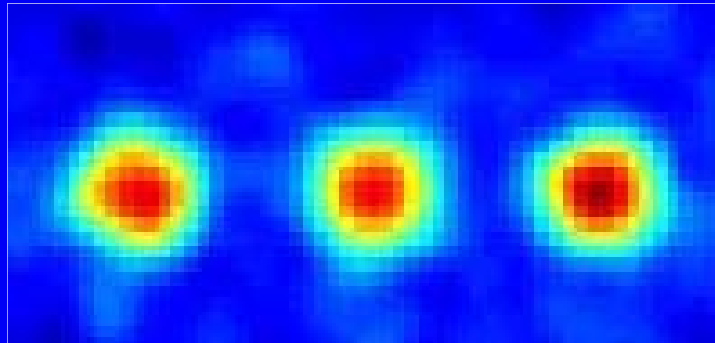


Superposition as input to CNOT gate

$$|D + S\rangle |S\rangle \longrightarrow |DD\rangle + |SS\rangle$$



Deterministic quantum teleportation with trapped ions



Quantum state teleportation

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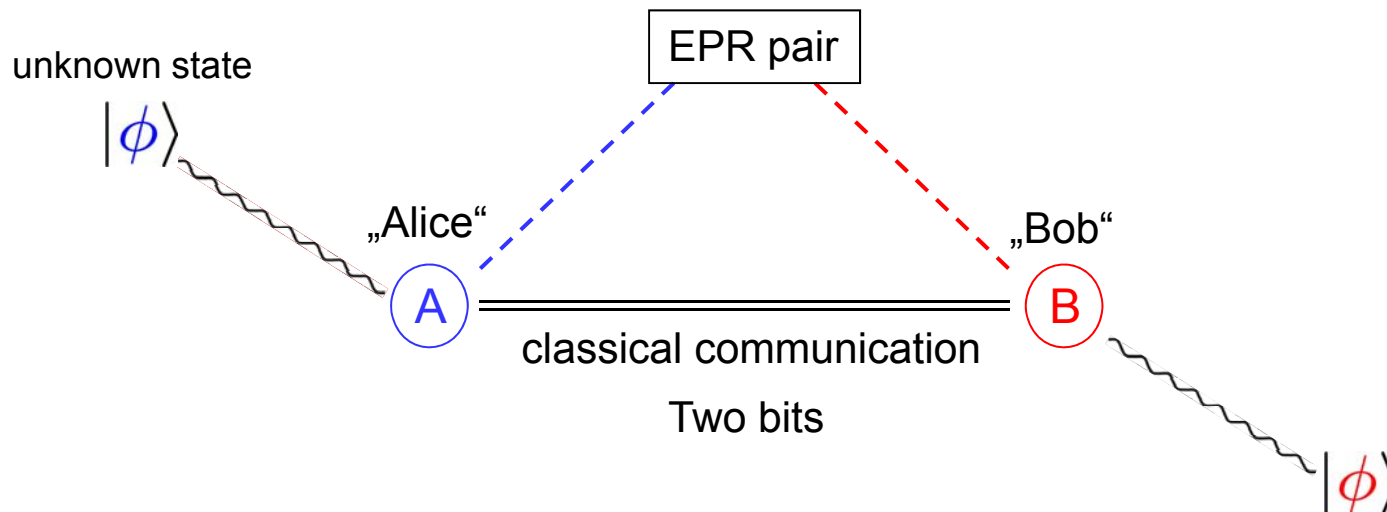
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Teleporting an Unknown Quantum State via Dual Classical and Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen Channels

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Richard Jozsa,⁽²⁾ Asher Peres,⁽⁴⁾ and William K. Wootters⁽⁵⁾

Is it possible to transfer an unknown quantum state $|\phi\rangle = \alpha|D\rangle + \beta|S\rangle$ from „Alice“ to „Bob“ by classical communication ?

Yes, if Alice and Bob share a pair of entangled particles !



Principle of teleportation

$$|\Psi_{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|DS\rangle \pm |SD\rangle)$$

$$|\Phi_{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|DD\rangle \pm |SS\rangle)$$

unknown state

EPR pair

$$|\phi\rangle = \alpha|D\rangle + \beta|S\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_{-}\rangle$$



$$(\alpha|D\rangle_1 + \beta|S\rangle_1)(|SD\rangle_{23} - |DS\rangle_{23}) = \frac{1}{2} [|\Psi_{-}\rangle_{12}(-\alpha|D\rangle_3 - \beta|S\rangle_3) \\ + |\Psi_{+}\rangle_{12}(-\alpha|D\rangle_3 + \beta|S\rangle_3) \\ + |\Phi_{-}\rangle_{12}(\beta|D\rangle_3 + \alpha|S\rangle_3) \\ + |\Phi_{+}\rangle_{12}(-\beta|D\rangle_3 + \beta|S\rangle_3)]$$

Bob: Apply appropriate inverse operation to restore the original state

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$$|\Psi_{-}\rangle$$



$$(\alpha|D\rangle_1 + \beta|S\rangle_1)(|SD\rangle_{23} - |DS\rangle_{23}) = \frac{1}{2} [|\Psi_{-}\rangle_{12} (-I|\phi\rangle_3) + |\Psi_{+}\rangle_{12} (i \exp(i\frac{\pi}{2}\sigma_z)|\phi\rangle_3) + |\Phi_{-}\rangle_{12} (-i \exp(i\frac{\pi}{2}\sigma_x)|\phi\rangle_3) + |\Phi_{+}\rangle_{12} (-\exp(i\frac{\pi}{2}\sigma_y)|\phi\rangle_3)]$$

Alice: Measurement in Bell state basis

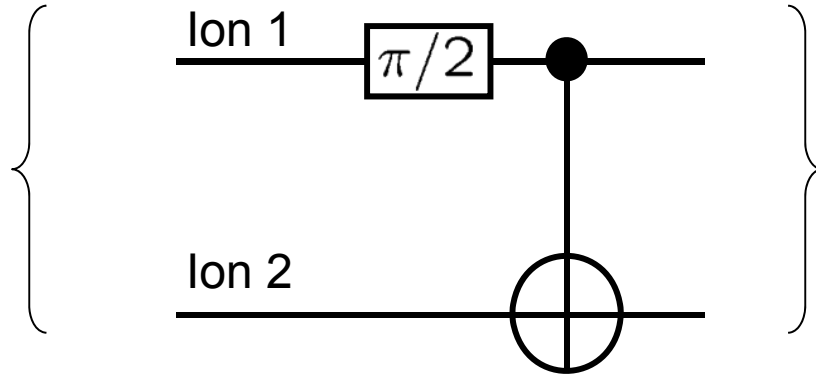
$$\{\Psi_{-}, \Psi_{+}, \Phi_{+}, \Phi_{-}\}$$

Bob: Apply appropriate inverse operation to restore the original state

Mapping between product and Bell basis

Product states

$|SS\rangle$
 $|SD\rangle$
 $|DS\rangle$
 $|DD\rangle$



Bell states

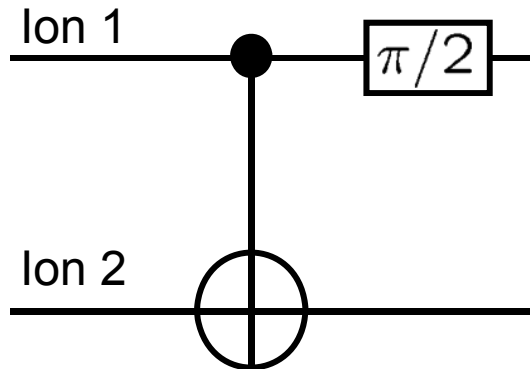
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$$\Phi_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|DD\rangle \pm |SS\rangle)$$

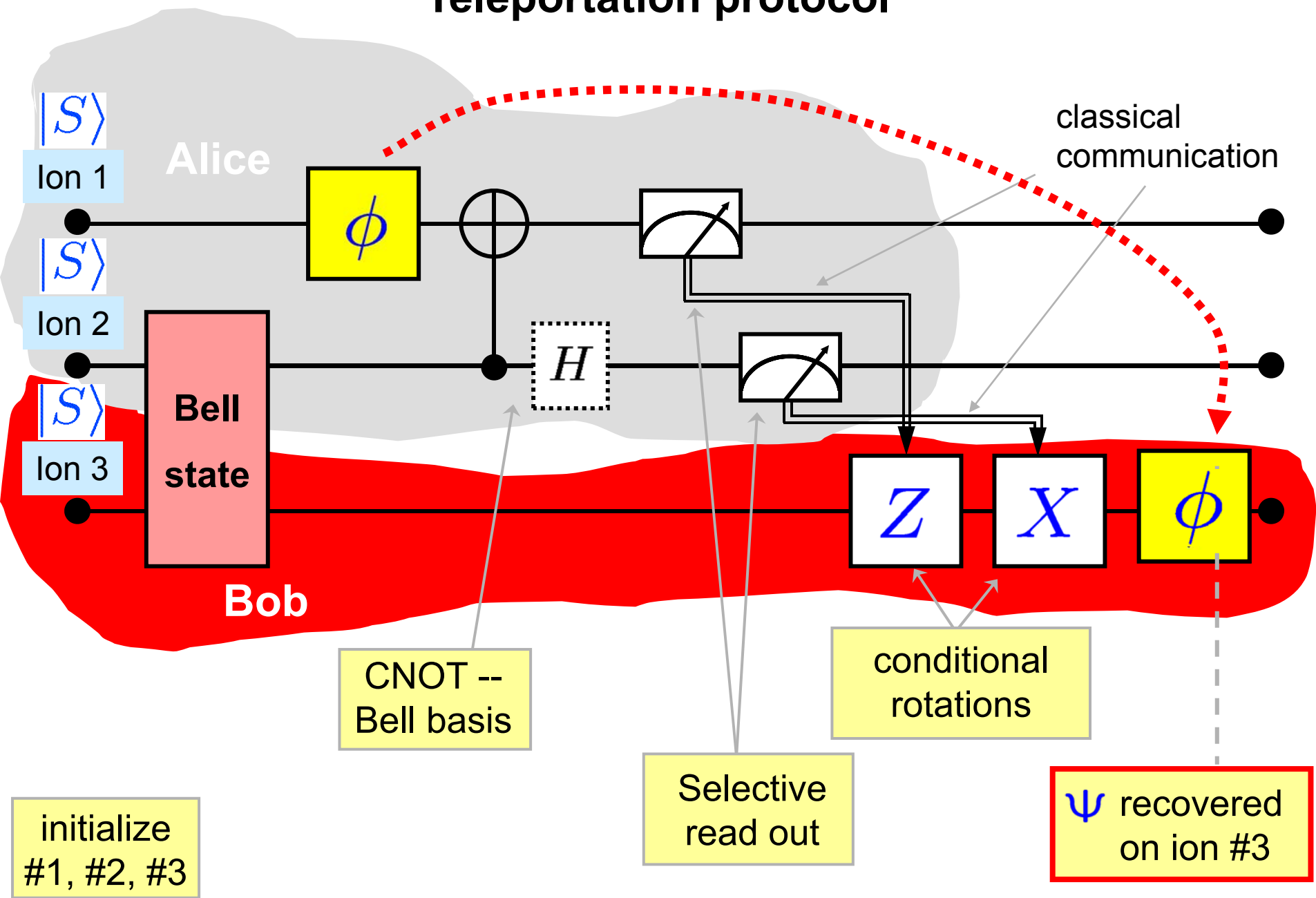
Example

$$|SS\rangle \longrightarrow |S + D\rangle|S\rangle \longrightarrow |SS\rangle + |DD\rangle$$

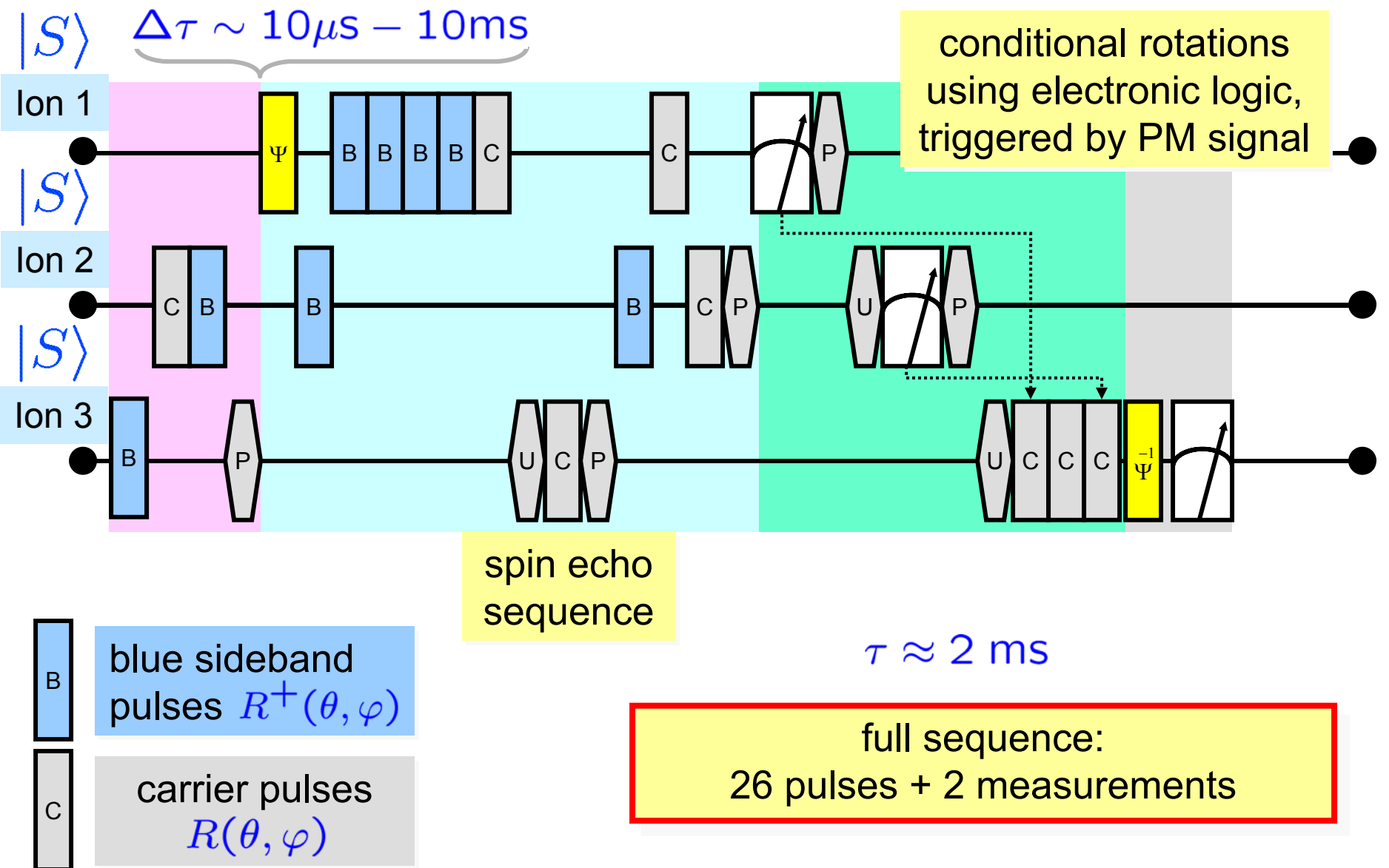
Inverse operation:



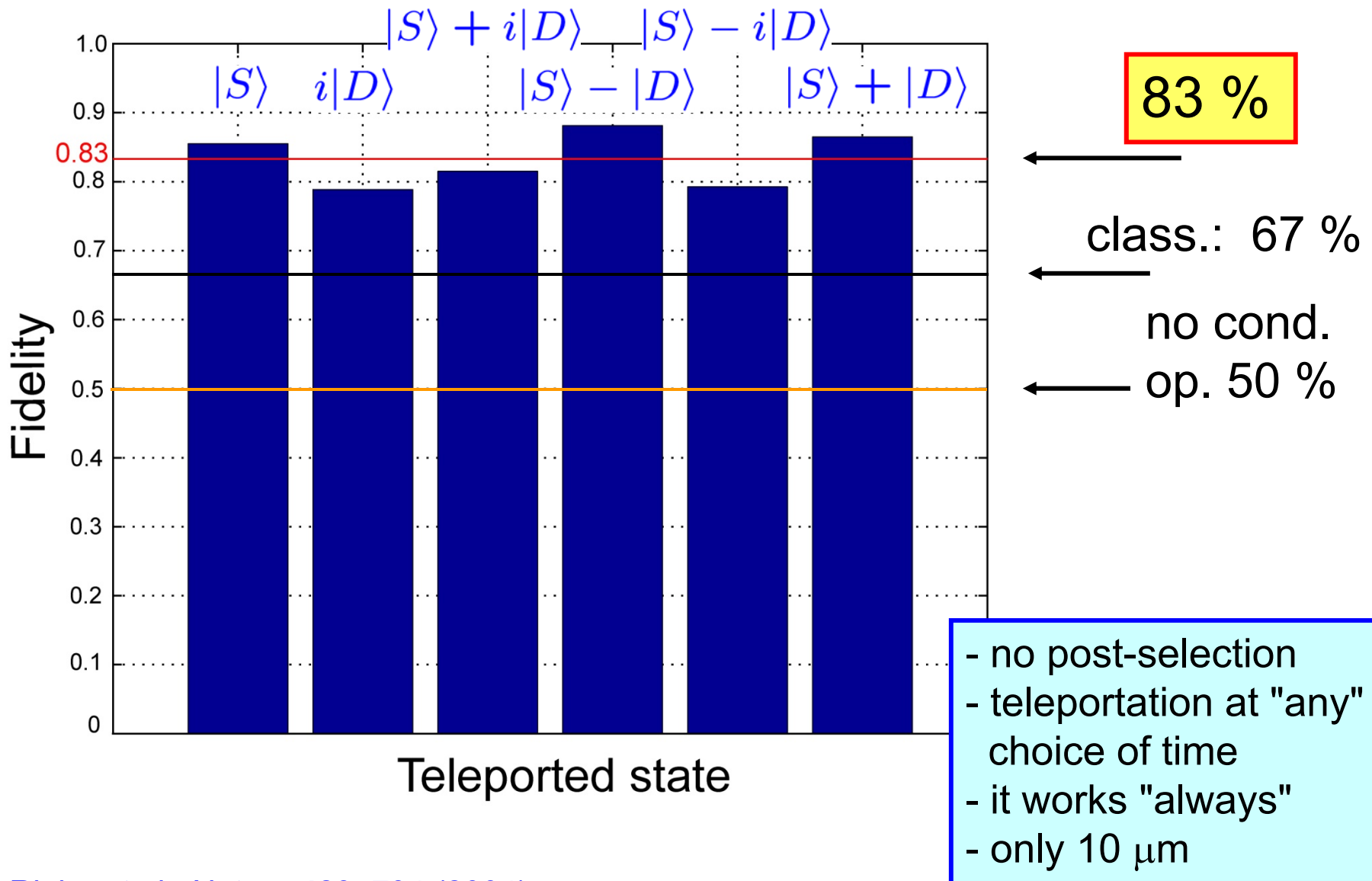
Teleportation protocol



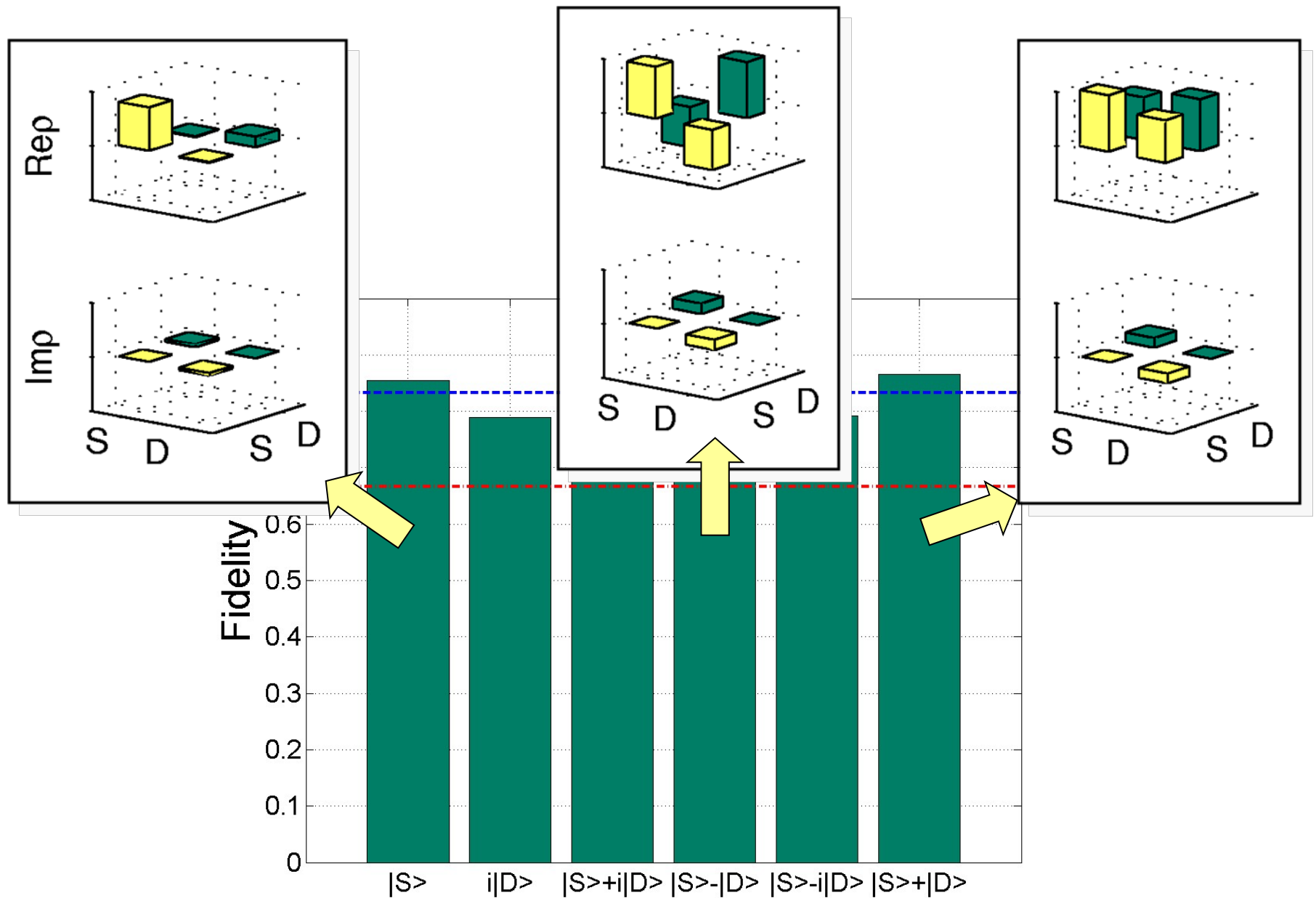
Teleportation protocol, details



Quantum teleportation with atoms: **result**



Process tomography of quantum teleportation

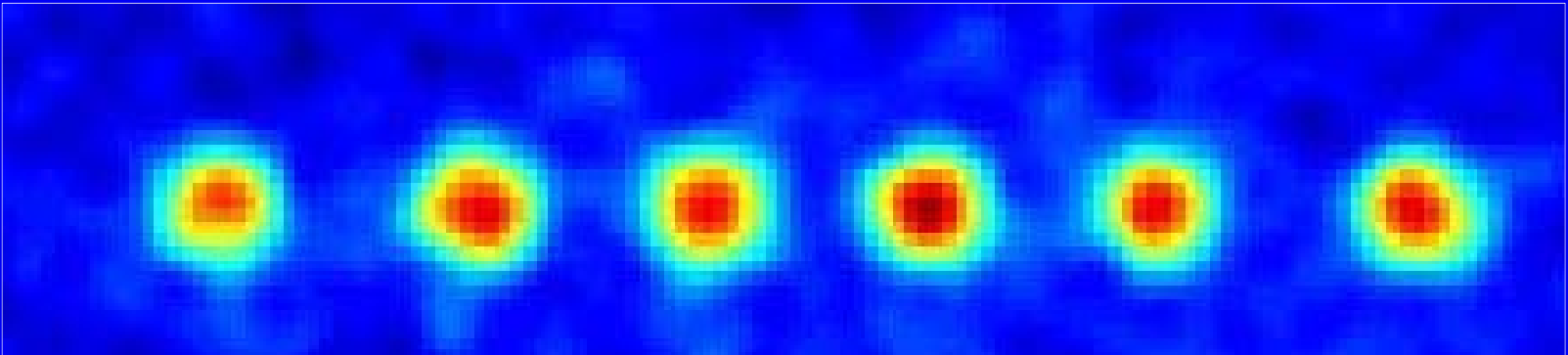


Mølmer-Sørensen gates

How does it work ?

Bell states: creation and verification

GHZ states

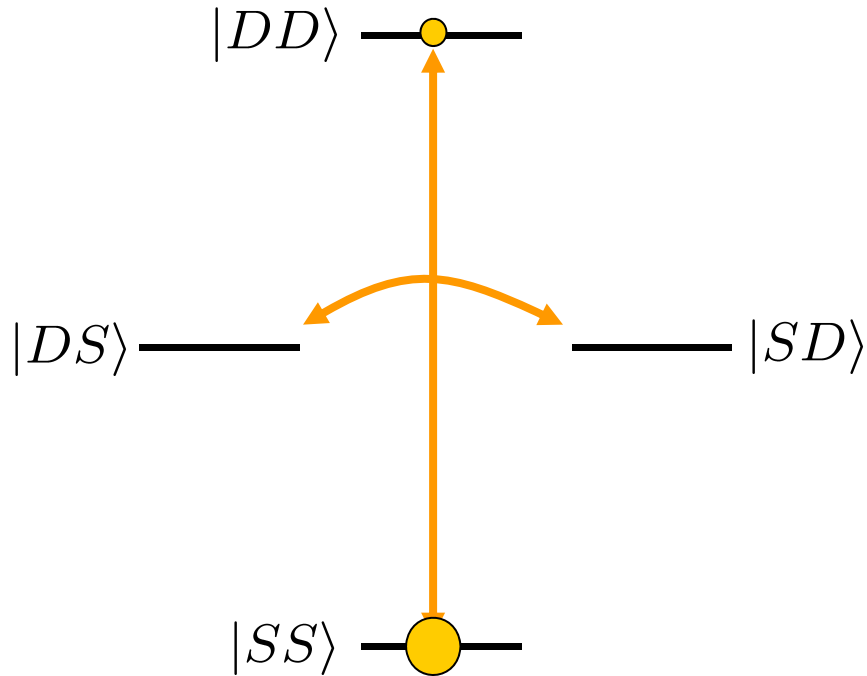


Entangling ions by correlated spin flips

Gate action: correlated spin flips

$$|DS\rangle \leftrightarrow |SD\rangle$$

$$|SS\rangle \leftrightarrow |DD\rangle$$



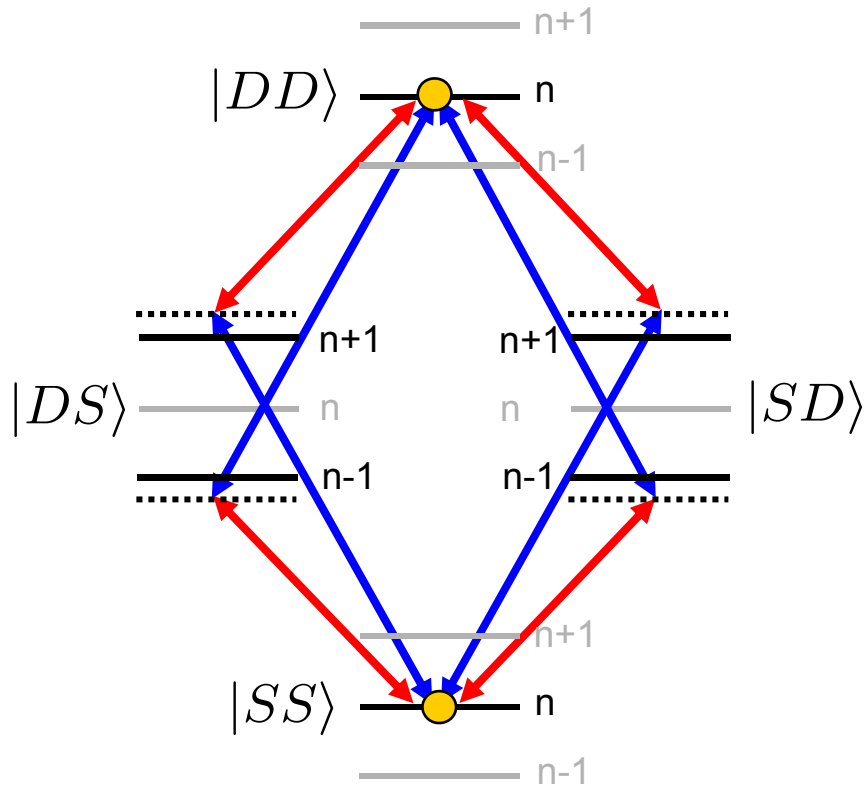
Entanglement generation:

$$|SS\rangle \longrightarrow |SS\rangle + |DD\rangle$$

How do we create correlated spin flips ?

→ Couple the ions via the vibrational mode !

Coupling to motional states: Two-photon transition



Gate action: correlated spin flips

$$|DS\rangle \leftrightarrow |SD\rangle \quad |SS\rangle \leftrightarrow |DD\rangle$$

Bichromatic laser field coupling to
 upper motional sideband
 lower motional sideband

$$H_{eff} = J\sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x$$

Theory:

A. Sørensen, K. Mølmer, Phys. Rev. Lett. **82**, 1971 (1999)

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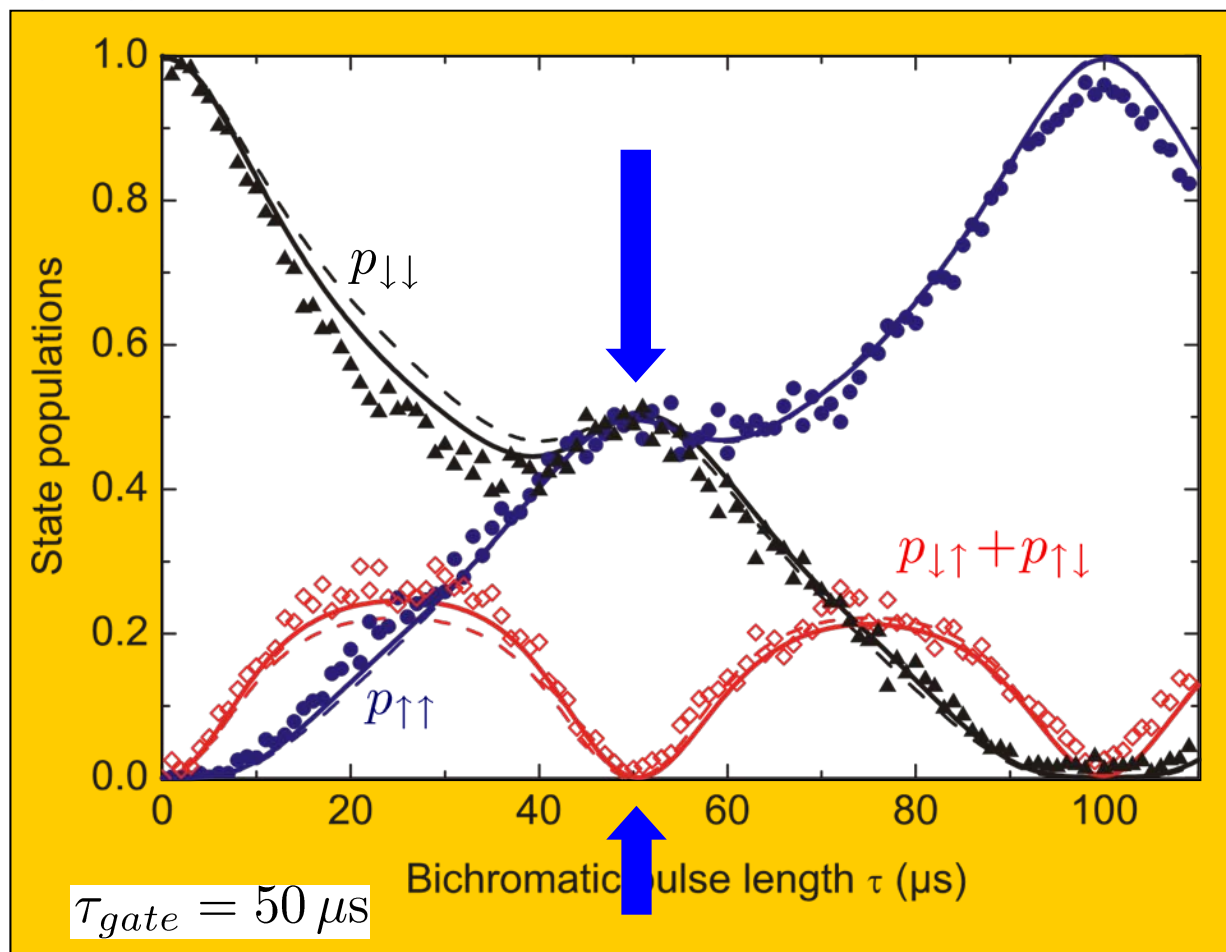
Experiments (Boulder + Ann Arbor):

C. A. Sackett et al, Nature **404**, 256 (2000)

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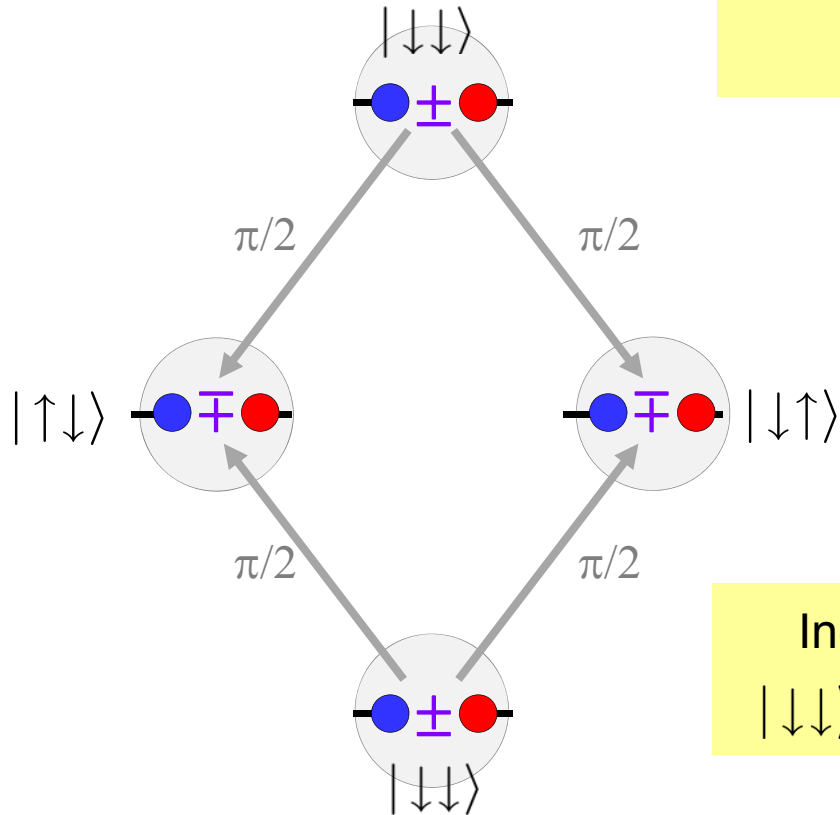
Creating Bell states

$$|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \longrightarrow |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + i|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$



$$p_{\downarrow\downarrow} + p_{\uparrow\uparrow} = 0.9965(4) \text{ 13,000 measurements}$$

Entanglement check : interference

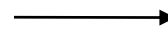


Maximally entangled state:

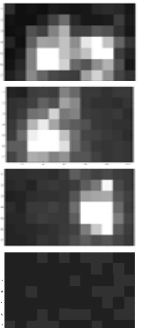
$$|\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + |\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

Incoherent mixture:

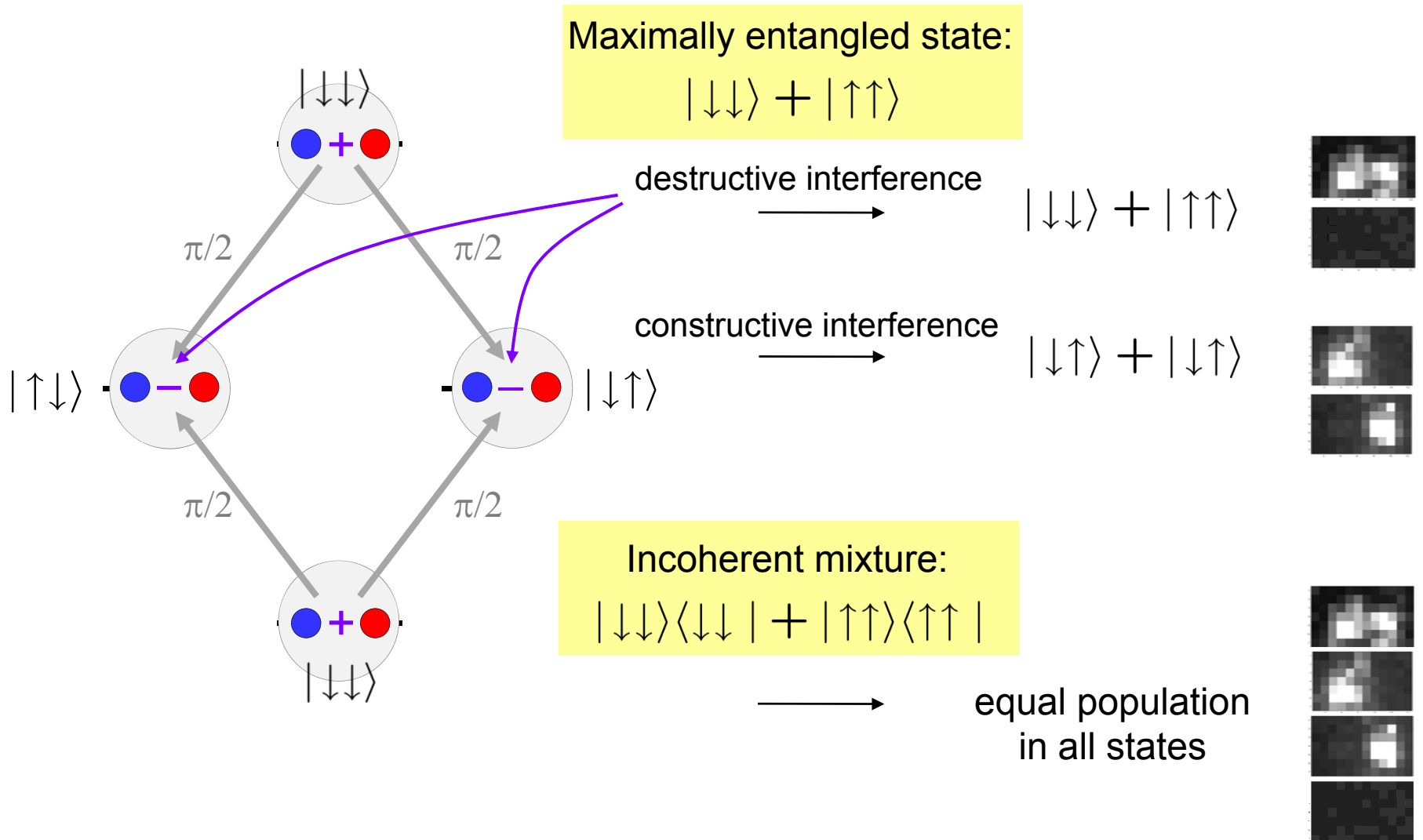
$$|\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow| + |\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow|$$



equal population
in all states

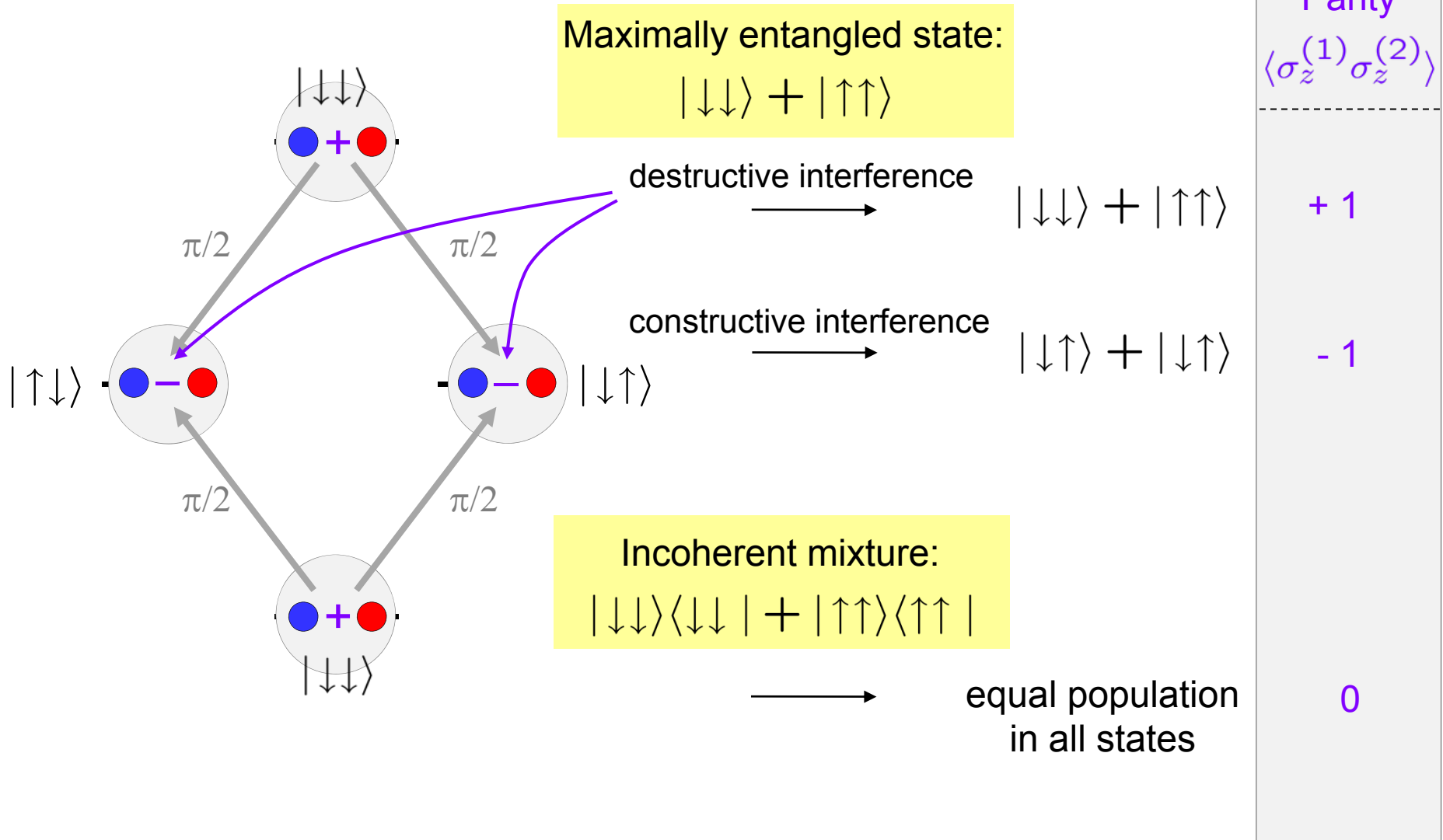


Entanglement check : interference



Entanglement check: Scan laser phase ϕ and measure parity

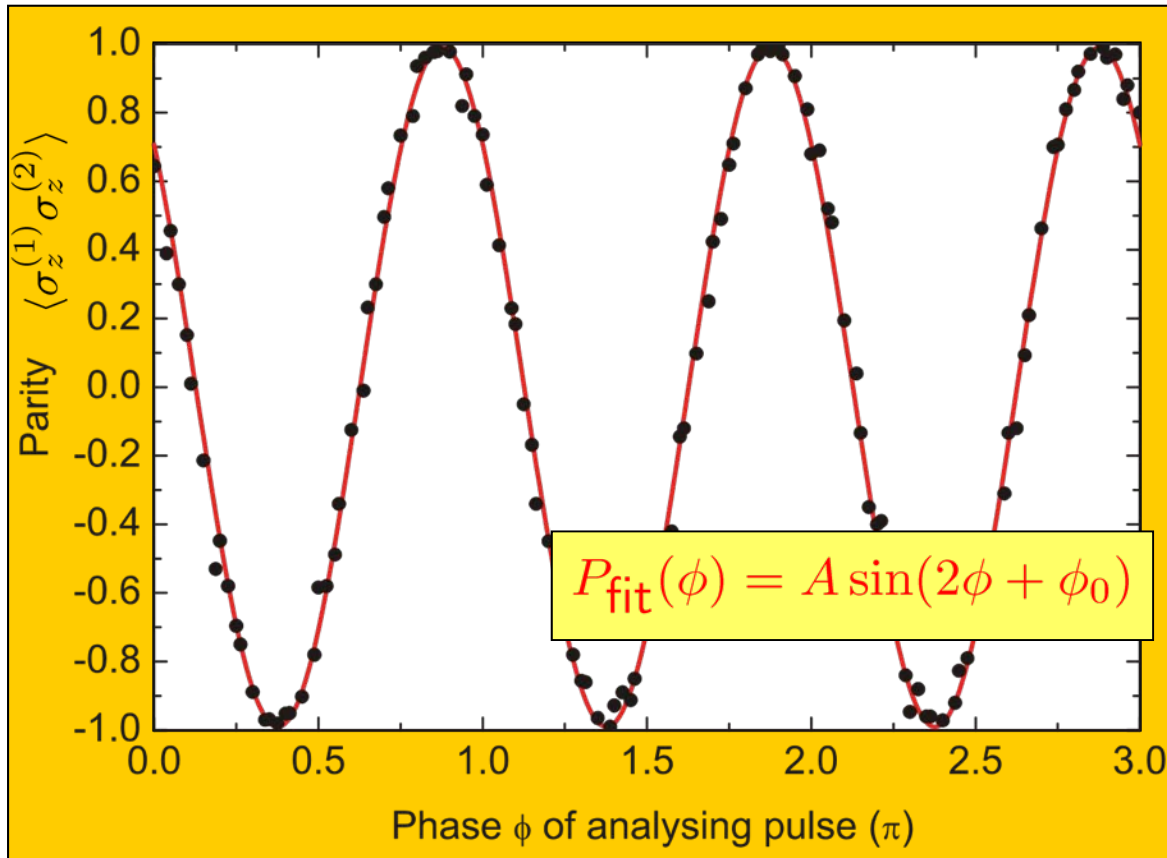
Entanglement check : interference



Entanglement check: Scan laser phase ϕ and measure parity

Mølmer-Sørensen gate: parity oscillations

Parity oscillation contrast: $|\langle SS | \rho_\Psi | DD \rangle|$



Bell state:
 $\Psi = |SS\rangle + i|DD\rangle$

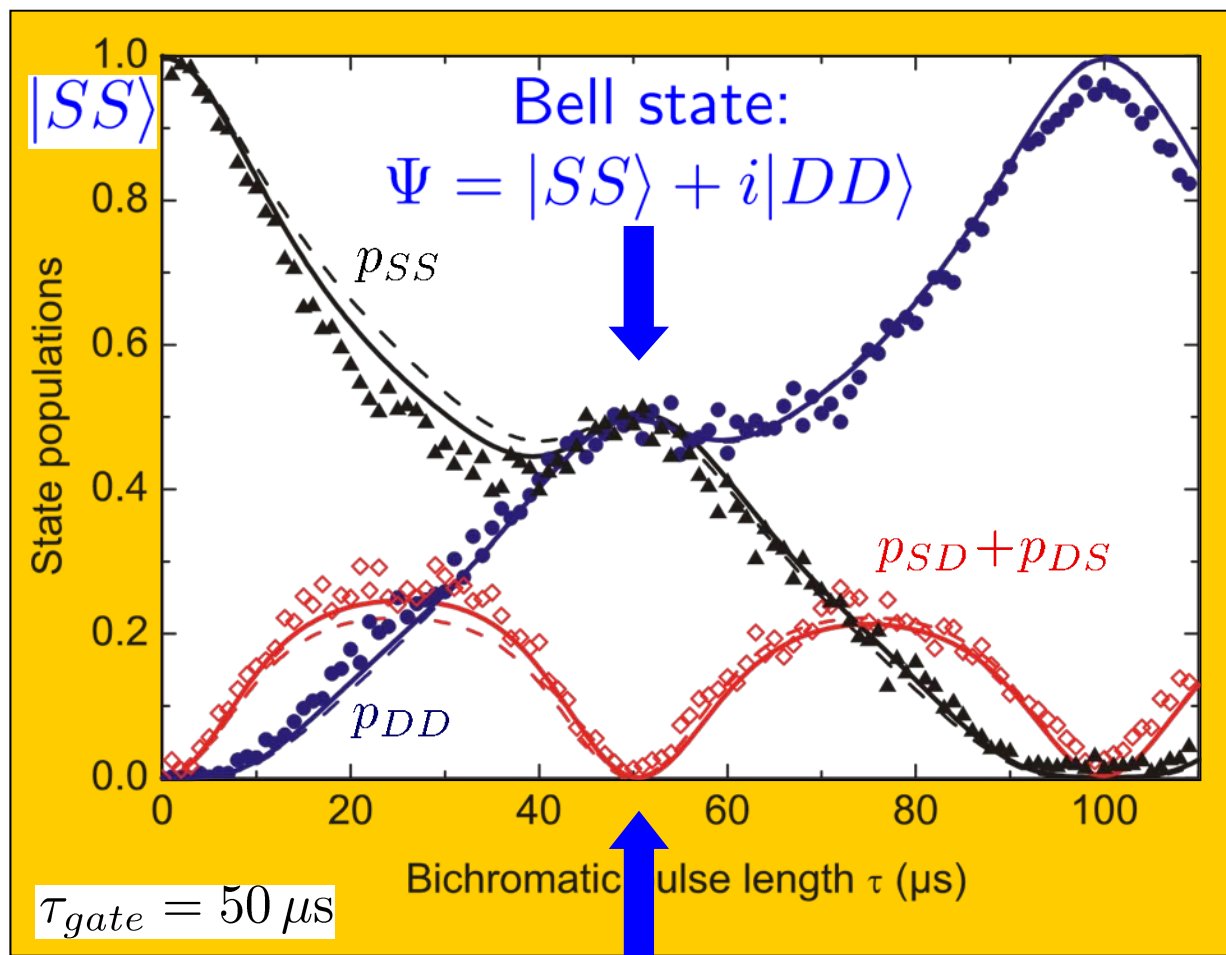
$A = 0.990(1)$ 29,400 measurements

$p_{SS} + p_{DD} = 0.9965(4)$ 13,000 measurements

Bell state fidelity

$F = 99.3(1)\%$

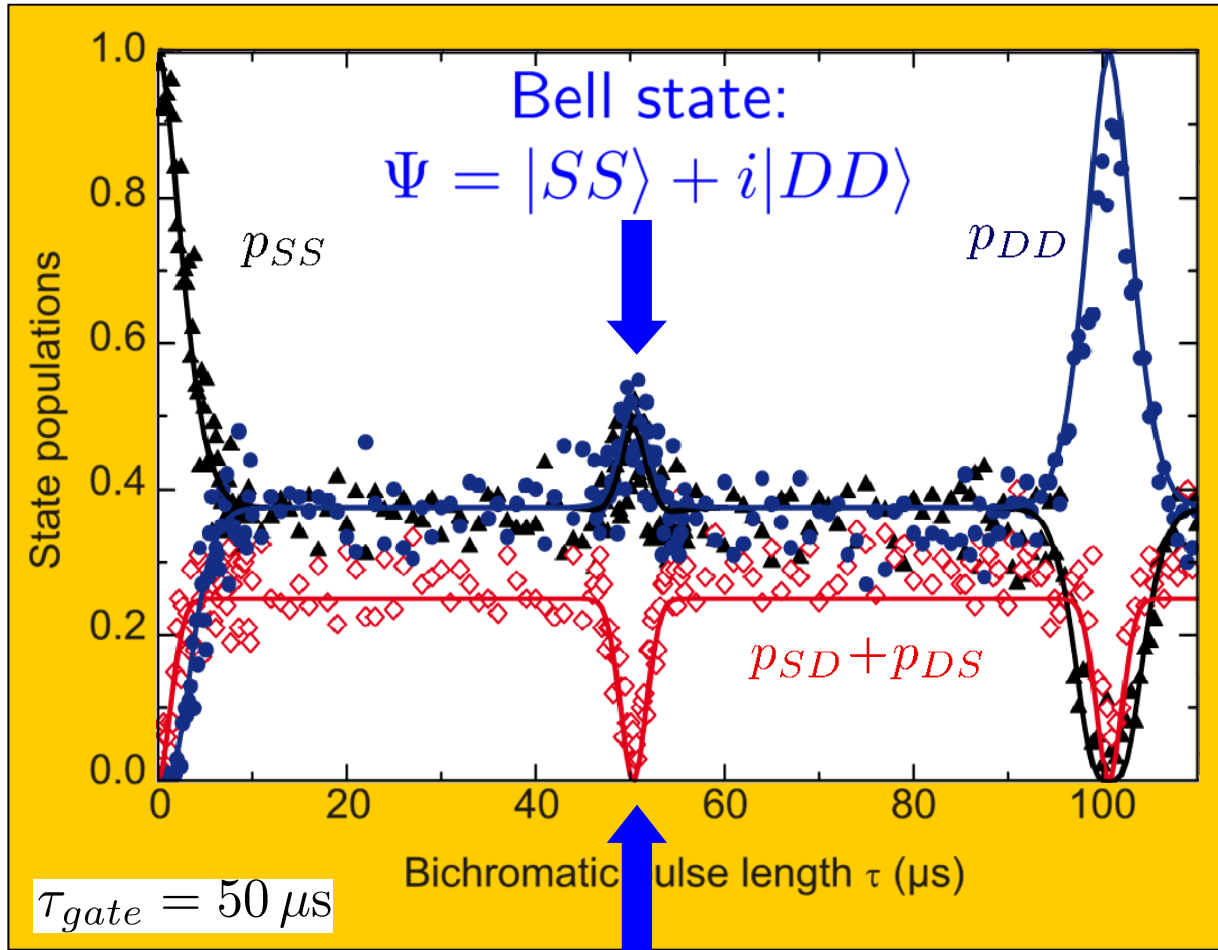
Creating Bell states



Fidelity
 $F = 99.3(1)\%$

$\langle \bar{n} \approx 0 \rangle$

'Hot' Bell states

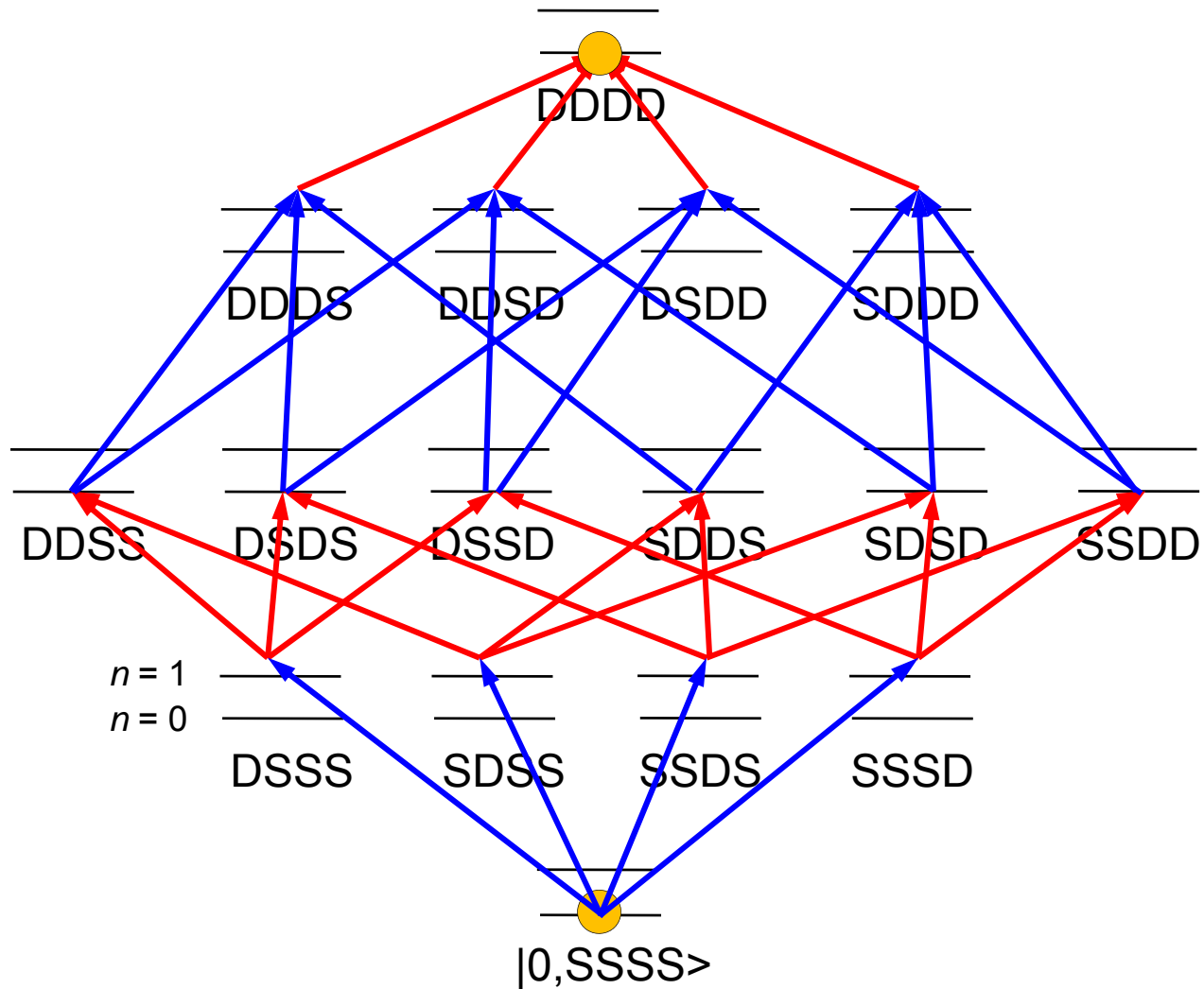


Fidelity
 $F \approx 98\%$

Doppler-cooled ions !

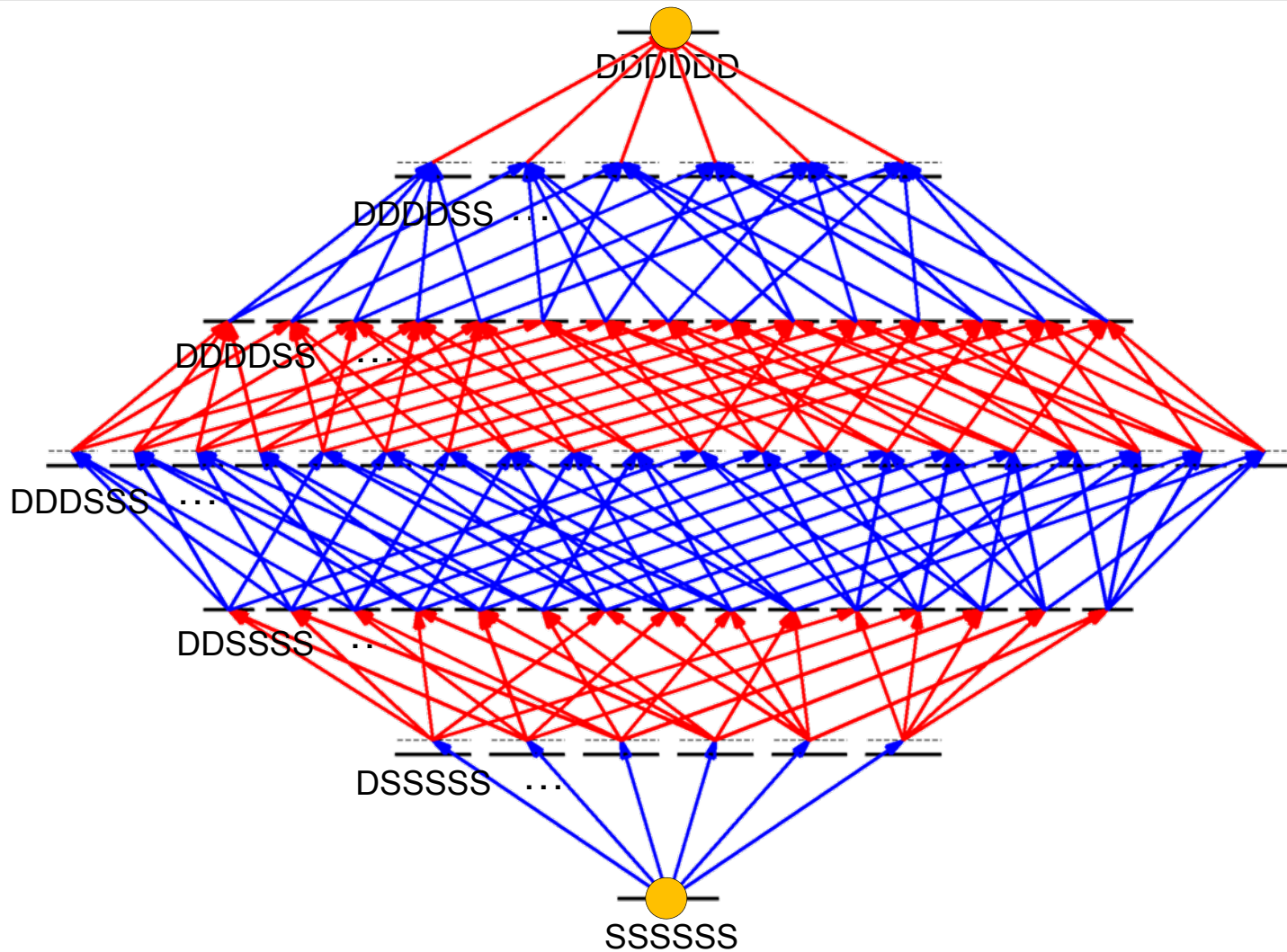
$\langle \bar{n} \approx 18 \rangle$

Creating GHZ-states with 4 ions



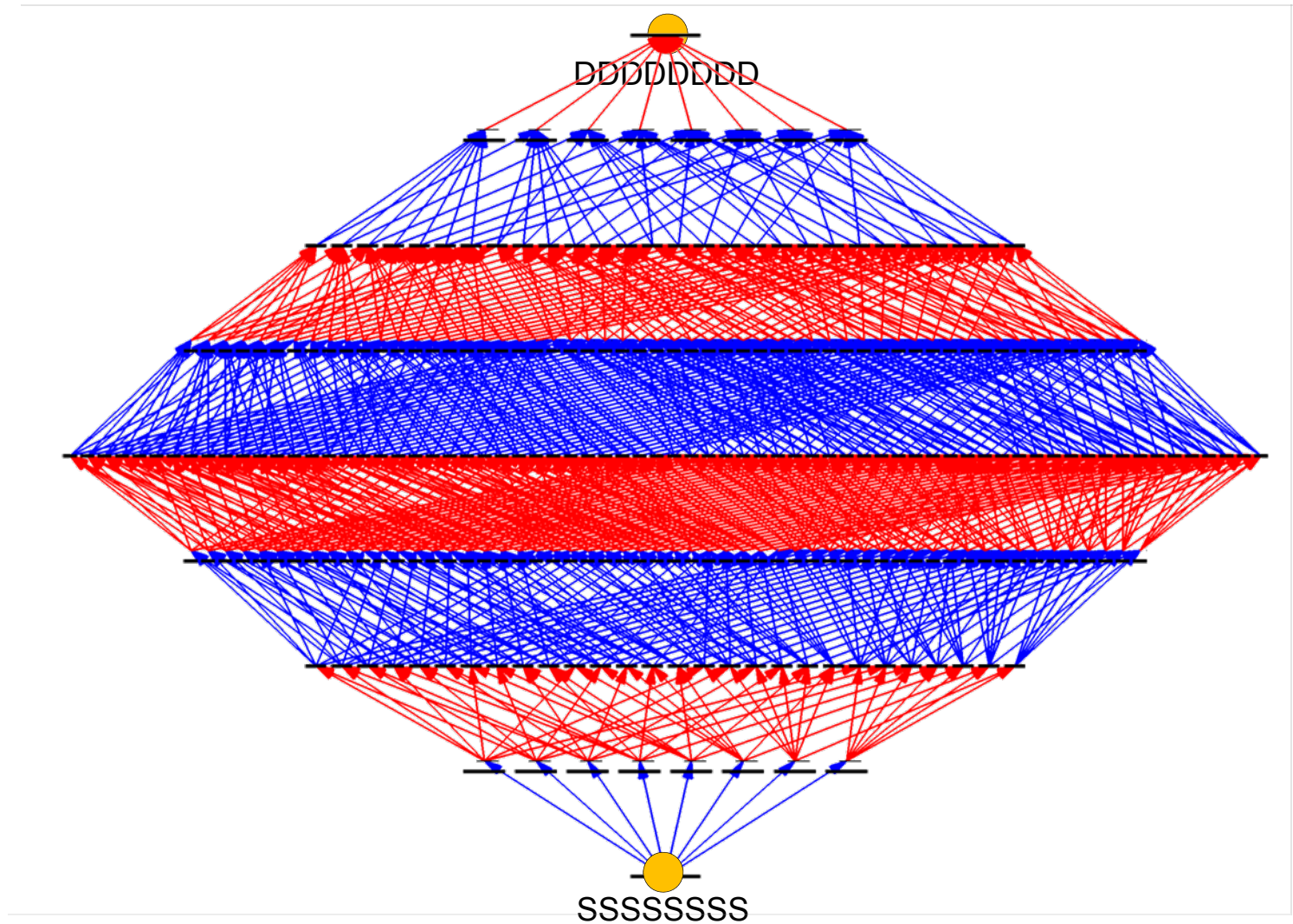
$$|SSSS\rangle \longrightarrow (|SSSS\rangle + |DDDD\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$$

Creating GHZ-states with 6 ions



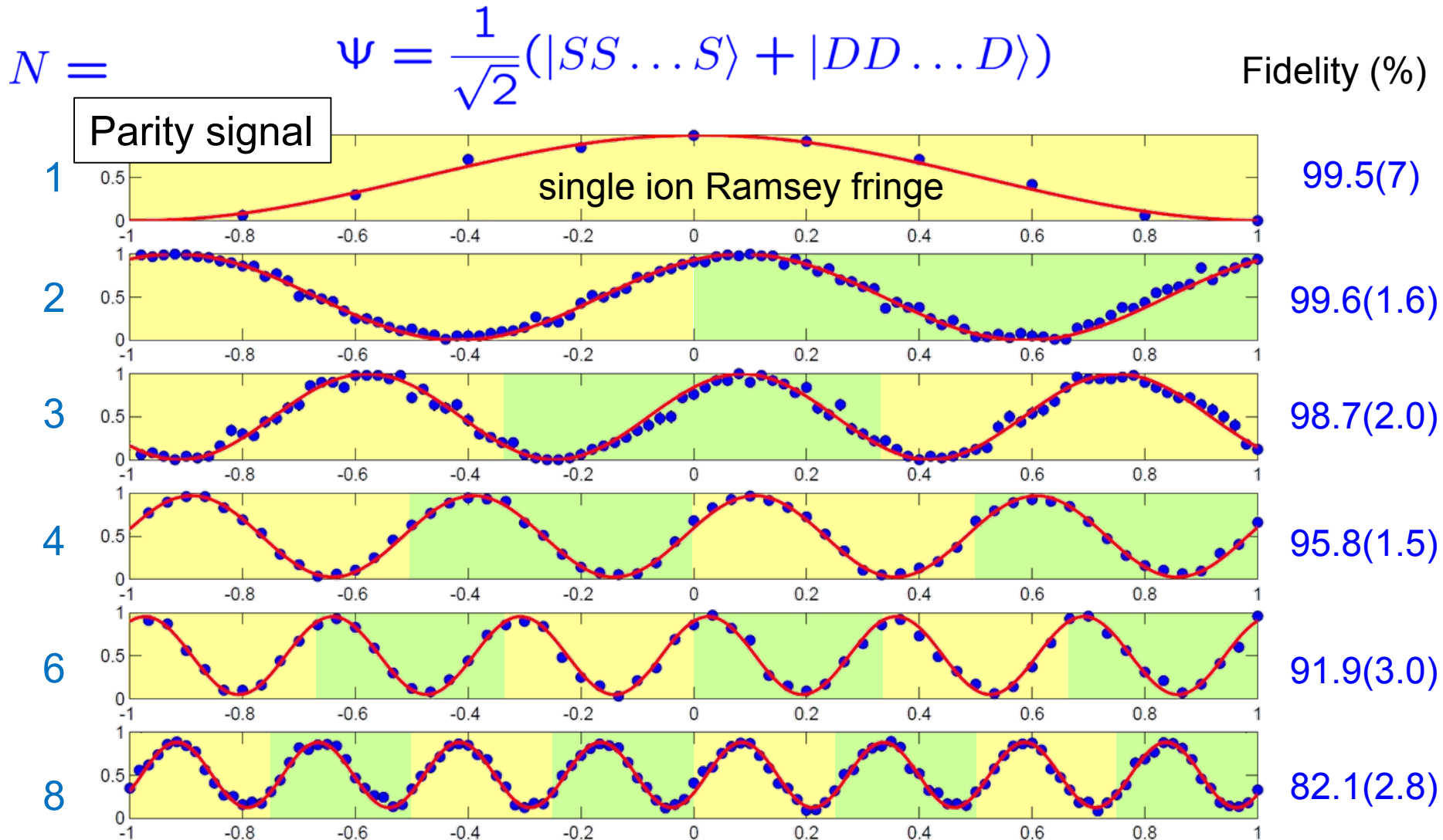
$$|SSSSSS\rangle \longrightarrow (|SSSSSS\rangle + |DDDDDD\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$$

Creating GHZ-states with 8 ions



$$|SSSSSSSS\rangle \longrightarrow (|SSSSSSSS\rangle + |DDDDDDDD\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$$

N - qubit GHZ state generation



Entangling quantum gates

Sequential laser-ion interaction
with strongly focussed beam

Collective laser-ion interaction
induced by a wide beam

The entangling interaction is mediated by phonons

Lasers are used for entangling the ions

Gates mediated by photons

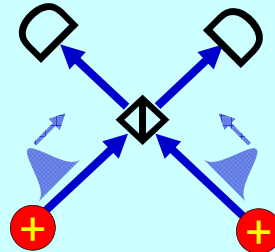
Creation of long-distance
entanglement

Magnetic gradient gates

Creation entanglement without
laser light

Entangling quantum gates

Photon-mediated two-ion entanglement



- Heralded probabilistic entanglement
- Long-distance entanglement

C. Simon and W. Irvine, PRL **91**, 110405 (2003)

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Ion-photon entanglement

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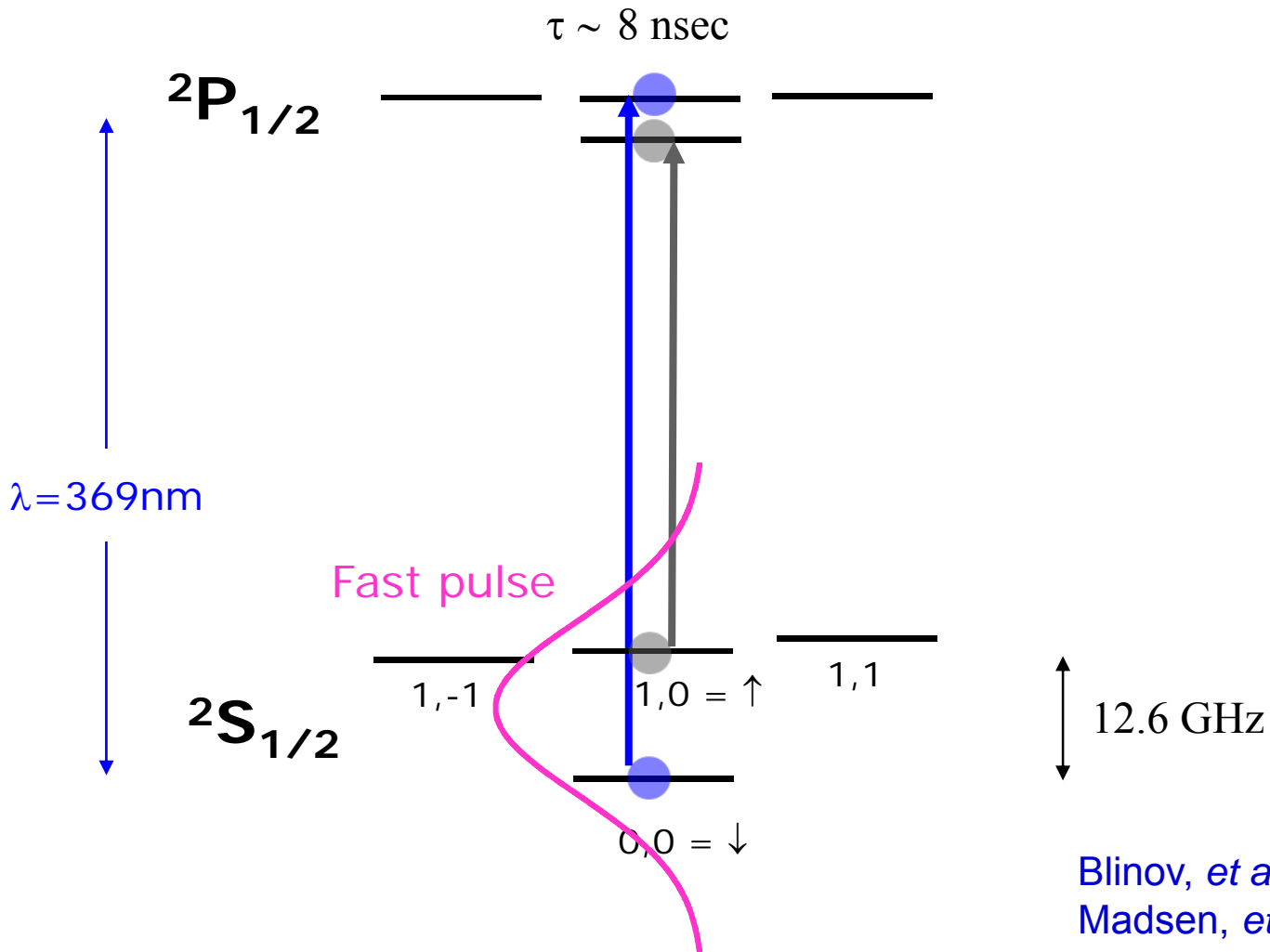
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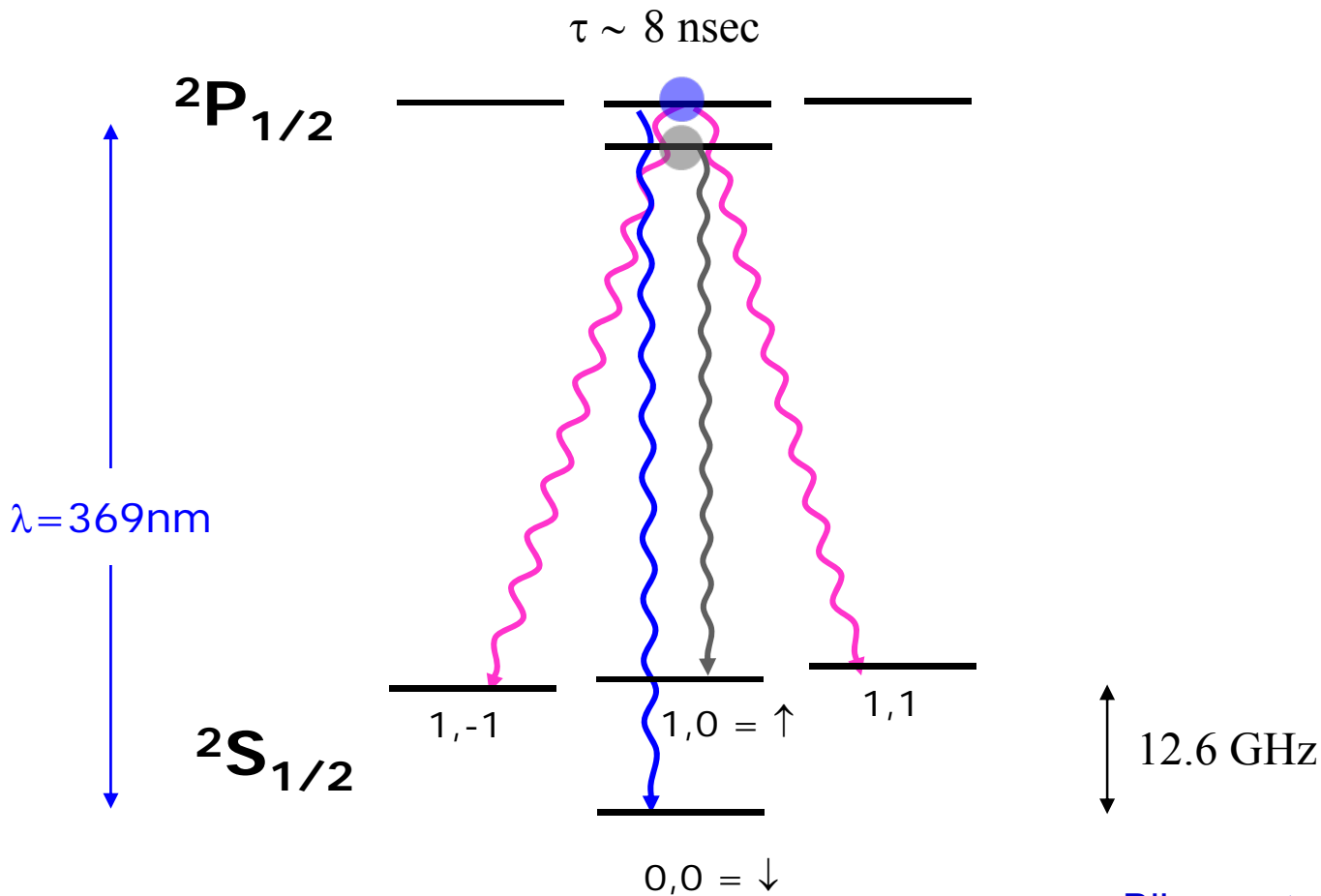
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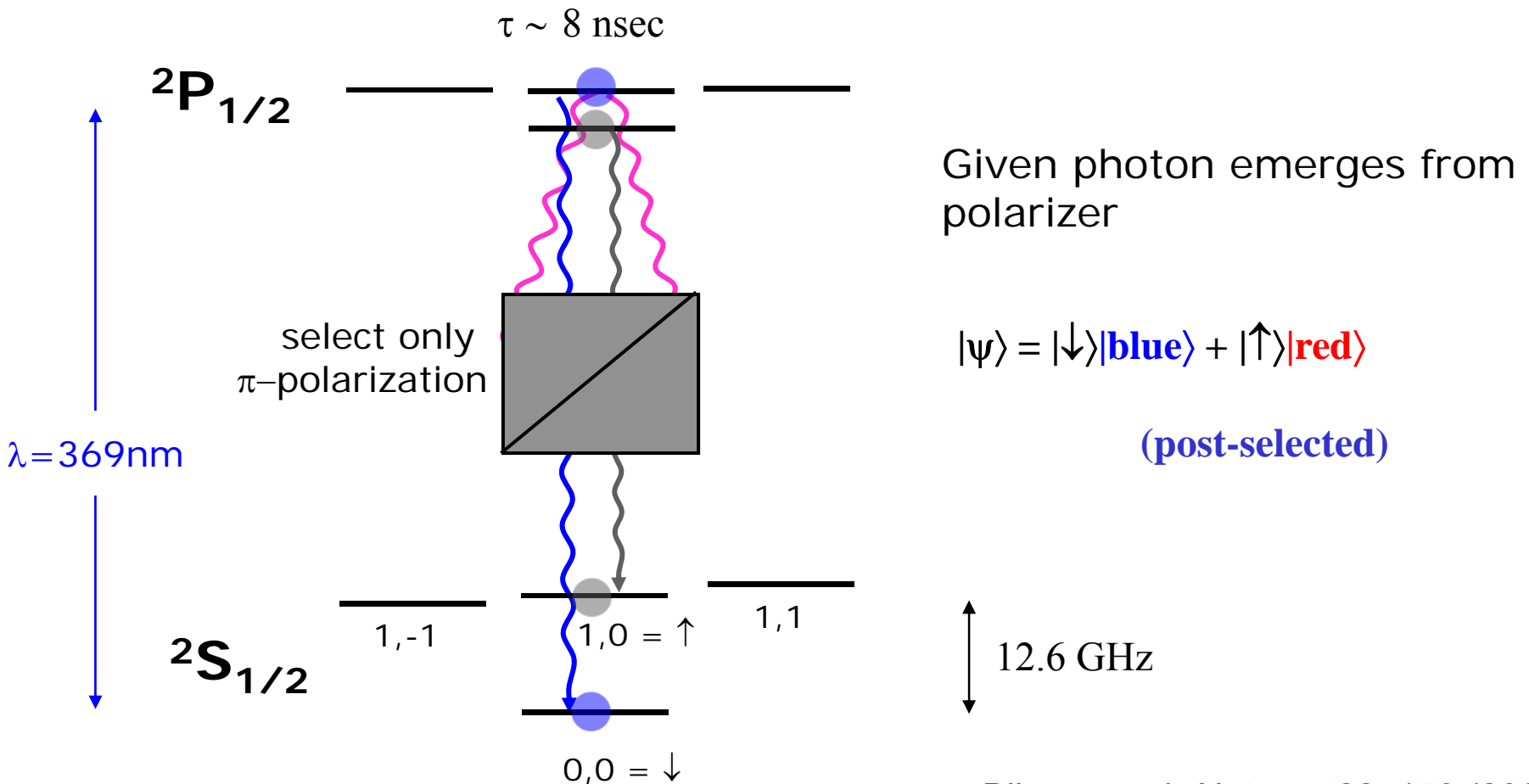
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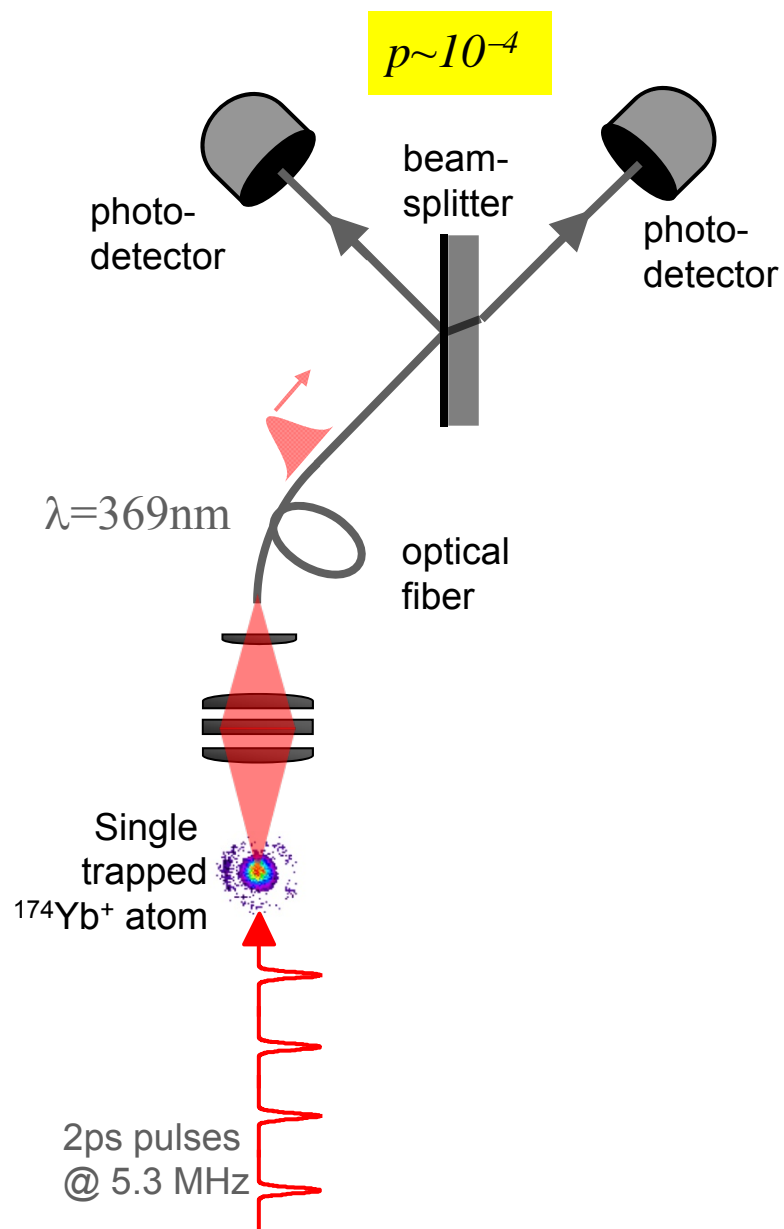
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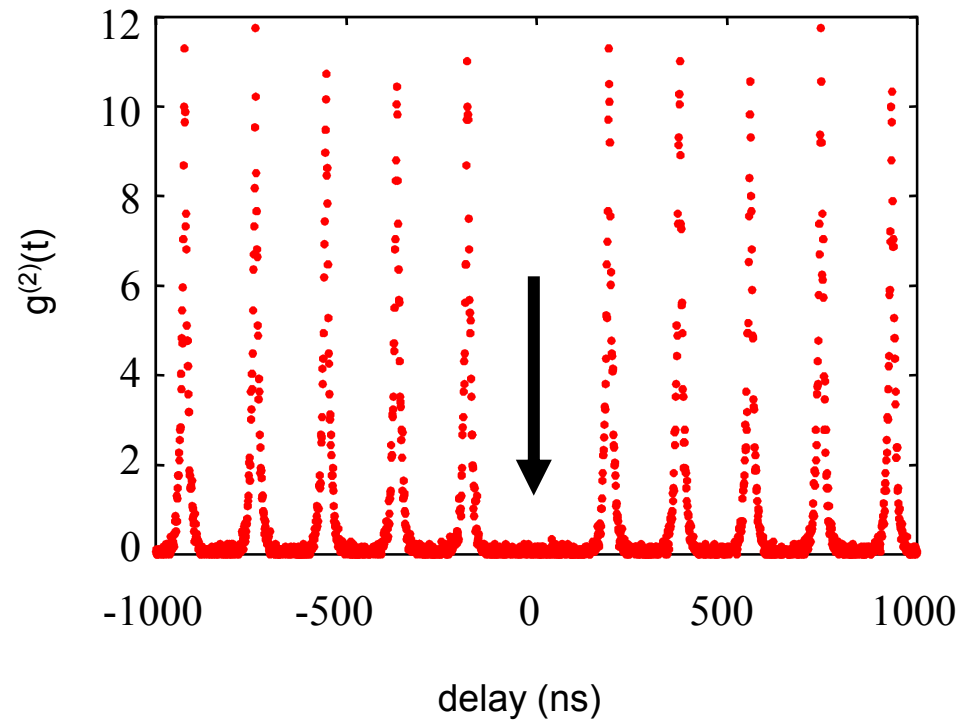
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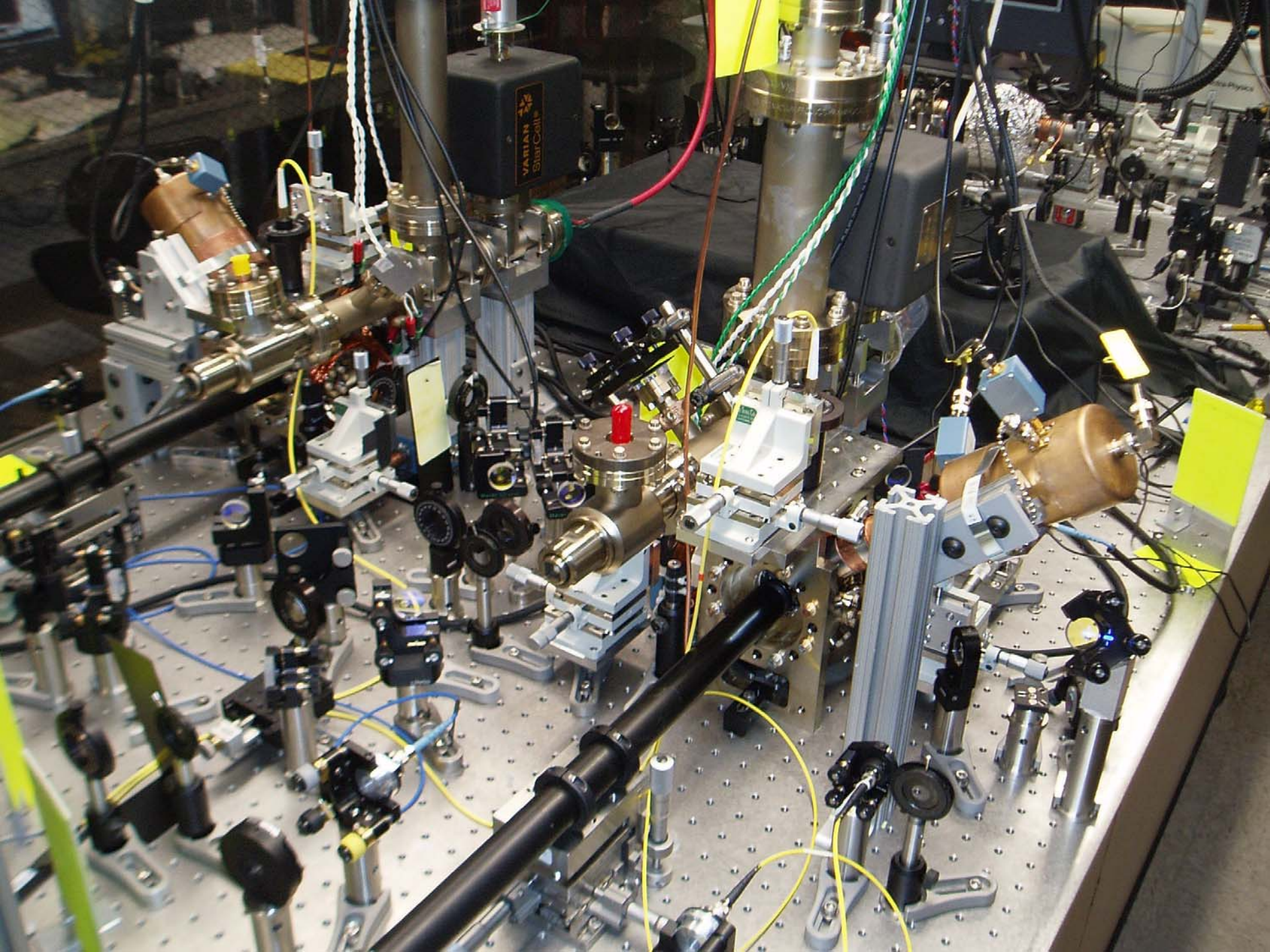


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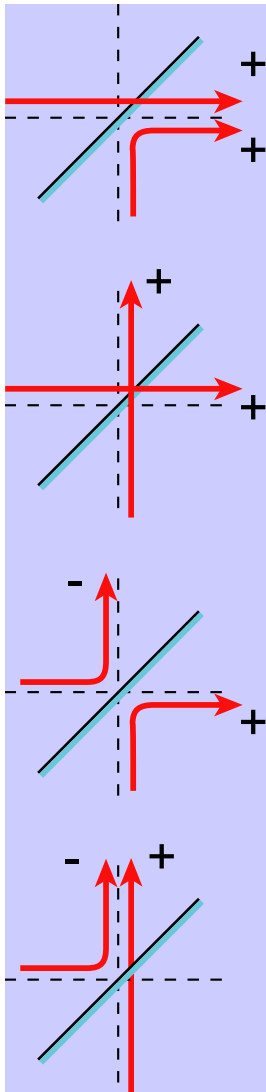


excellent probabilistic single photon source



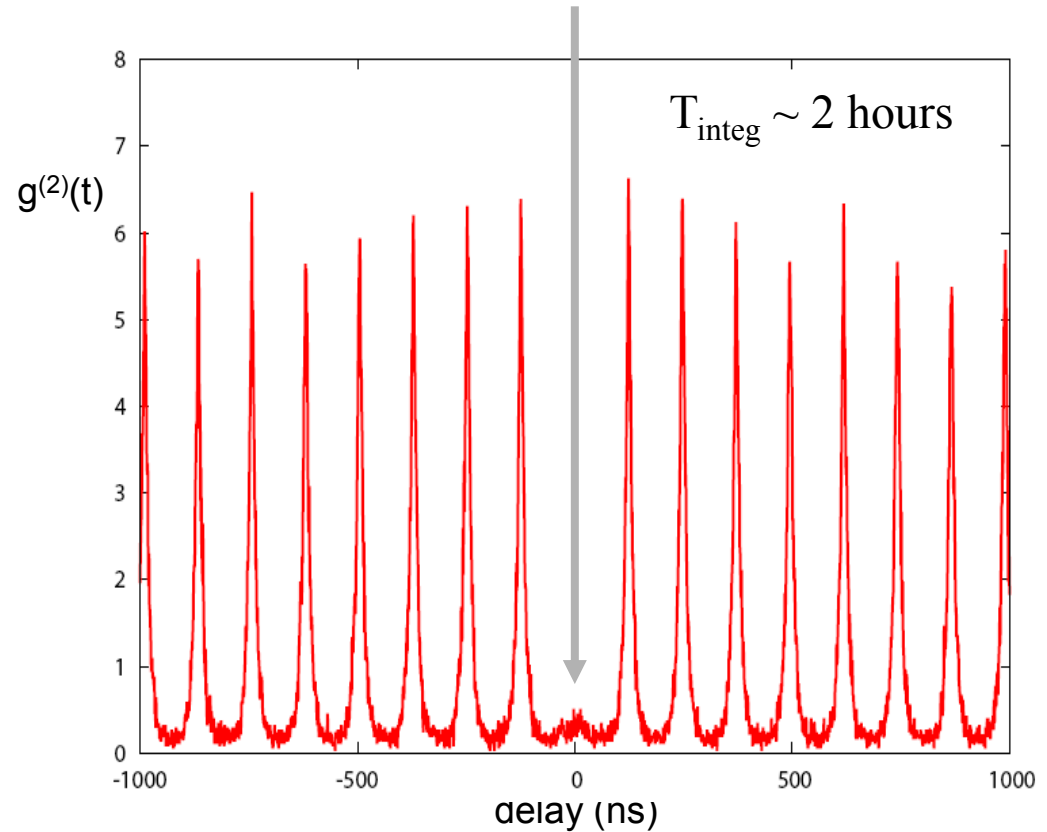
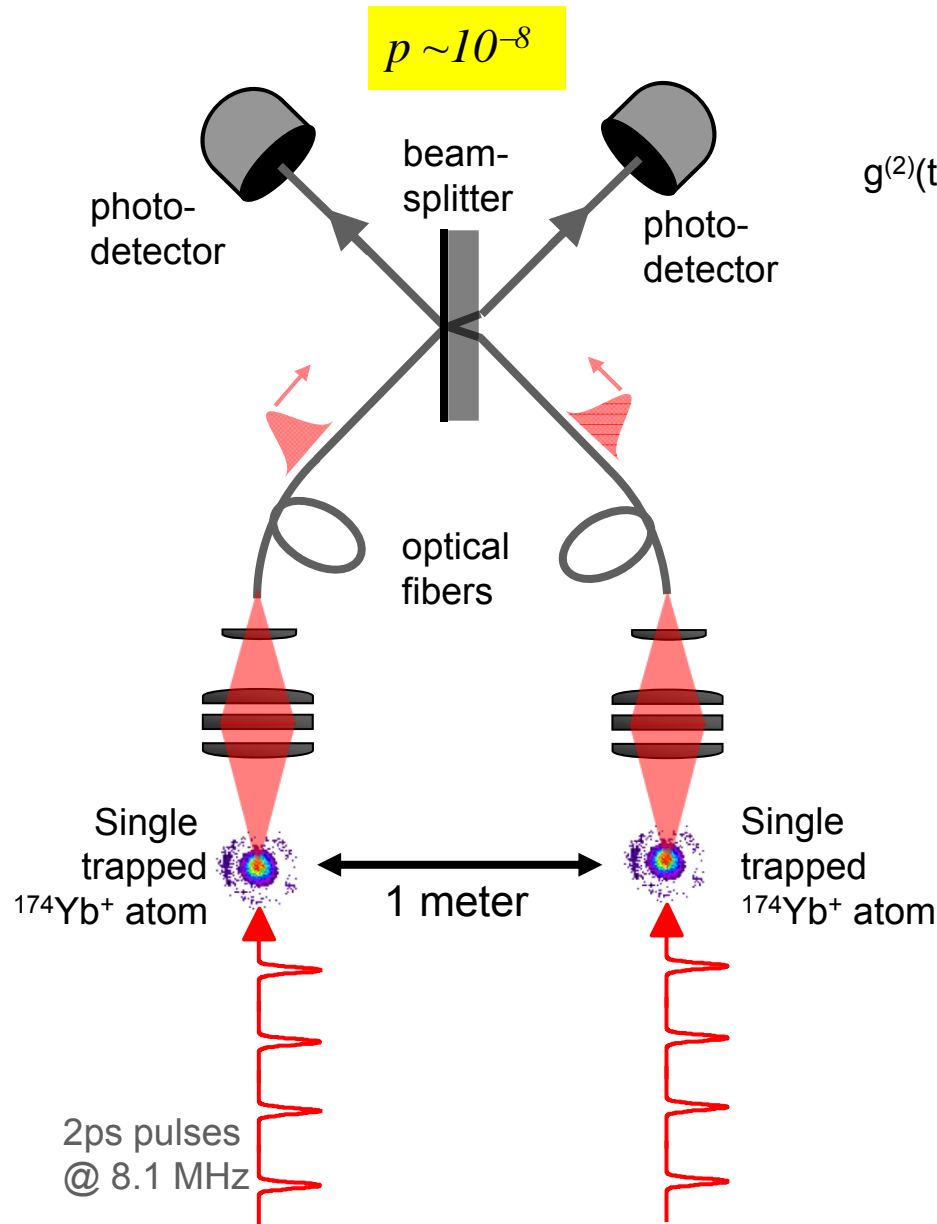


Two-photon Interference



destructive interference
of these paths

Quantum interference from two independent photons



- Hong, Ou, Mandel, PRL 59, 2044 (1987)
- Y.H. Shih & C. O. Alley, PRL 61, 2921 (1988)
- Santori, et al., Nature, 419, 594 (2002)
- Kaltenbaek, et al, PRL, 96, 240502 (2006)
- Legero, et al., PRL, 93, 070503 (2004).
- Thompson, et al., Science, 313, 74 (2006).
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- P. Maunz, et al., Nature Physics 3, 538 (2007)

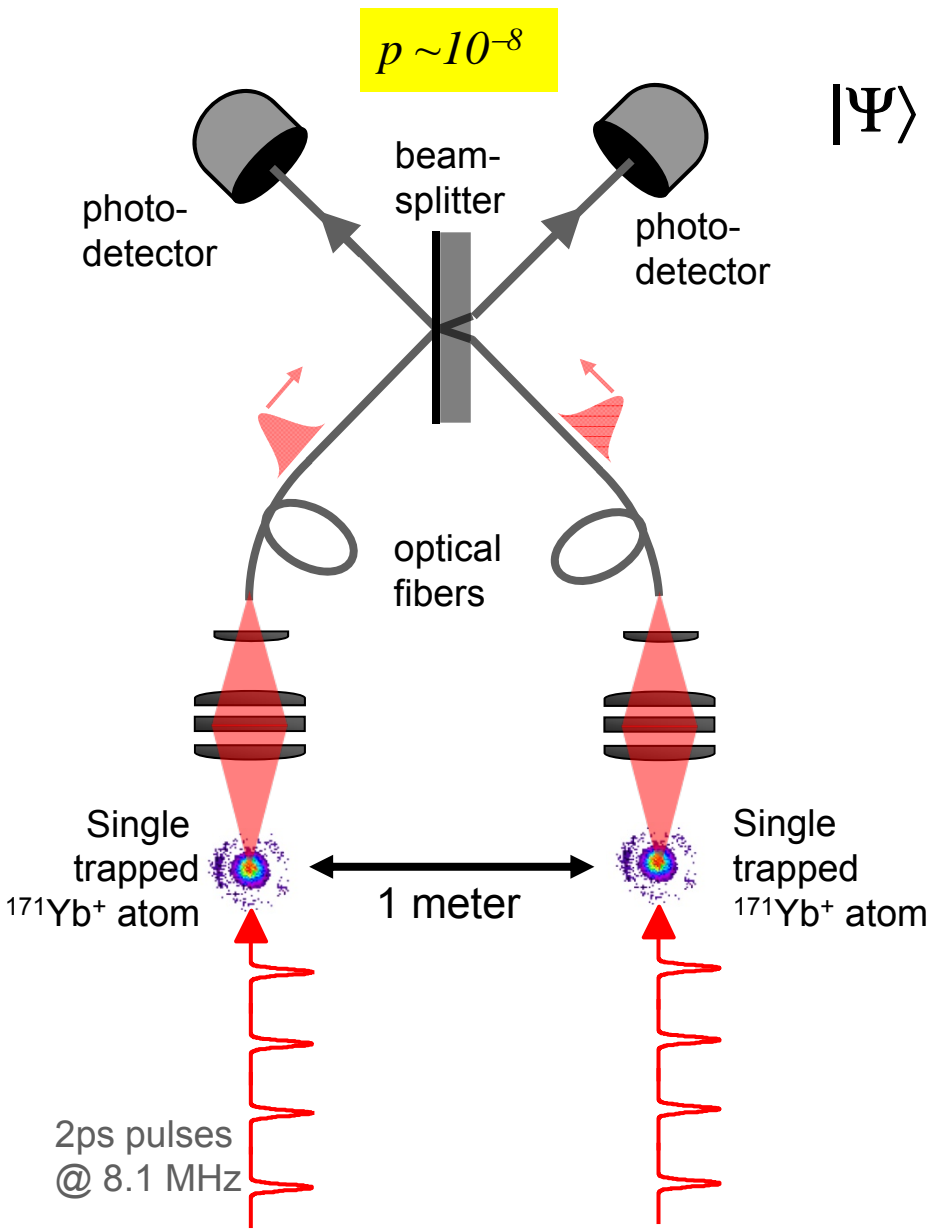
Now with odd isotopes (having nuclear spin)

$p \sim 10^{-8}$

$$|\Psi\rangle = (|\downarrow\rangle_1|\text{blue}\rangle_1 + |\uparrow\rangle_1|\text{red}\rangle_1) \otimes (|\downarrow\rangle_2|\text{blue}\rangle_2 + |\uparrow\rangle_2|\text{red}\rangle_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\downarrow\rangle_1|\uparrow\rangle_2 - |\uparrow\rangle_2|\downarrow\rangle_2$$

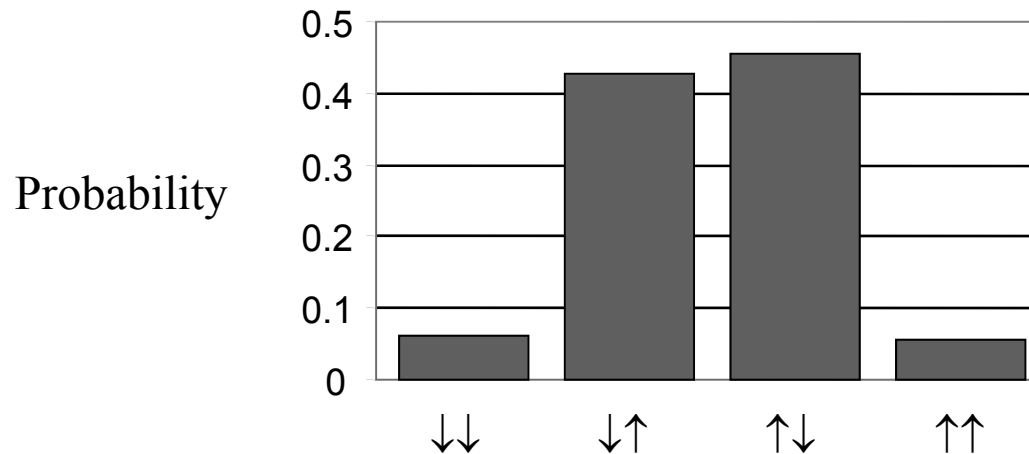
...upon coincidence photon detection



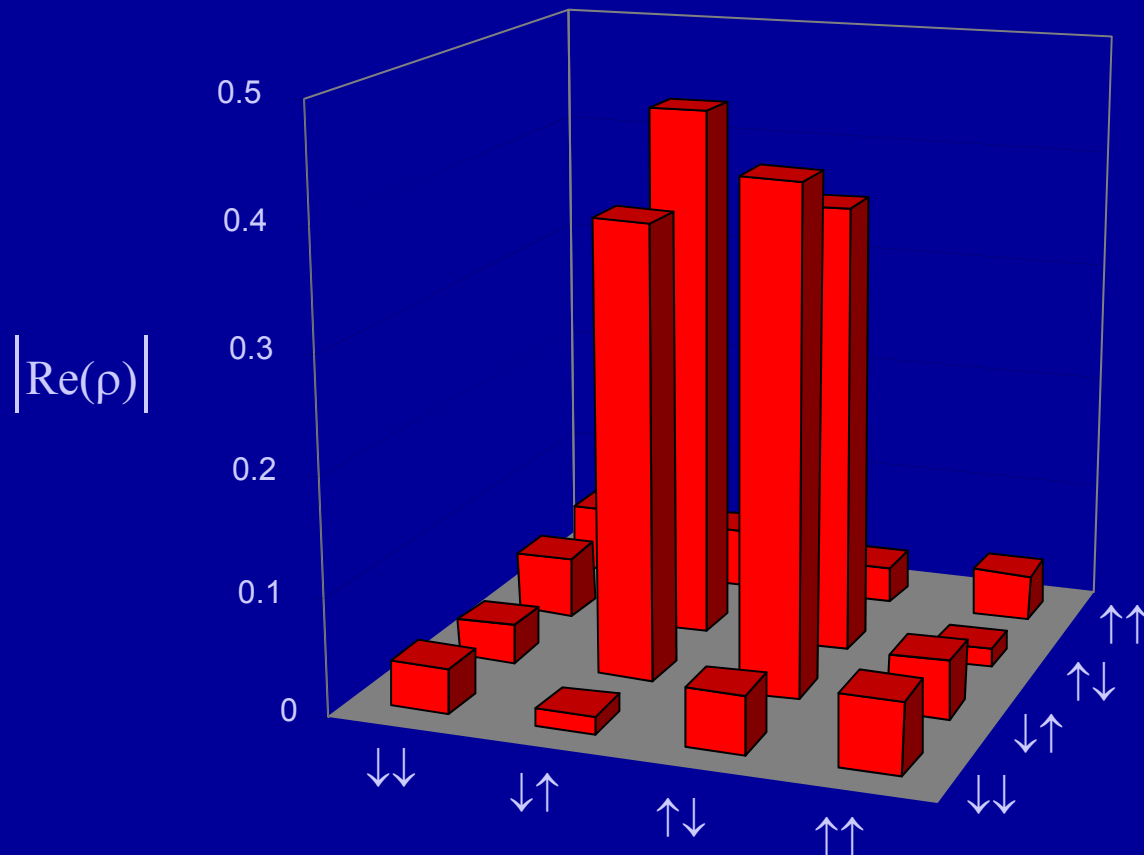
insensitive to

- interferometric phase noise
- ion motion

Measured qubit correlations (given two photons detected)



Full tomography of entangled state (rotate qubits before measurement)



Fidelity $F = 0.82$
Concurrence $C = 0.67$

Entanglement
of Formation $E = 0.56$

Bell Signal $S = 2.22 \pm 0.07$

D. Matsukevich, et al., PRL **100**, 150404 (2008)

Probability of heralding per attempt

Prob. of having singlet Bell state

probability of 1 photon emitted and detected

$$p = \frac{1}{4} \left[(0.995)(0.8)(0.95)(0.2)(0.15)(0.02) \right]^2 = 6 \times 10^{-8}$$

branching to $^2D_{3/2}$ state

losses

excitation probability

fiber coupling efficiency

detector efficiency

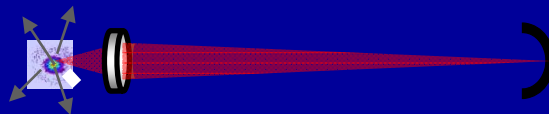
solid angle

Rate of heralded entanglement

$$R = \Gamma p = 0.04/sec$$

Increase p with cavity ?

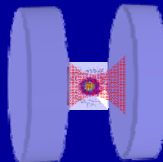
- Free space



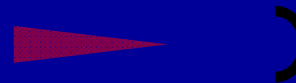
$$\frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \approx 0.02$$

- "Decent" cavities

$$C = \frac{g^2}{\kappa\gamma} \approx 1$$



$$g = \frac{\mu E}{\hbar} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{Vol}}$$



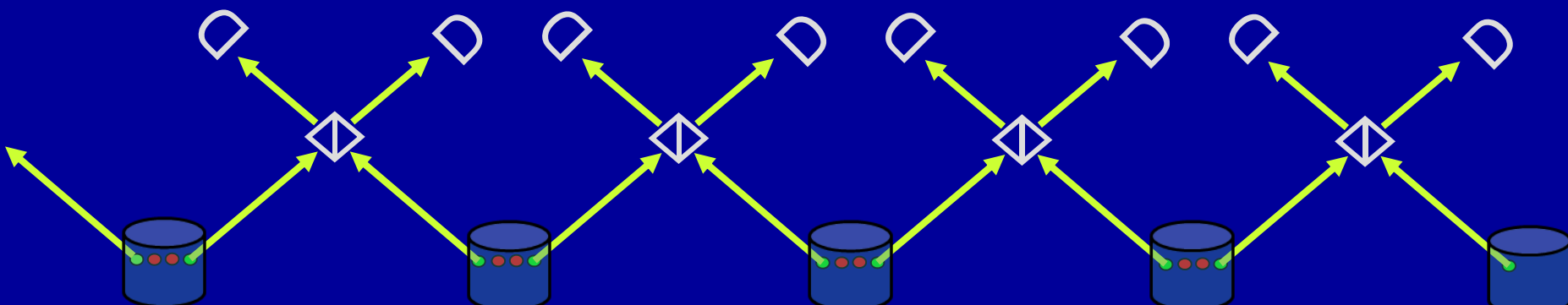
$$\frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} = \frac{C}{2C+1} \approx 0.1 - 0.2$$

G. Guthorlein, *et al.*, Nature **414**, 49 (2001)

A. Mundt, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **89**, 103001 (2002)

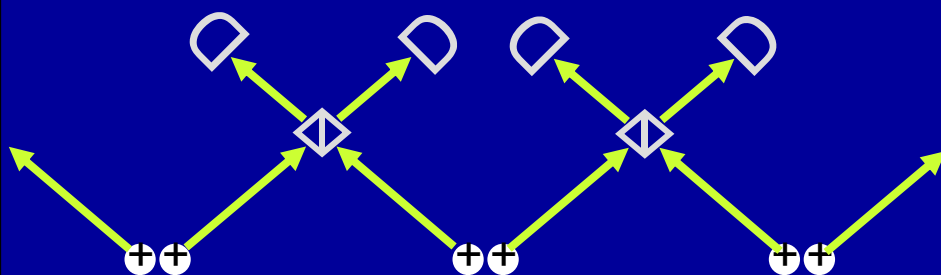
W. Keller, *et al.*, Nature **431**, 1075 (2004)

Quantum networking with probabilistic entanglement



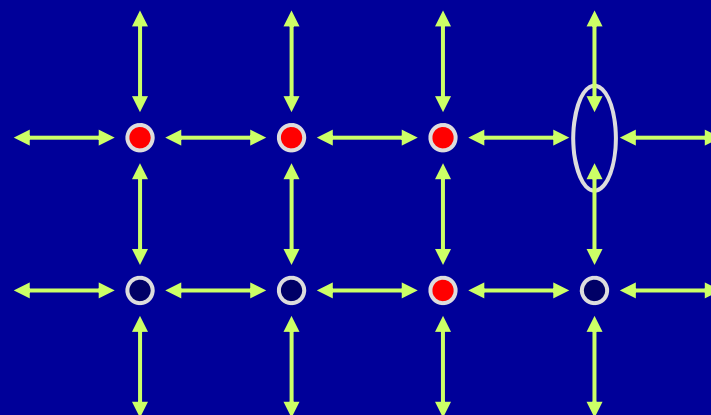
1. Quantum repeaters

Briegel *et al.*, PRL **81**, 5932 (1998)



2. Distributed quantum computing with probabilistic gates

Duan, *et al.*, Quant. Inf. Comp. **4**, 165 (2004)



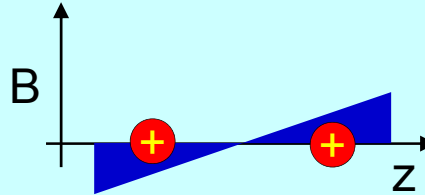
3. Cluster state quantum computing

Raussendorf and Briegel, PRL **86**, 910 (2001)

Duan and Raussendorf, PRL **95**, 080503 (2005)

Entangling quantum gates

Trapped-ion entangling gates without lasers



- coupling: phonons + magnetic field gradients
- No laser-ion interactions
- No laser-cooling (?)

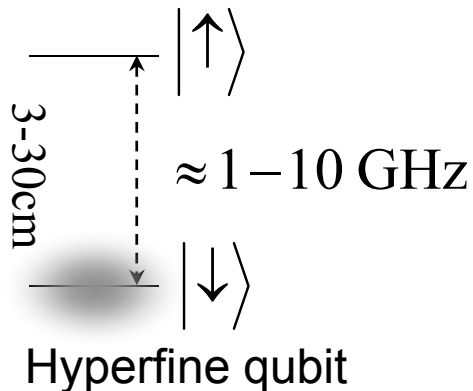
Mintert+Wunderlich, PRL **87**, 257904 (2001)

C. Ospelkaus *et al.*, PRL **101**, 090502 (2008)

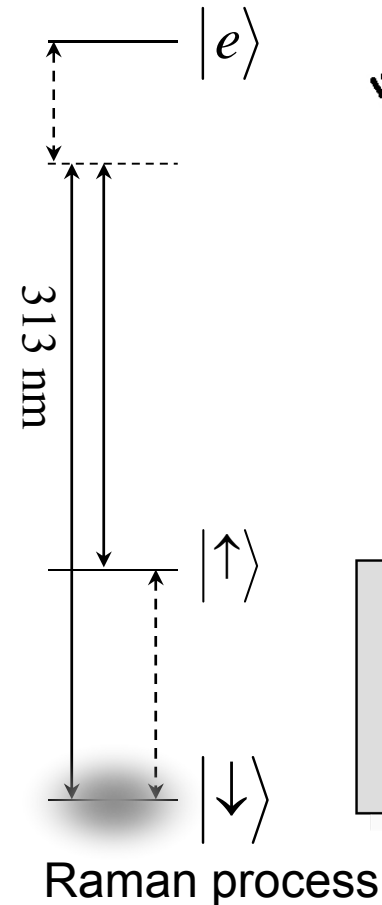
M. Johanning *et al.*, PRL **102**, 073004 (2009)

Manipulating hyperfine qubits with lasers

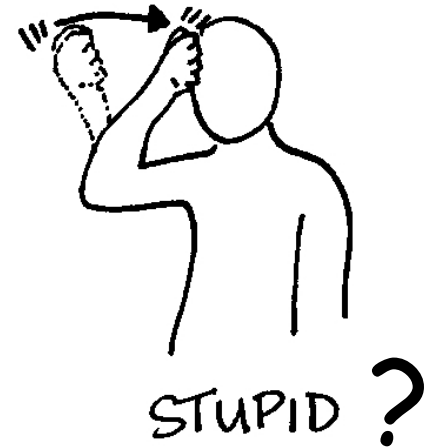
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C. Ospelkaus, NIST Boulder



$$\eta \approx 0$$



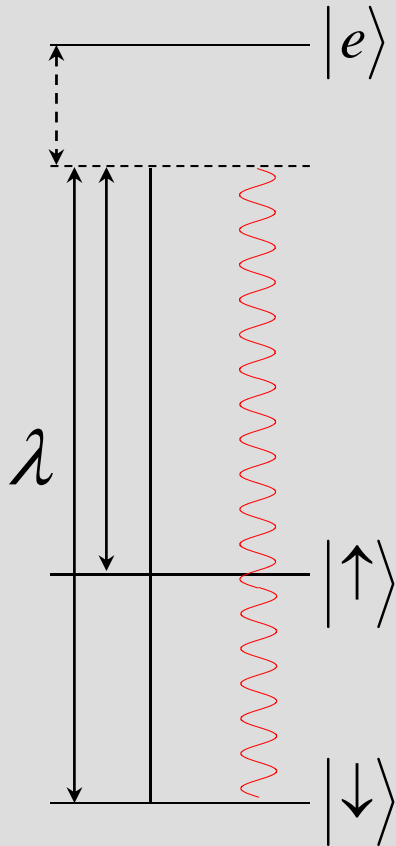
$$\eta \approx 0.1$$



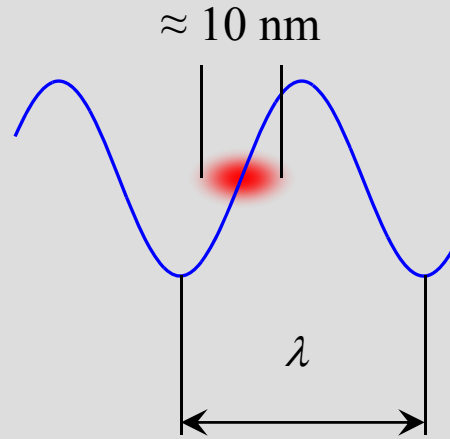
Why would you not couple the states directly?

Infidelities of laser phase gates

Spontaneous emission (for Raman transitions)



Motional state sensitivity



Coupling depends on motional state
Thermal occupation of states leads to a fluctuating coupling
Fluctuation is a gate error

Classical control

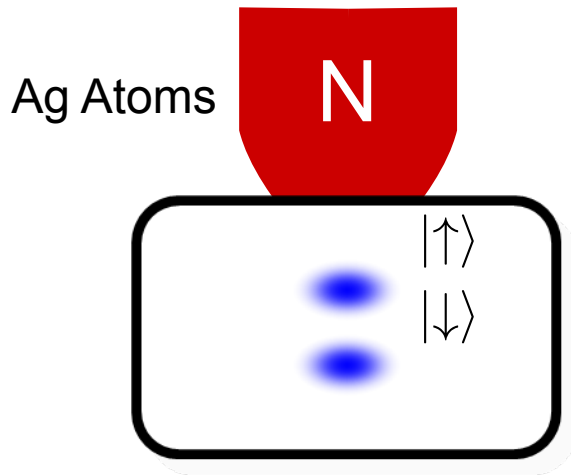


- Laser intensity noise
- Laser beam pointing instabilities
- Timing (AOs, thermal drifts)

Current best two-qubit gate 99.3% fidelity

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

Coupling internal states to the motion



Spin quantization



Walter
Gerlach



Otto
Stern

$$F \propto \nabla |B| \sigma_z \longrightarrow H^{(i)} = \hbar \mu_B \Delta g B' x_0 (a + a^\dagger) \sigma_z$$

Magnetic gradient gates

Microwave excitation of a hyperfine qubit:

$\eta \ll 1 \longrightarrow$ Negligible coupling to sidebands, no entangling gates possible

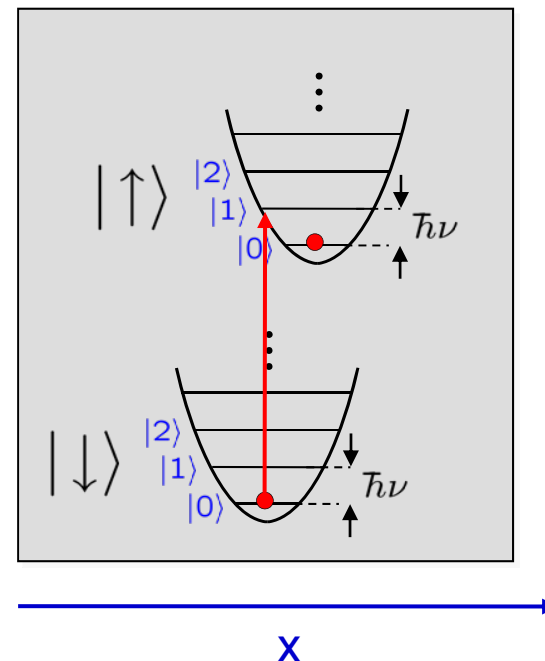
Microwave excitation of a hyperfine qubit in a magnetic field gradient:

$$H^{(i)} = \hbar\mu_B\Delta gB'x\sigma_z$$

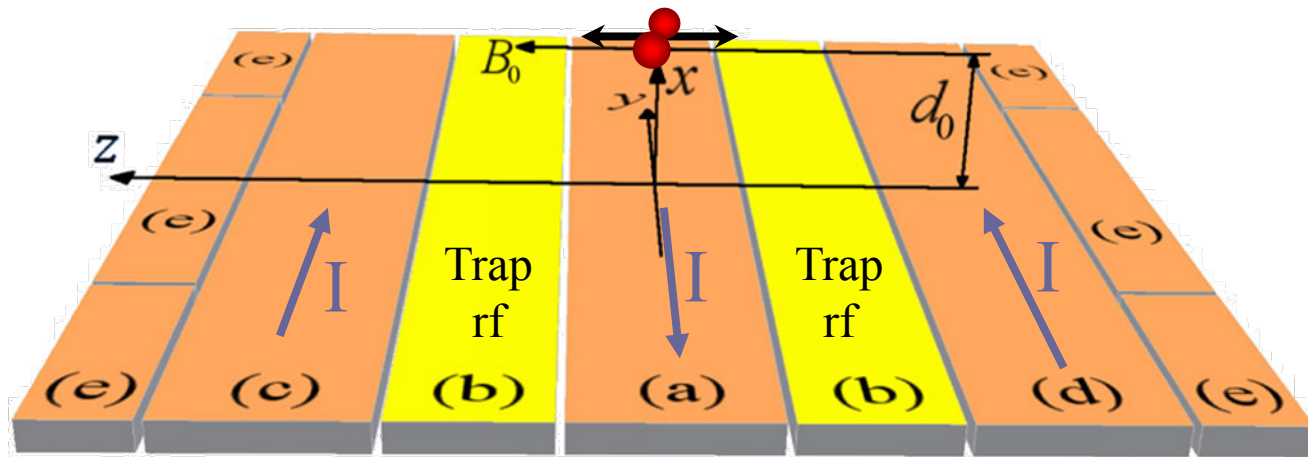
Coupling to sidebands possible
if g-factors of qubit state unequal.

High field gradients needed !

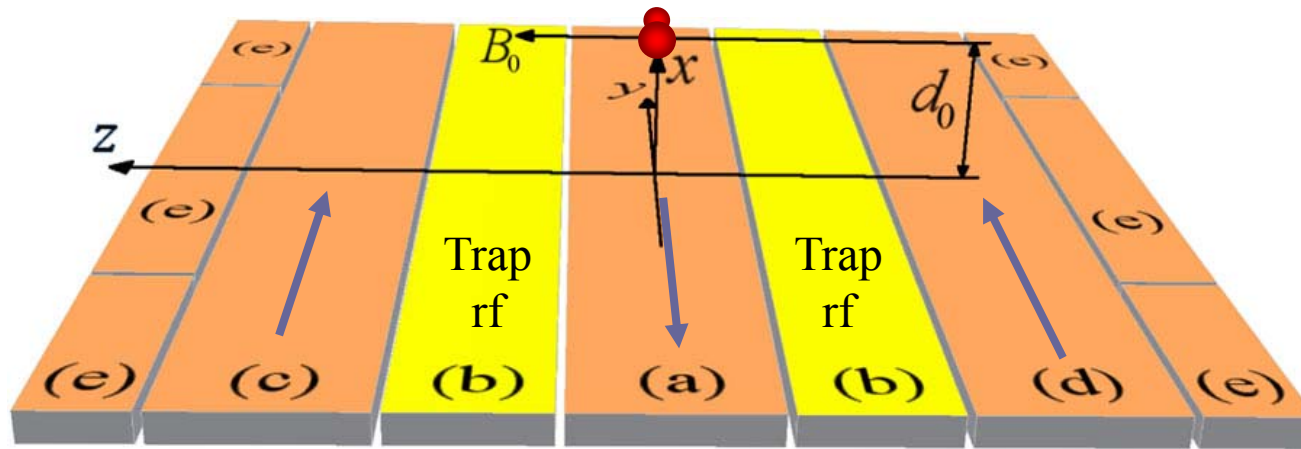
\longrightarrow Microtraps needed !



An AC Stern-Gerlach experiment



Integrate the gate and the trap



$${}^9\text{Be}^+ \quad \omega_t = 2\pi \cdot 5 \text{ MHz}$$

$$d_0 = 30 \mu\text{m}$$

$$|\uparrow\rangle = |F=1, m_F=1\rangle$$

$$|\downarrow\rangle = |F=2, m_F=0\rangle$$

$$\Delta E = h \cdot 1.2 \text{ GHz}$$

Multi-qubit gate

Center current 1.7A

$$\tau_G = 20 \mu\text{s}$$

$$\propto d_0^2$$

- Similar cw currents realized in neutral atom "chip traps"
- Speed comparable to current laser gates

Single-qubit gate

(c) or (d) 15 mA

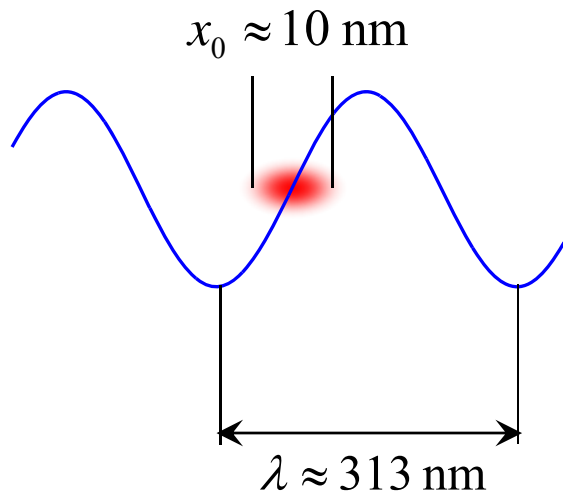
$$\tau_G = 1 \mu\text{s}$$

$$\propto d_0$$

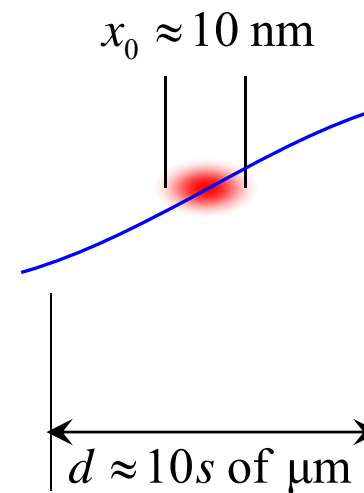
- Relatively low current required
- Rotations much faster than currently achieved with lasers should be possible

Motional state insensitivity

Laser gates



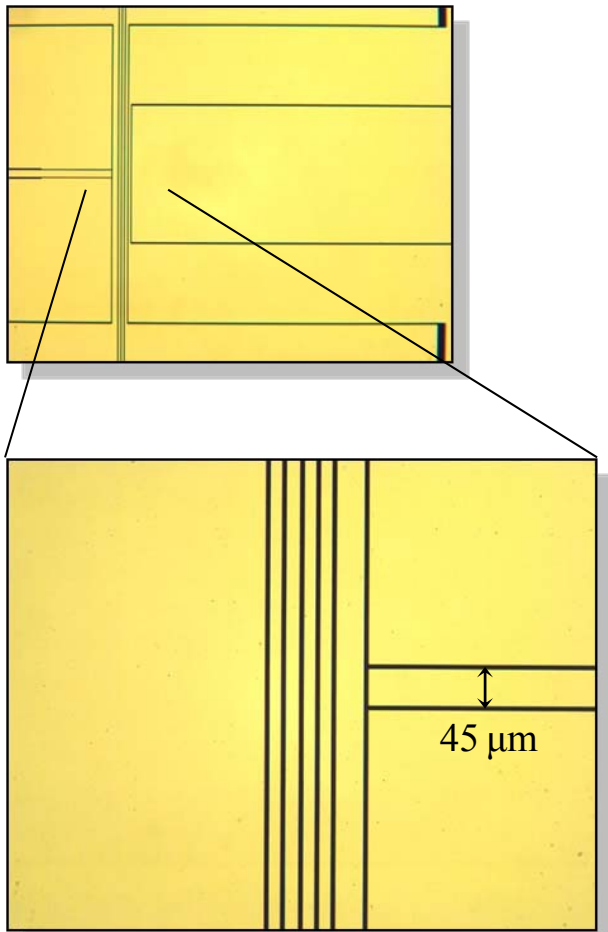
Magnetic gates



If ions are Doppler cooled only,
resulting gate infidelity is 10^{-6} !!!

Eliminate Raman lasers completely
Only low power Doppler lasers

Experimental setup

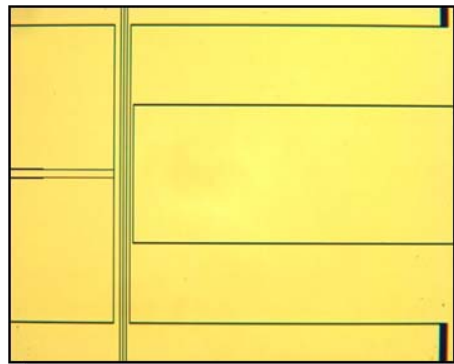


Evaporated gold
on fused silica

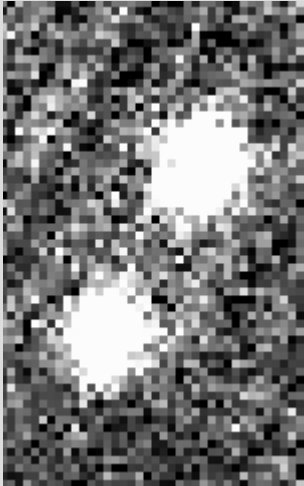
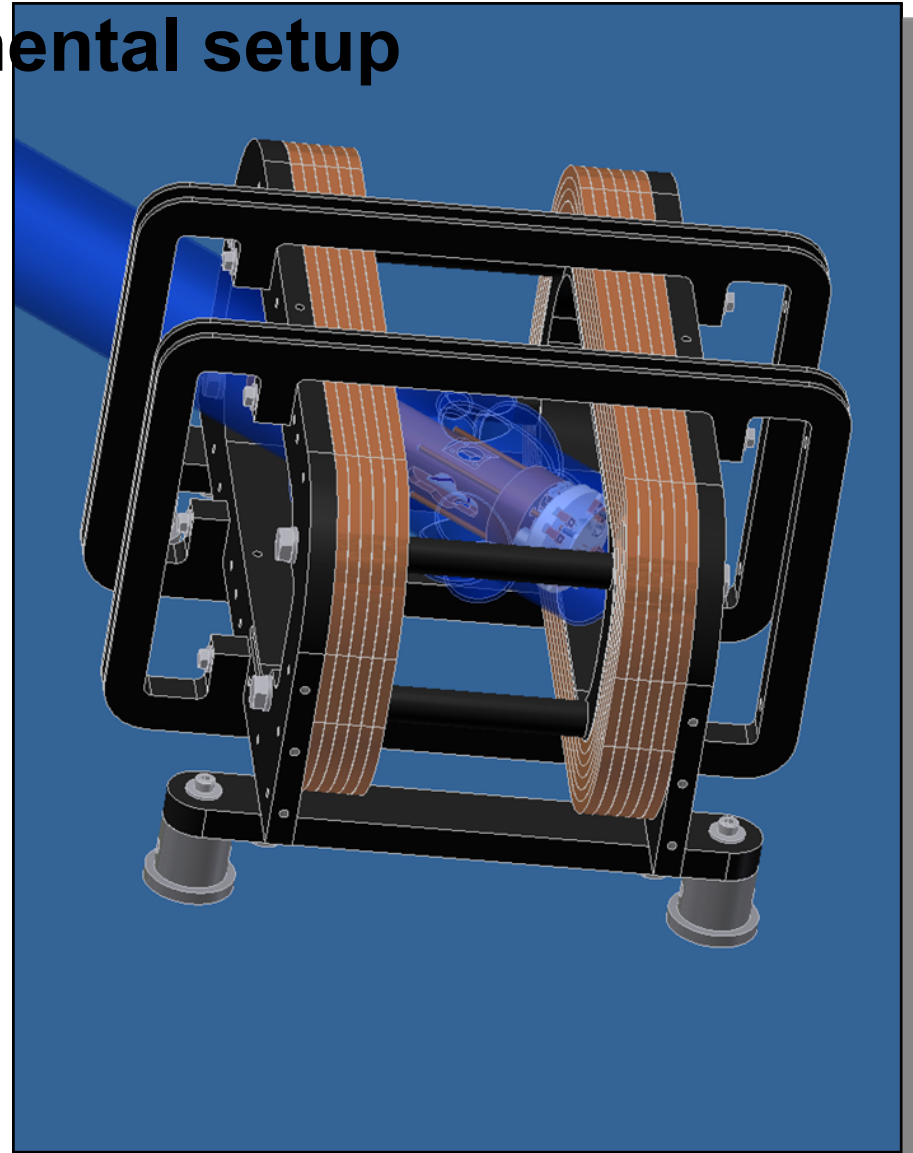


Chip fabrication in NIST cleanroom

Experimental setup

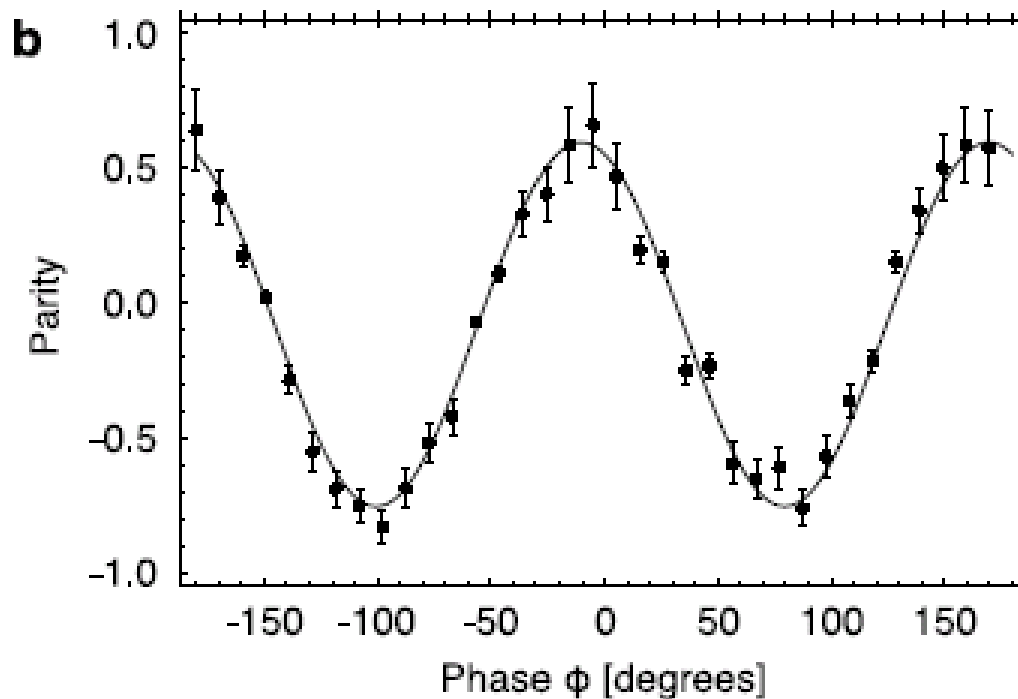


Trapped
 $^{24}\text{Mg}^+$ and $^{25}\text{Mg}^+$
30 μm
from surface!

A micrograph showing two distinct, bright, circular spots of trapped ions, $^{24}\text{Mg}^+$ and $^{25}\text{Mg}^+$, separated by a distance of approximately 30 μm from the surface.

Entangling gate with microwaves

Parity oscillations of the created entangled state $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle)$



Noise in trapped-ion experiment

Decoherence in trapped ion experiments

Gate times for one- and two-qubit gates:

$\tau \sim 10\text{-}100 \mu\text{s}$

Motional decoherence

Dephasing by fluctuating trap voltages

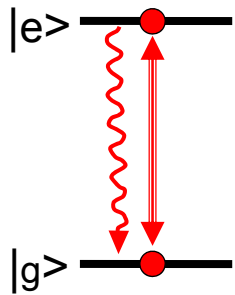
$\tau \sim 100 \text{ ms}$

$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \rightarrow |\alpha|^2|0\rangle\langle 0| + |\beta|^2|1\rangle\langle 1|$$

Anomalous heating of ion motion by fluctuating electric fields

$\tau \sim 1\text{-}100 \text{ ms}$

Decoherence of optical qubits



- Spontaneous decay of metastable state
irrelevant in most experiments

$$\tau_{\text{sp}} \sim 1 \text{ s}$$

phase noise
dominated by
low-frequency
noise

- Magnetic field noise

$$\Delta\nu = \mu_B(g_e - g_g)\Delta B/\hbar$$

(‘clock states’ have much longer coherence times)

$$\tau_B \sim 1\text{-}100 \text{ ms}$$

- Frequency noise of phase reference

$$\Psi(0) = \alpha|g\rangle + \beta|e\rangle$$

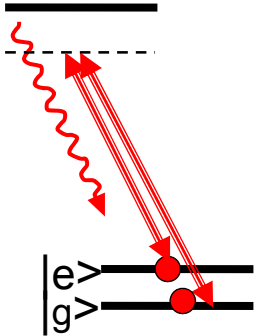
$$\longrightarrow \Psi(t) = \alpha|g\rangle + \beta e^{-i\omega_0 t}|e\rangle$$

$$\tau_L \sim 1\text{-}100 \text{ ms}$$

→ spin-echo
techniques !

requires ultrastable laser !

Decoherence of hyperfine qubits



- Spontaneous decay of excited state mediating the Raman coupling

$$\tau_{\text{sp}} \sim 1-10 \text{ ms}$$

requires large detuning \rightarrow high laser power!

phase noise dominated by low-frequency noise

- Magnetic field noise

$$\tau_B \sim 1-100 \text{ ms}$$

$$\Delta\nu = \mu_B(g_e - g_g)\Delta B/\hbar$$

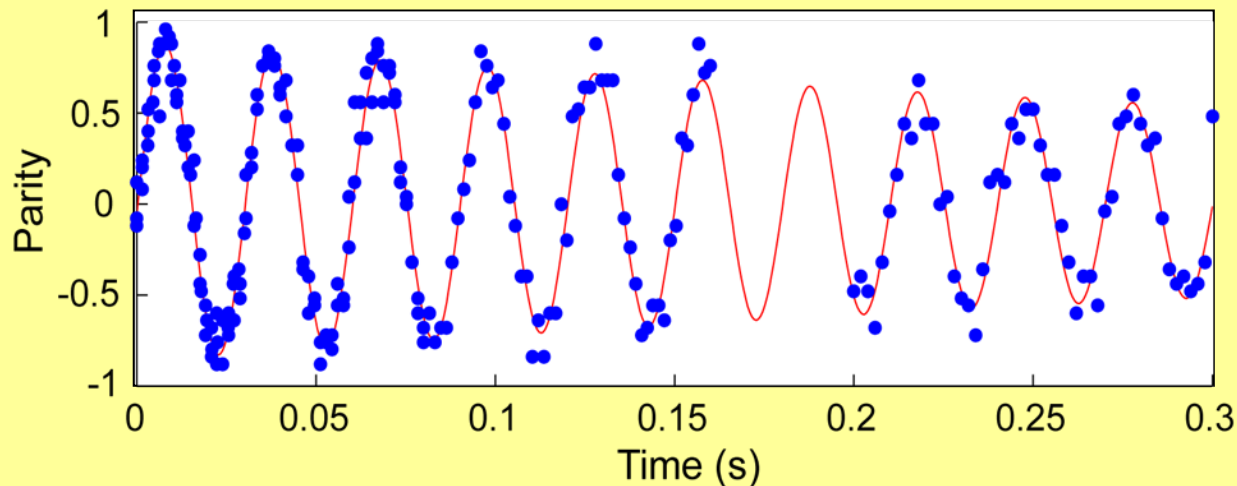
(‘clock states’ have much longer coherence times)

- Frequency noise of phase reference

negligible

\rightarrow spin-echo techniques !

Spectroscopy with entangled states



- Improving the signal/noise ratio with entangled states
- High-resolution spectroscopy in decoherence-free subspace:
Measurement of the $D_{5/2}$ quadrupole moment of $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$

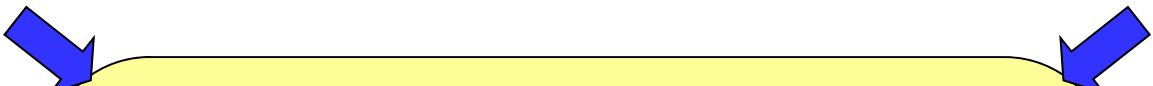
Experiments with single trapped ions

Precision spectroscopy /
Optical frequency standards

$$\frac{\delta\omega_0}{\omega_0} \approx 10^{-17}$$

Quantum information
processing

- Entangling quantum gates
- Elementary quantum algorithms
- Multi-particle entangled states

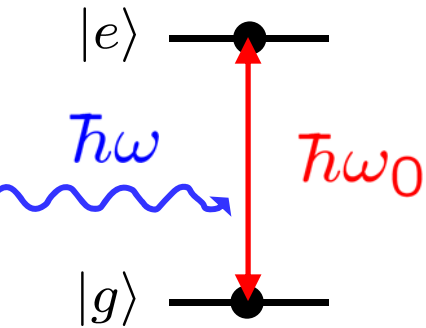


Quantum metrology with
entangled states

- Improved S/N ratio with entangled states
J. J. Bollinger et al, Phys. Rev. A **54**, 4649 (1996)
- Quantum logic for clock state read-out
P.O.Schmidt et al, Science **309**, 749 (2005)
- Spectroscopy in decoherence-free subspaces
C. F. Roos et al., Nature **443**, 316(2006)

Clock measurement with single atom

Ramsey experiment with interrogation time τ



$$|g\rangle + |e\rangle \longrightarrow |g\rangle + e^{-i\Delta T} |e\rangle, \quad \Delta = \omega - \omega_0$$

Phase measurement:

$\pi/2$ pulse + state measurement

N uncorrelated atoms:

Measurement uncertainty $\sim N^{-1/2} T^{-1}$

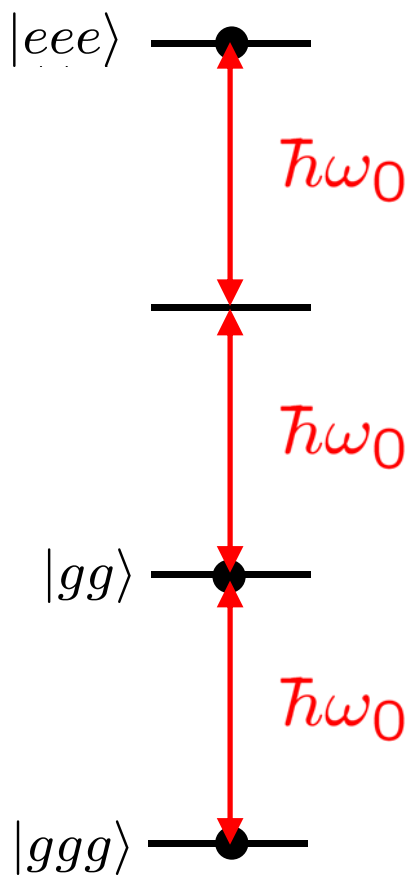
$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0} \propto \frac{1}{\omega_0 T \sqrt{NM}} = \frac{1}{\omega_0 \sqrt{NTT_{tot}}}$$

Ion clocks with entangled states

How does noise affect this scheme?

Clock experiments with maximally entangled states

(Wineland, PRA 46,R6797('92), Bollinger, PRA 54, R4649 ('96))



$$|gg\rangle + |ee\rangle \xrightarrow{T} |gg\rangle + e^{-i2\Delta\tau}|ee\rangle,$$

$$|ggg\rangle + |eee\rangle \xrightarrow{T} |ggg\rangle + e^{-i3\Delta\tau}|eee\rangle,$$

$$\vdots$$

Phase measurement:
 $\pi/2$ pulses + parity measurement

Measurement uncertainty $\sim N^{-1} T^{-1}$

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0} \propto \frac{1}{\omega_0 N T \sqrt{M}} = \frac{1}{\omega_0 N \sqrt{T T_{tot}}}$$

(Demonstration experiment: D. Leibfried et al, Science 304, 1476 (2004))

Decoherence of entangled states

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|SSSSSSSS\rangle + |DDDDDDDD\rangle)$$

Laser frequency and magnetic field noise: $H = f(t) \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_z^{(i)}$

with $f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega A(\omega) \cos(\omega t)$ describing the noise

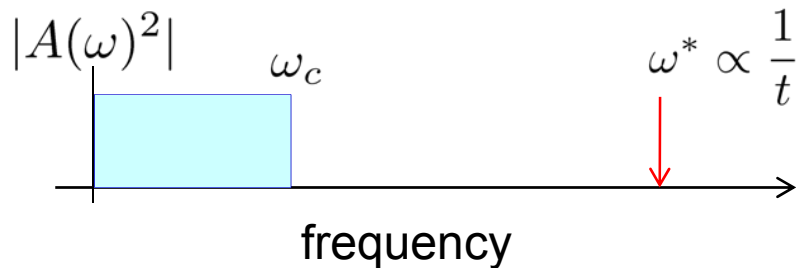
How does a GHZ state decohere in our experiments: $|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{time}} \rho(t) ?$

Decoherence of entangled states

How does a GHZ state decohere in our experiments: $|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{time}} \rho(t)$?

Example: White noise with high-frequency cut-off

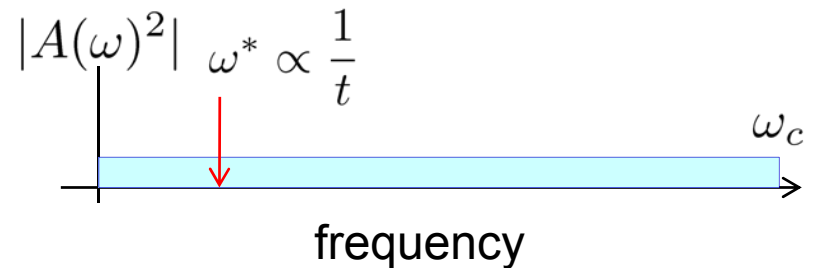
Long time limit $\omega_c \ll \omega^*$



Fidelity decay:

$$F(t) \cong \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \exp \left[-\left(\frac{Nt}{\tau} \right)^2 \right] \right),$$

Short time limit $\omega_c \gg \omega^*$

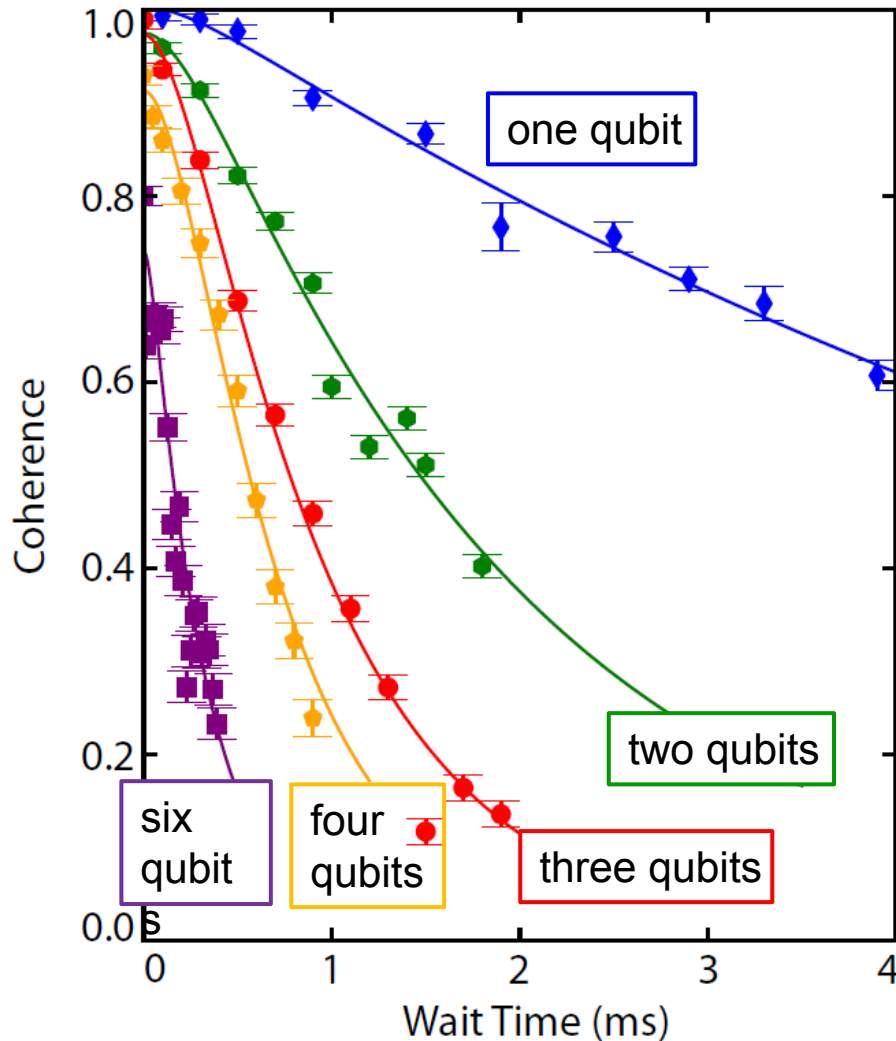


Fidelity decay:

$$F(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \exp \left[-\frac{N^2 \tau}{\tau} \right] \right)$$

GHZ-states: Coherence of large-scale entanglement

T. Monz et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 130506 (2011)



correlated noise
-> faster decay!

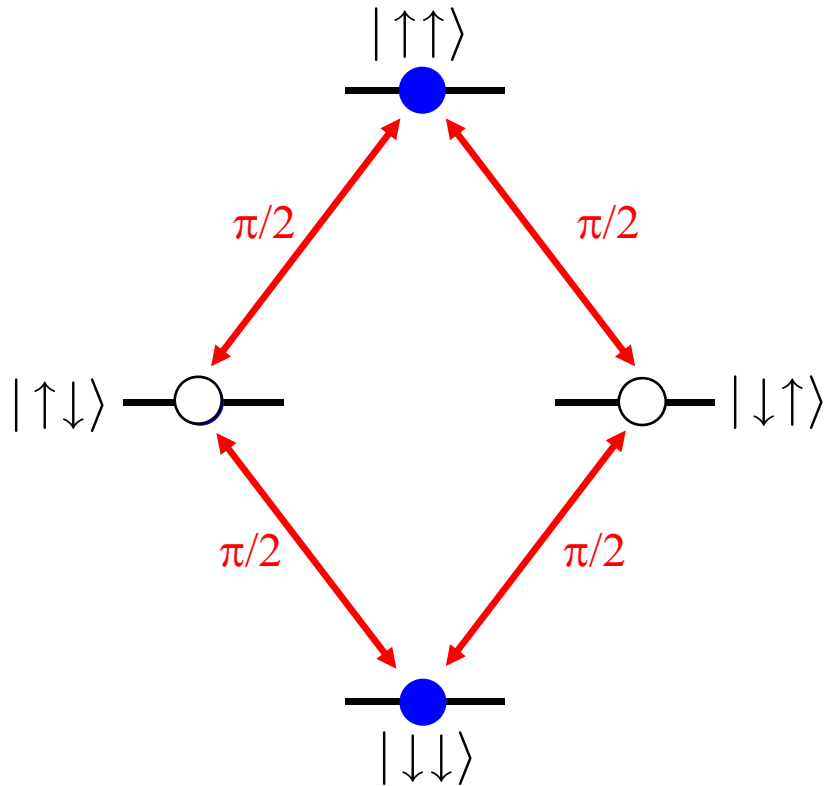
$$\tau_{coh} \propto \frac{1}{N}$$

or even

$$\tau_{coh} \propto \frac{1}{N^2}$$

Entangled states in decoherence-free subspaces

$$|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$$

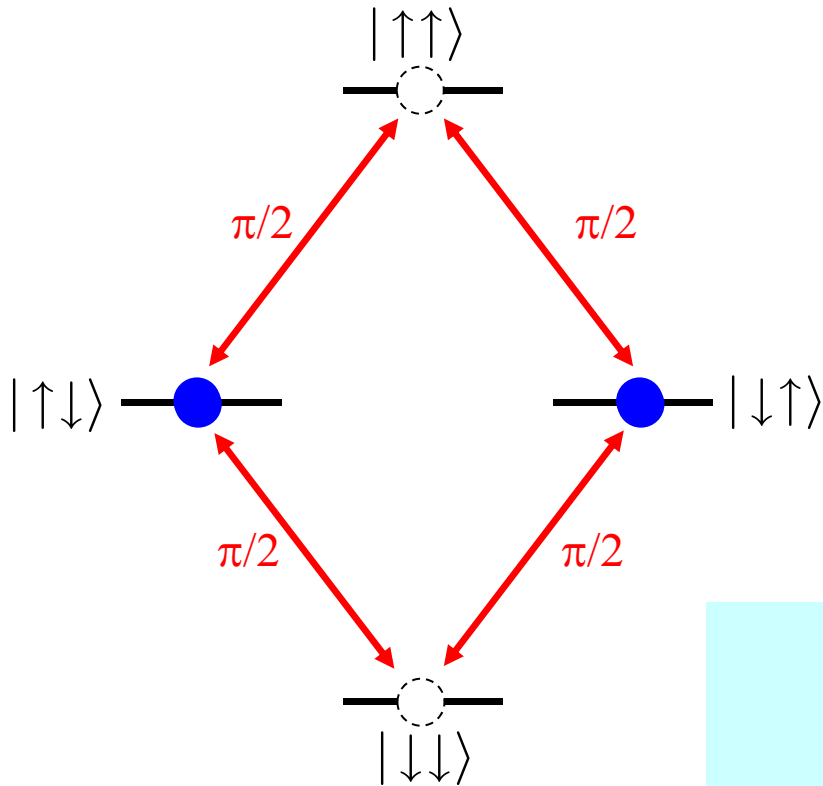


$$|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \longrightarrow |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle - |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

constructive interference

Entanglement check : interference

$$|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + e^{i\phi}|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$$



$$|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \longrightarrow |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle - |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

constructive interference

+1

$$|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \longrightarrow |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$$

destructive interference

-1

Parity:

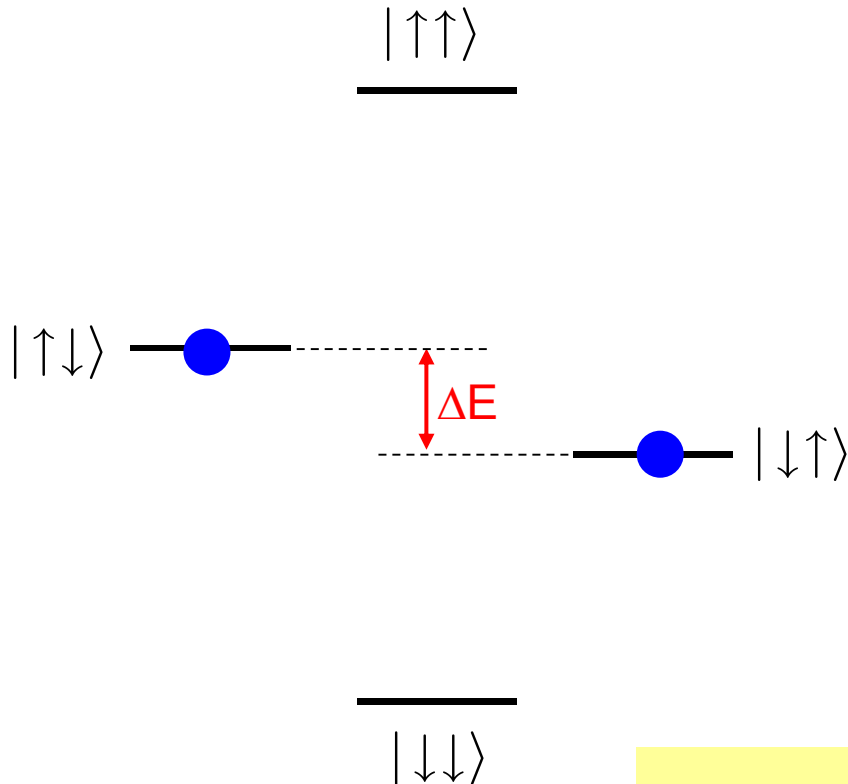
Parity measurement :

Are both ions in the same quantum state ?

$$P = (\rho_{\downarrow\downarrow} + \rho_{\uparrow\uparrow}) - (\rho_{\downarrow\uparrow} + \rho_{\uparrow\downarrow})$$

$$= \cos \phi$$

Detection of differential energy shifts



$$|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Time}} |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - e^{i\phi(t)} |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$$

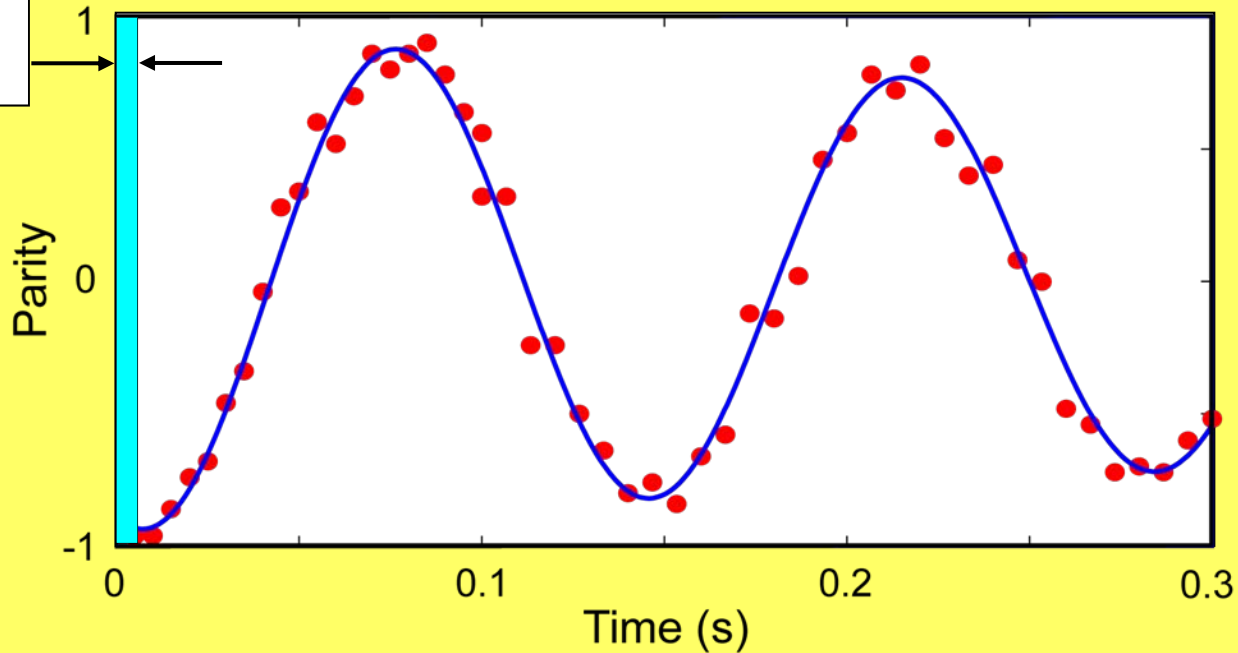
$$\phi(t) = \frac{\Delta E}{\hbar} t$$

- Measurement of phase evolution $\phi(t)$ detects ΔE .
- Generalized Ramsey experiment !

Parity oscillations in decoherence-free state-space

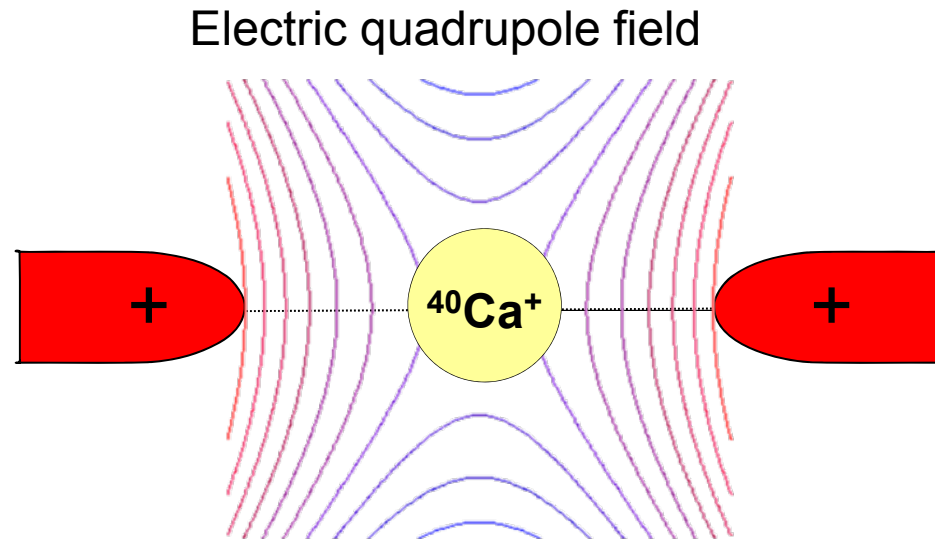
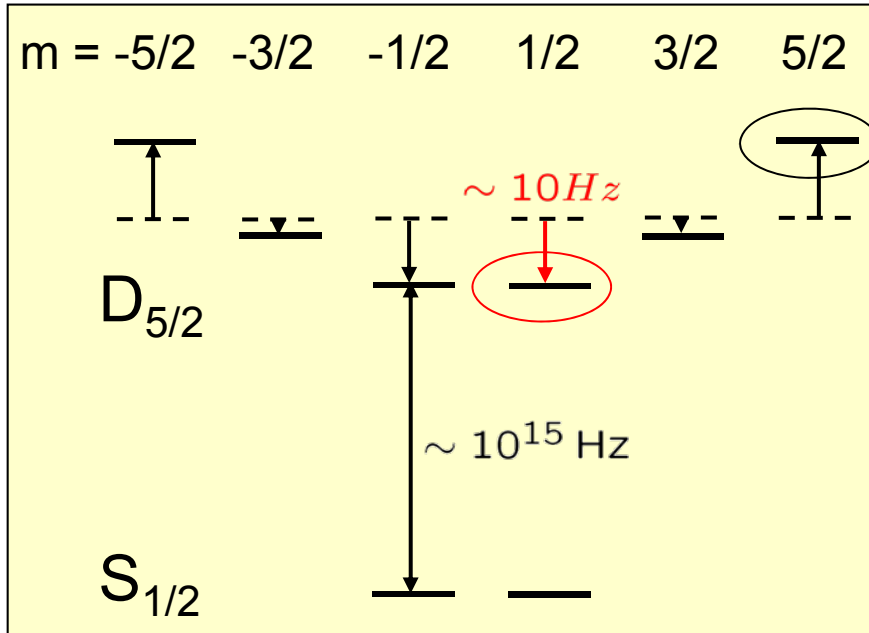
$$\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle - |\uparrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle)$$

Single-ion
coherence time



- sensitive to differential energy shifts → noise rejection
- Long coherence times → high spectral resolution

Quantum metrology: Quadrupole moment of the D-state



$D_{5/2}$ – Quadrupole shift

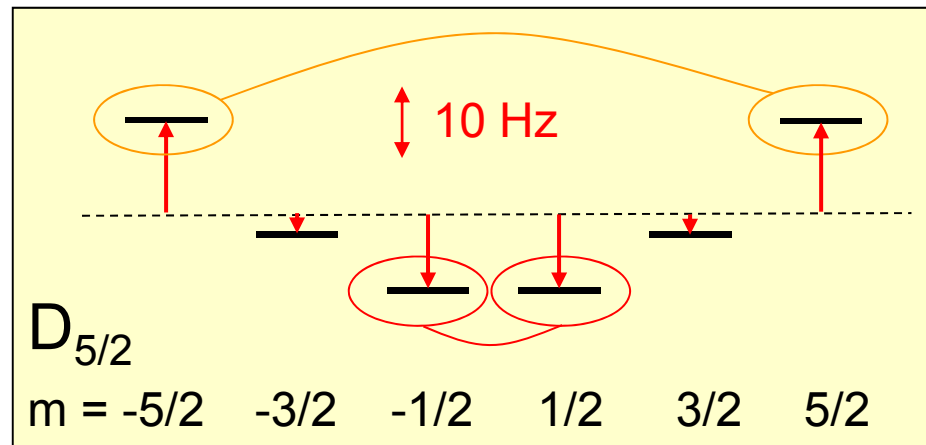
$$\Delta E_{quad} \propto \frac{dE_z}{dz} \Theta(D, 5/2) \quad \sim 10 \text{ Hz}$$

$D_{5/2}$ – Zeeman shift (B=1G) $\sim 1 \text{ MHz}$

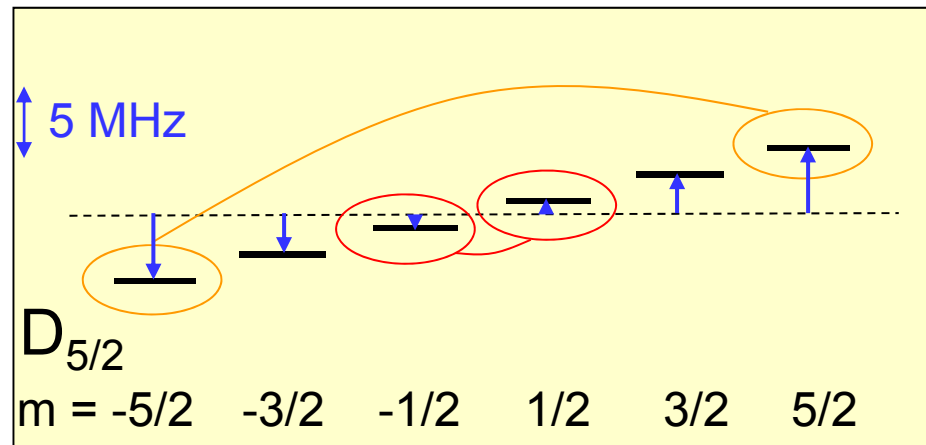
Spectroscopy with entangled states: measurement of the quadrupole moment

Step 1: Prepare $\Psi = | -5/2 \rangle | 5/2 \rangle + | -1/2 \rangle | 1/2 \rangle$

sensitive to quadrupole shift



insensitive to linear Zeeman shift

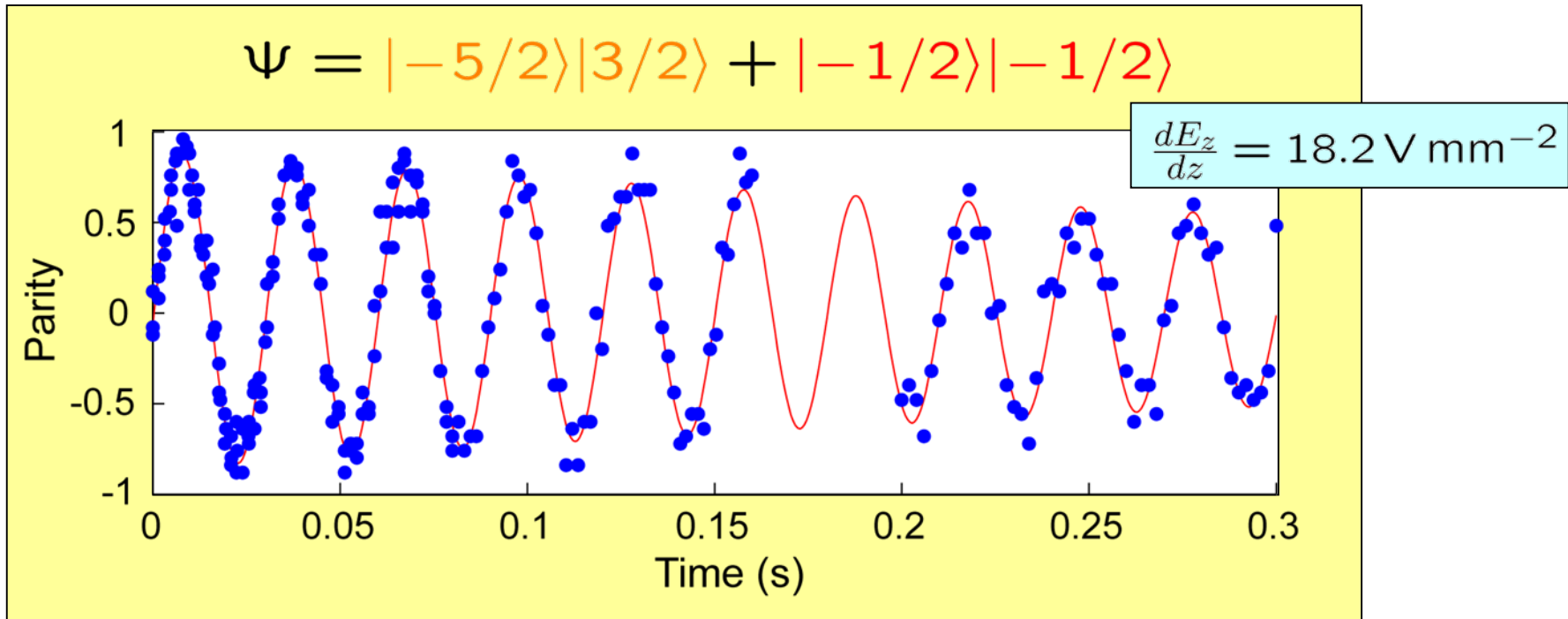


Decoherence-free subspace !

Step 2: Measure the state's phase evolution as a function of time

$$\Psi(t = 0) \xrightarrow{\tau} \Psi(\tau) = | -5/2 \rangle | 5/2 \rangle + e^{i\Delta\tau} | -1/2 \rangle | 1/2 \rangle$$

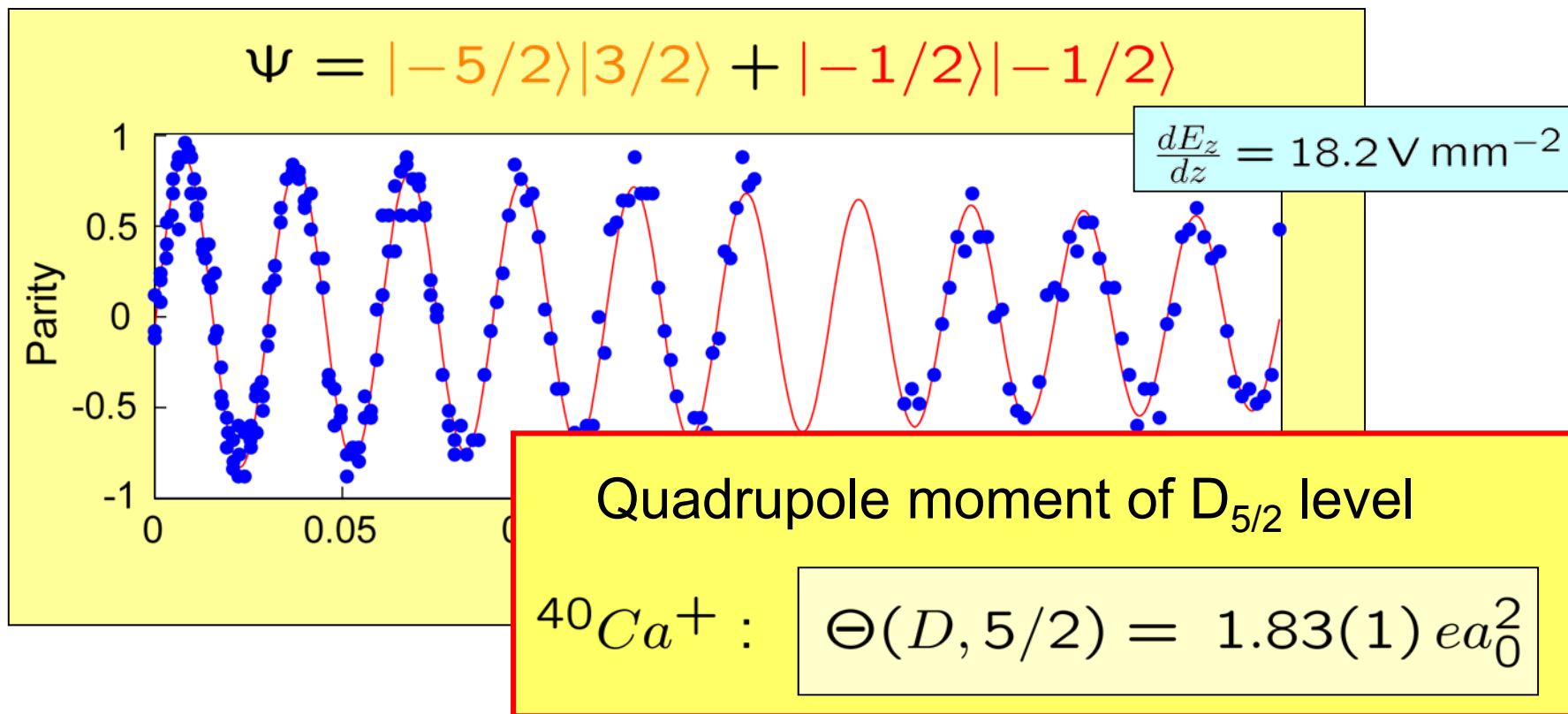
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J. Mitroy: EPJD **46**, 415 (2008)

$$\Theta = 1.85(2) ea_0^2$$

M. Safronova: PRA **78**, 022514 (2008)

Current status and outlook: **QI with trapped ions**

Status:

- Strings of 1-10 ion qubits
- Operational fidelities $\approx 99\%$
- Simple quantum algorithms requiring up to 50 laser pulses

Quantum teleportation, entanglement swapping,
entanglement purification, basic quantum error correction

Challenges:

- More ions \longrightarrow Microfabricated segmented ion traps
- Even higher gate fidelities
- System integration

Other directions:

- Quantum simulations
- Tests of quantum theory
- Quantum metrology