

Quantum applications of ion trapping

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1. Introduction to ion trapping
2. Quantum computing
3. Sources of decoherence
4. Quantum emulation/simulation
5. Applications of QIP to precision measurements

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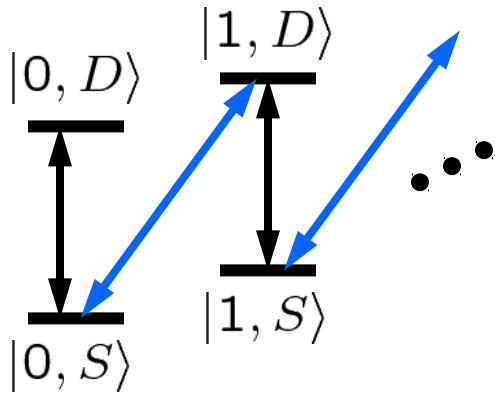
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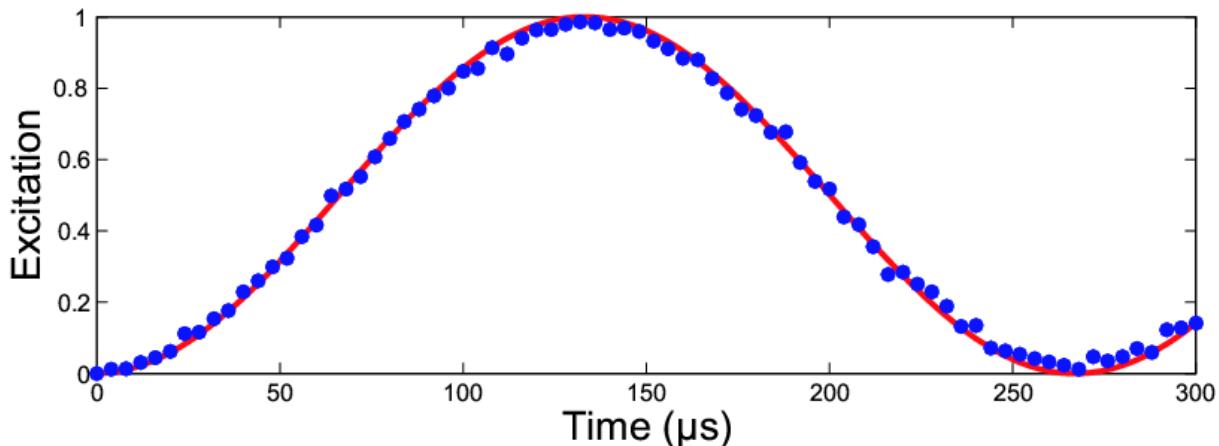
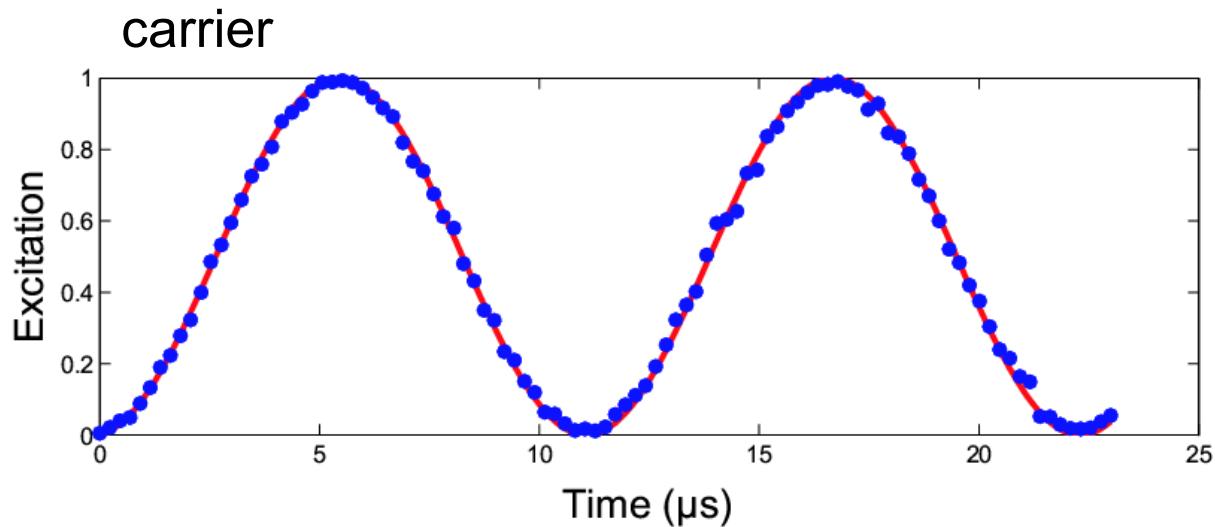
Ion motion



carrier and sideband
Rabi oscillations
with Rabi frequencies

$\Omega, \eta\Omega$

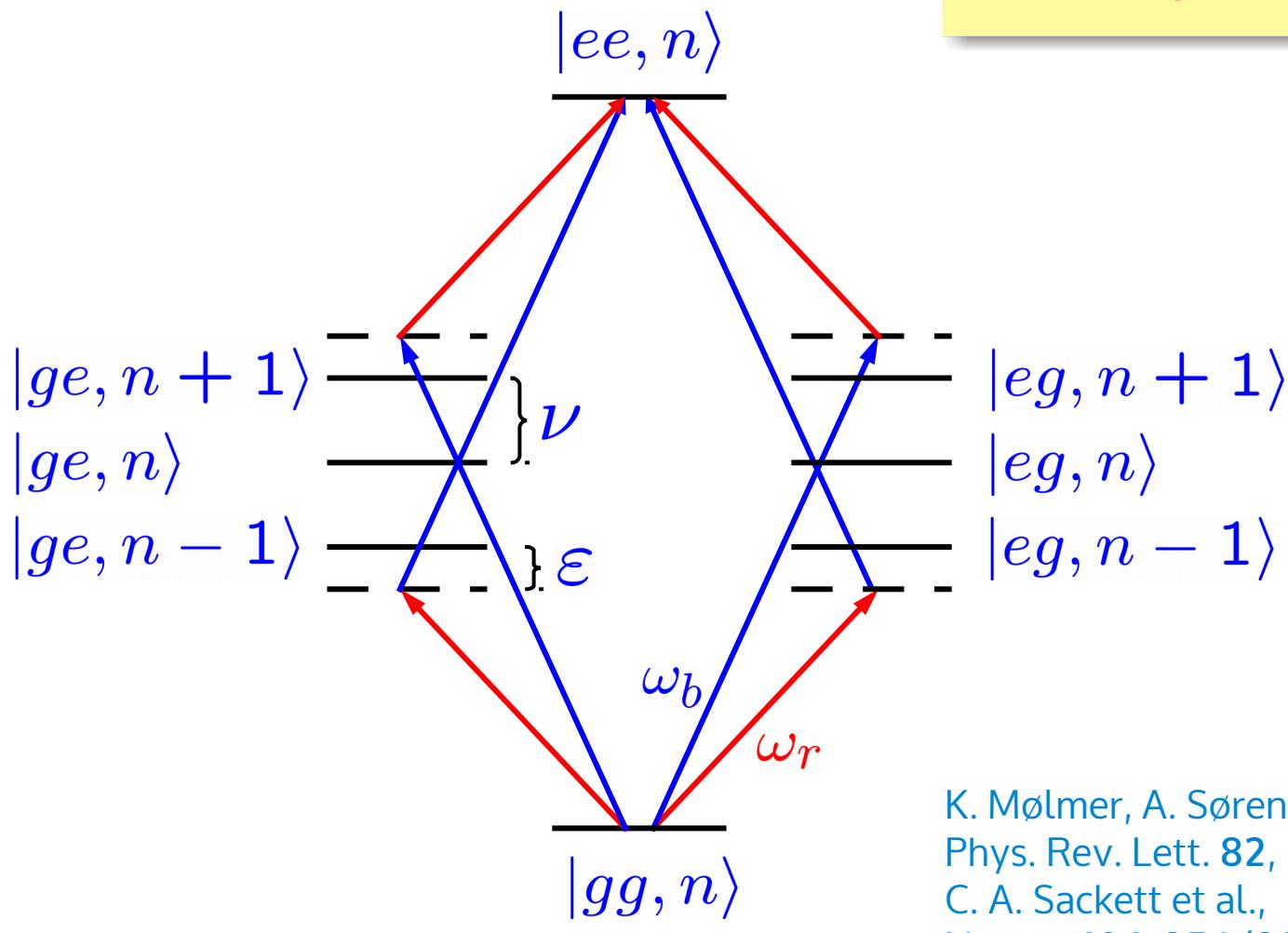
$\eta = kx_0$ Lamb-Dicke parameter



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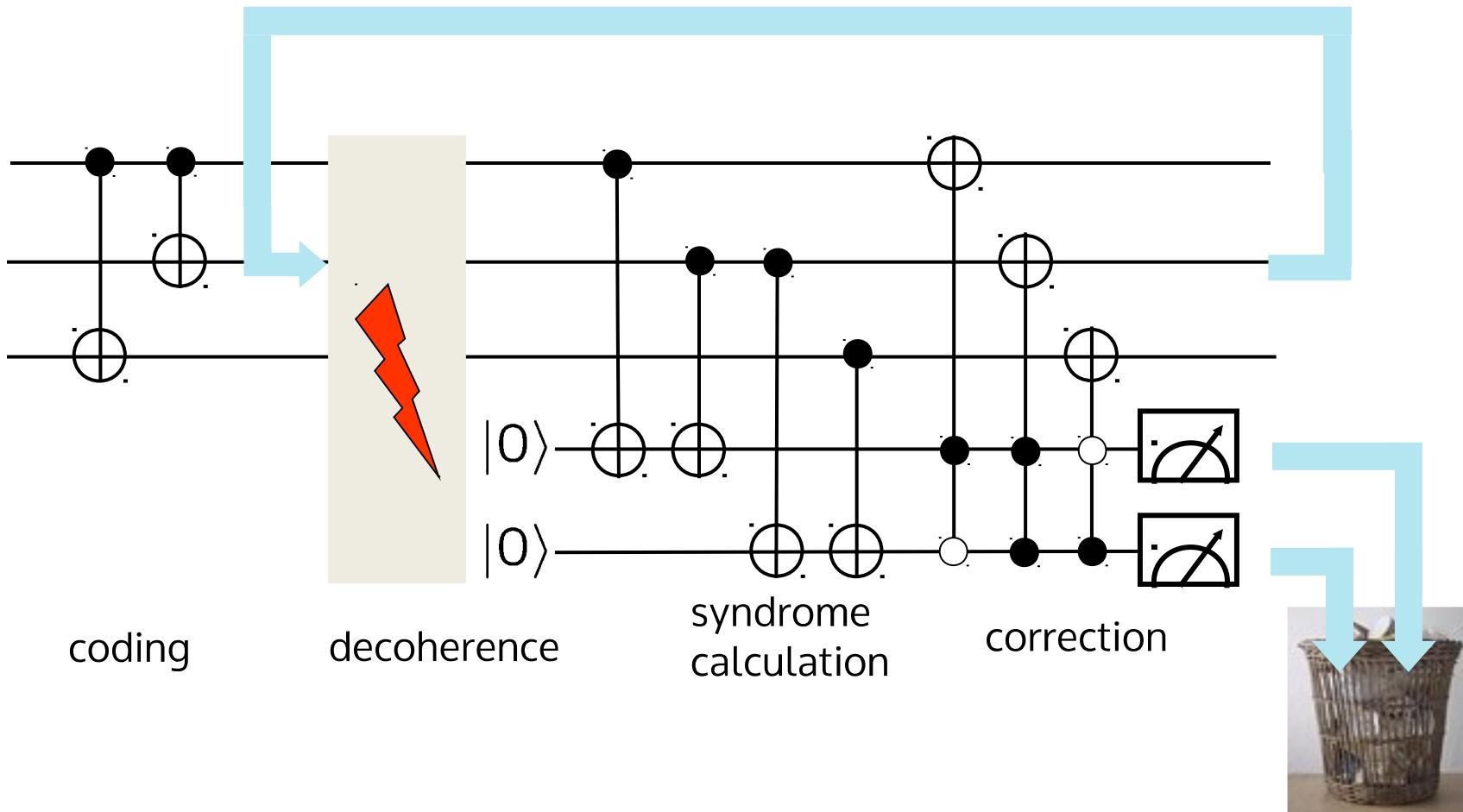
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- need to beat the fault-tolerant “threshold” of 99% to 99.99% for (all) operations.

Quantum error correction



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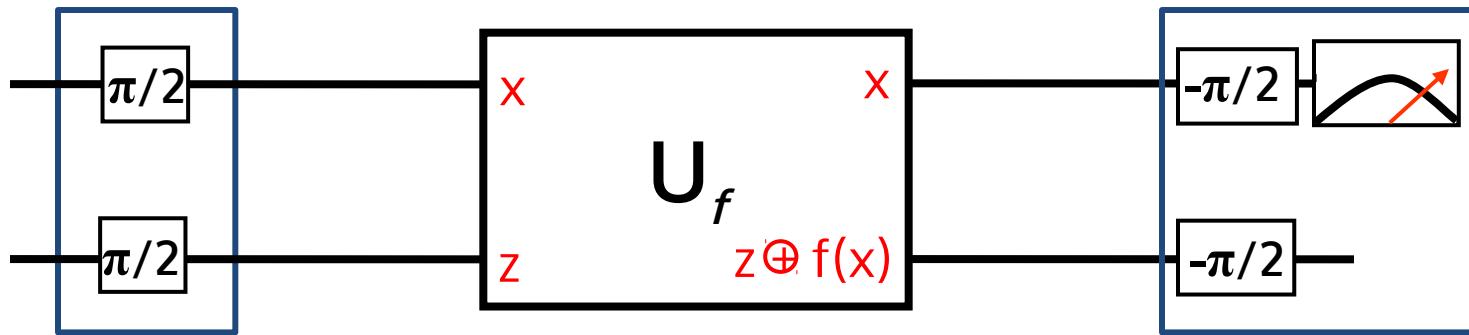
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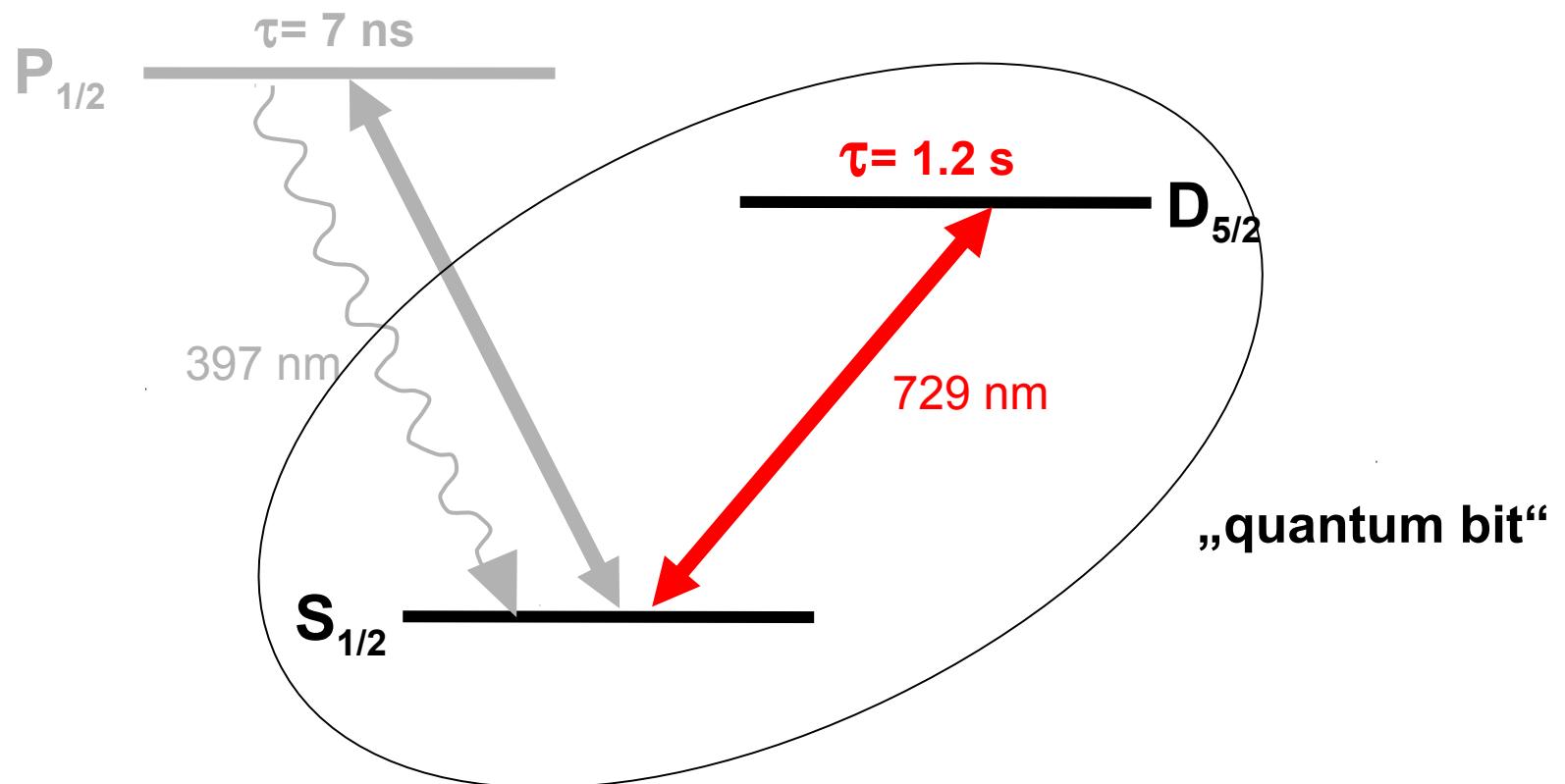
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A typical quantum algorithm



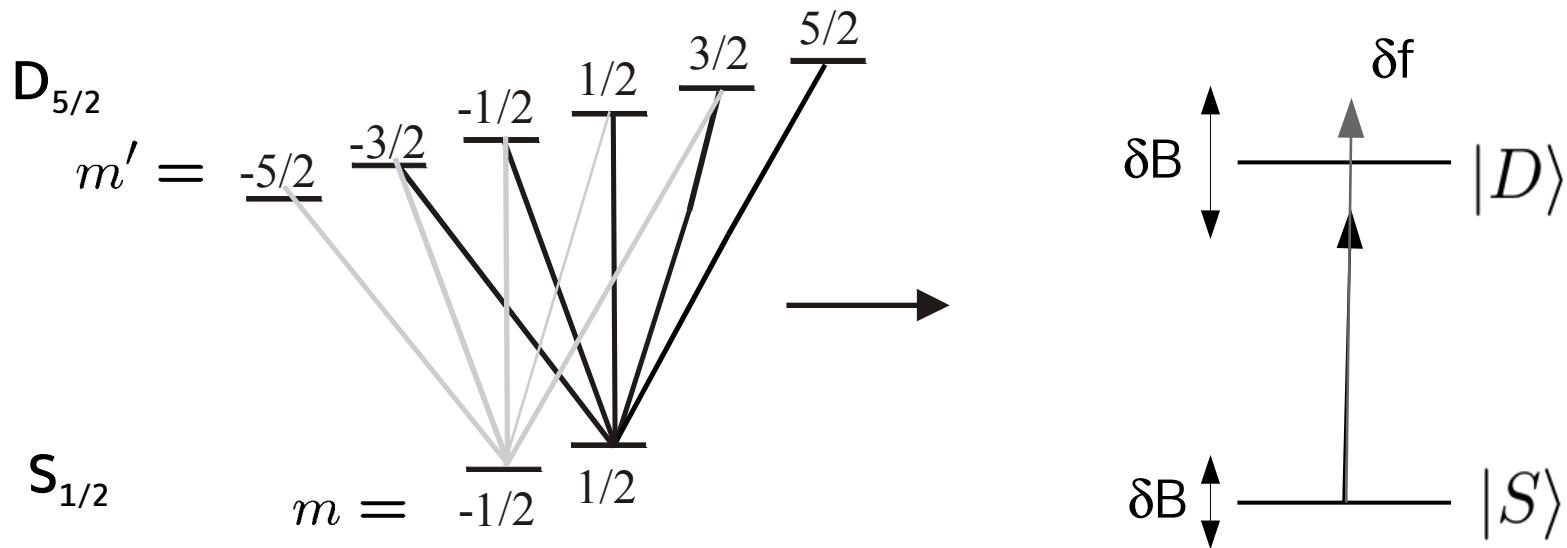
→ Quantum algorithms can be viewed as generalized Ramsey experiments.

The qubit



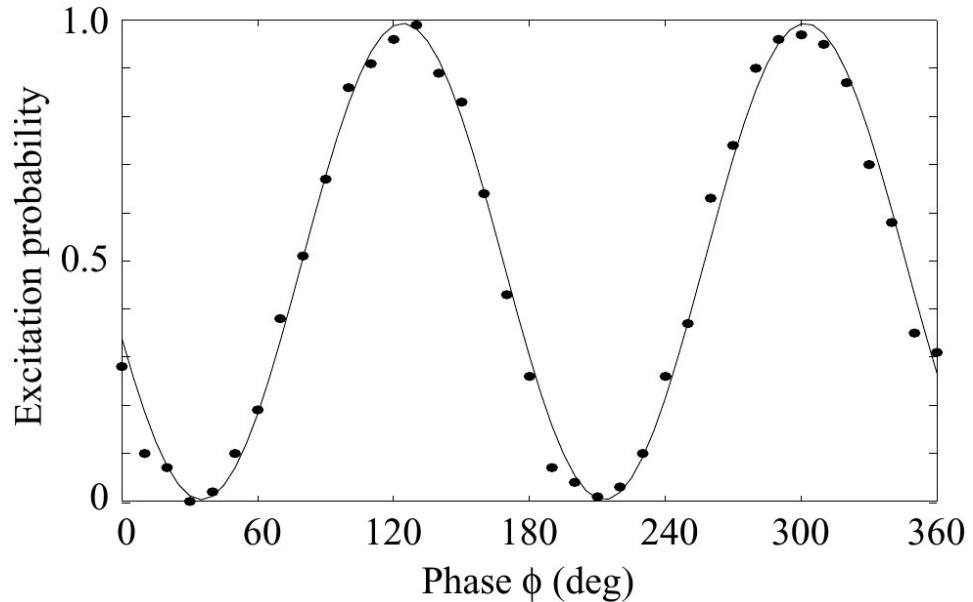
What else can go wrong ?

Zeeman structure in non-zero magnetic field:



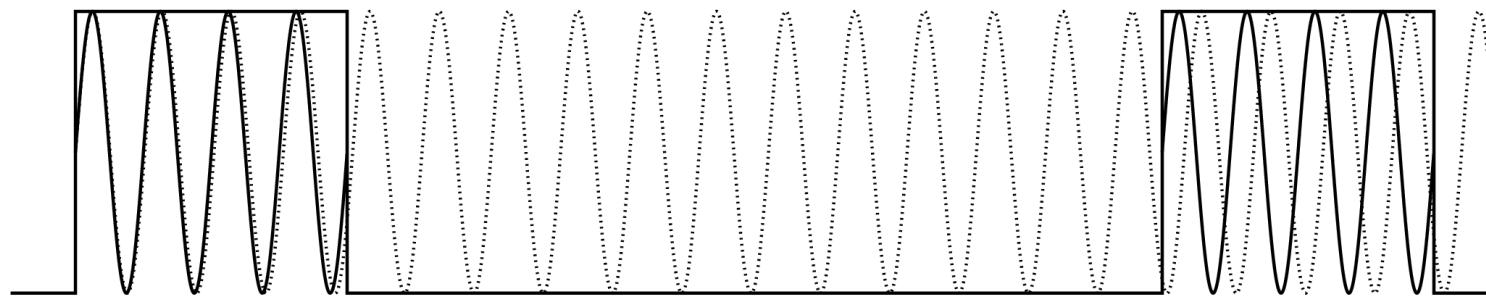
Selection rule for electric quadrupole transition: $m - m' = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$

Read-out of the phase evolution

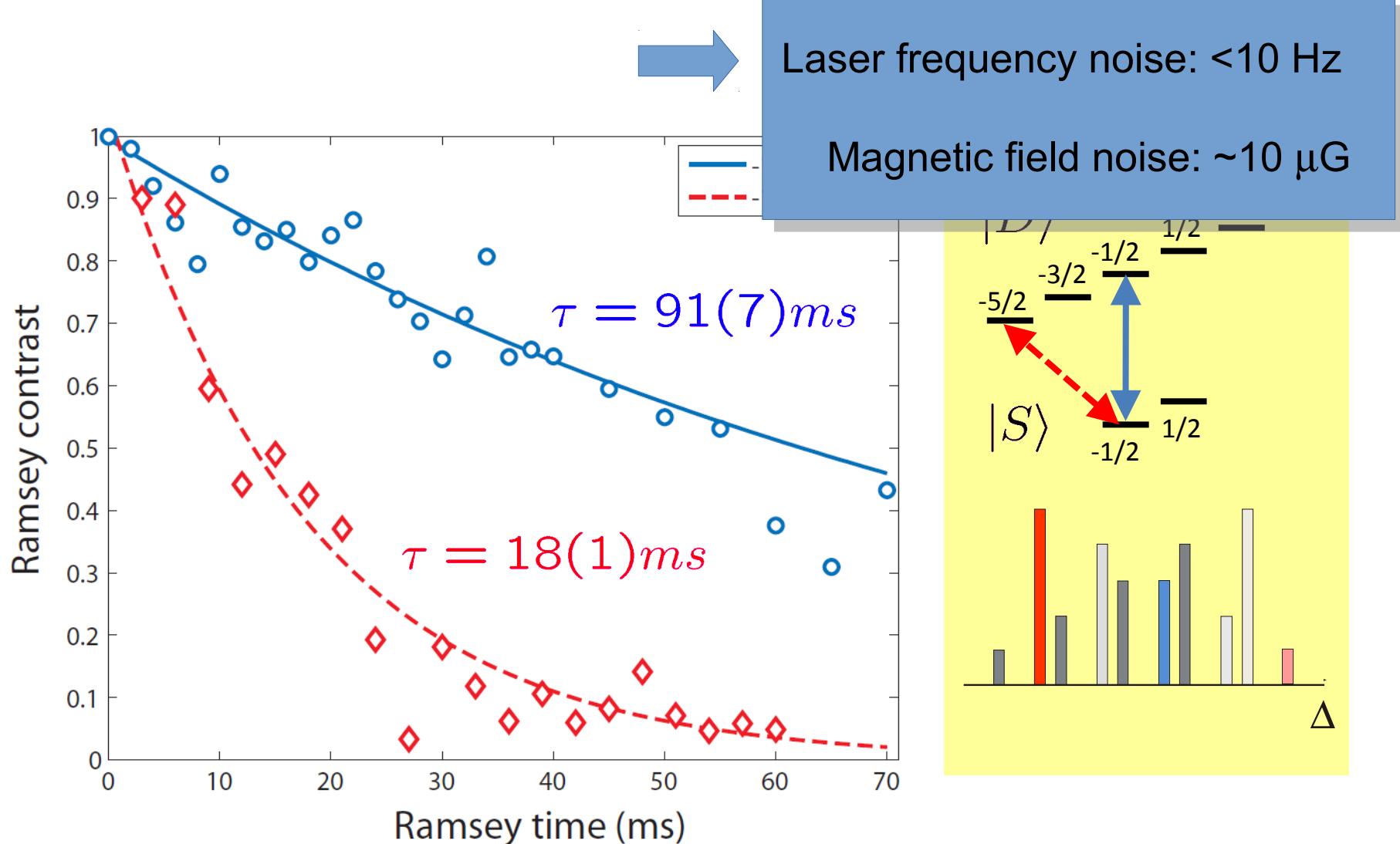


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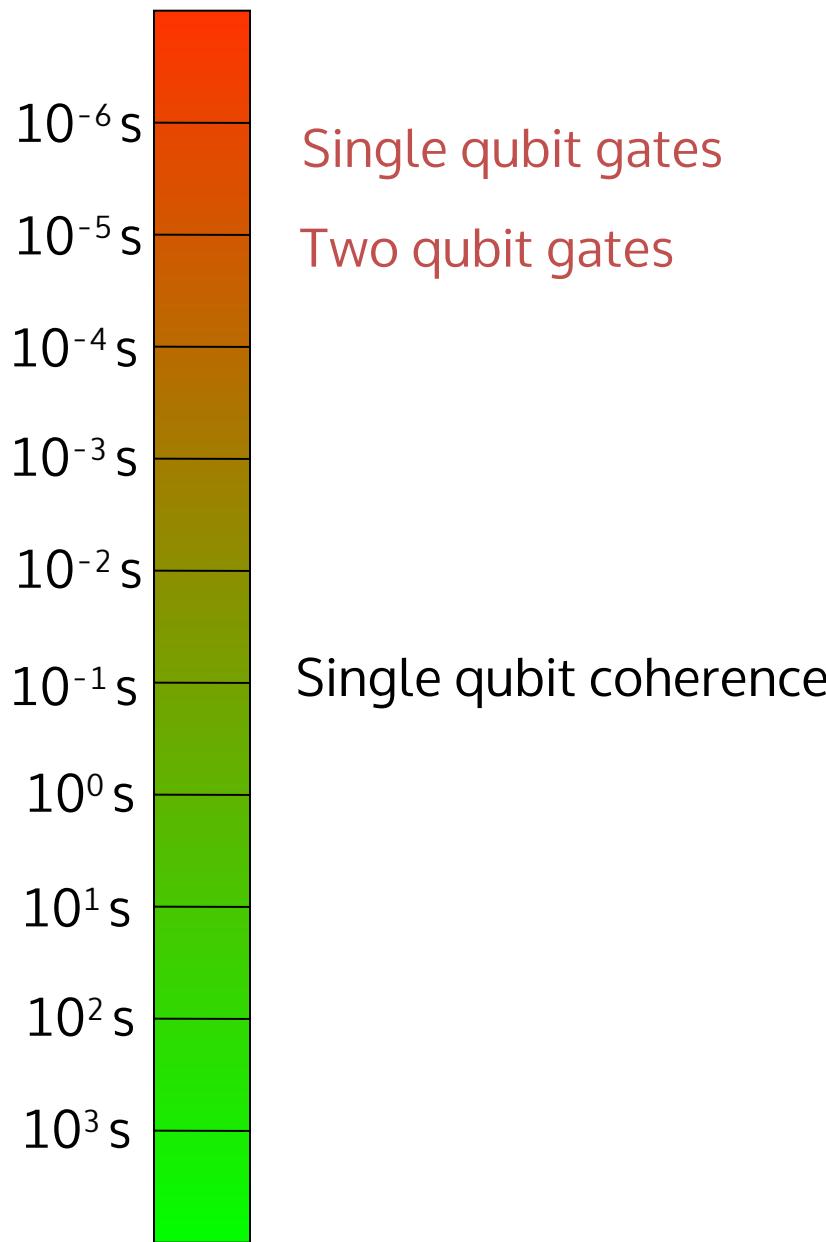
Quadrupole moment



Phase coherence



Time scales

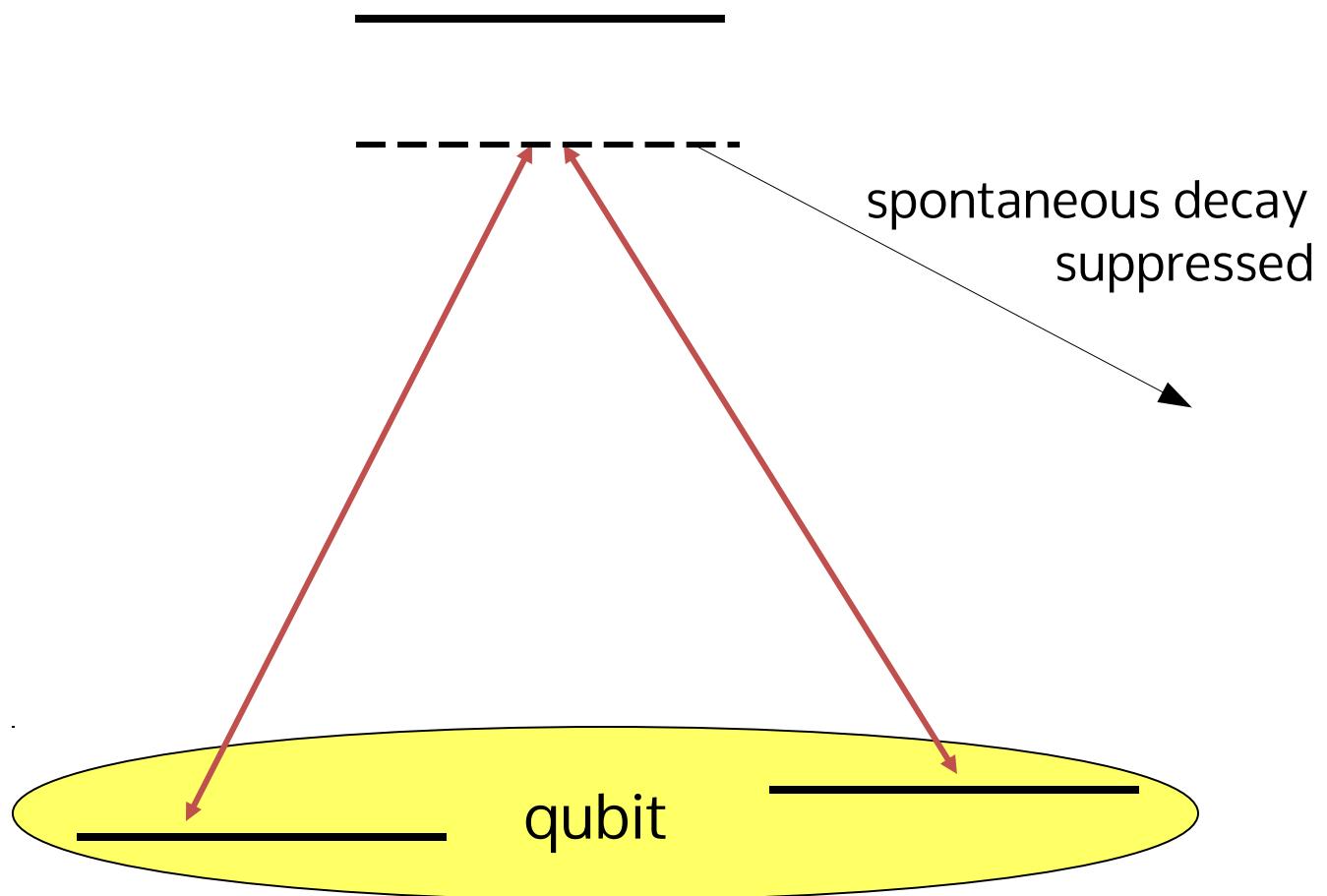


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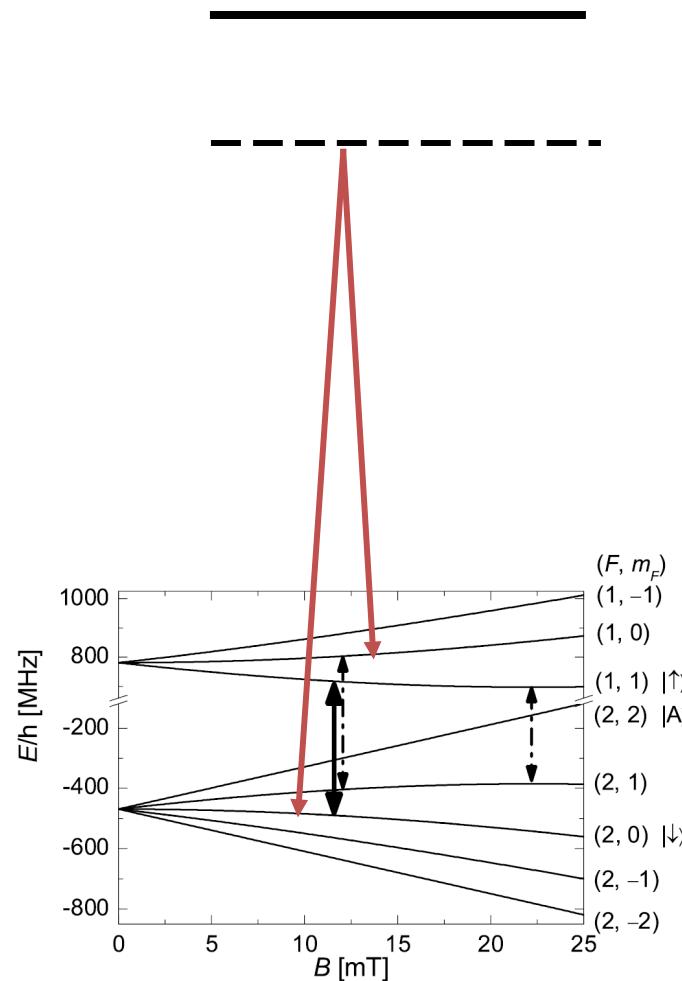


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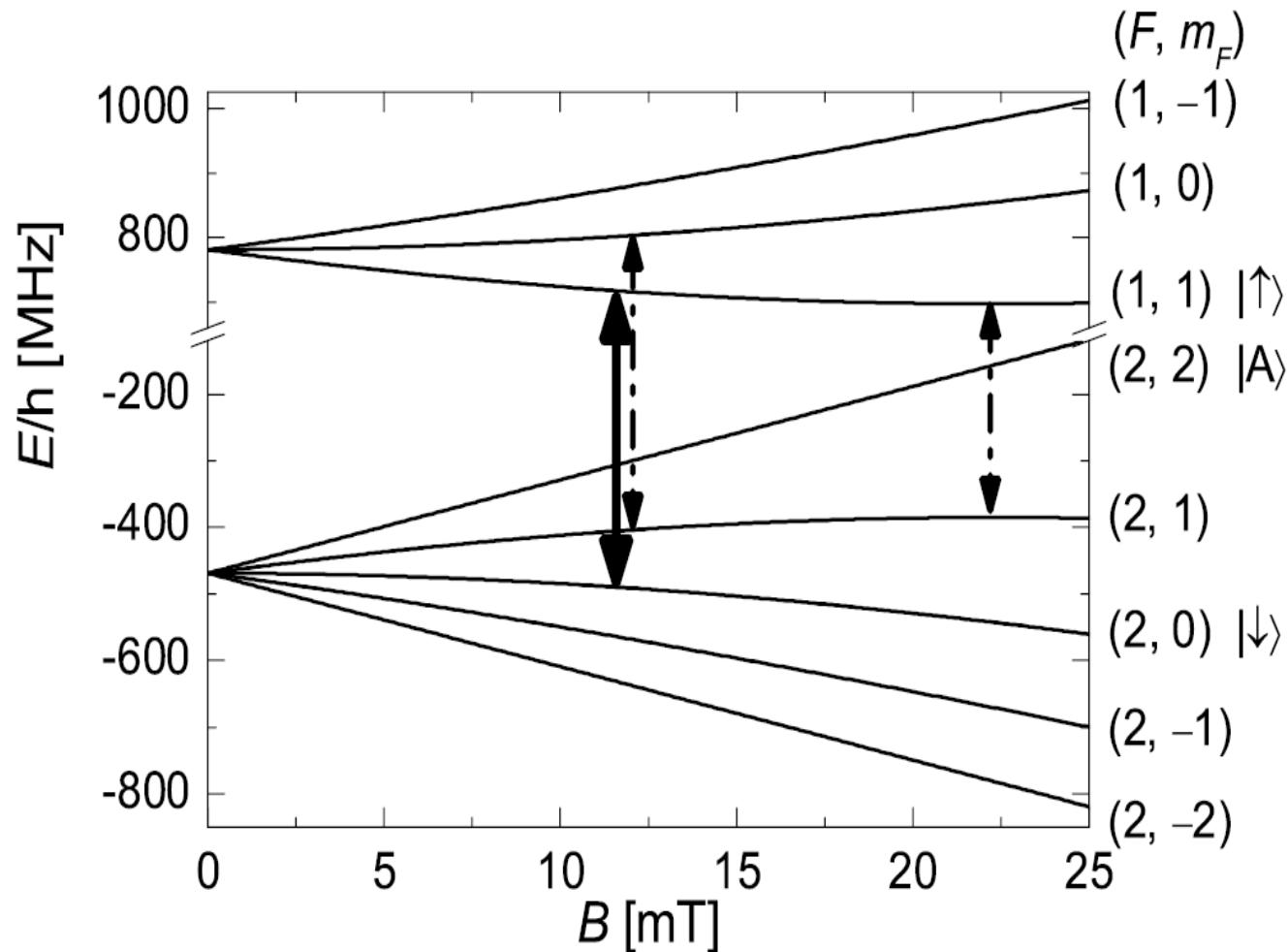
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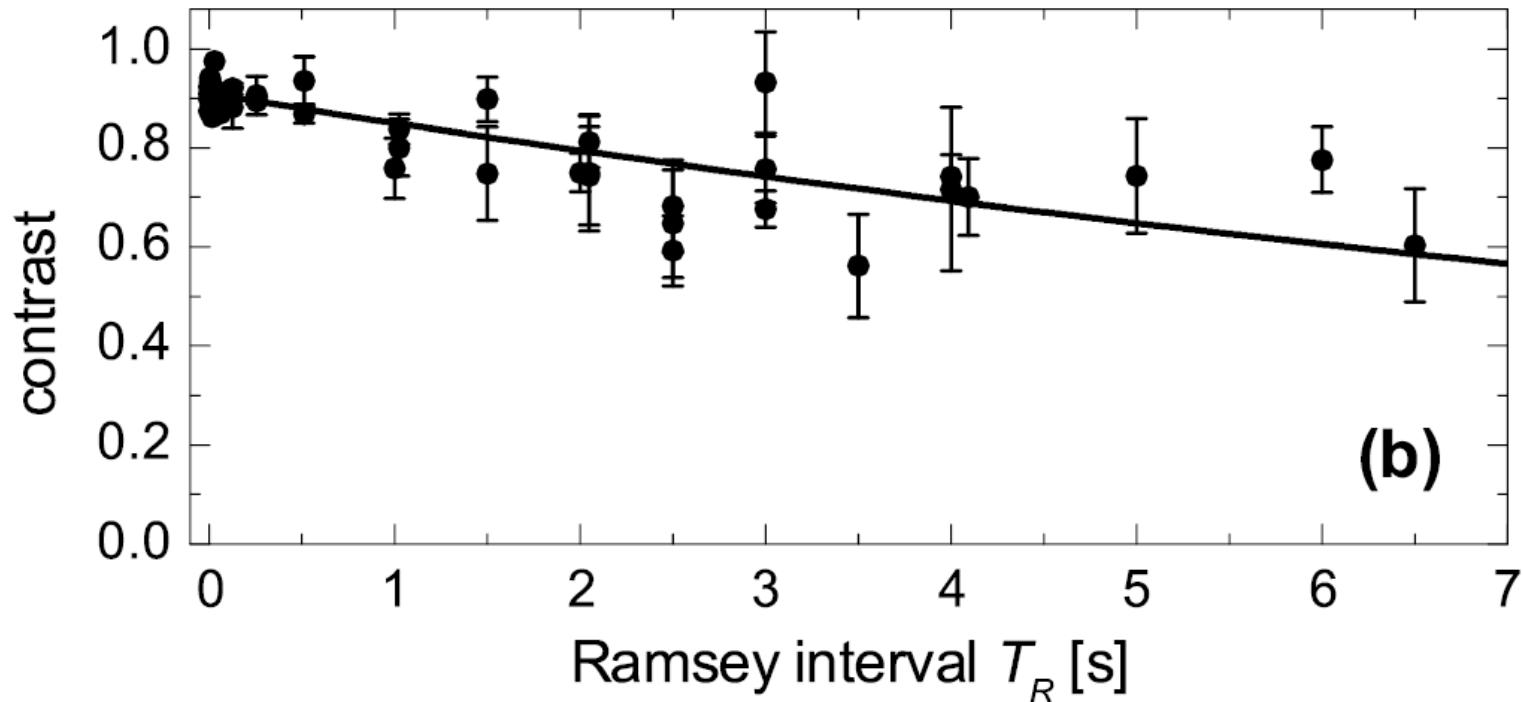


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Be^+ ion

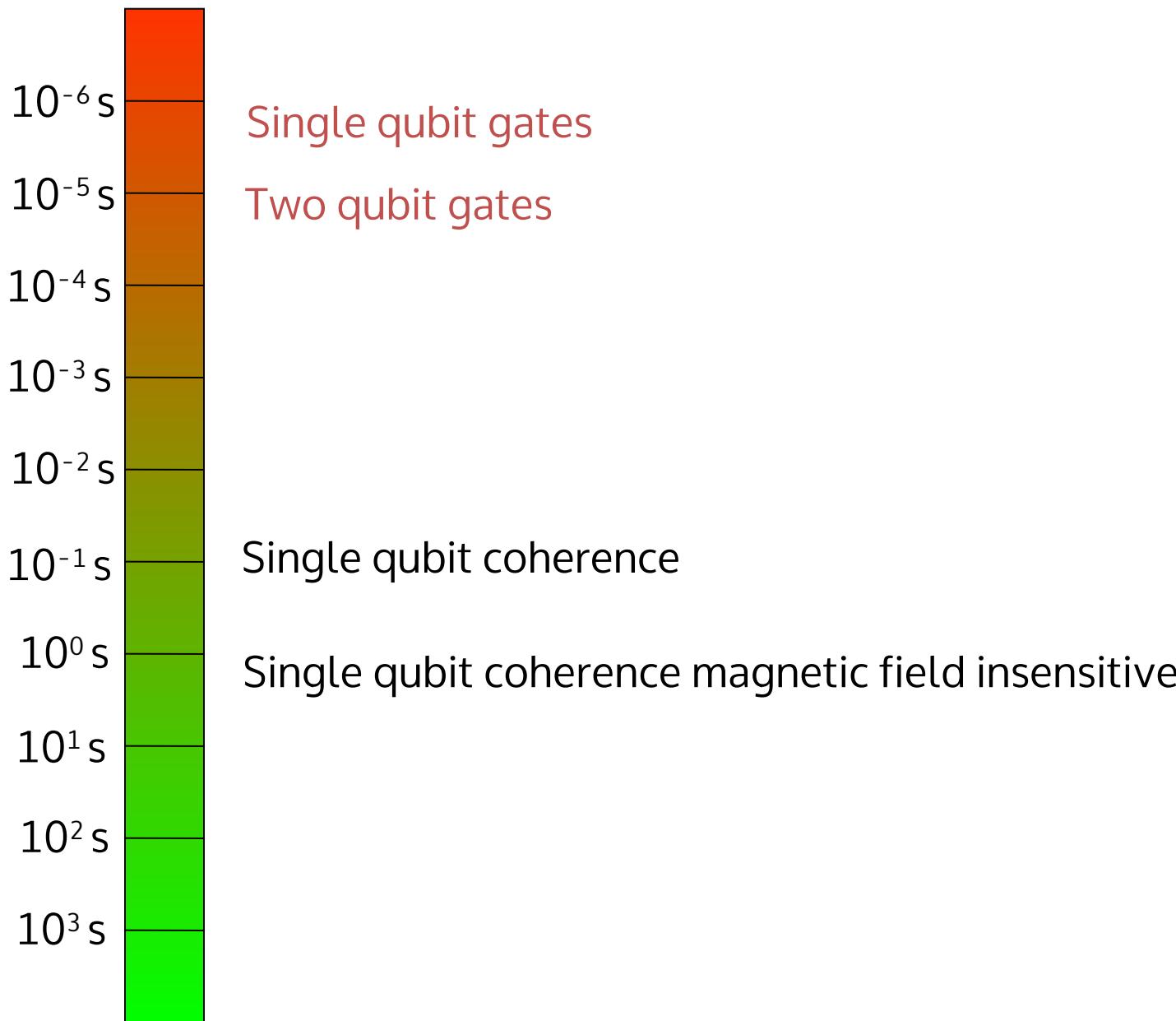


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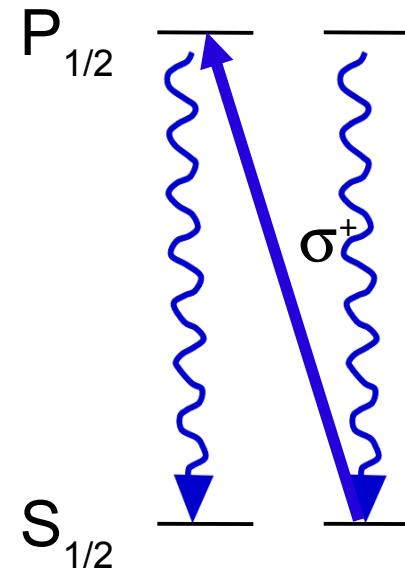
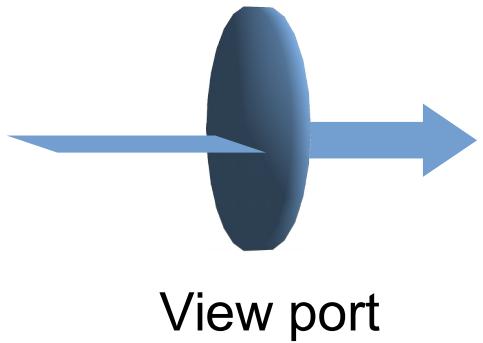
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Qubit initialization

Algorithm consists of:

- Initialization
- Computation
 - single-qubit gates
 - two-qubit gates
- Read-out

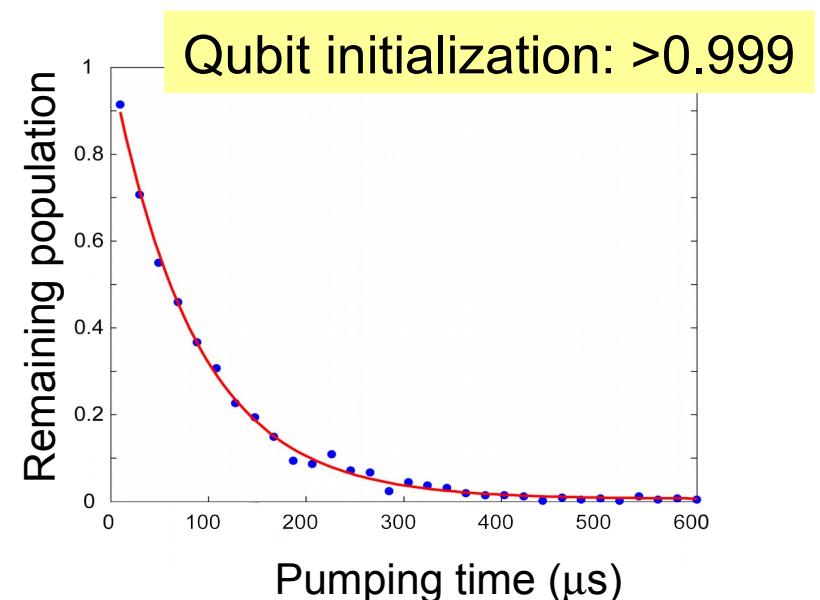
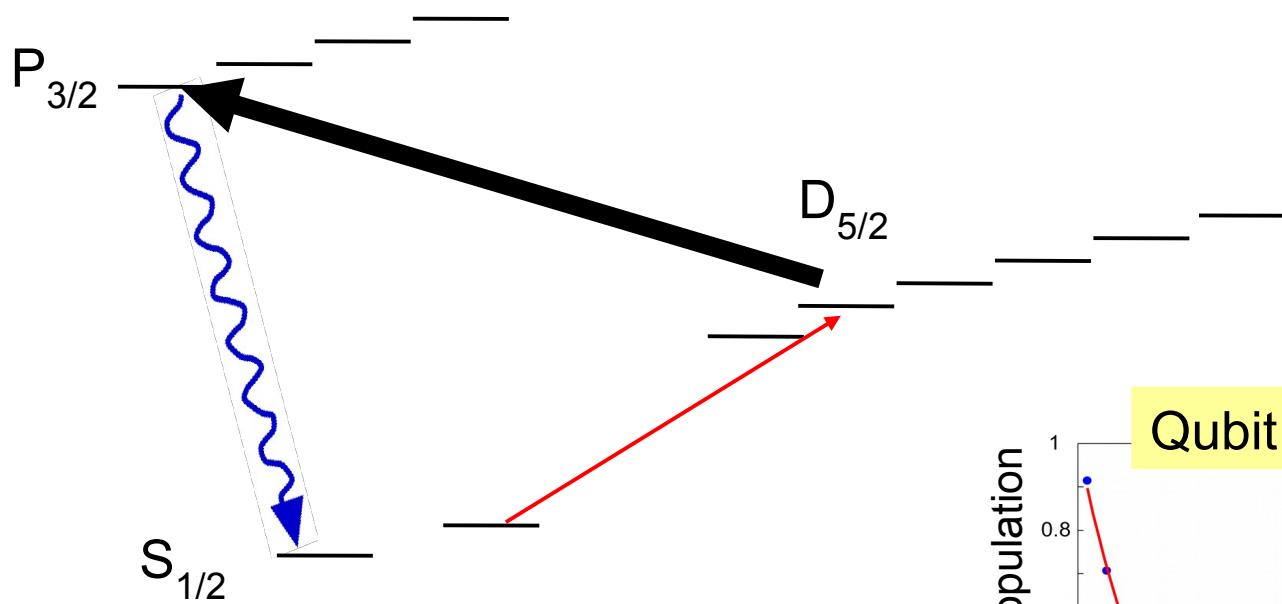


Pumping limited by

- polarization
- beam-field alignment

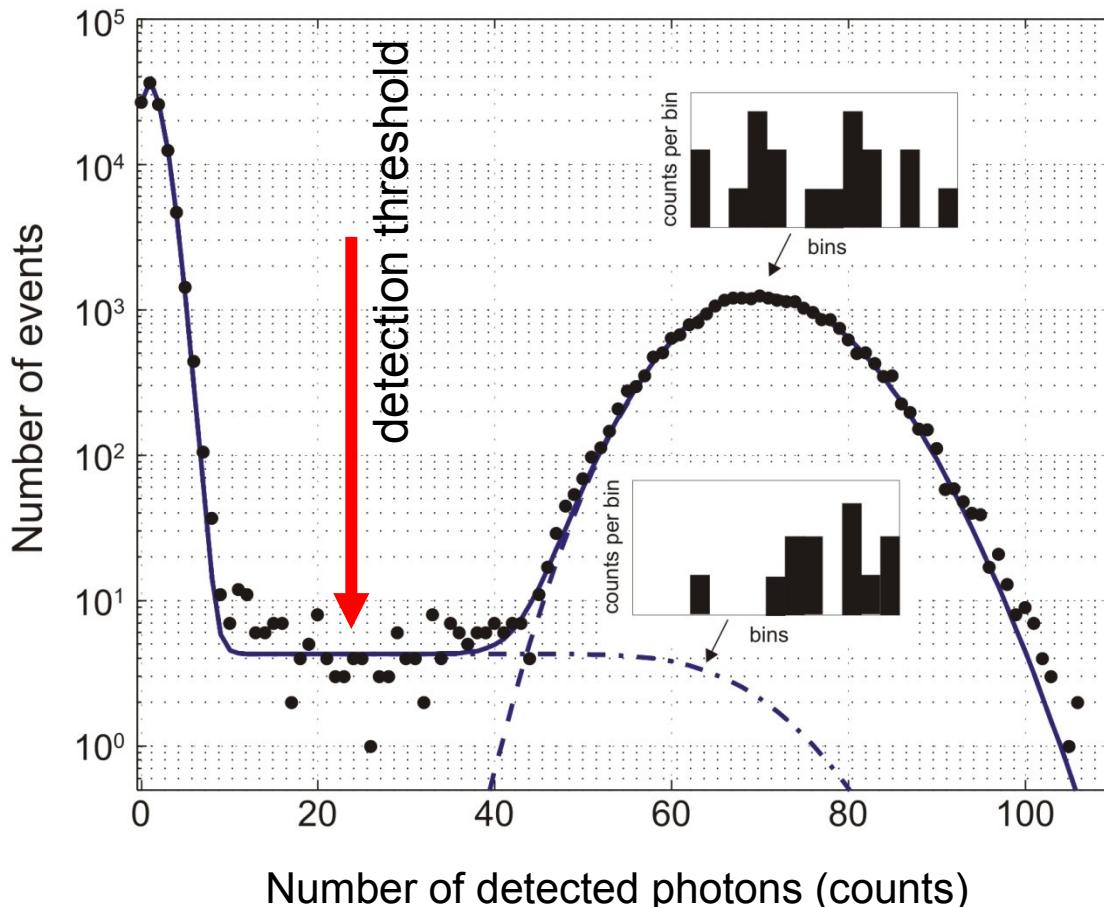
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Better fidelities can be reached with frequency selectivity.



Qubit read out

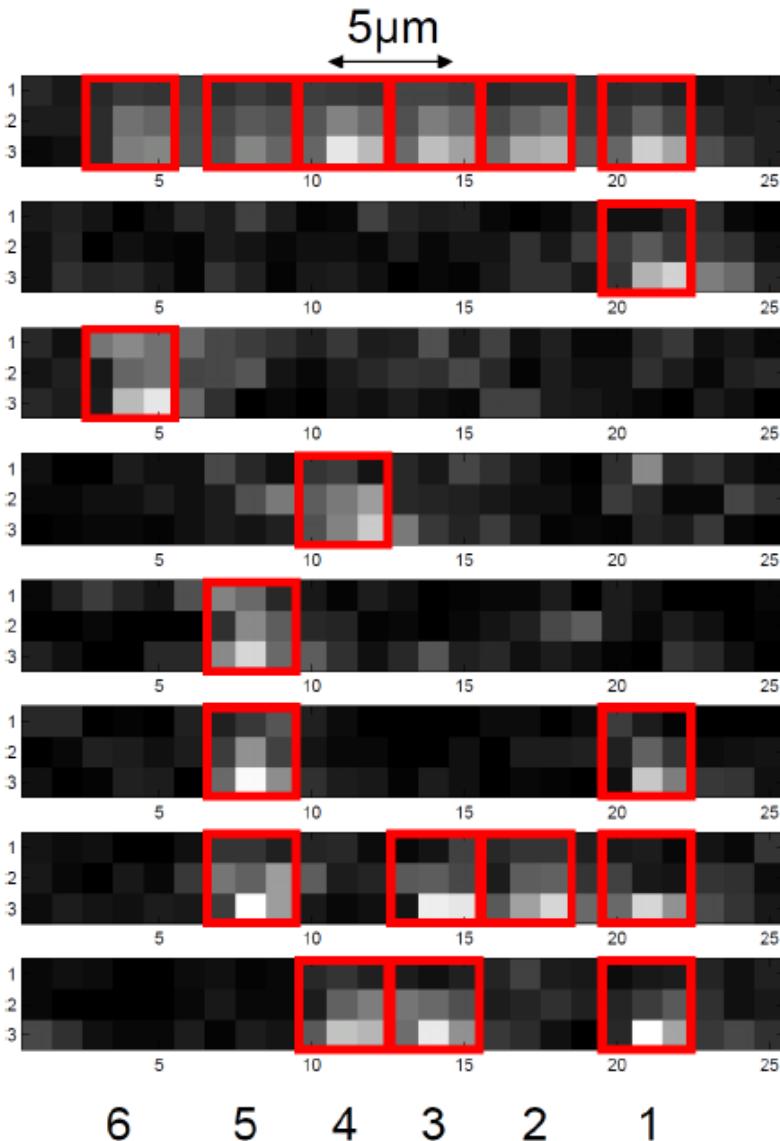
One ion detection histogram
(200 μ s collection time, 99% fidelity)



for Bayesian analysis
collect in time bins of 10 μ s

- detection by maximum likelihood method reduces error due to spontaneous decay

Qubit read-out



Infidelities:

- Camera: 1% @ 5 ms
- PMT: <1% @ 200 μs

Further improvements possible:

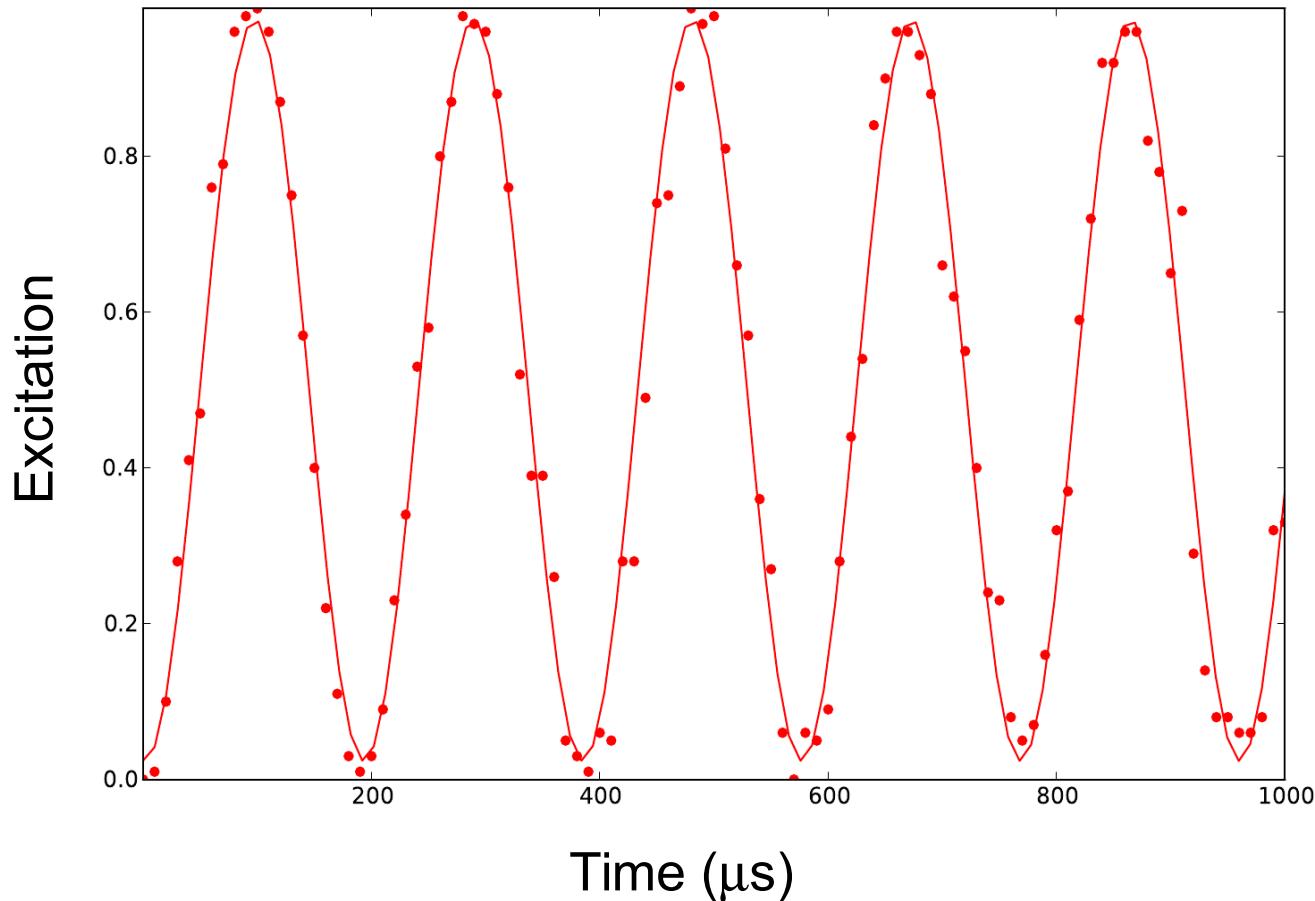
- Adaptive read-out
(Myerson, PRL 100, 200402 (2008))
- CNOT
(Schätz, et al., PRL 94, 010501 (2005))
- Repeated mapping
(Hume et al., PRL 99, 120502 (2007))

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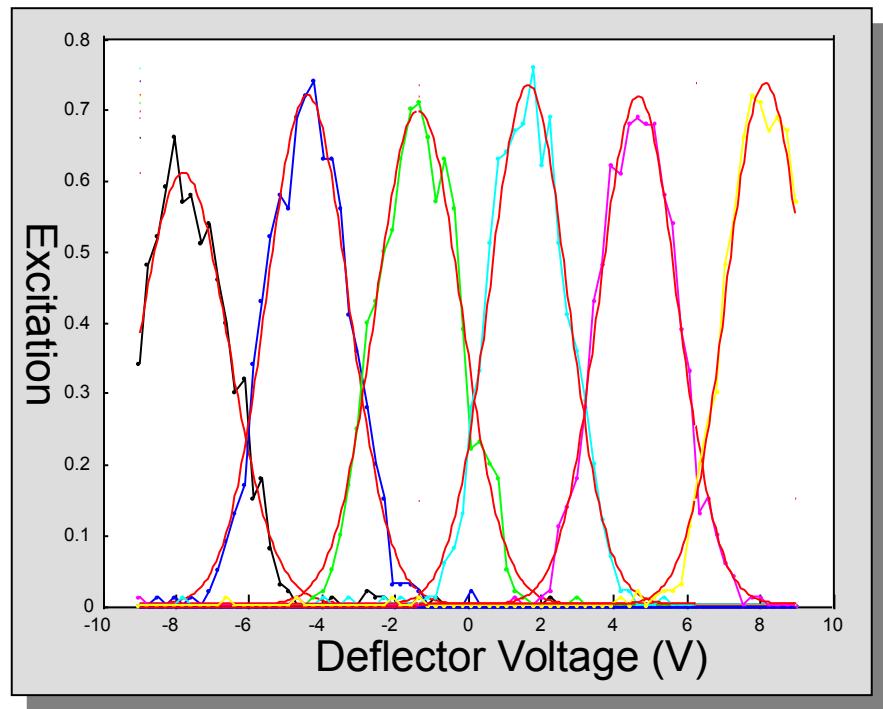
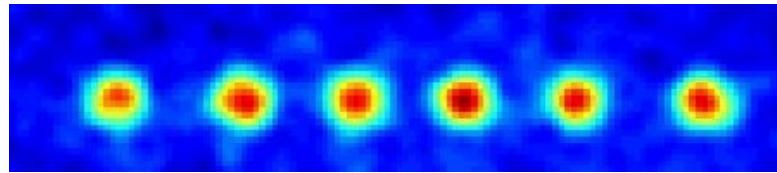
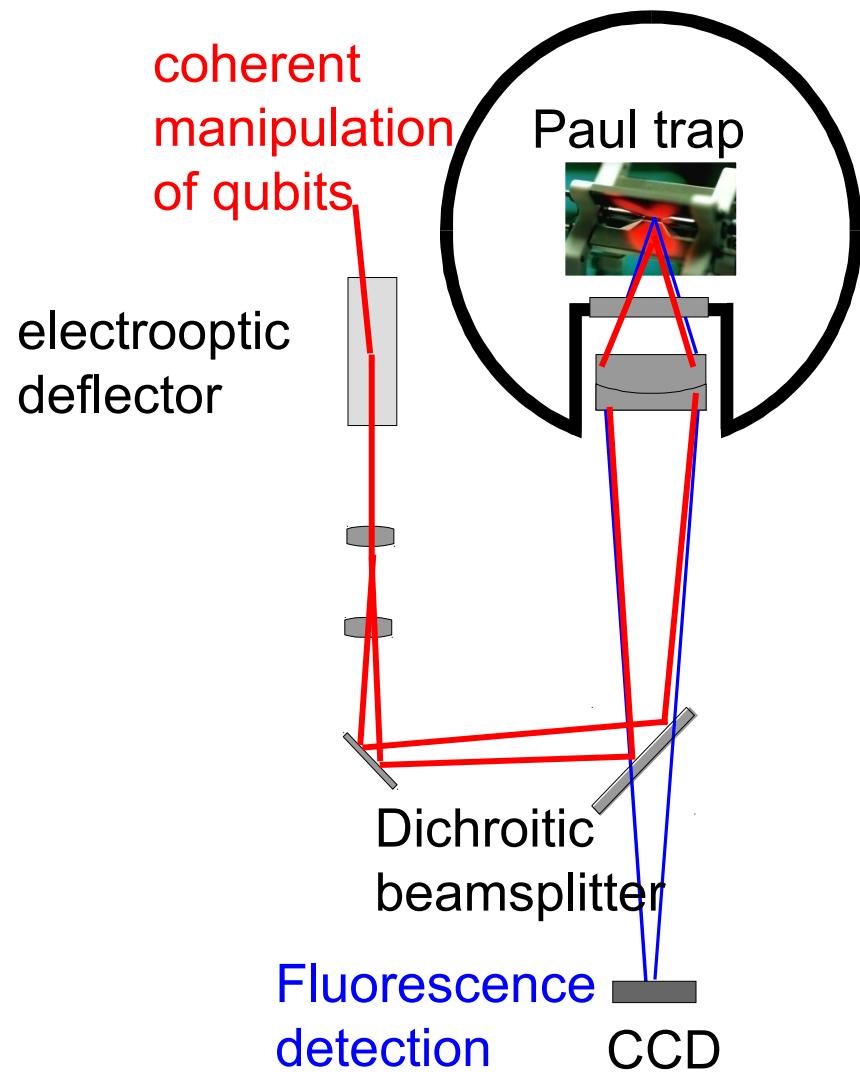
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Single qubit operations



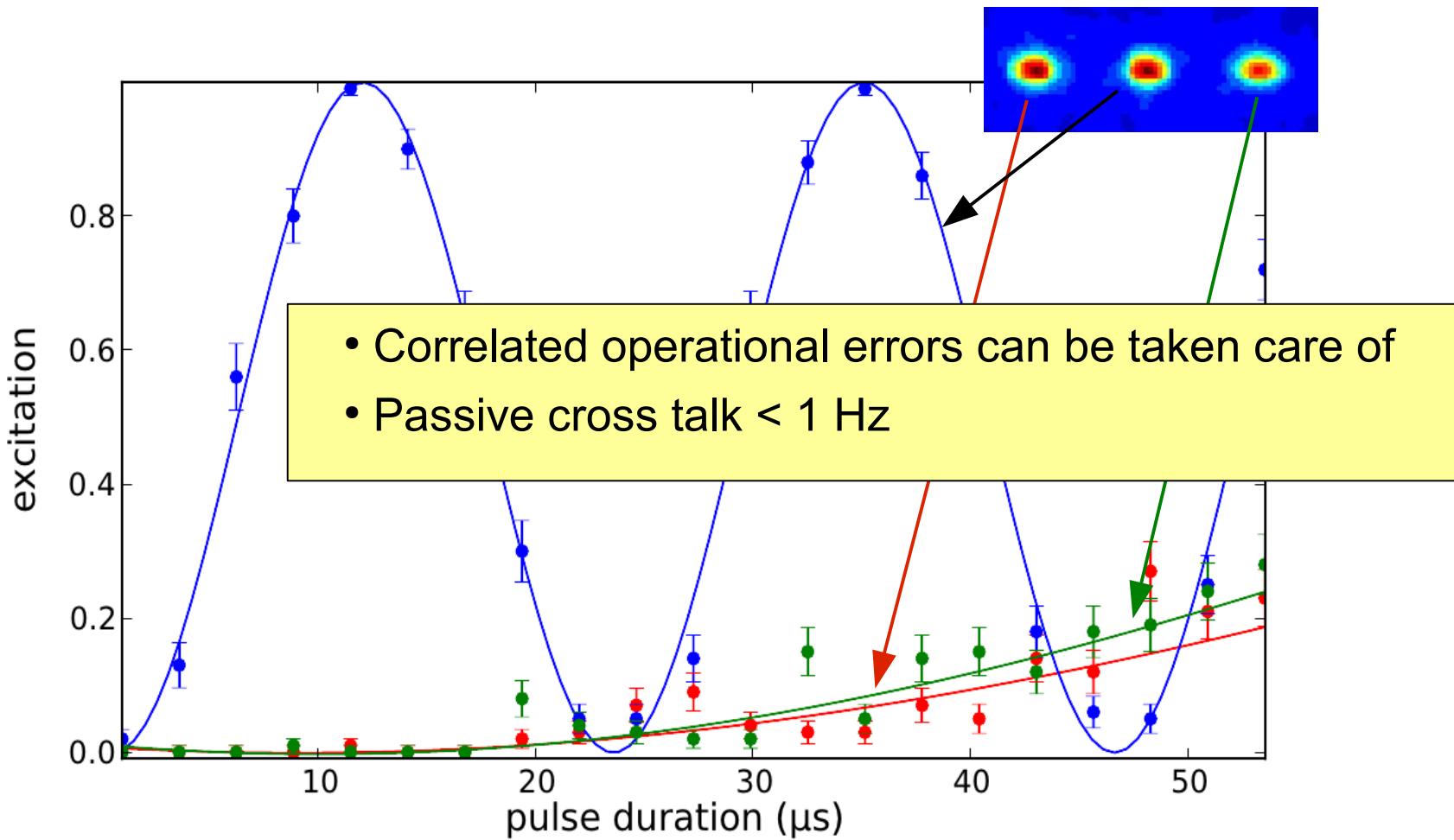
=> Laser intensity noise is about 1.5%

Adressing single qubits



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

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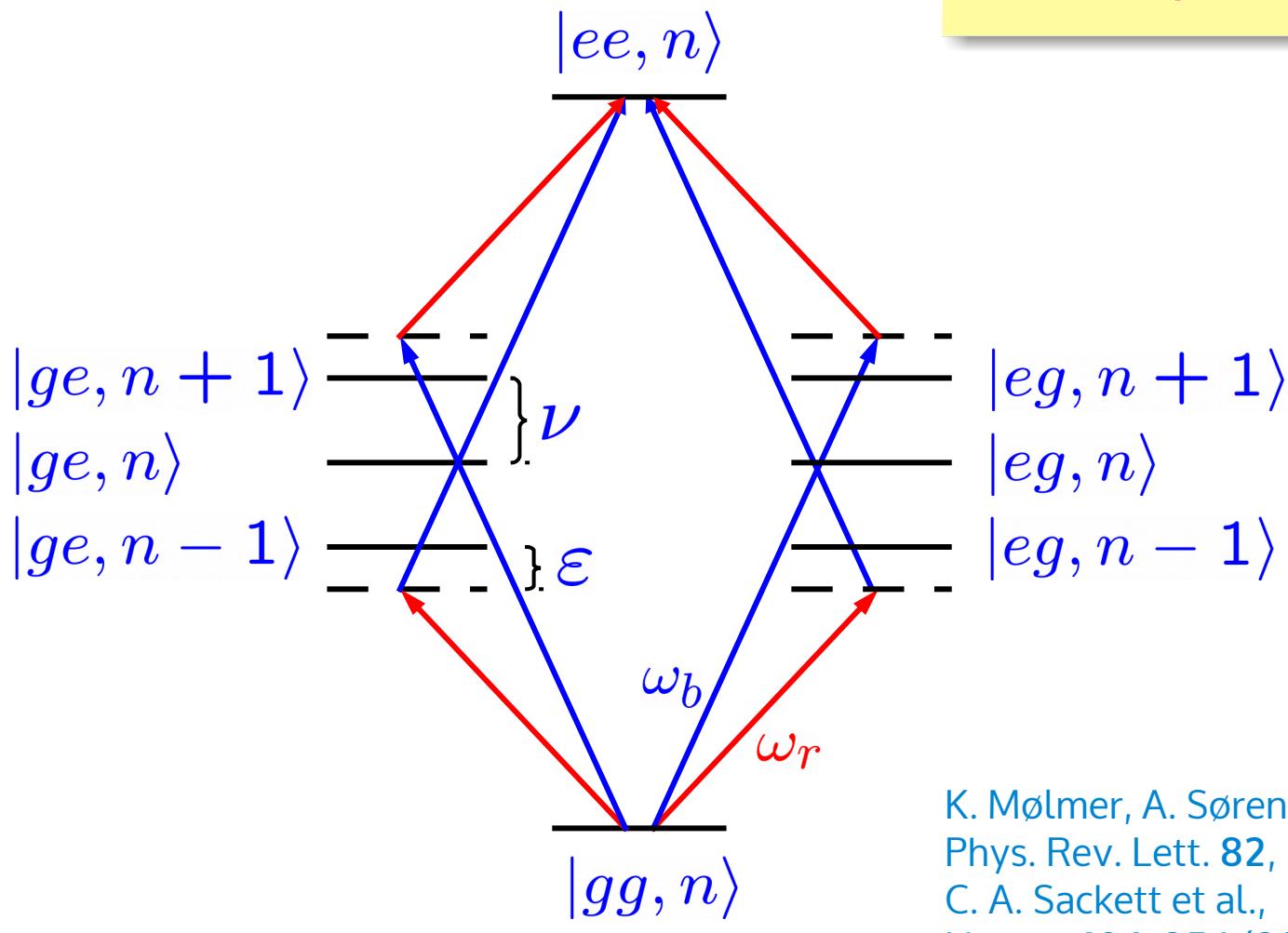
Drive on Resonance - 8% unwanted rotation
Use AC stark shift - addressing error < 1%

Innsbruck, 2010

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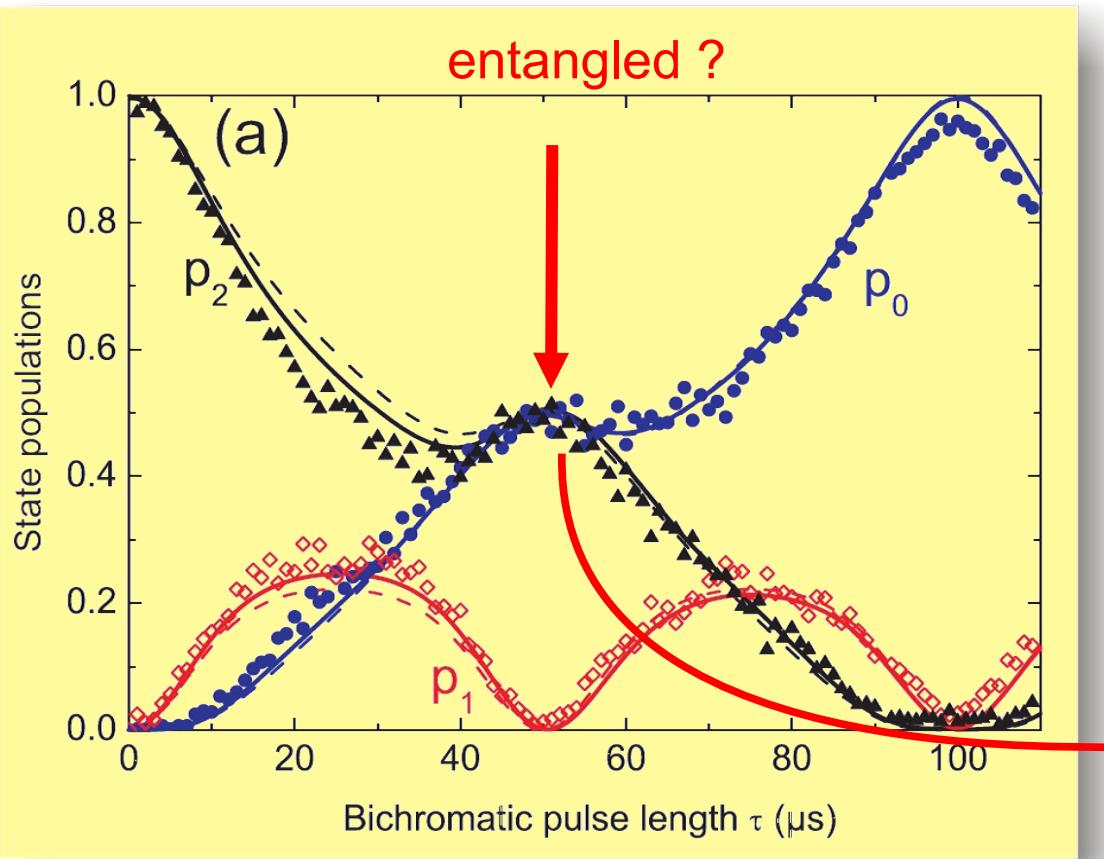
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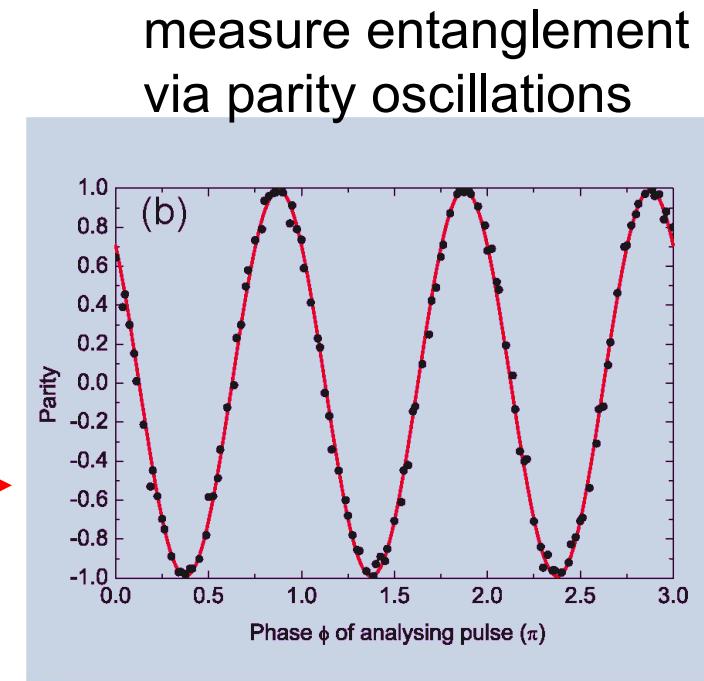


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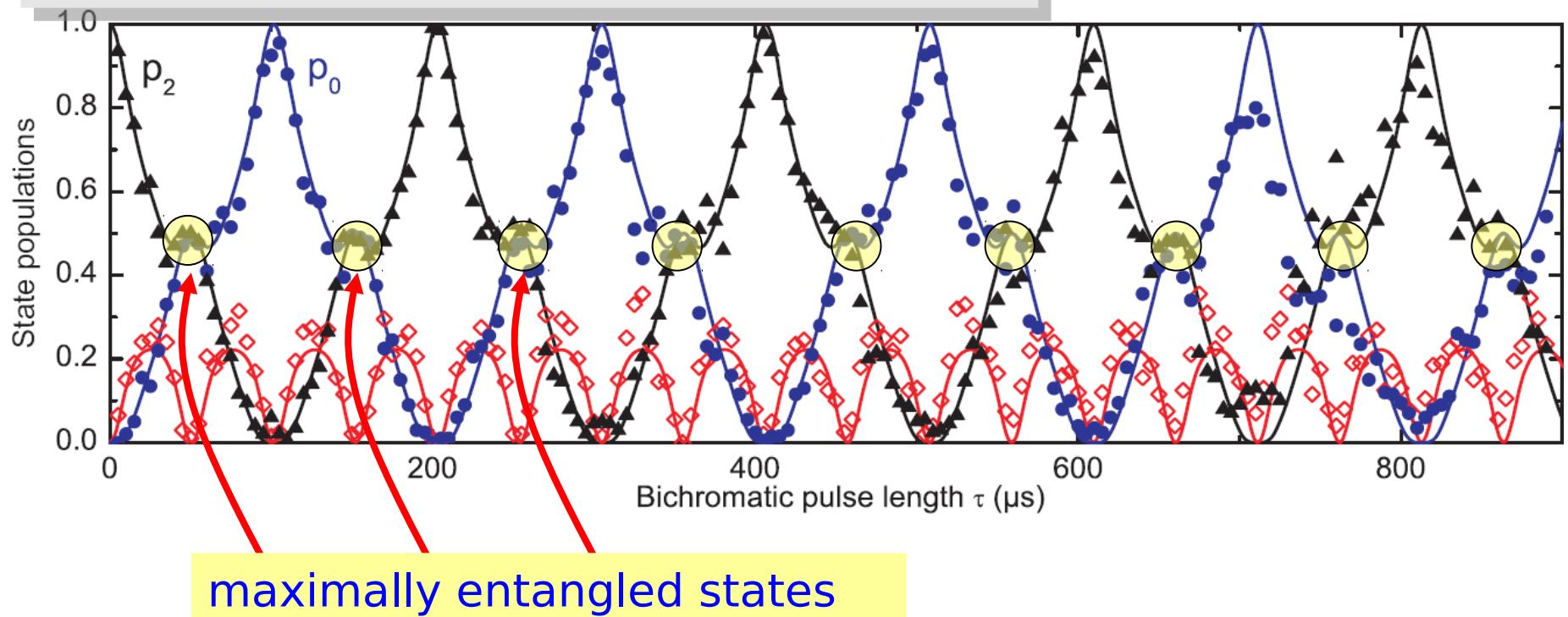
gate duration 50 μ s



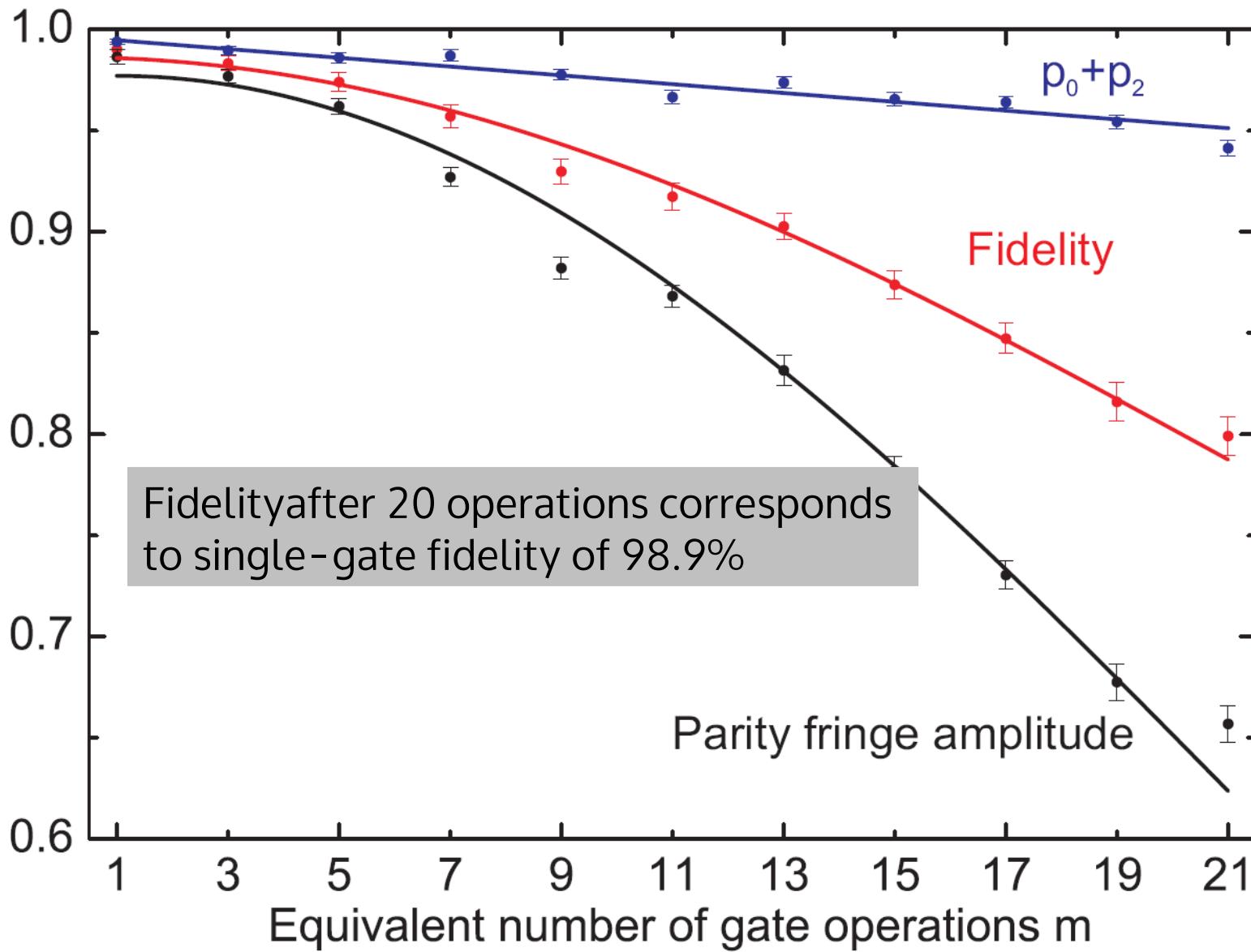
Multiple gates

Infidelity:

- detection and initialization enter only once
- qubit dephasing
- trap frequency stability



Multiple gates



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Datei Bearbeiten Ansicht Einfügen Format ?

%DEFINE5 SpinEcho3 0
%DEFINE6 UseMotion 1

Include('DopplerPreparation.inc')
Include('SideBandCool.inc')

LineTrigger % Turns line trigger on

Start729(0);
Trigger729(0); % Also negative trigger t:

%%COHERENT MANIPULATION

Rblue(0.5,1.5,3) % entangle the target ion (:
Rcar(1,1.5,2)
ifnot6 Rblue(1,0.5,2) % write motional qubit to ion
Pause(#5)
if3 Rcar2(1,0,3) % hide target ion

if(mod(round(#1),4)==0) Pause(10) % id Ii
if(mod(round(#1),4)==1) Rcar(1,0,1) % not
if(mod(round(#1),4)==2) Rcar(0.5,0,1) % x1
if(mod(round(#1),4)==3) Rcar(0.5,0.5,1) % y1

ifnot6 Rblue(1,1.5,2) % get motional qubit from ion

Rblue(1/sqrt(2),0.5,1) % CNOT (only the phase
Rblue(1,0,1) % CNOT ;CNOT between motion
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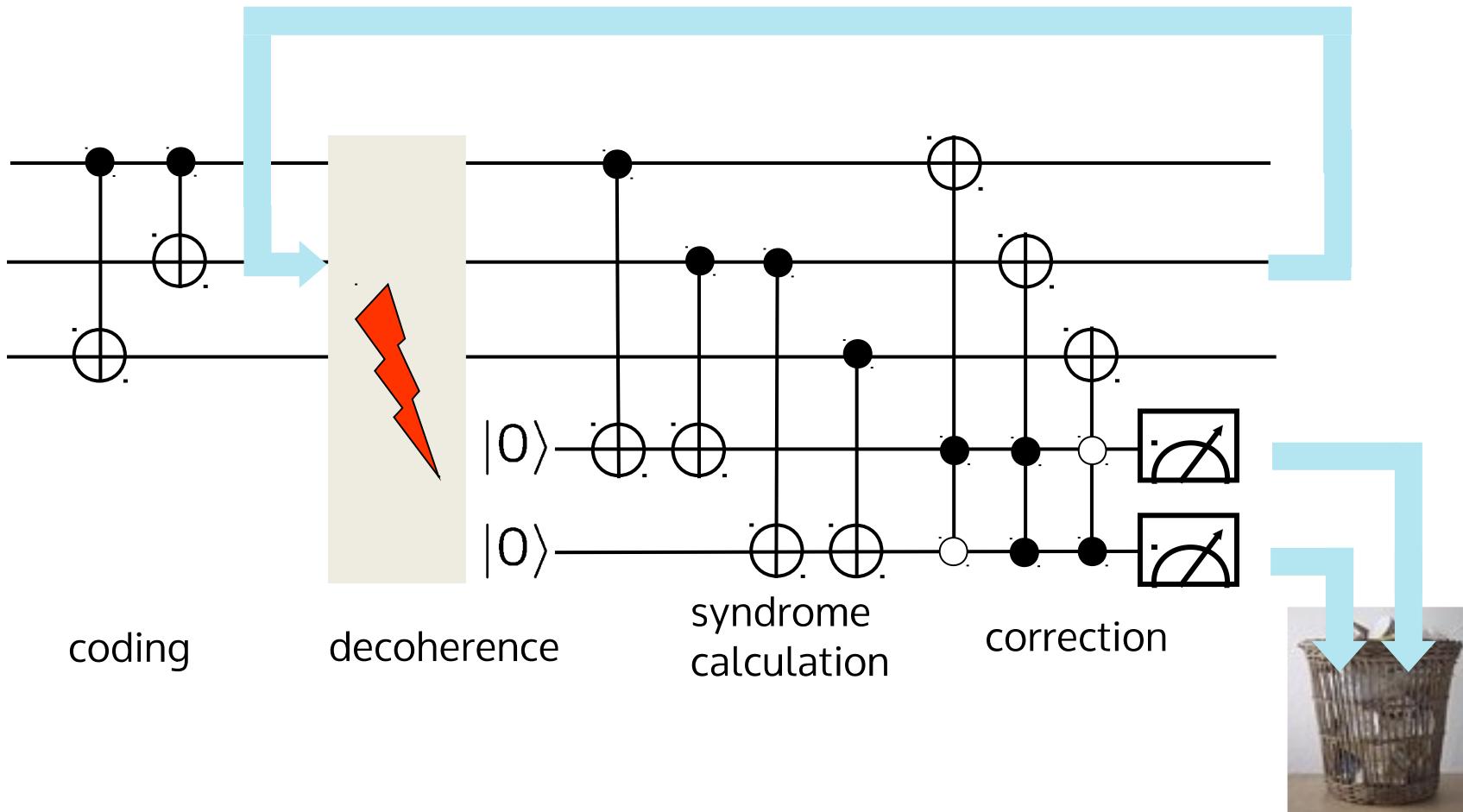
if4 Rcar(1,0.5,1) %spinecho1

if5 if3 Rcar2(1,1,3) %unhide for spinecho3
if5 Rcar(1,0.5,3) %spinecho3|
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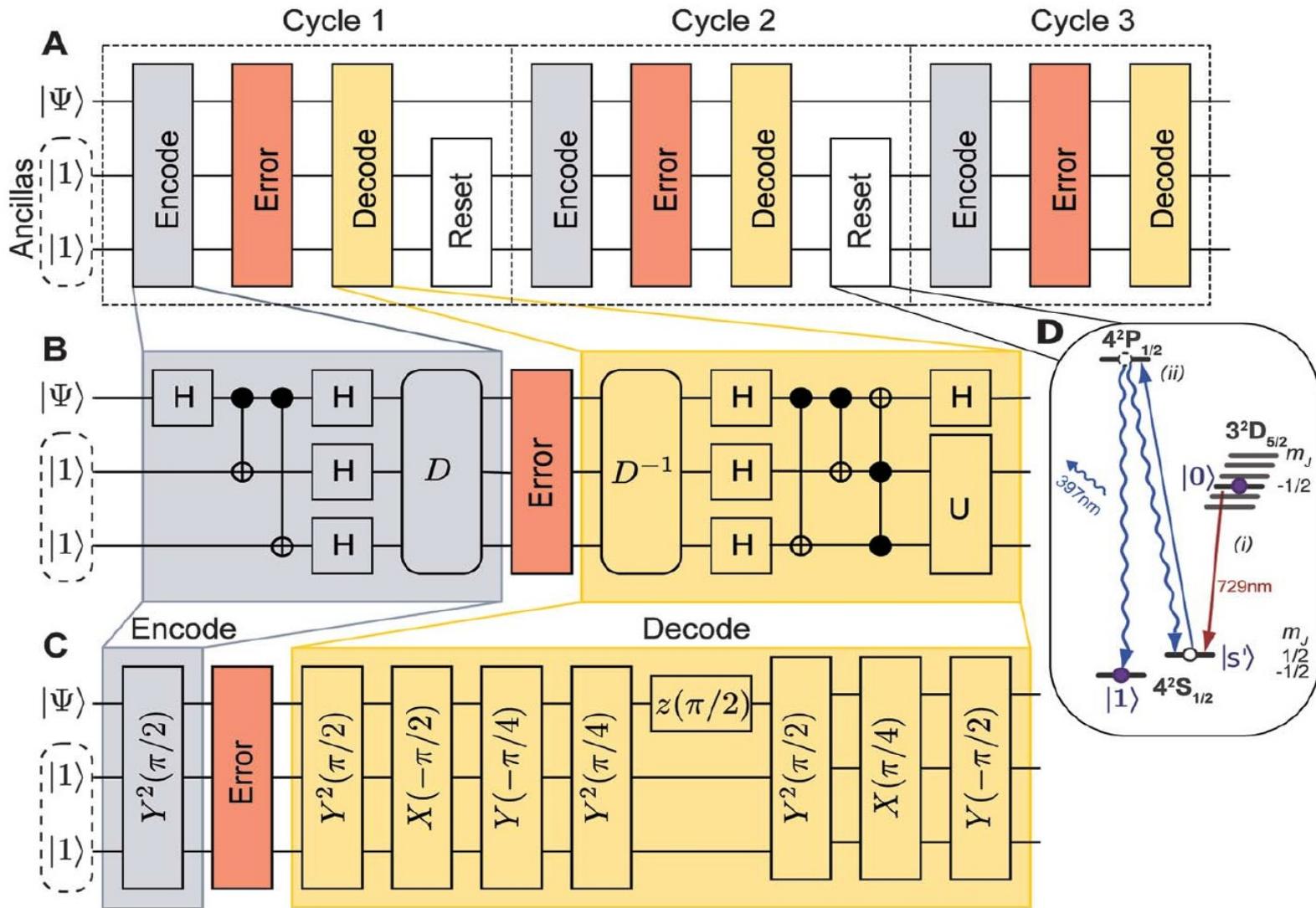
Drücken Sie F1, um die Hilfe aufzurufen.



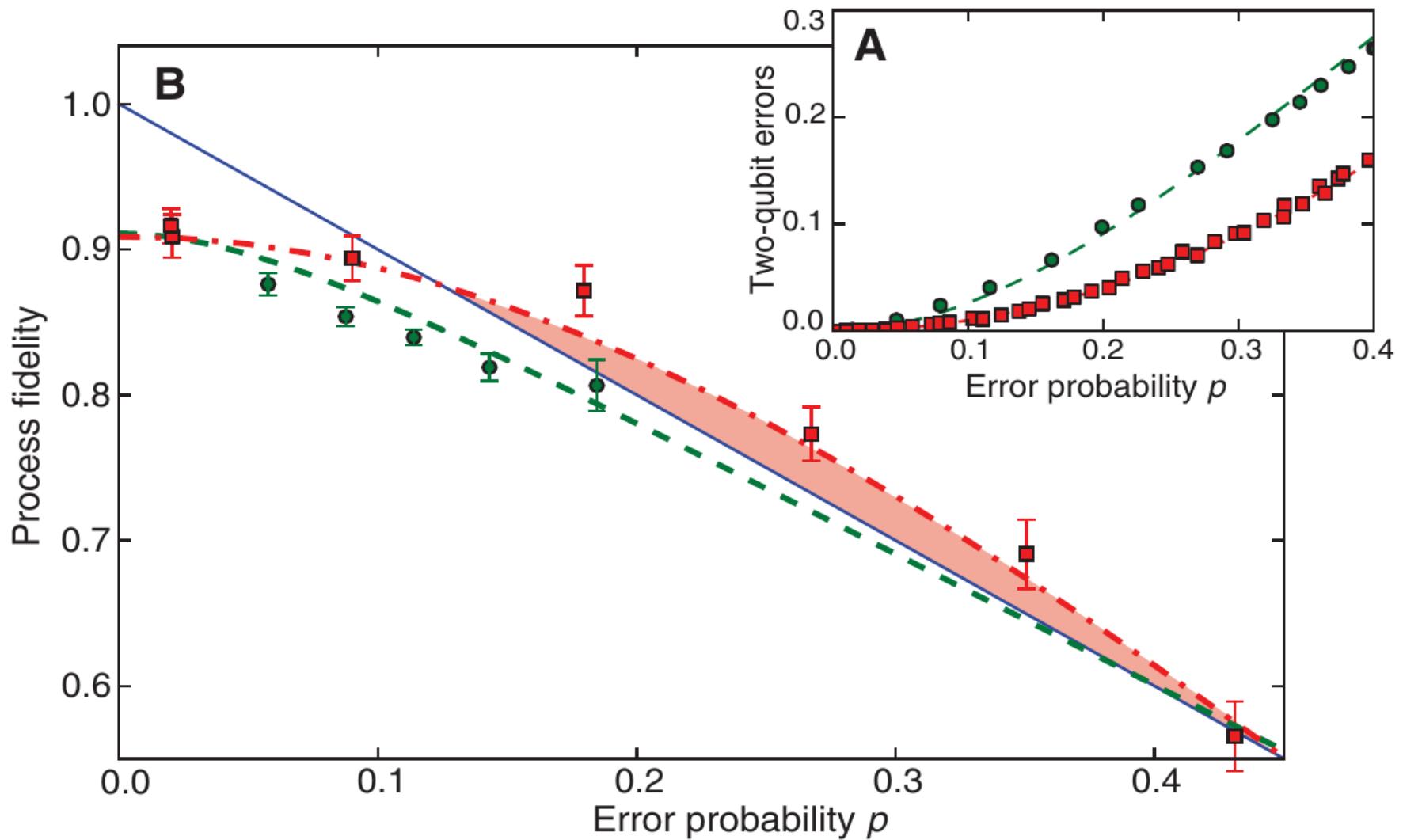
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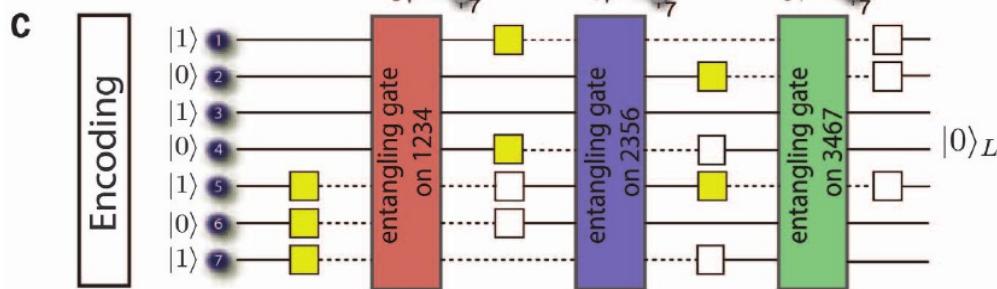
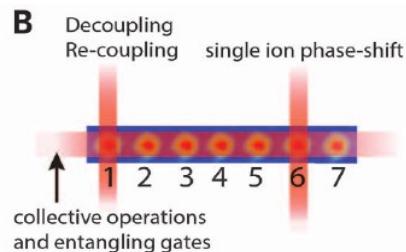
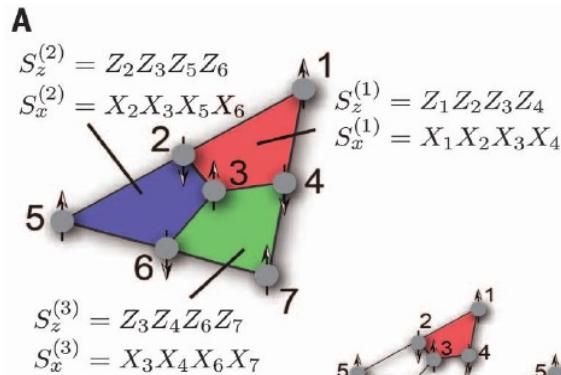


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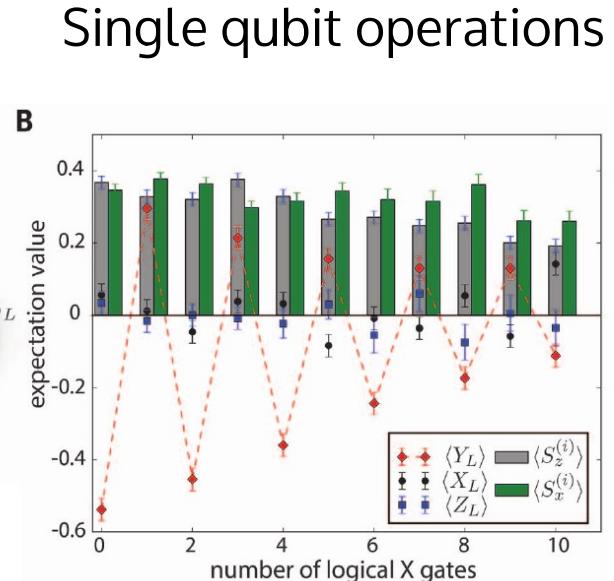
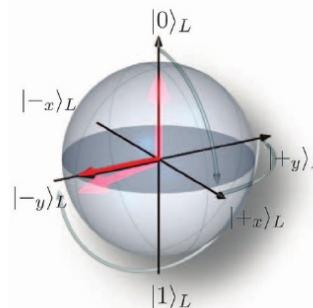
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Operating on a topologically corrected qubit

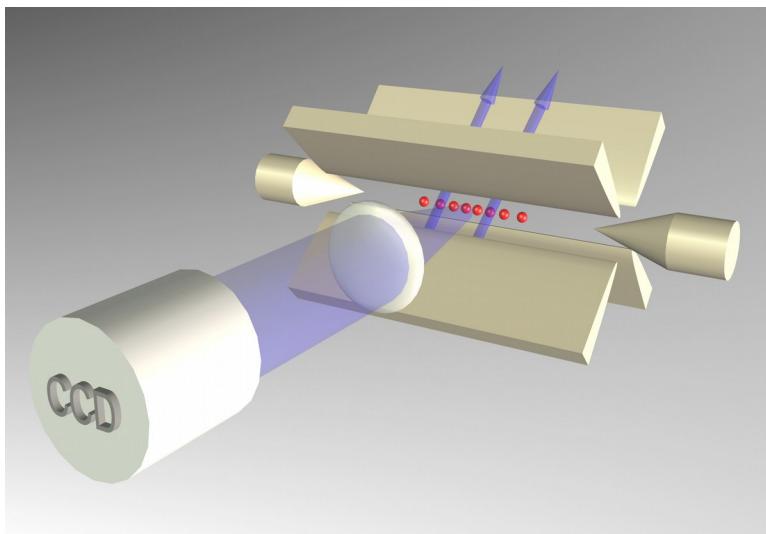


Fully protected qubit

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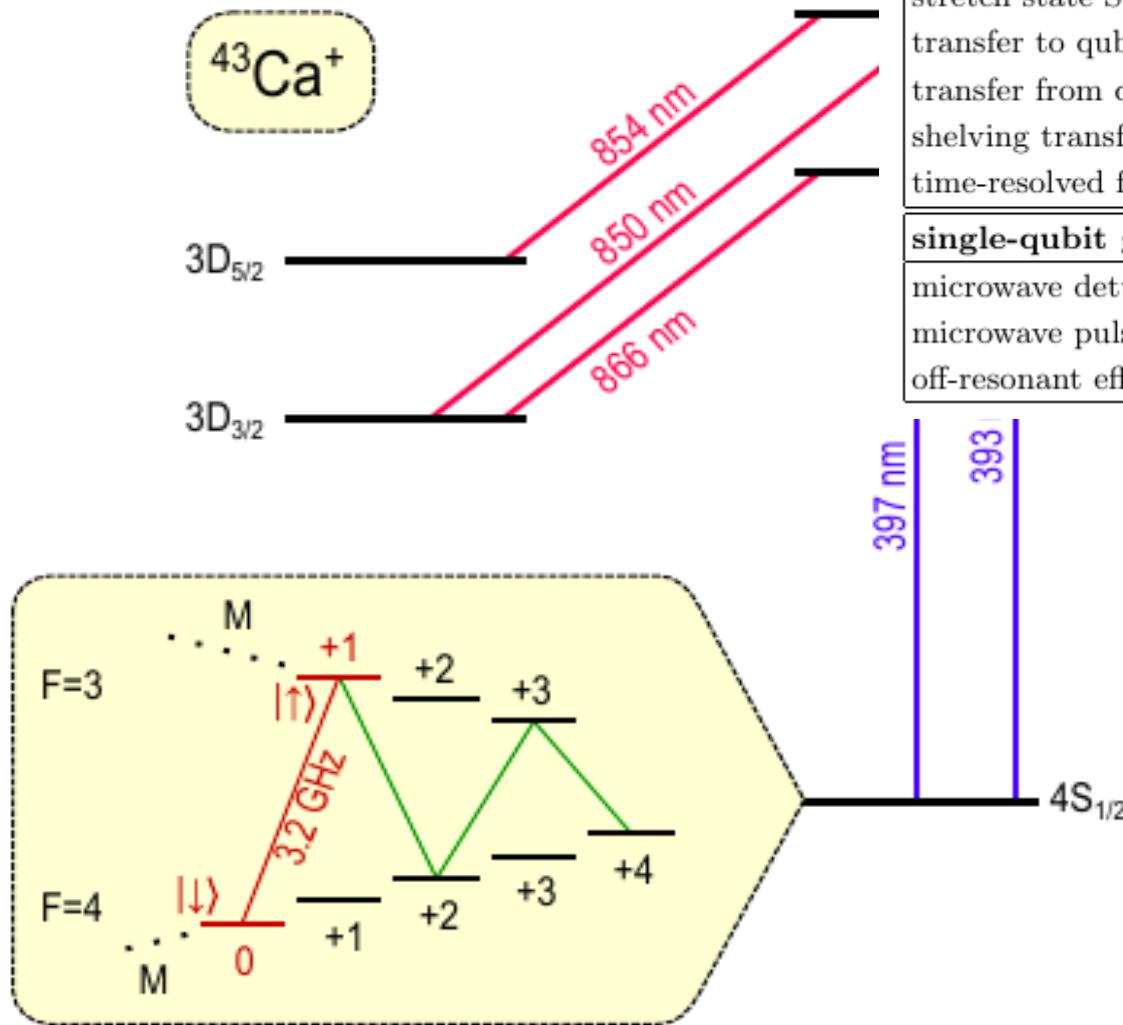


Anticipated requirements for QEC



	Actual	Required
Laser frequency noise (rms)	1.2 s	1 s
Magnetic field noise (rms)	10 μG	1 μG
Trap frequency noise (rms)	10 Hz	1 Hz
Laser intensity fluctuations	1.5 %	0.01 %
Cross talk	0.1 % / qubit	0.01 % / qubit
Initialization error	0.3 % / qubit	0.01 % / qubit
Read-out	0.5 % / qubit	0.01 % / qubit
Heating rate	3 quanta / s	10 quanta / s
Secular frequency stability in planar trap	\sim 100 Hz	10 Hz

High-fidelity gates

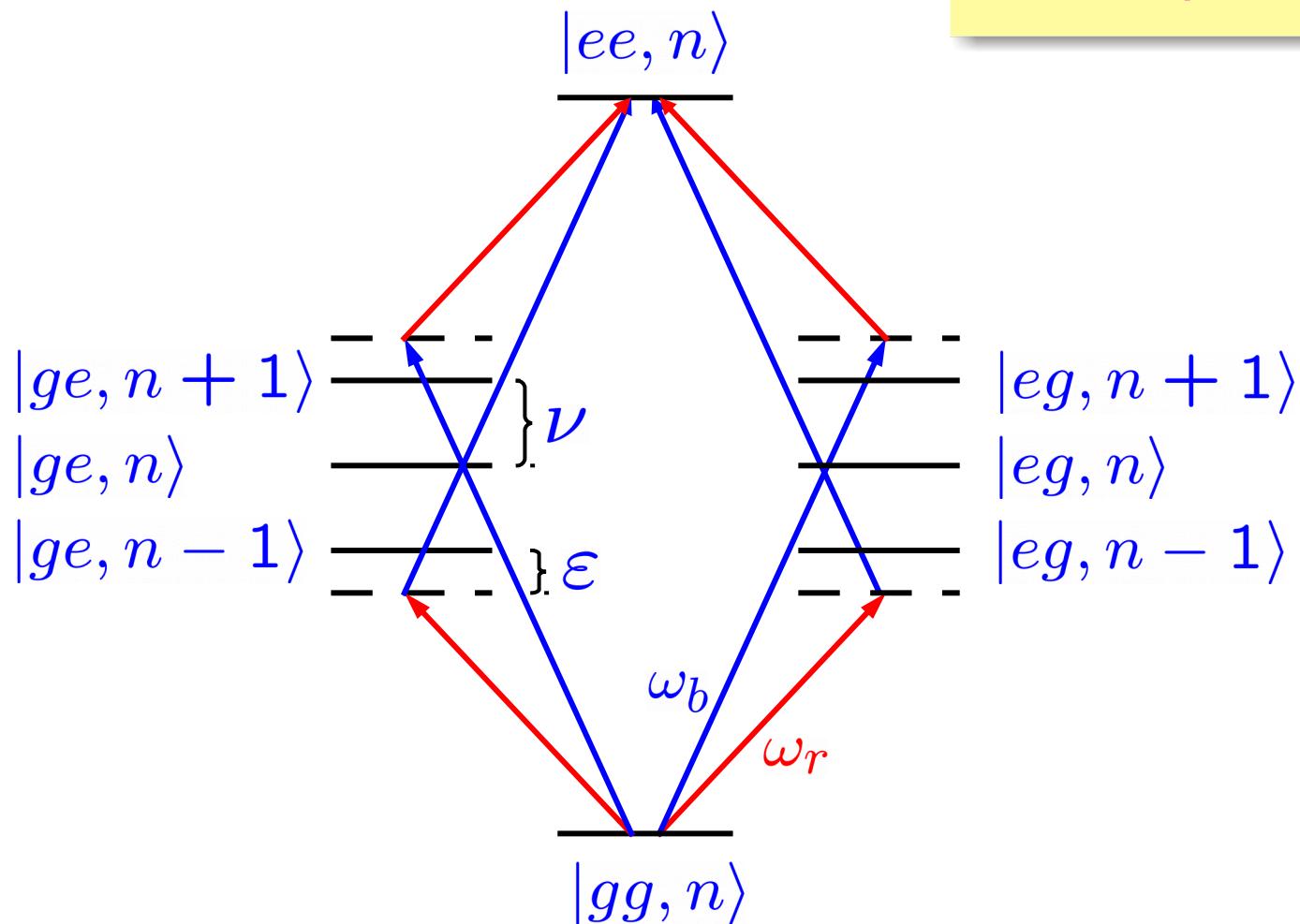


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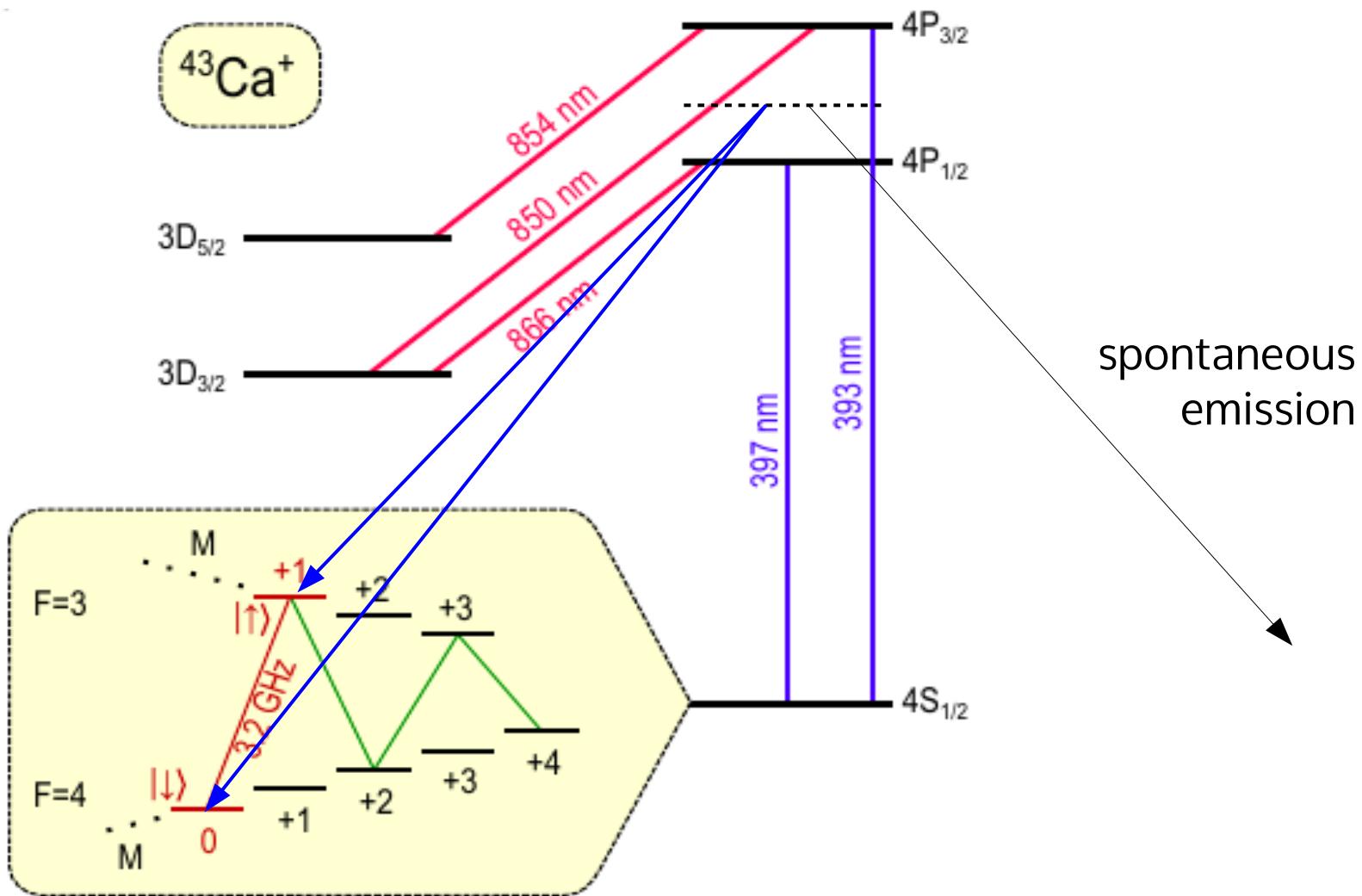
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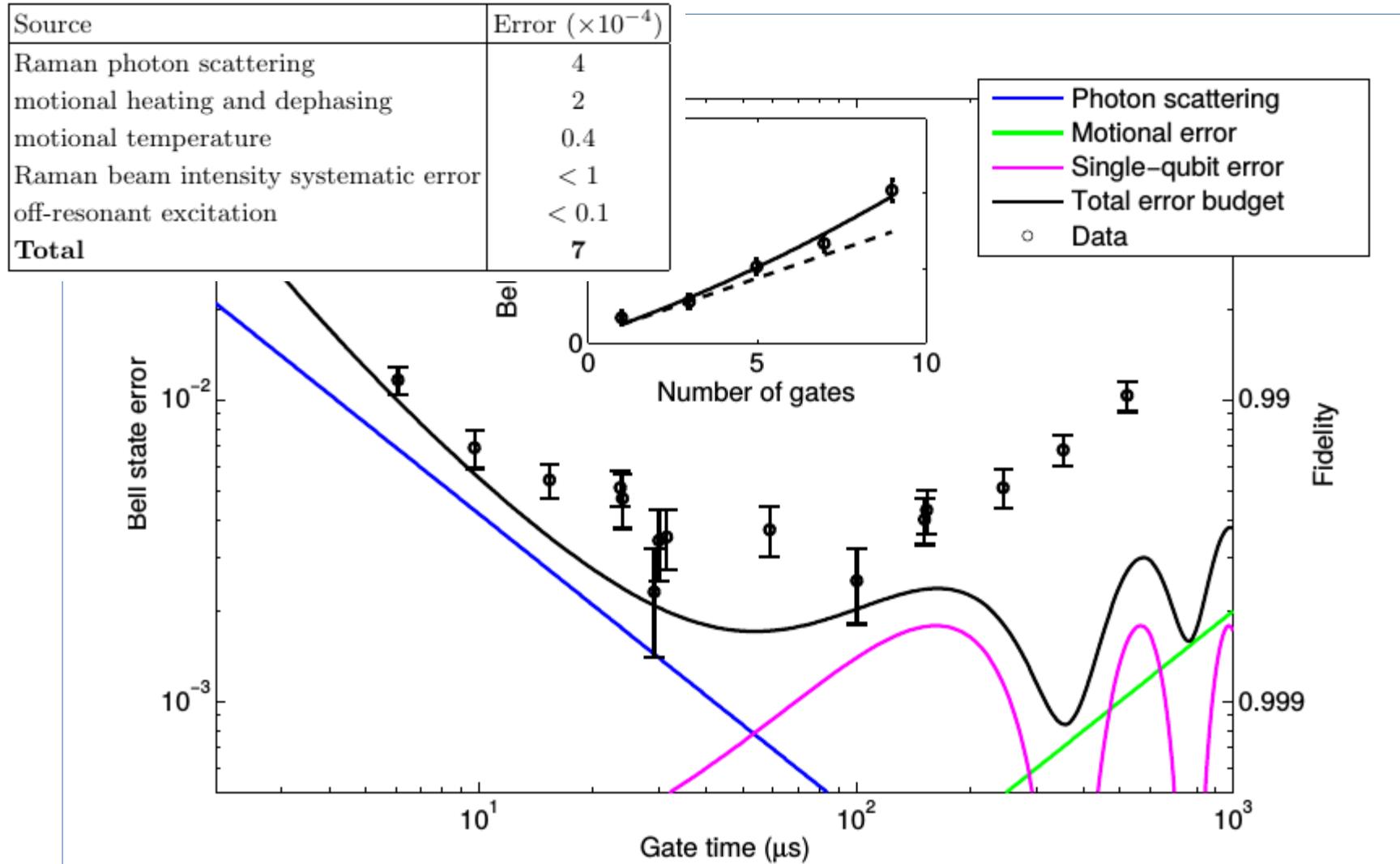
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Harty *et al.*, arxiv.:1403.1524

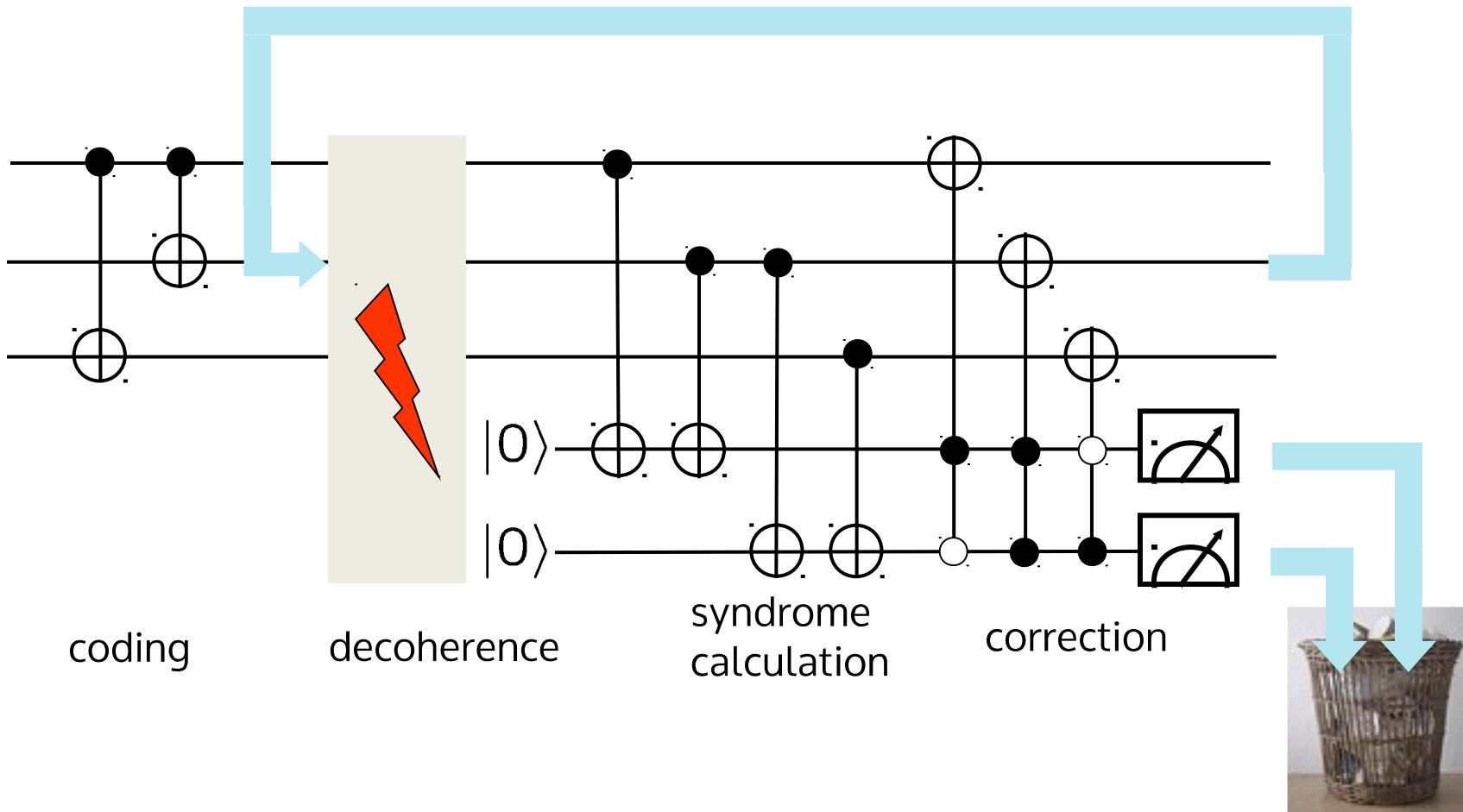
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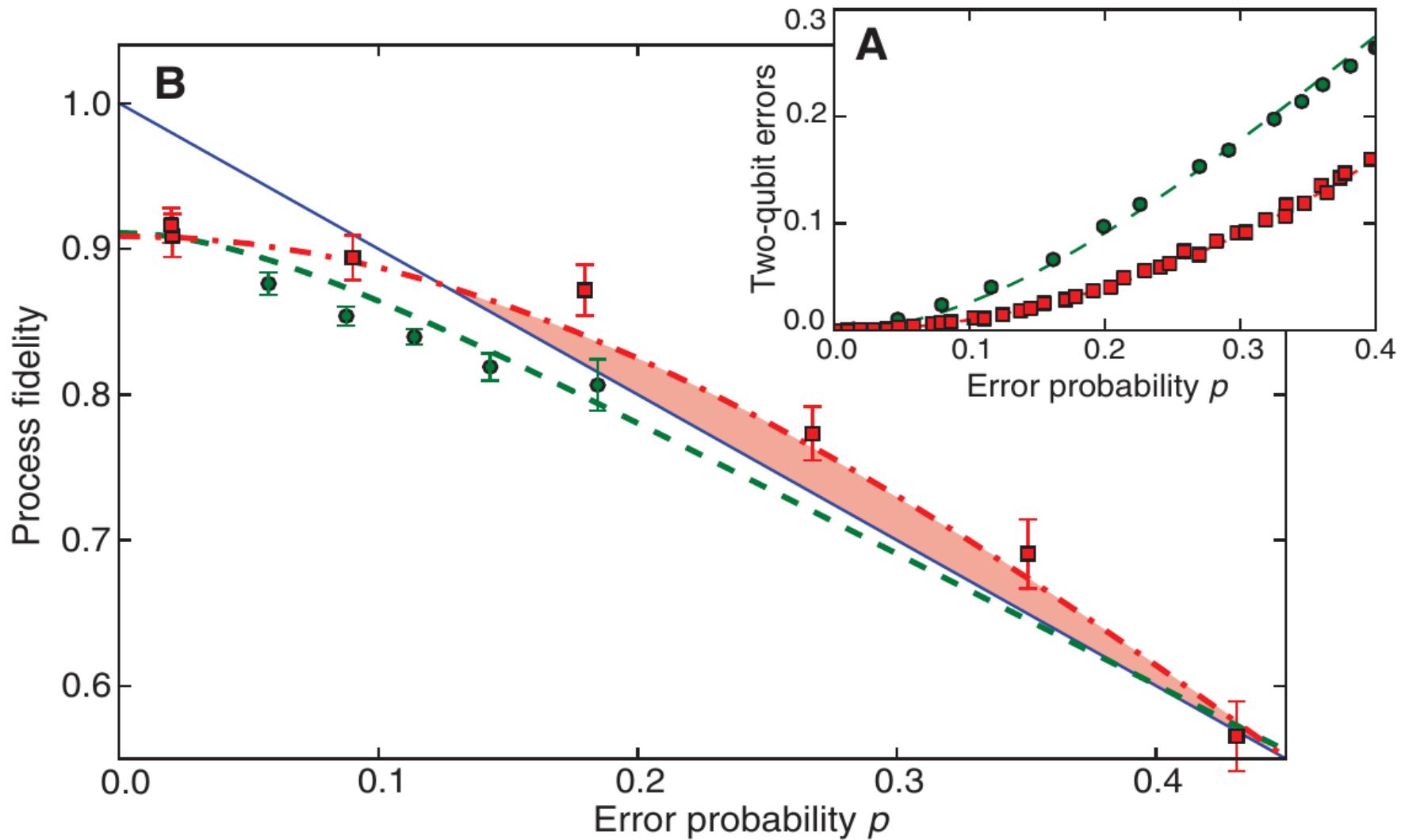
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Source	Error ($\times 10^{-4}$)
Raman photon scattering	4
motional heating and dephasing	2
motional temperature	0.4
Raman beam intensity systematic error	< 1
off-resonant excitation	< 0.1
Total	7

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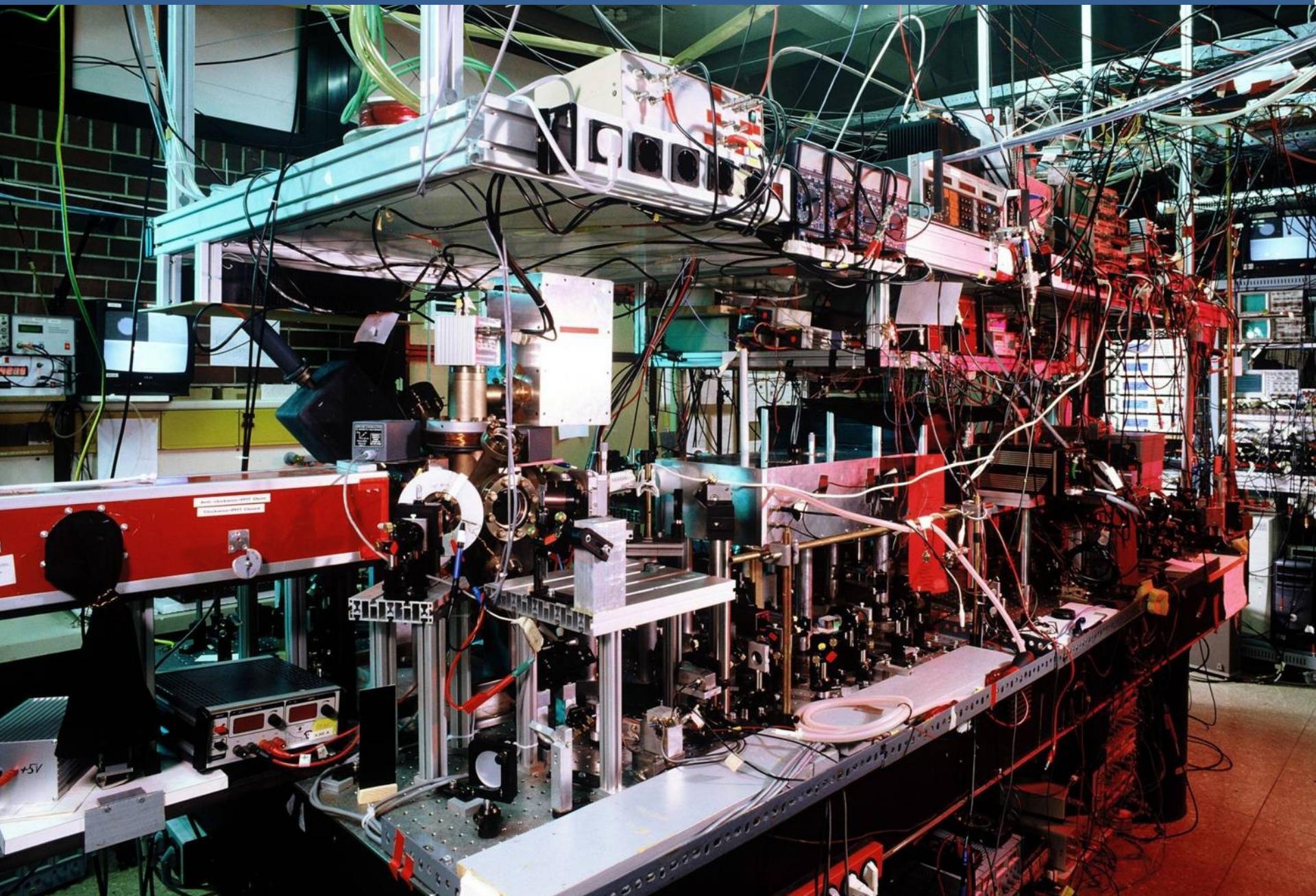
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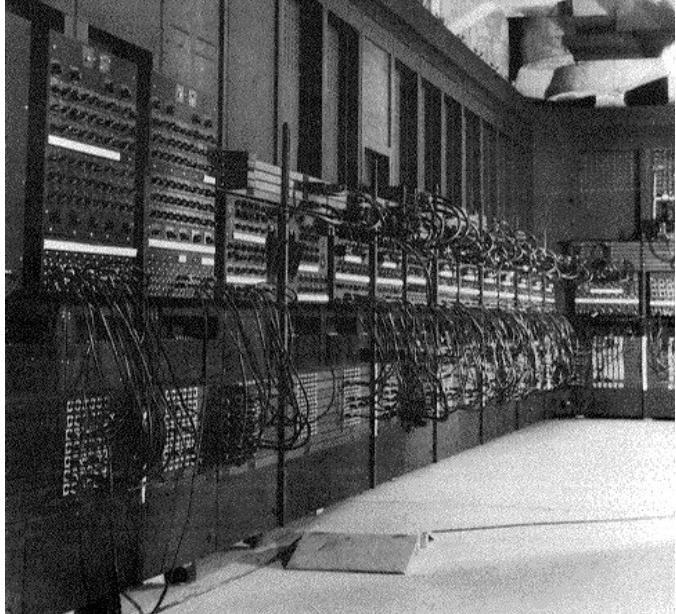
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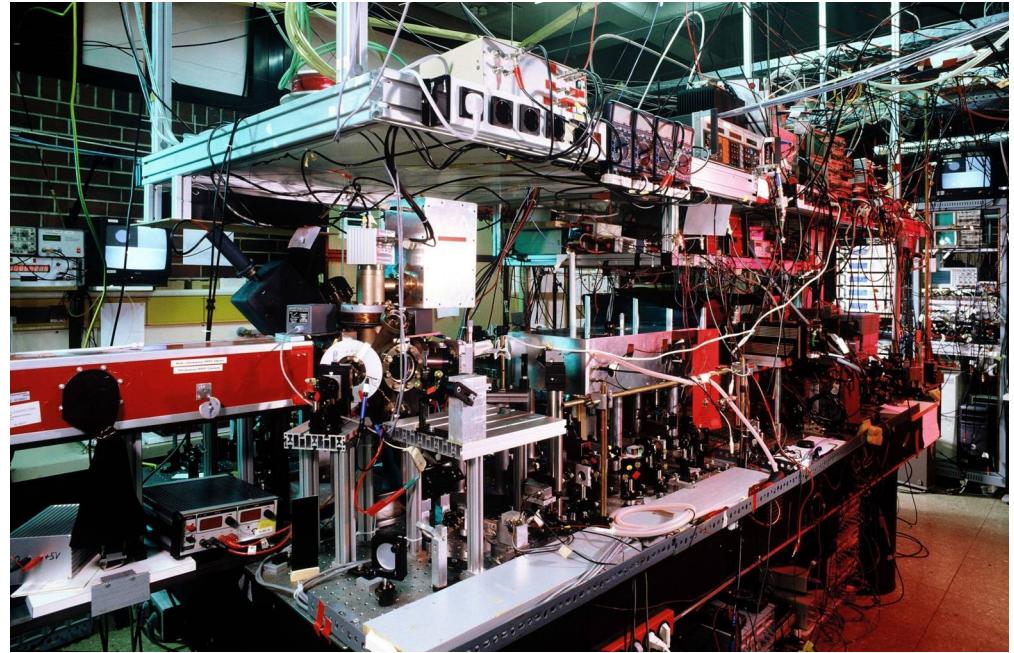
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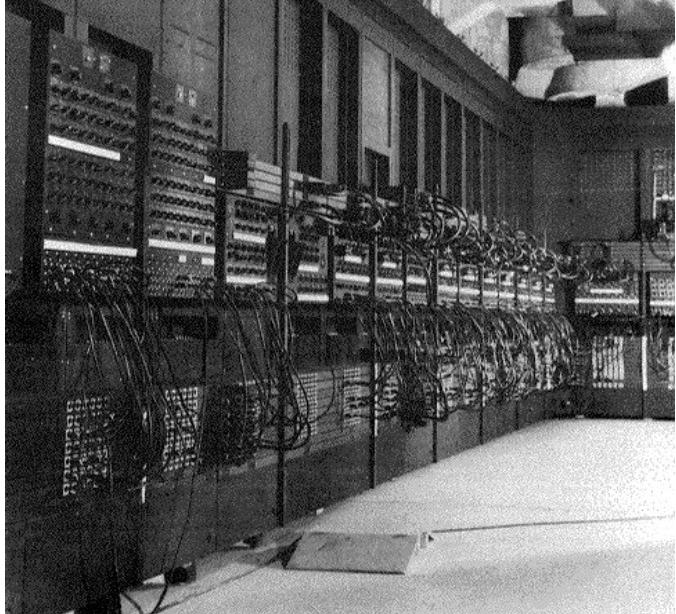


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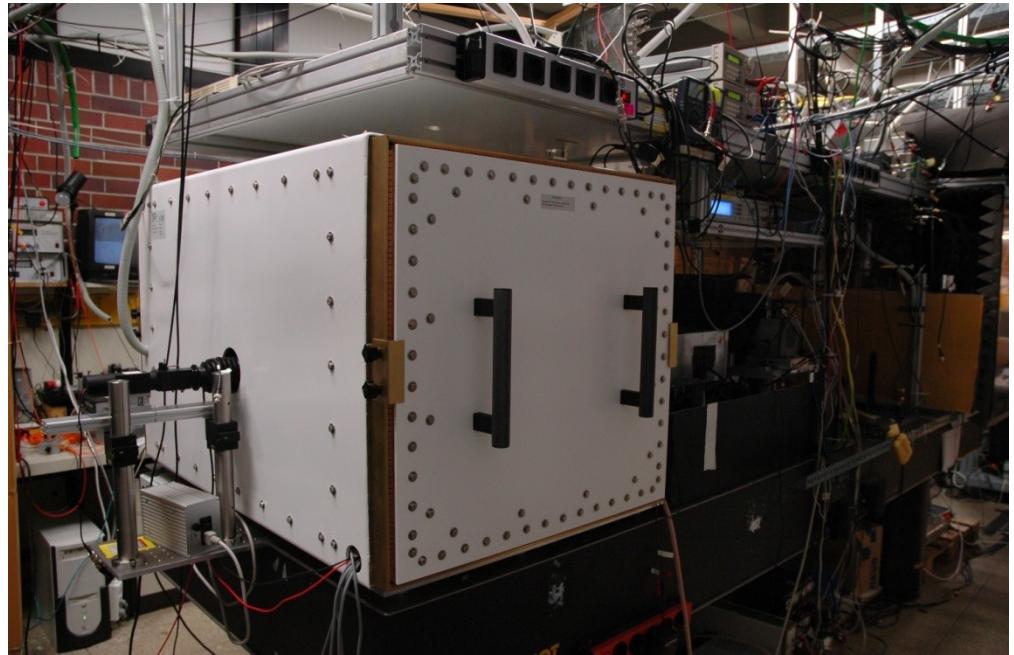


Quantum computer, 2005

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Scaling this approach ?

Problems :

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

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

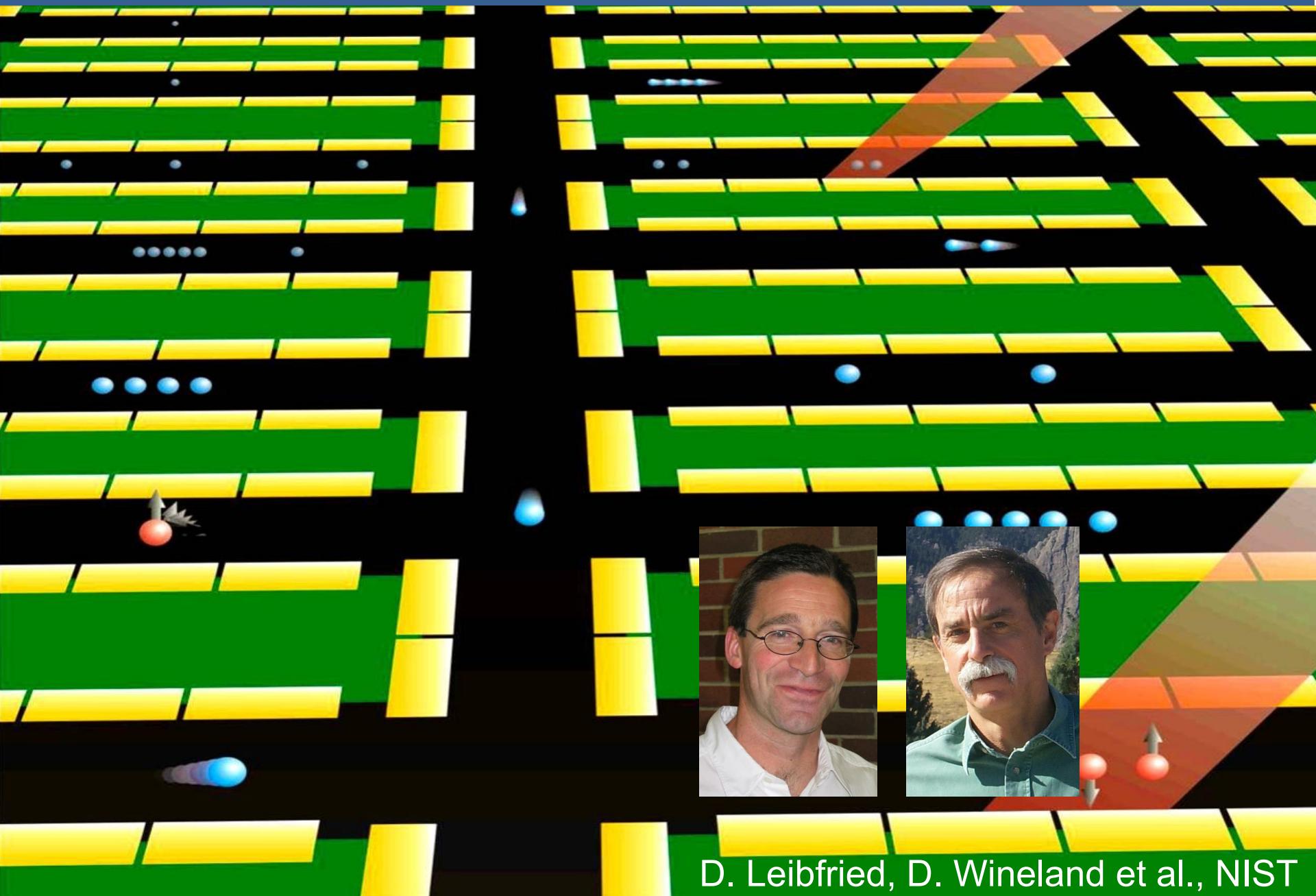
(momentum transfer from photon to ion string becomes more difficult)

-> Gate operation speed slows down

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

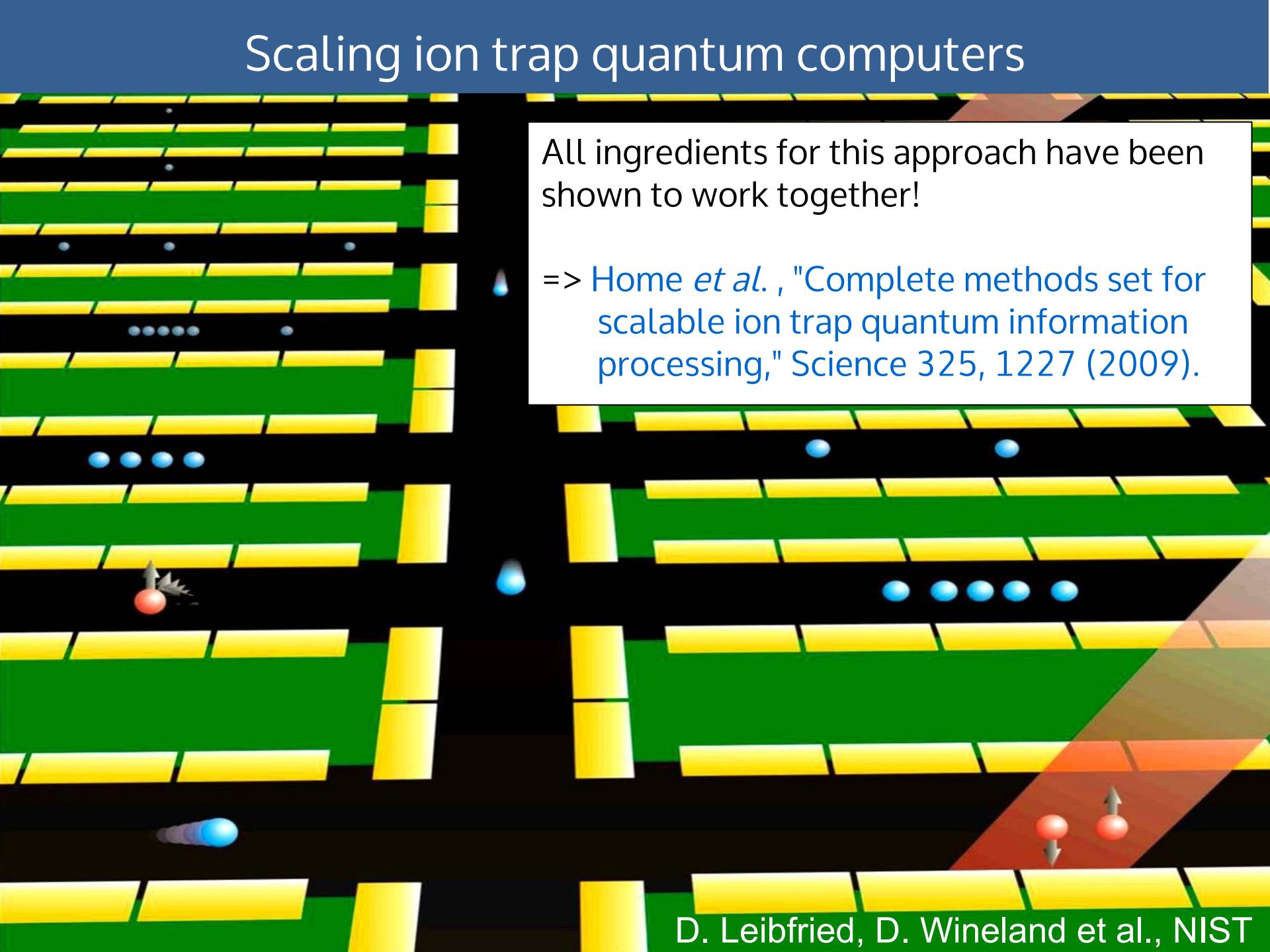
-> Use flexible trap potentials to split long ion string into smaller segments and perform operations on these smaller strings

Scaling ion trap quantum computers



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

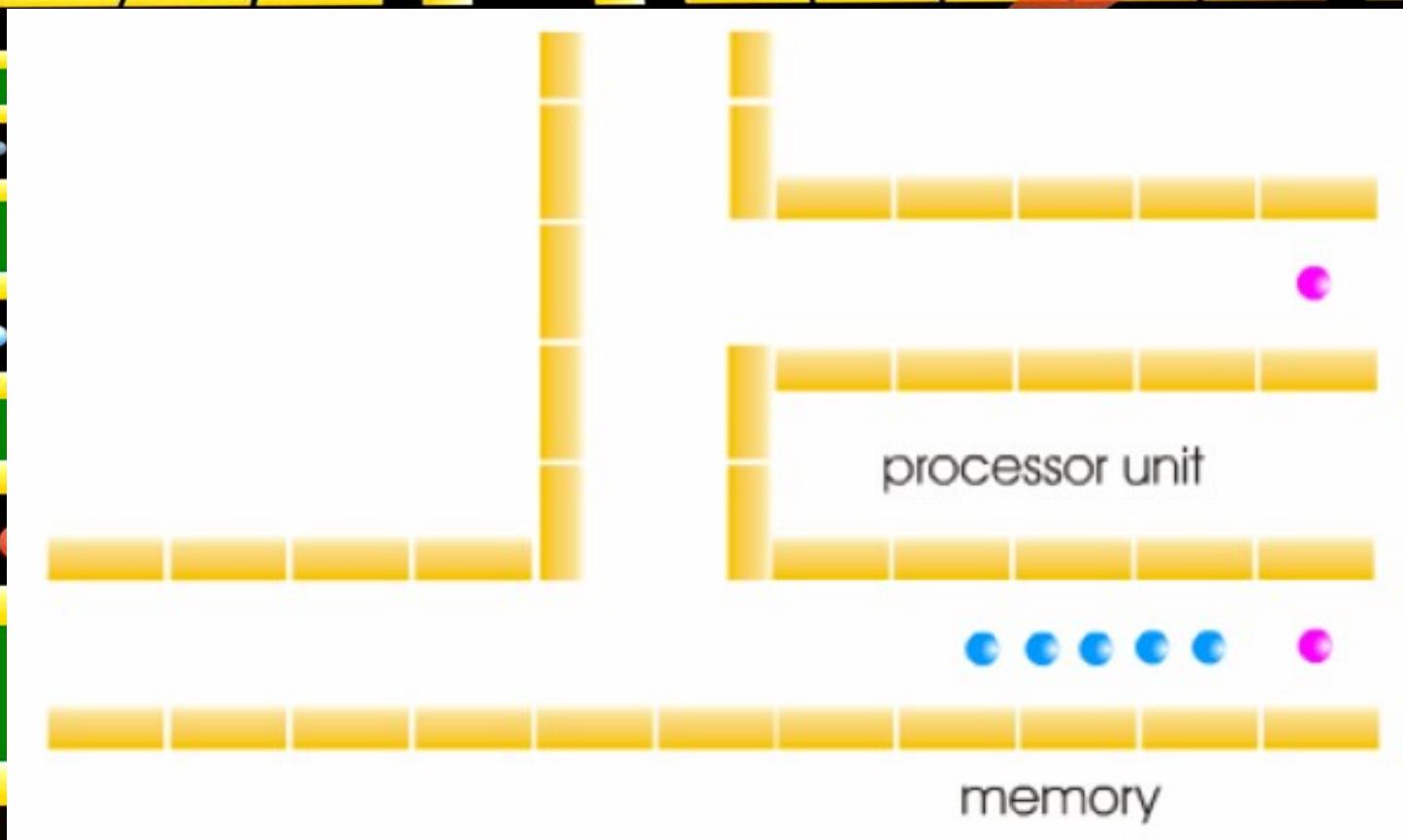
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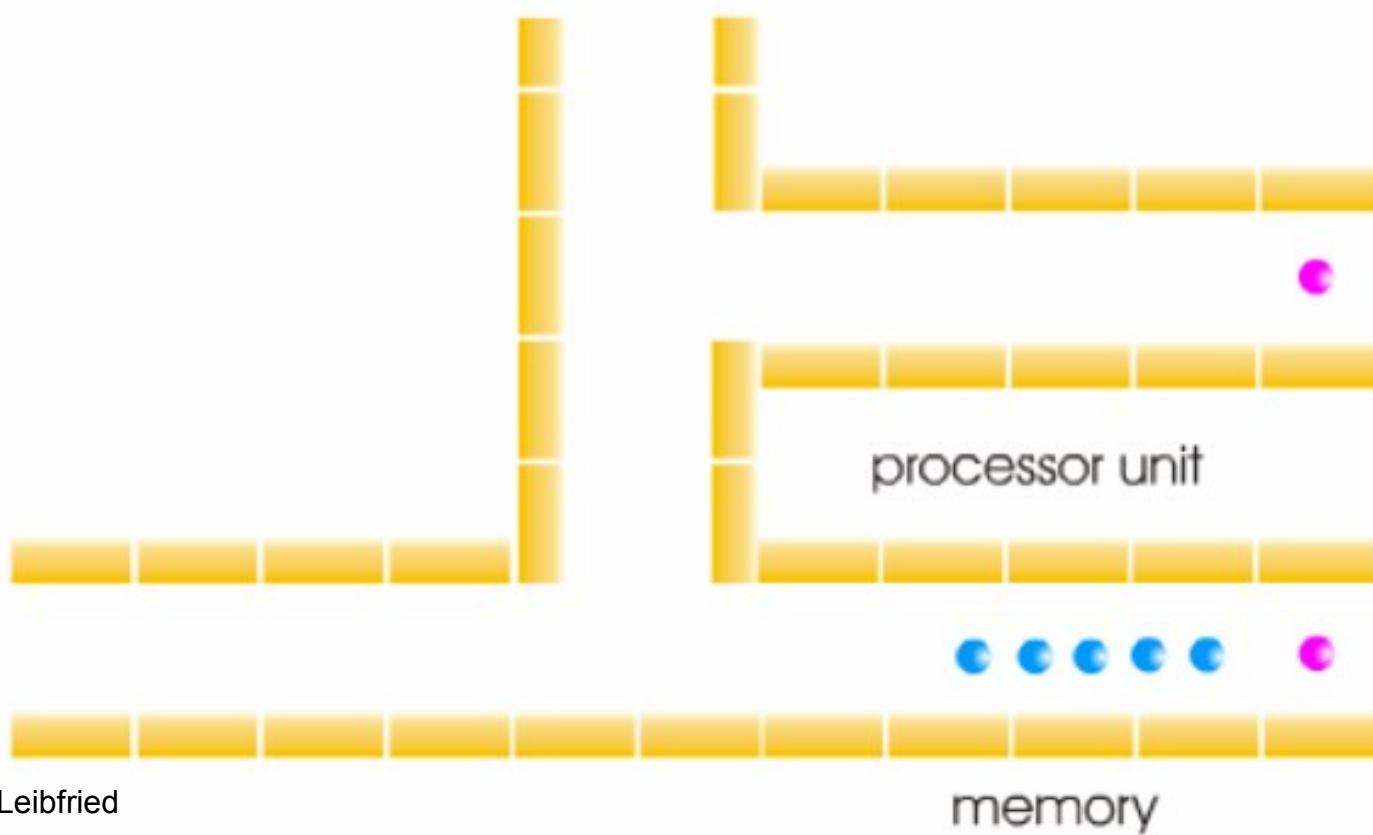
All ingredients for this approach have been shown to work together!

=> Home *et al.*, "Complete methods set for scalable ion trap quantum information processing," Science 325, 1227 (2009).

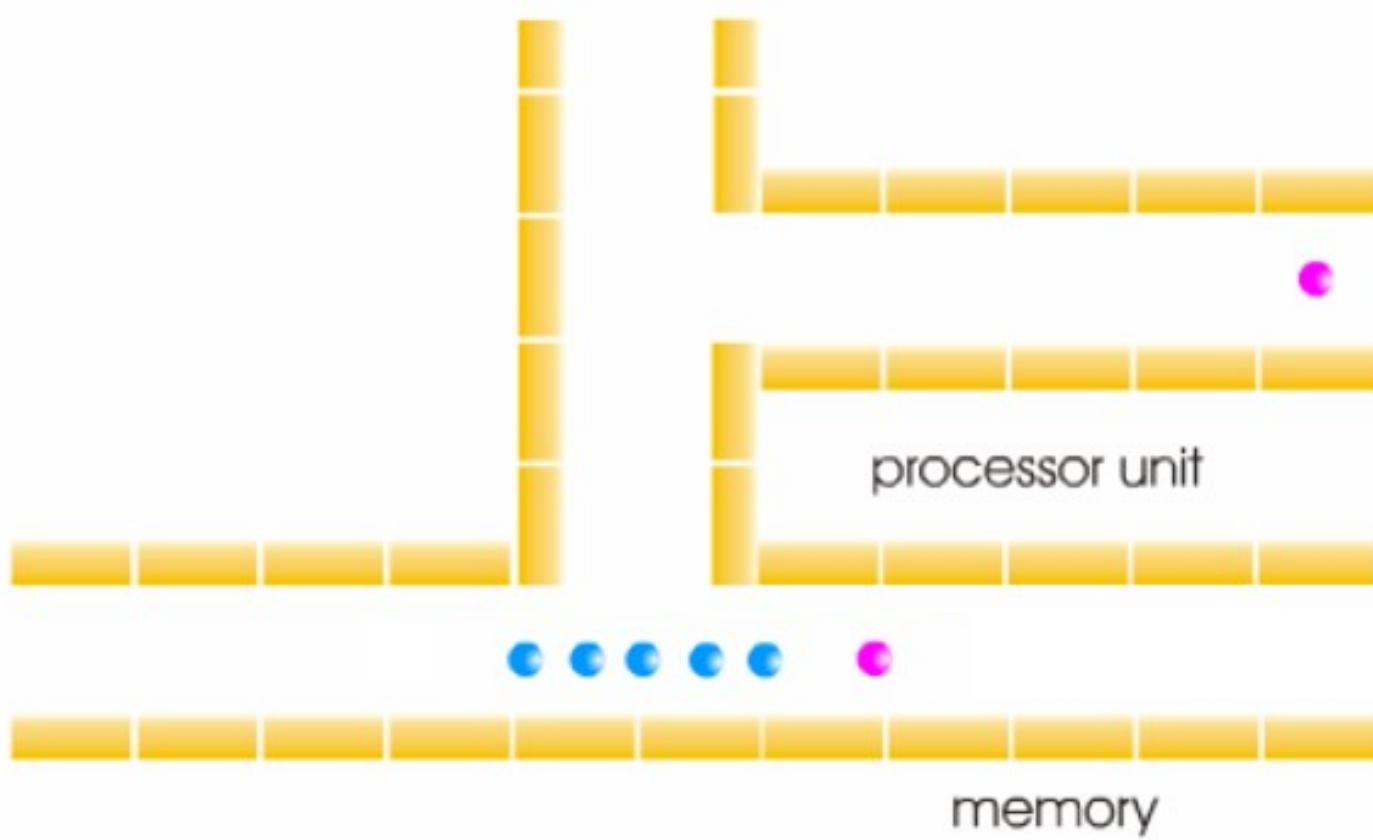
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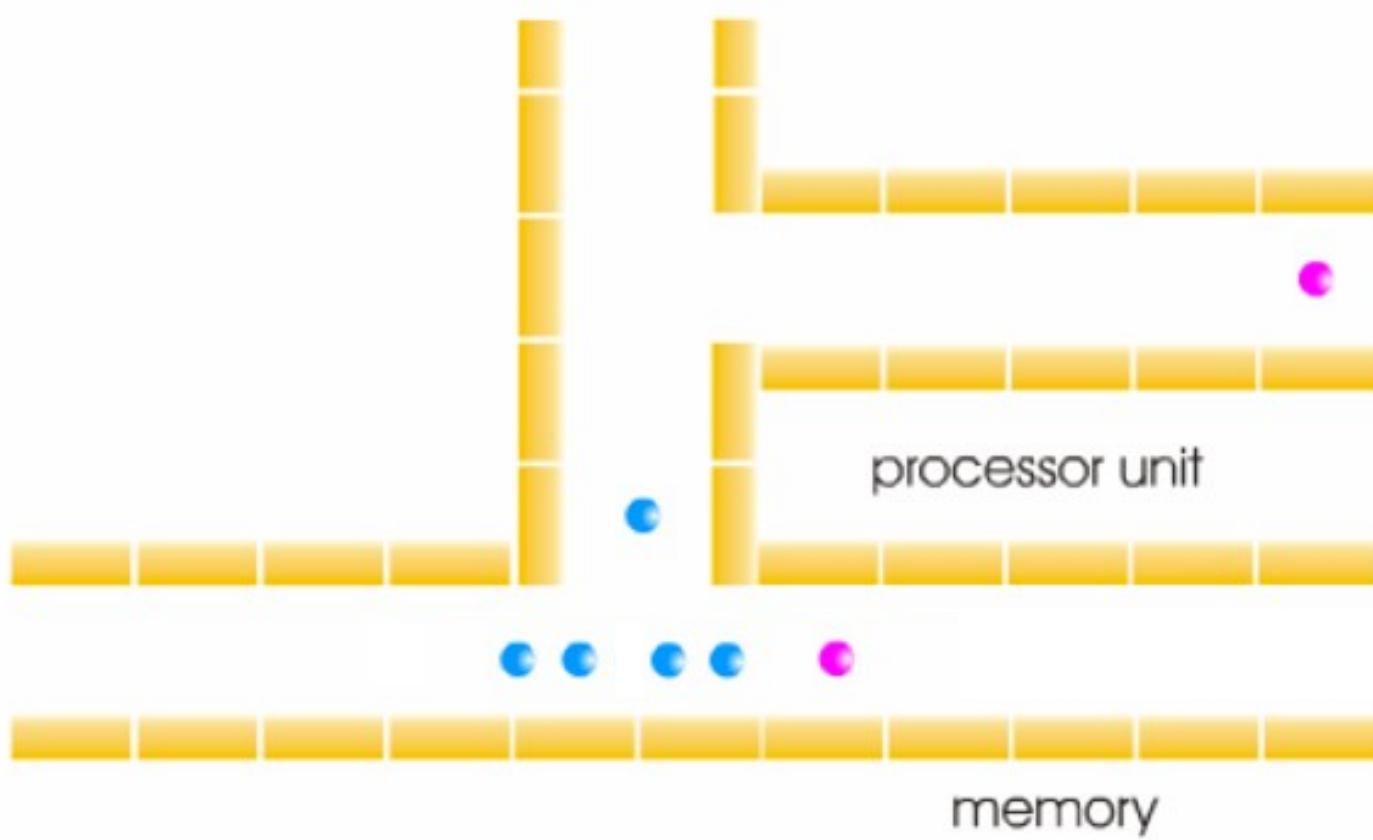
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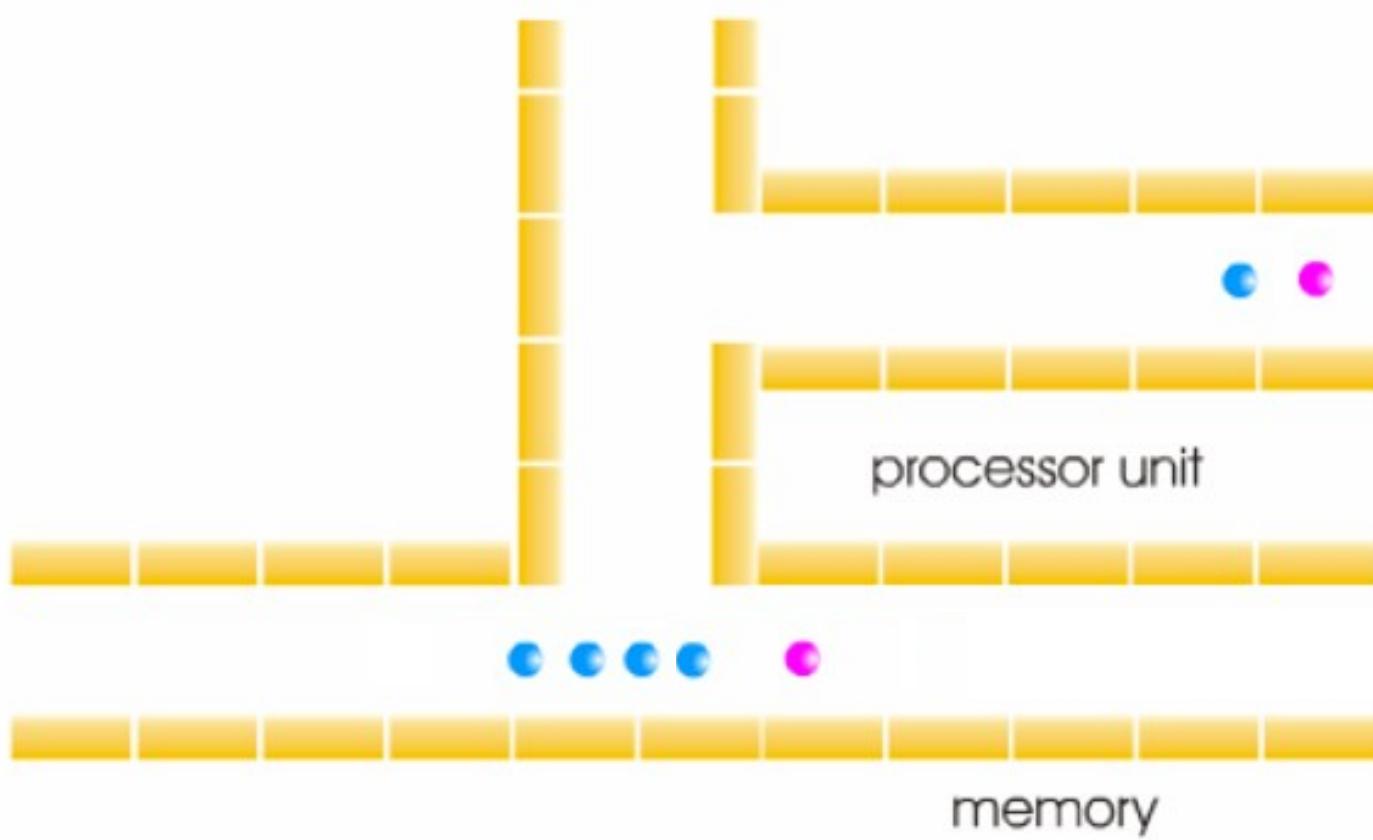
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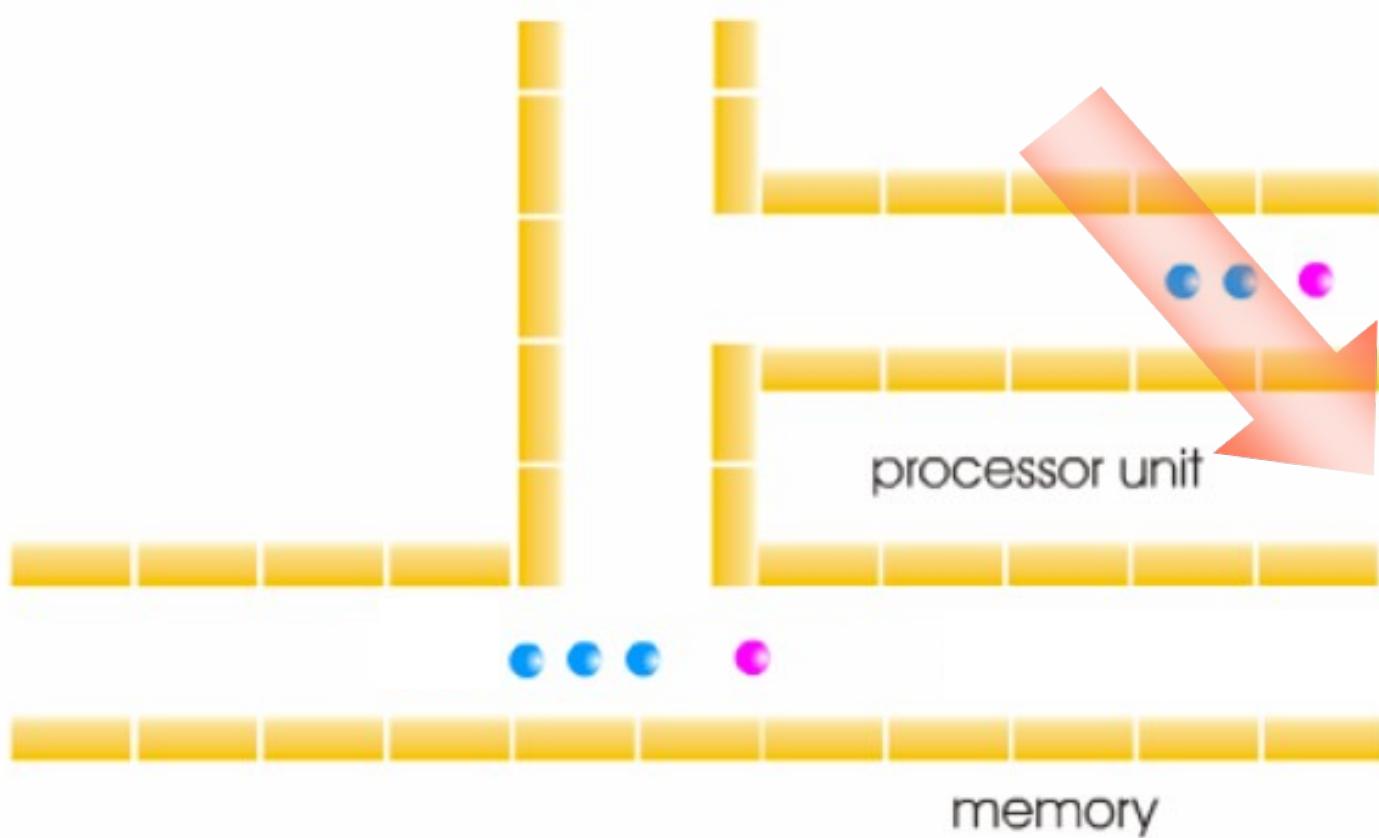
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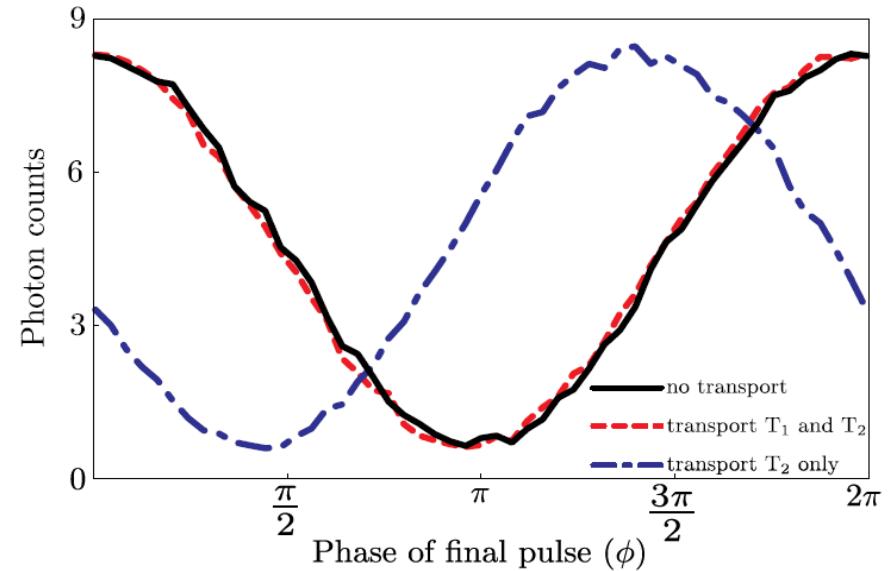
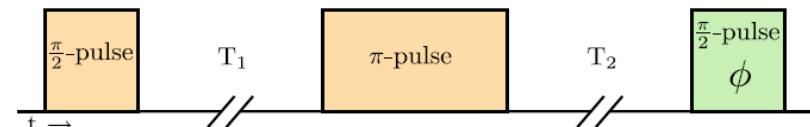
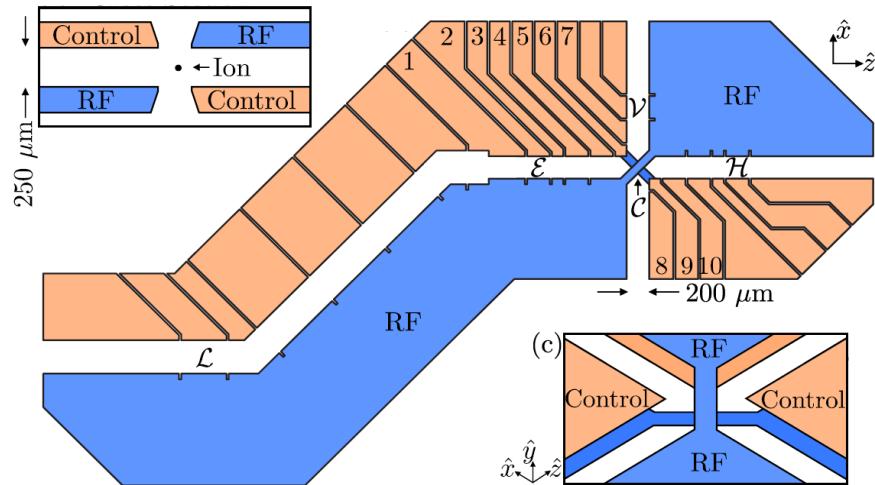


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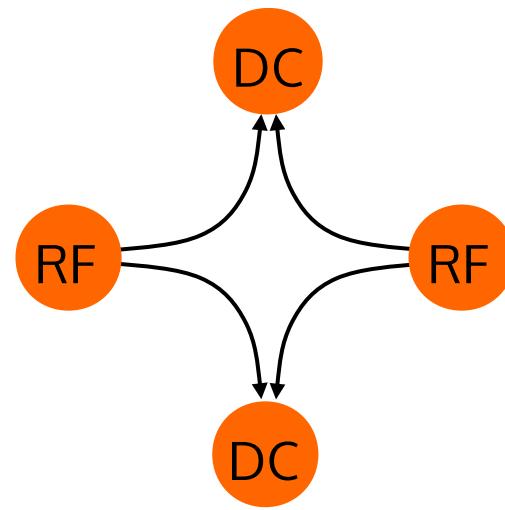
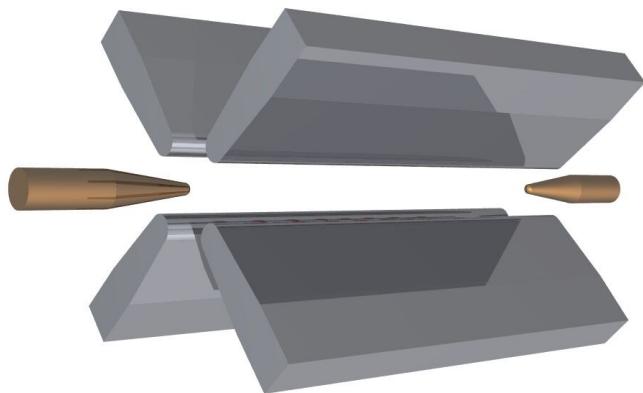
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Coherent transport through junctions



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

"Classic" linear trap



Surface traps

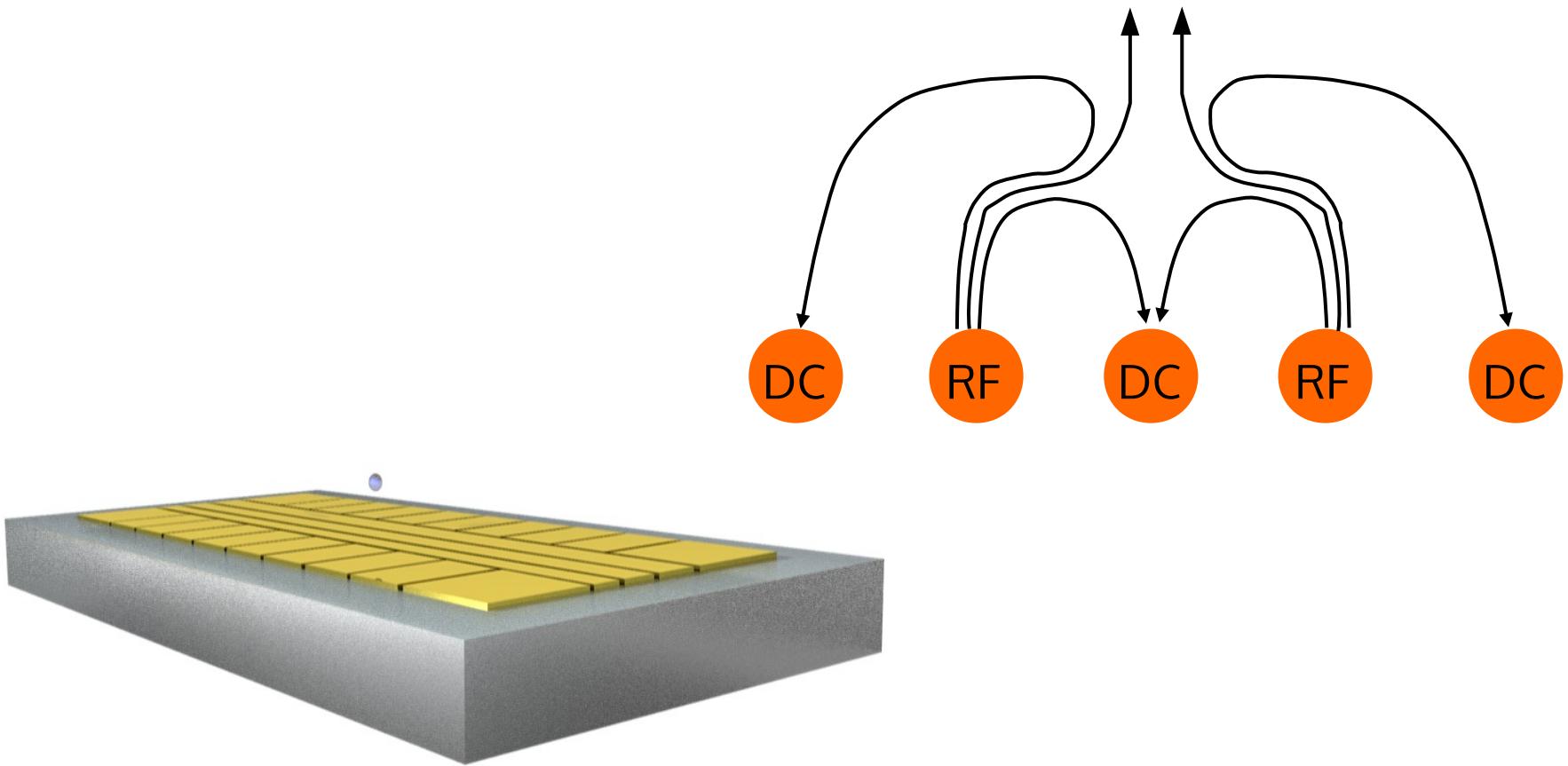
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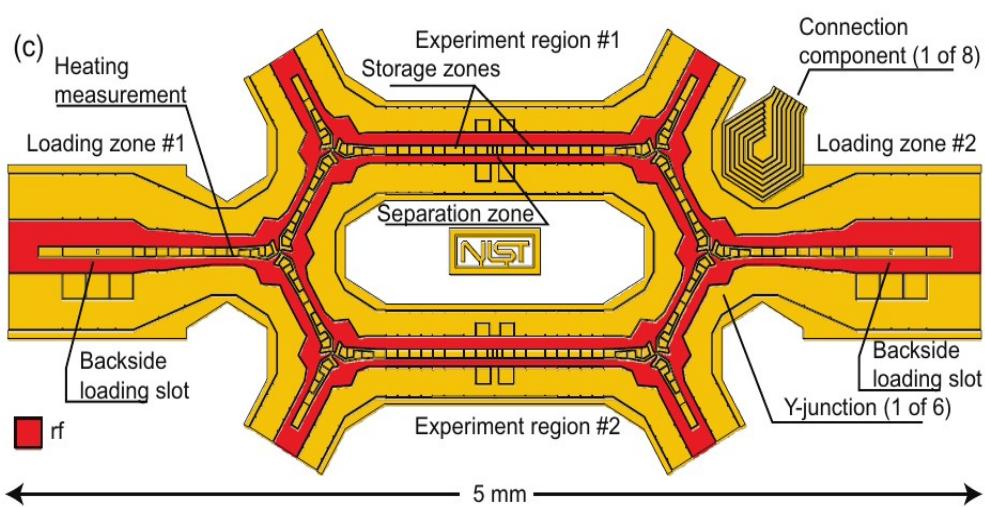
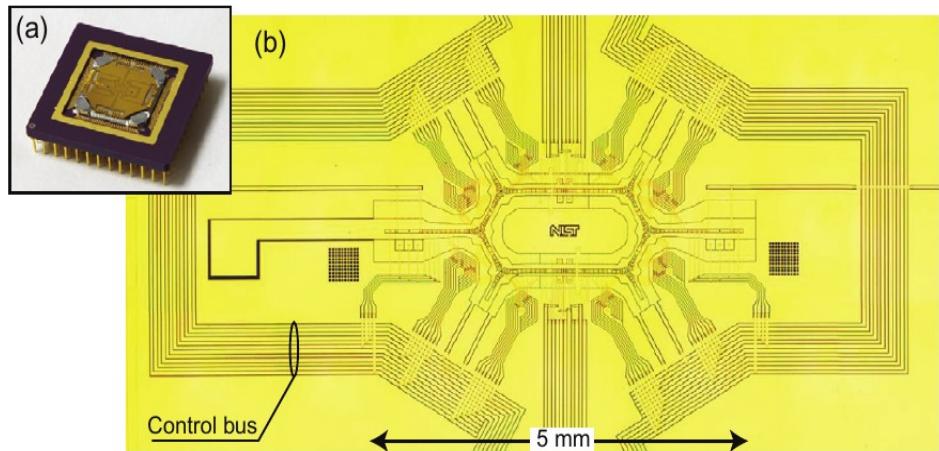
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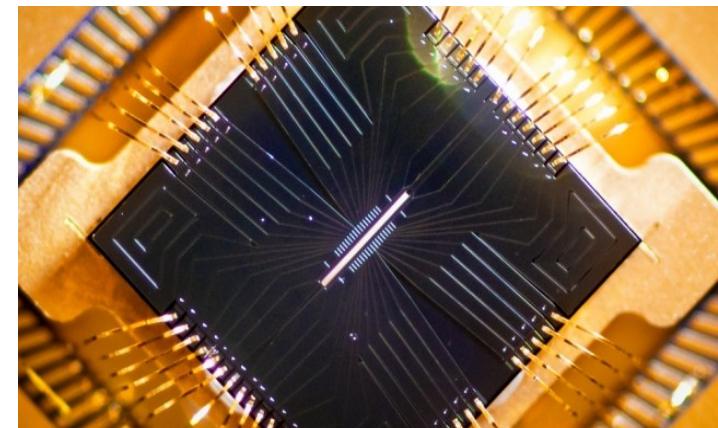
Microfabricated surface traps



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NIST, Amini *et al.*, NJP 2010



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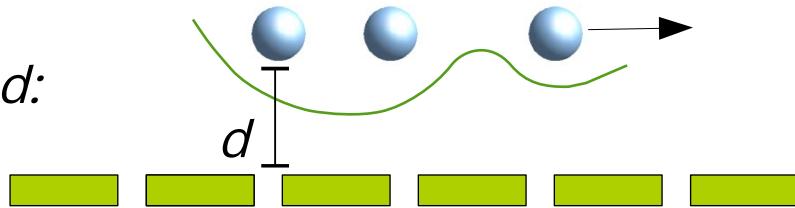


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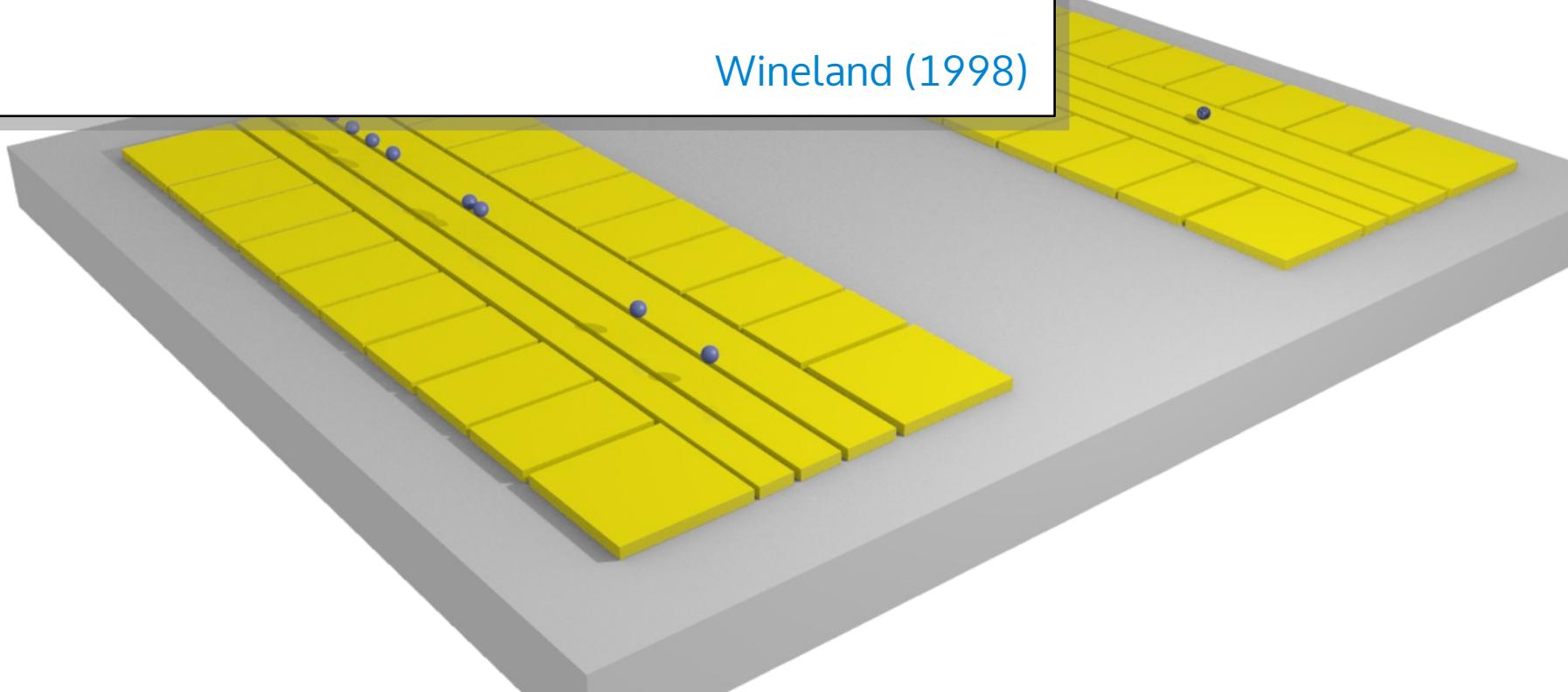
Ion trap quantum computing

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

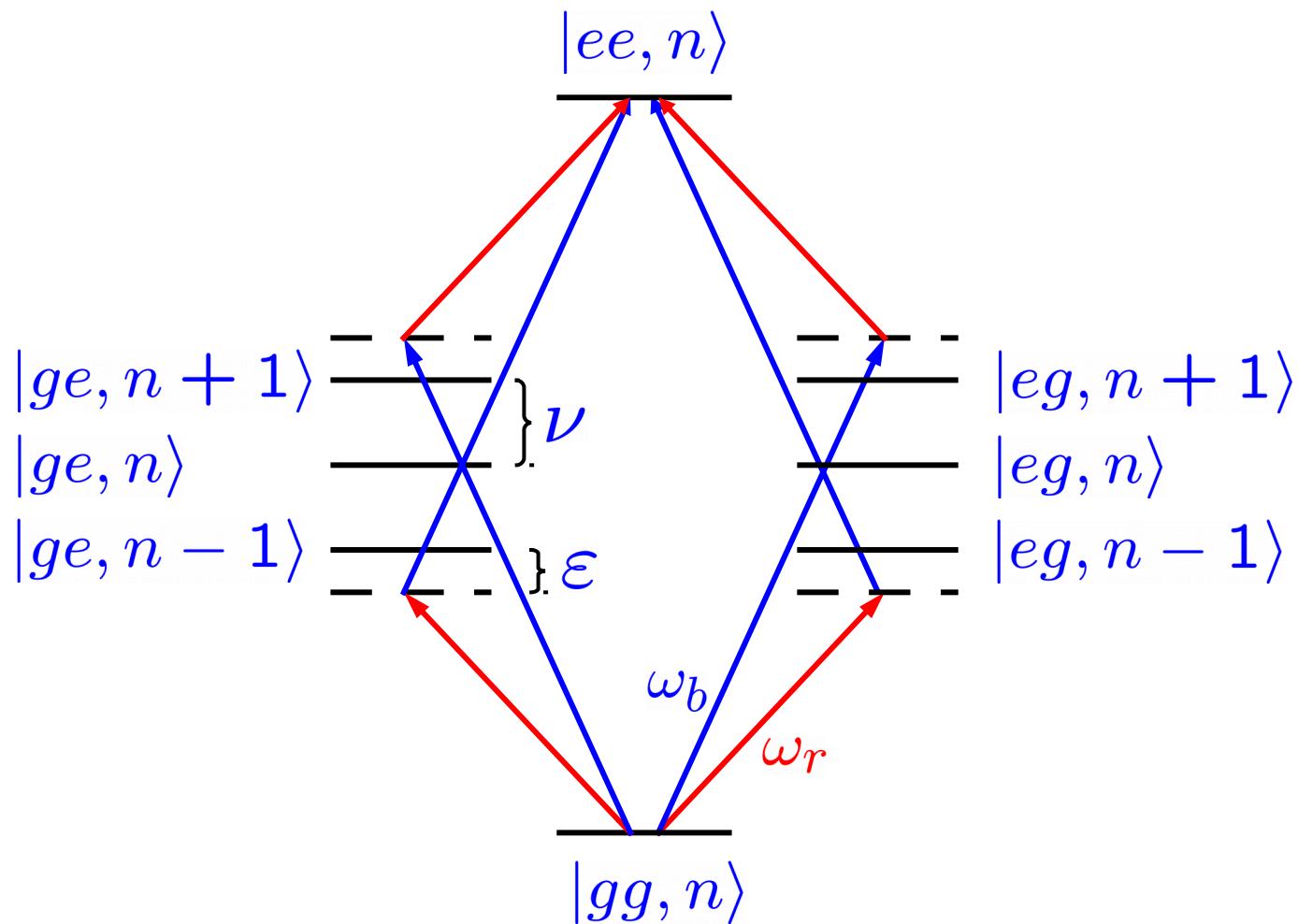
Speed $\sim 1/d$:



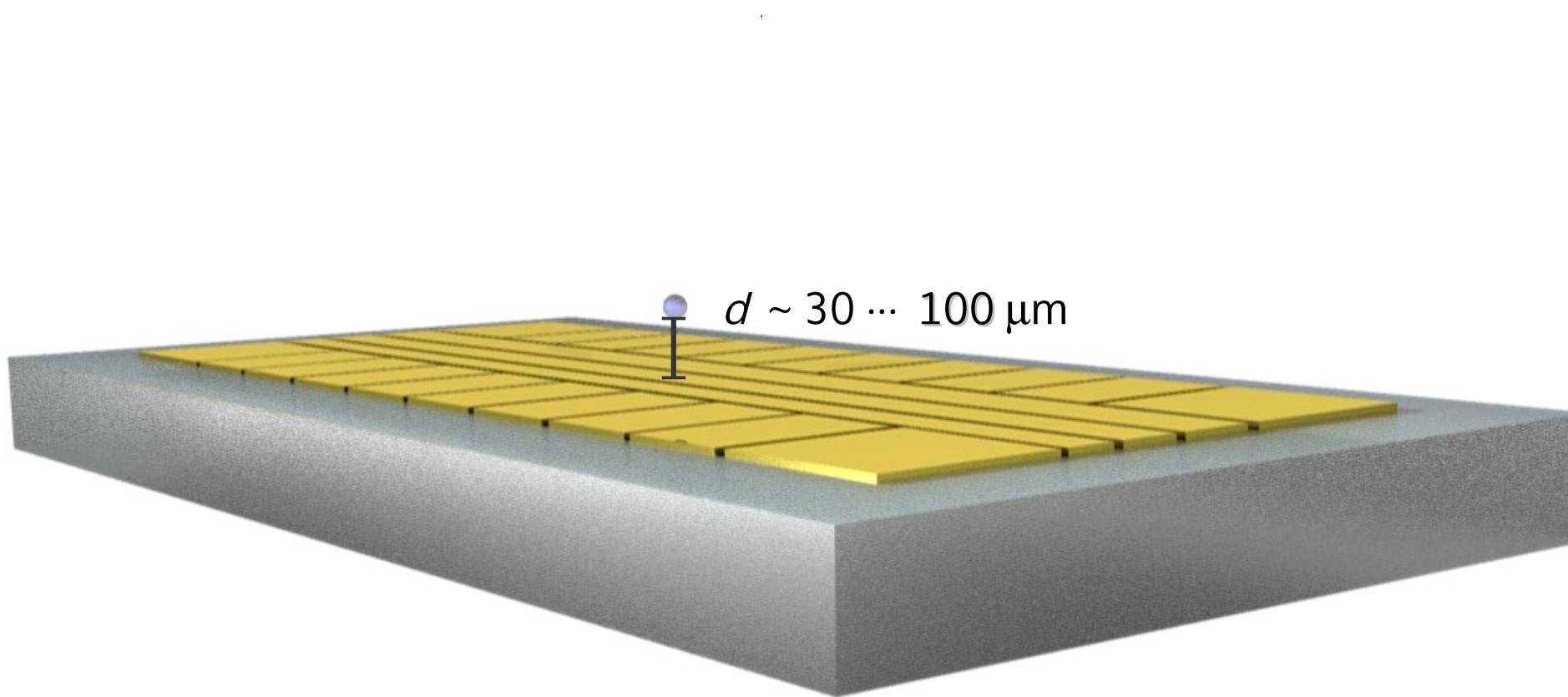
Wineland (1998)



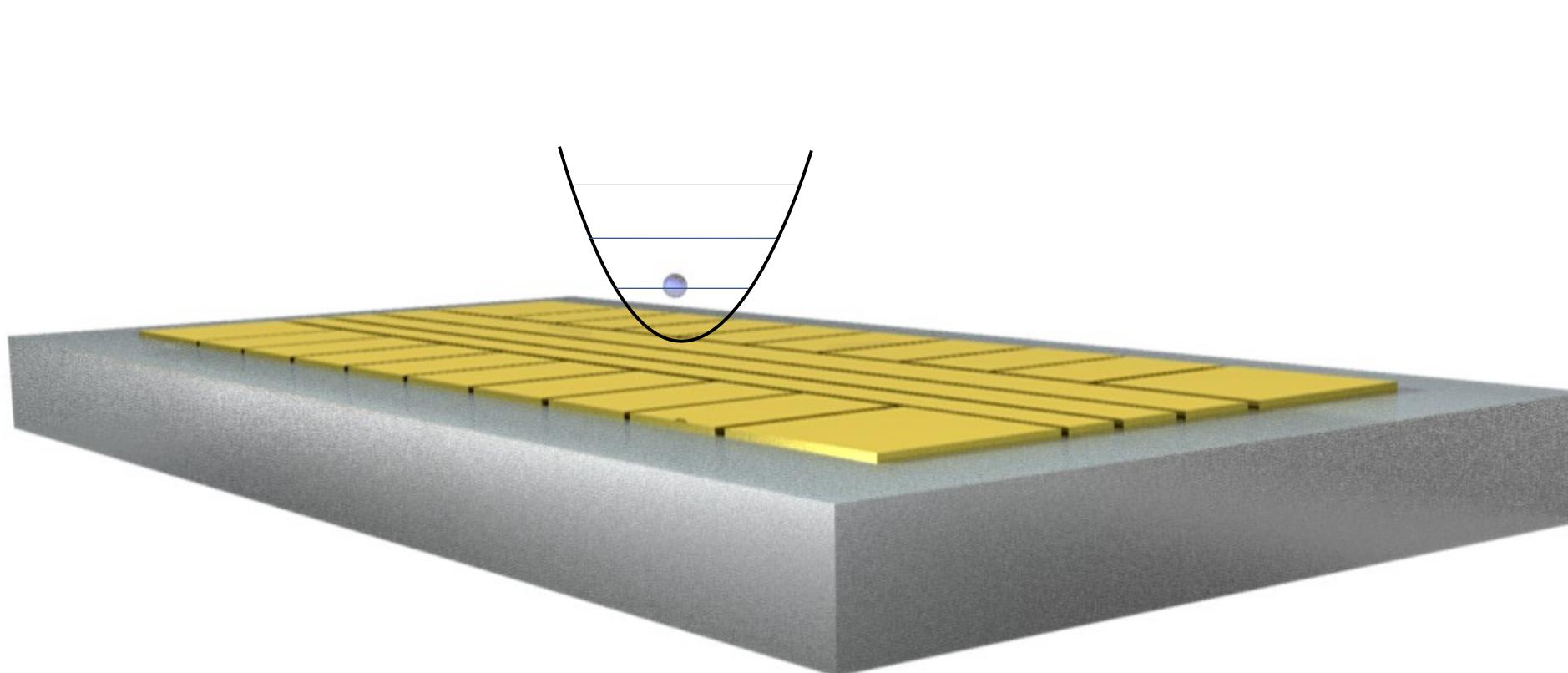
Mølmer - Sørensen gate



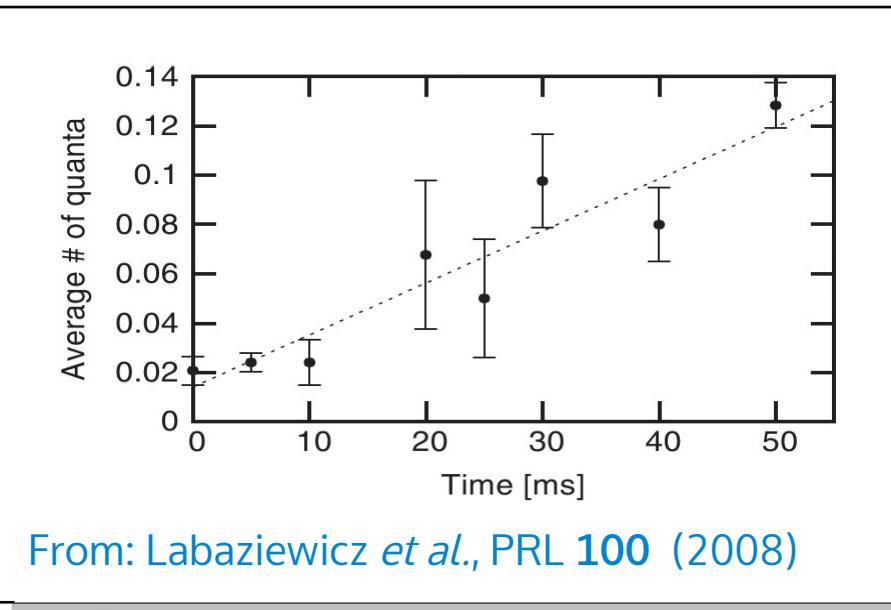
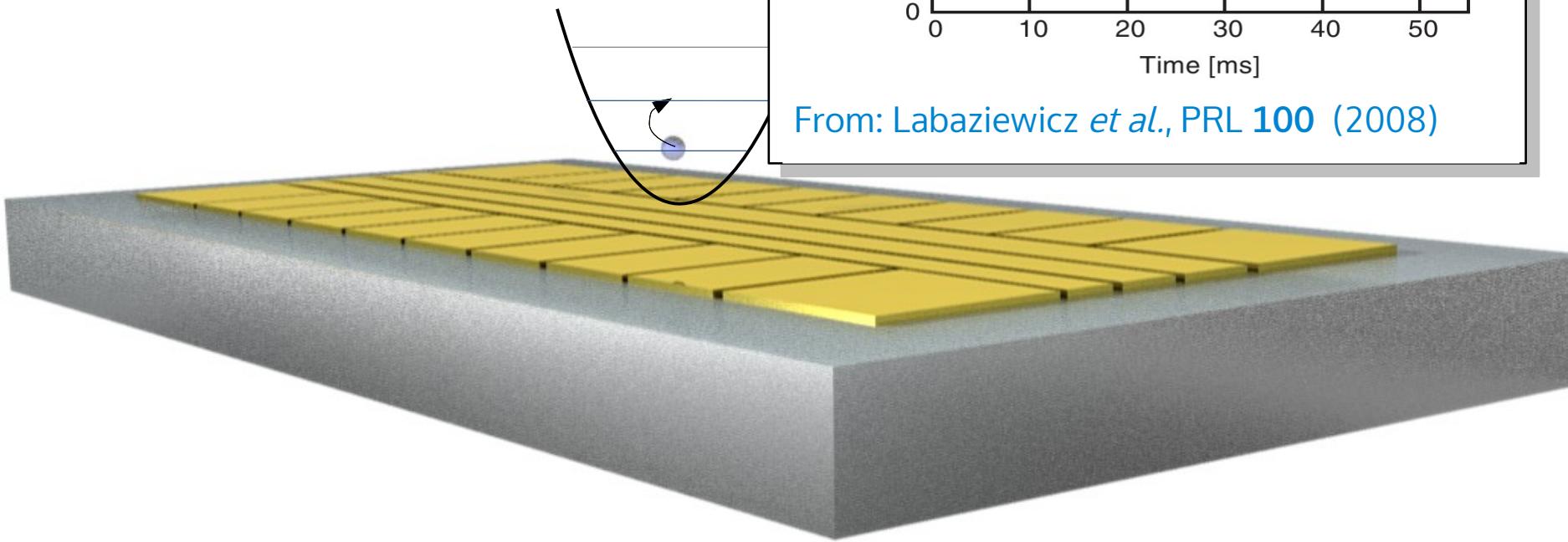
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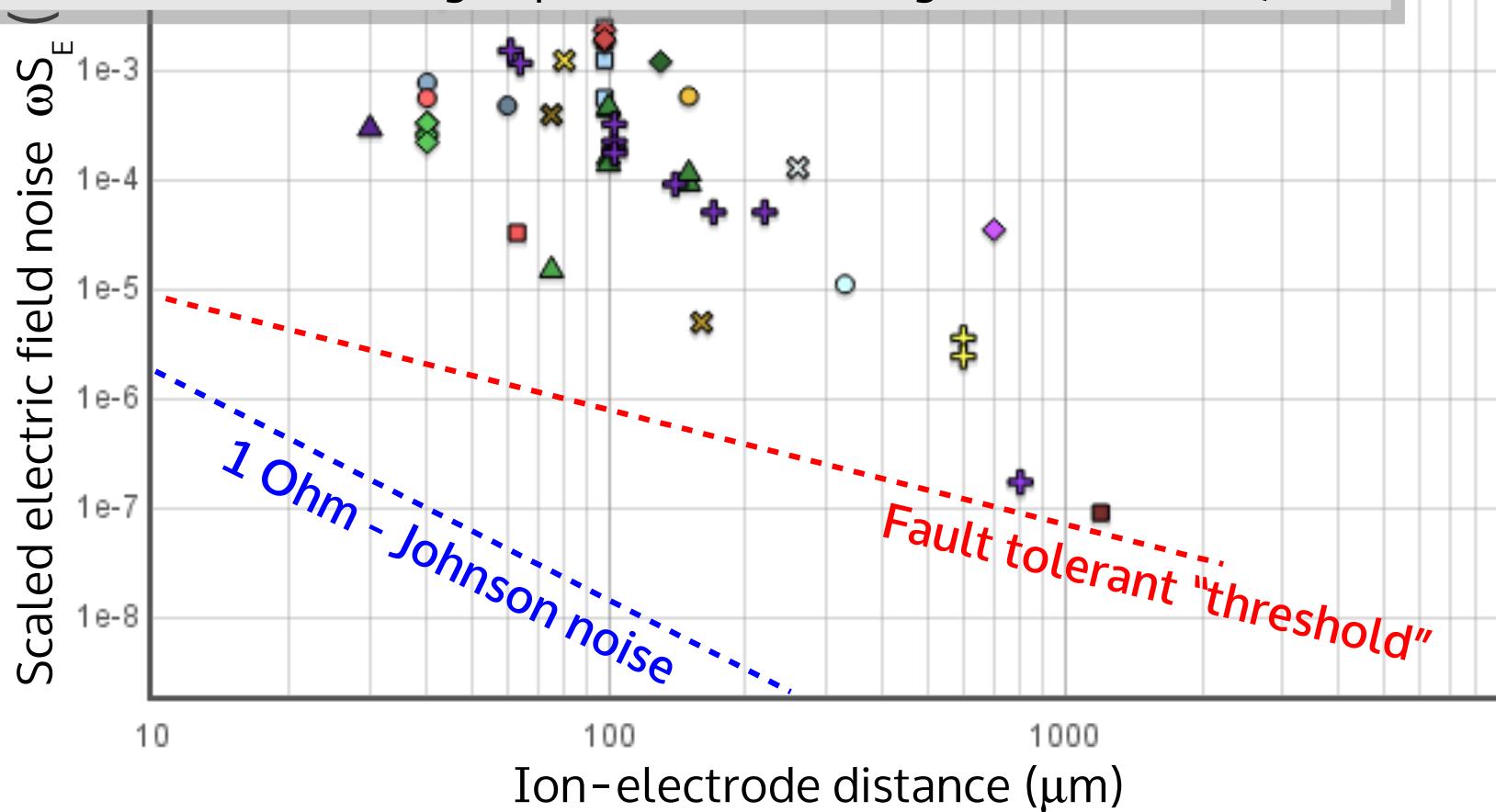


Excessive heating in ion traps

- Need to know what is causing it to deal with it

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- Other technologies have similar problems:
scanning probe microscopy, Casimir force measurements,
free fall of charged particles, tests of general relativity

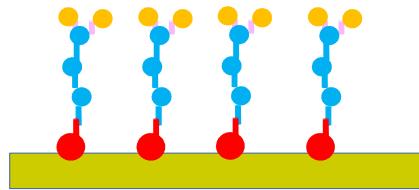


What is causing “the” anomalous heating ?

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



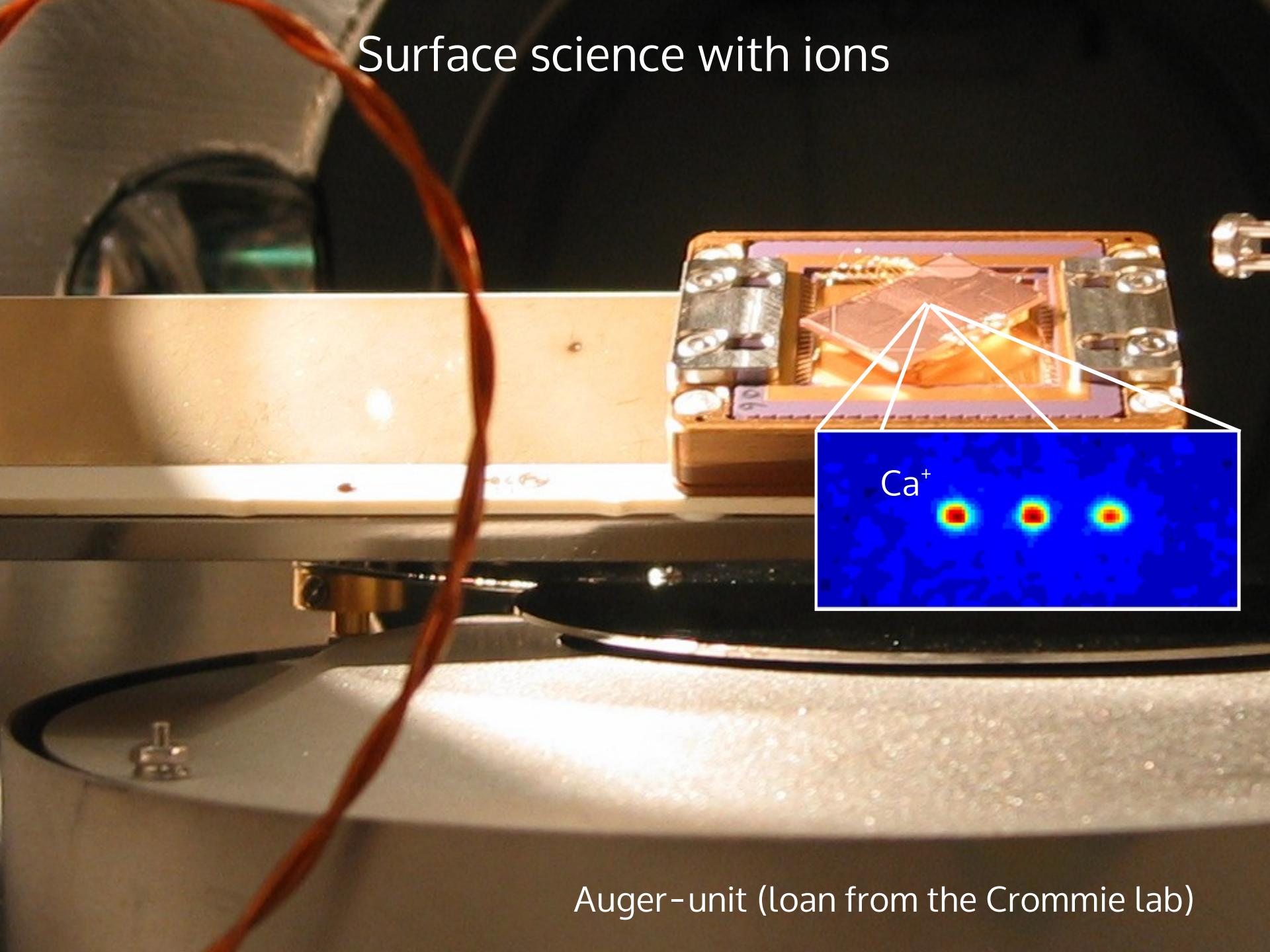
- independently fluctuating dipoles (Daniilidis 2010)



- fluctuating strength of dipoles (Safavi-Naini 2011, 2013)

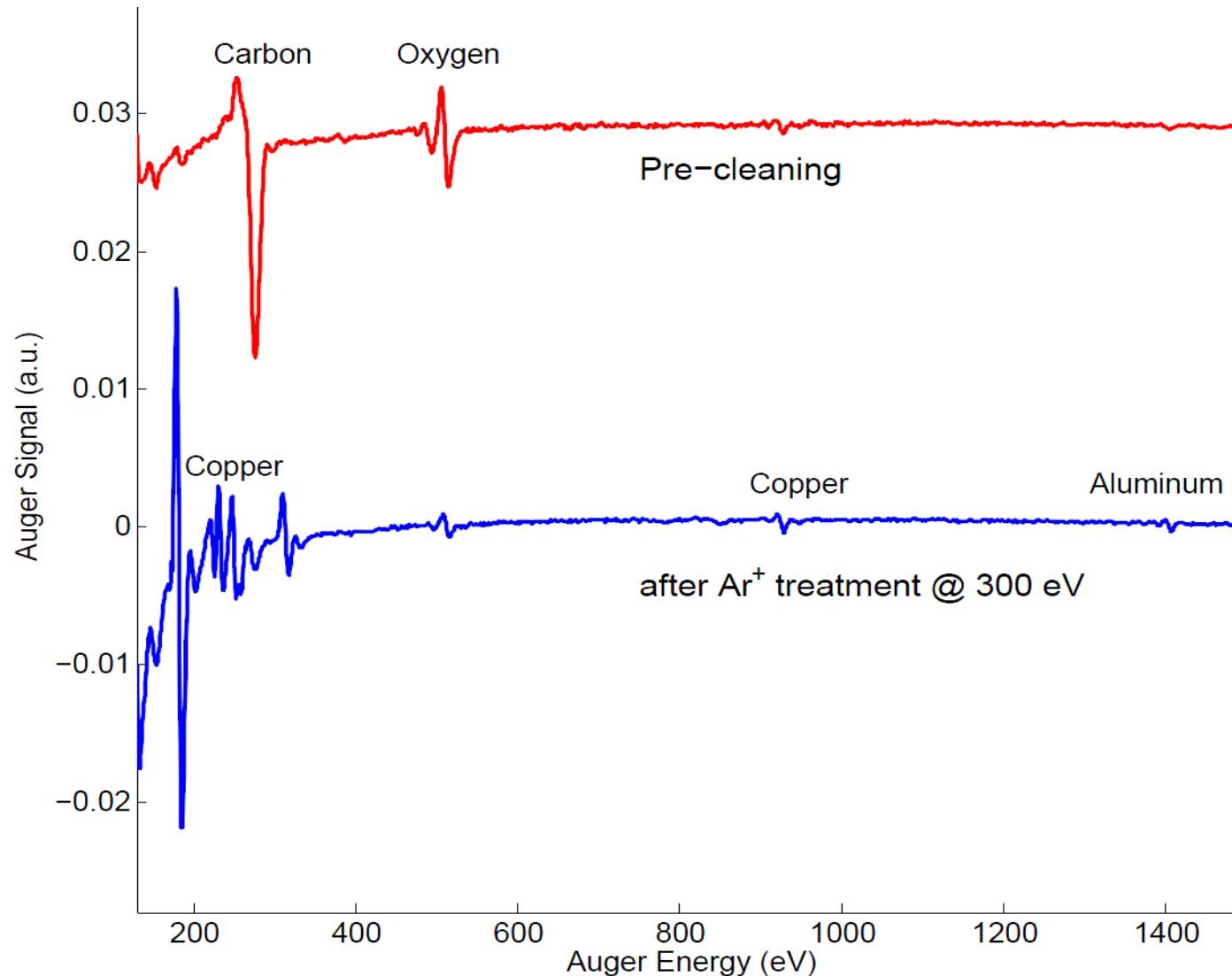


Surface science with ions

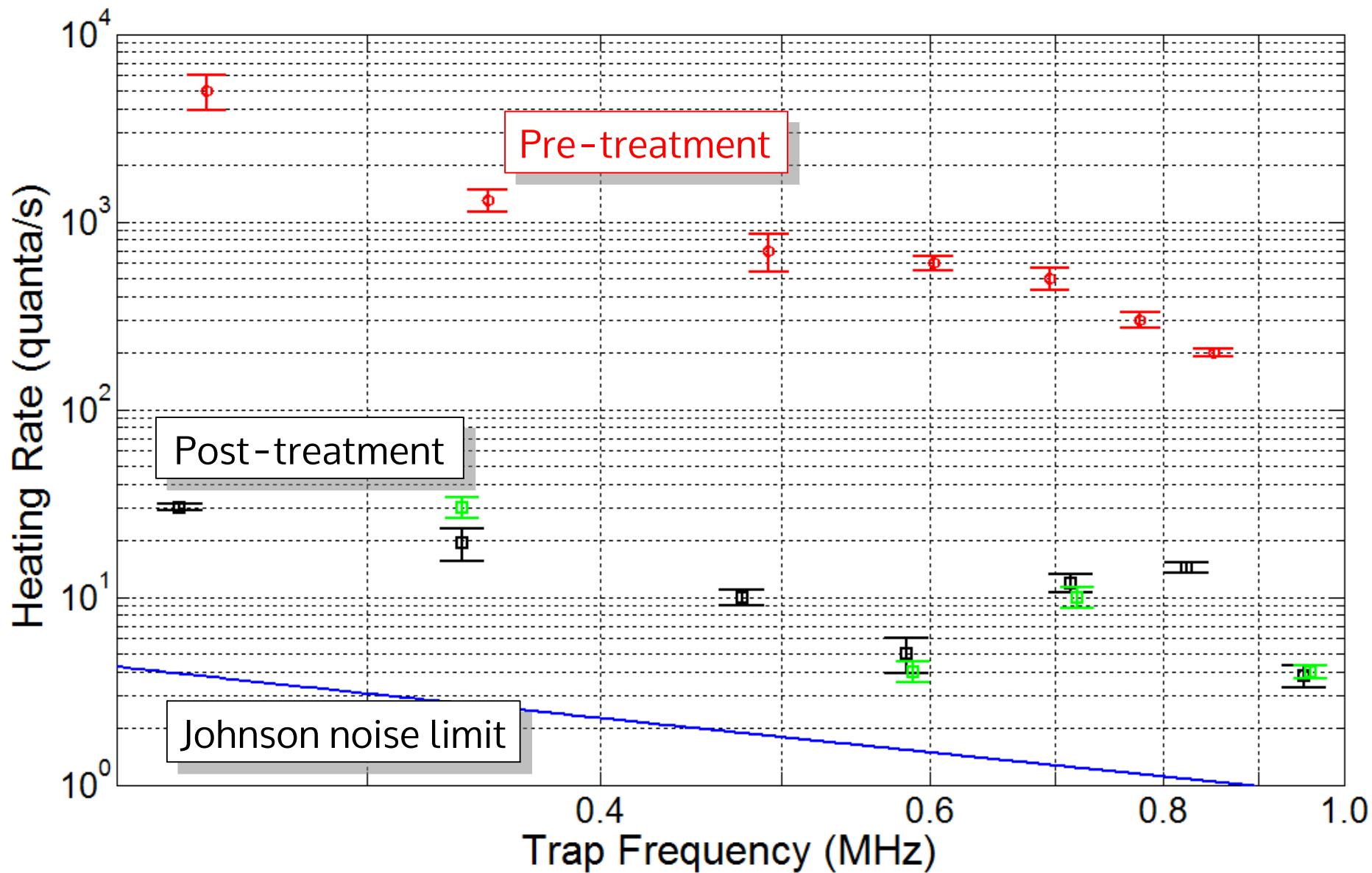


Auger-unit (loan from the Crommie lab)

Auger spectra of a Cu-Al surface



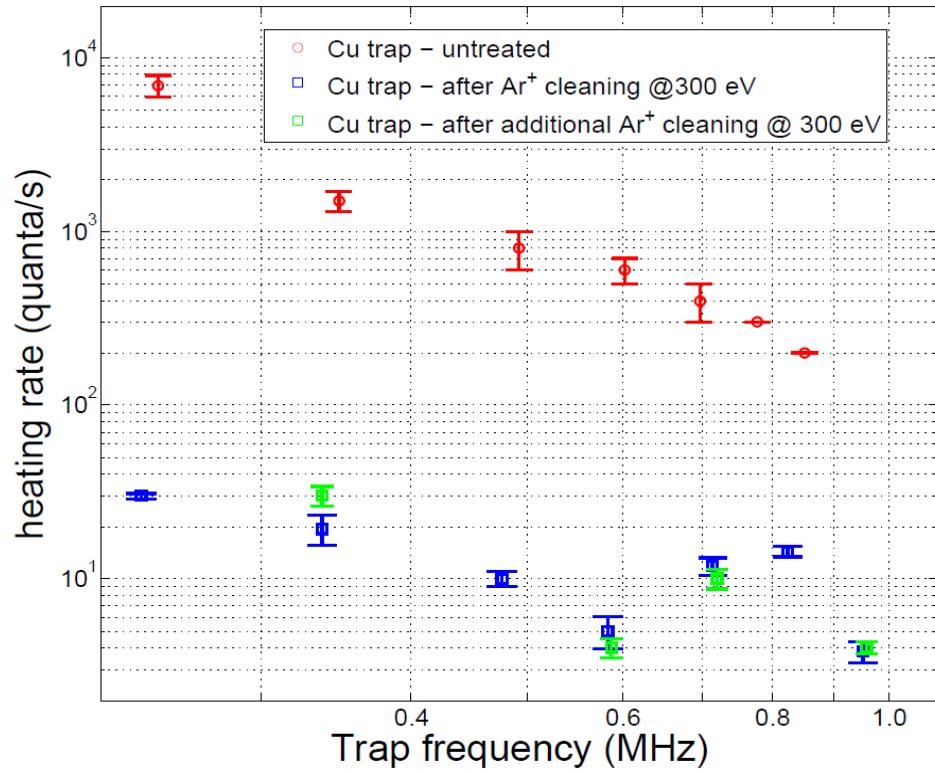
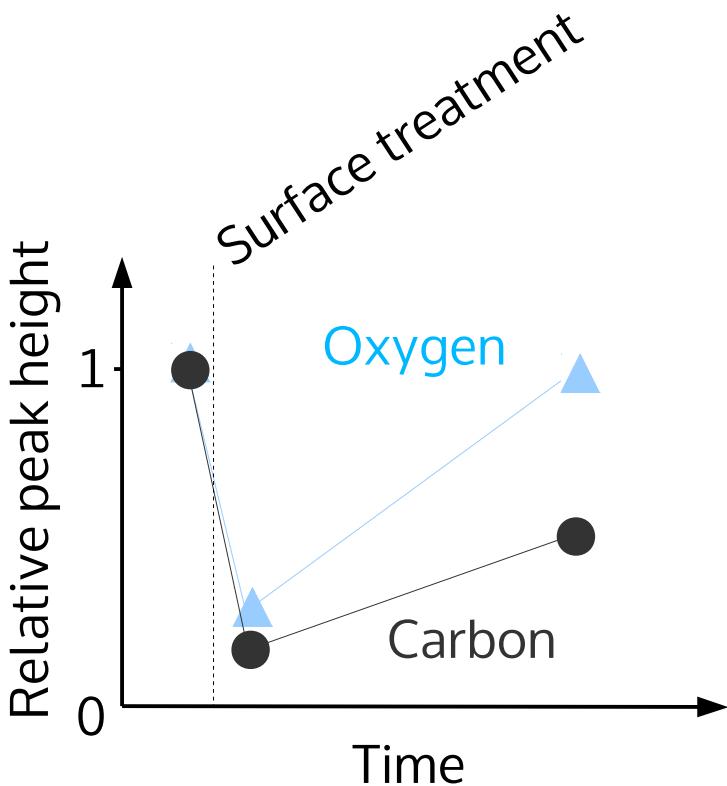
Heating rates



Findings



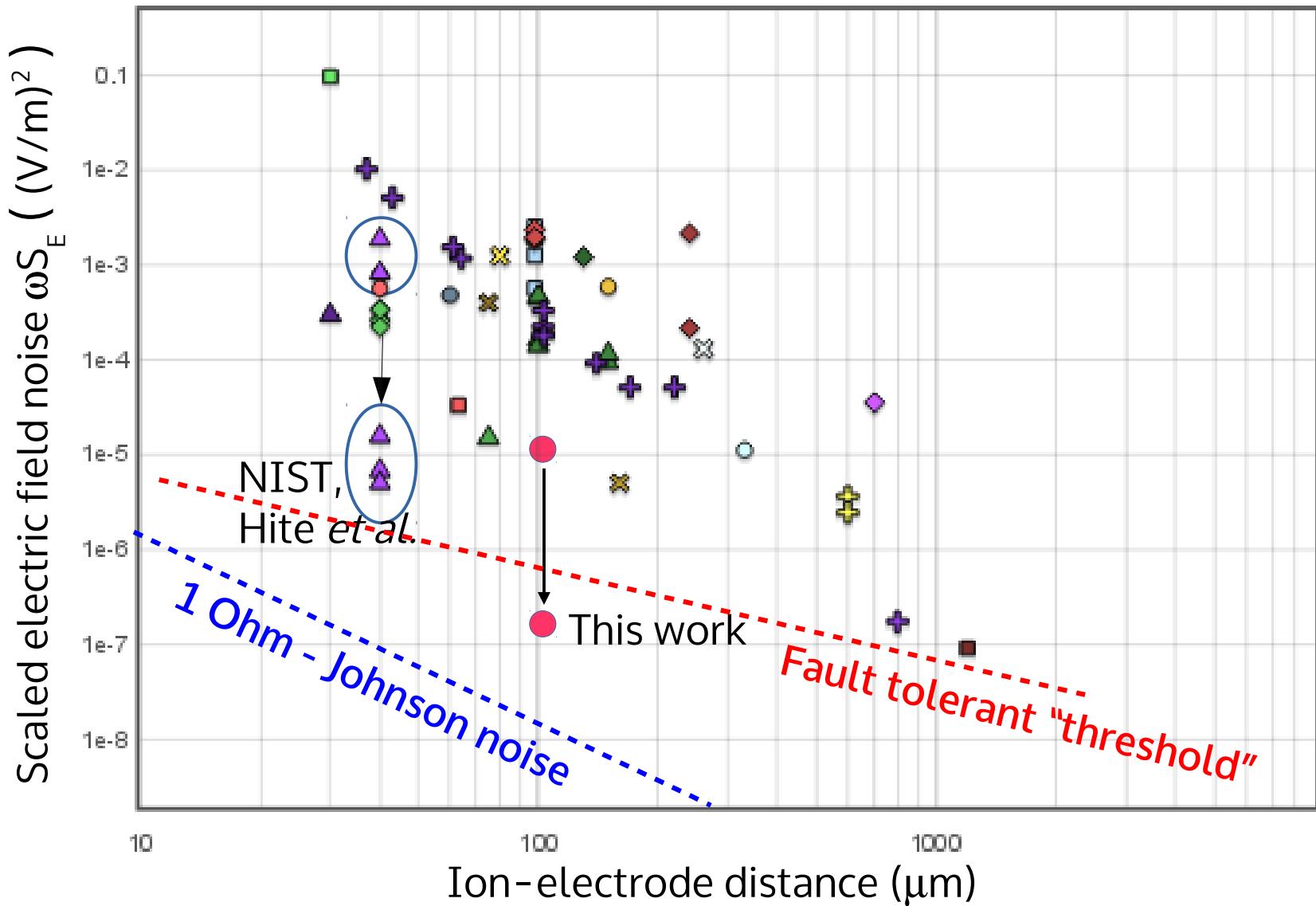
Structure of surface
and/or
contaminants matter



- Heating rate can be low despite full oxidation
- Heating rate low despite 50% of original Carbon level

Excessive heating in ion traps

From: http://www.quantum.gatech.edu/heating_rate_plot.shtml



Anticipated requirements for fault tolerant QIP

	Actual	Required
Spontaneous decay	1.2 s	1 s
Magnetic field fluctuations (slow noise)	10 μ G	1 μ G
Laser frequency (slow noise)	10 Hz	1 Hz
Laser intensity fluctuations	1.5 %	0.01 %
Cross talk	0.1 % / qubit	n.a.
Initialization error	0.3 % / qubit	0.01 % / qubit
Read-out	0.5 % / qubit	0.01 % / qubit
Heating rate	3 quanta / s	10 quanta / s
Secular frequency stability in planar trap	~100 Hz	10 Hz

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