

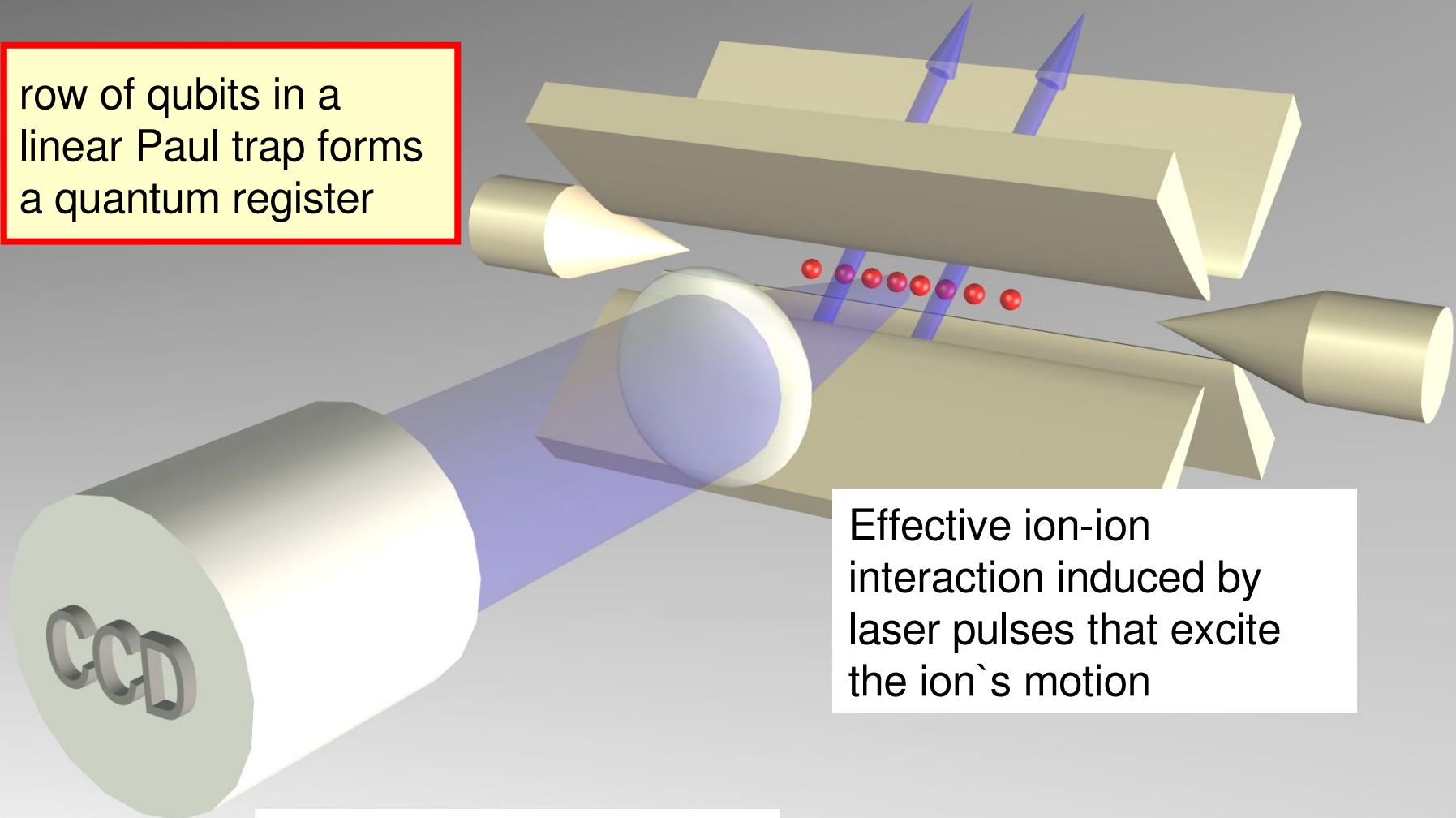
# Ion trap quantum processor

Laser pulses manipulate individual ions

row of qubits in a linear Paul trap forms a quantum register

Effective ion-ion interaction induced by laser pulses that excite the ion's motion

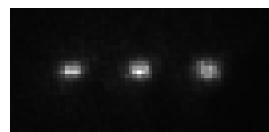
A CCD camera reads out the ion's quantum state



# Experimental setup

Fluorescence  
detection by

CCD camera  
photomultiplier

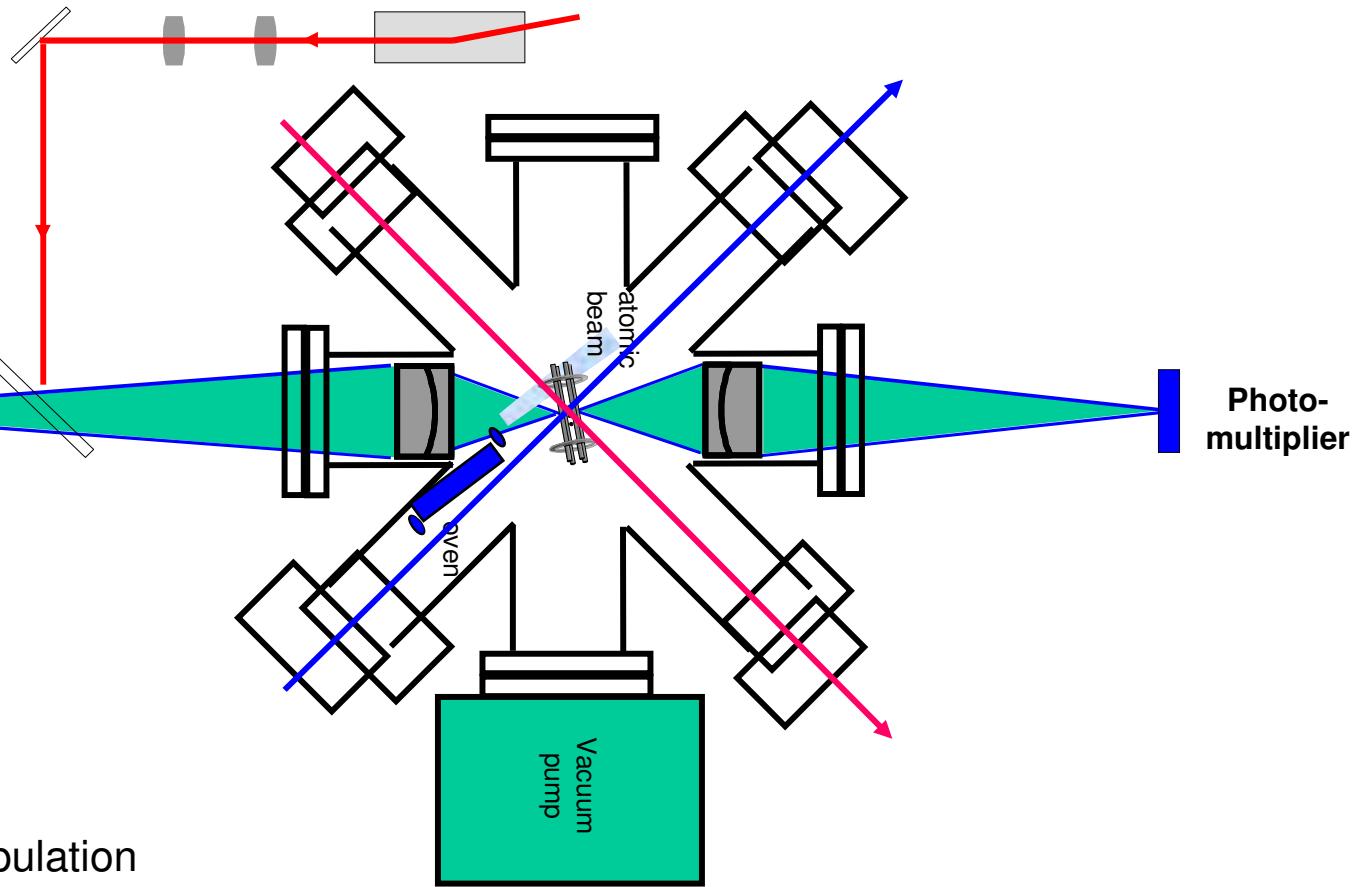


CCD  
camera

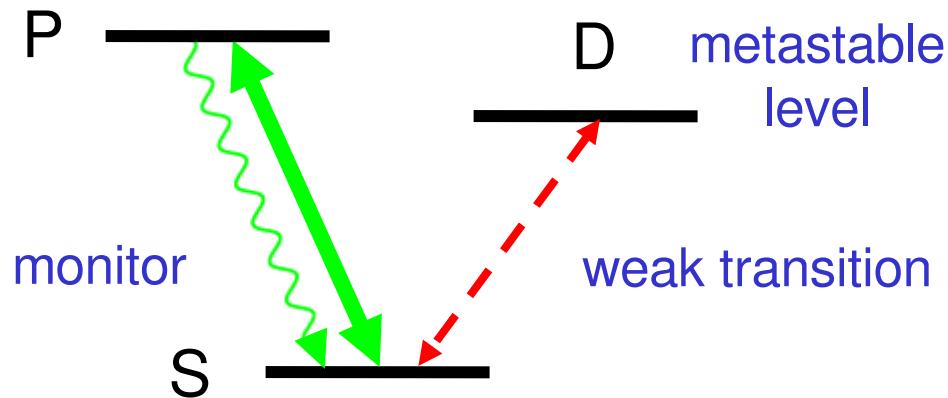
Photo-  
multiplier

Laser beams for:

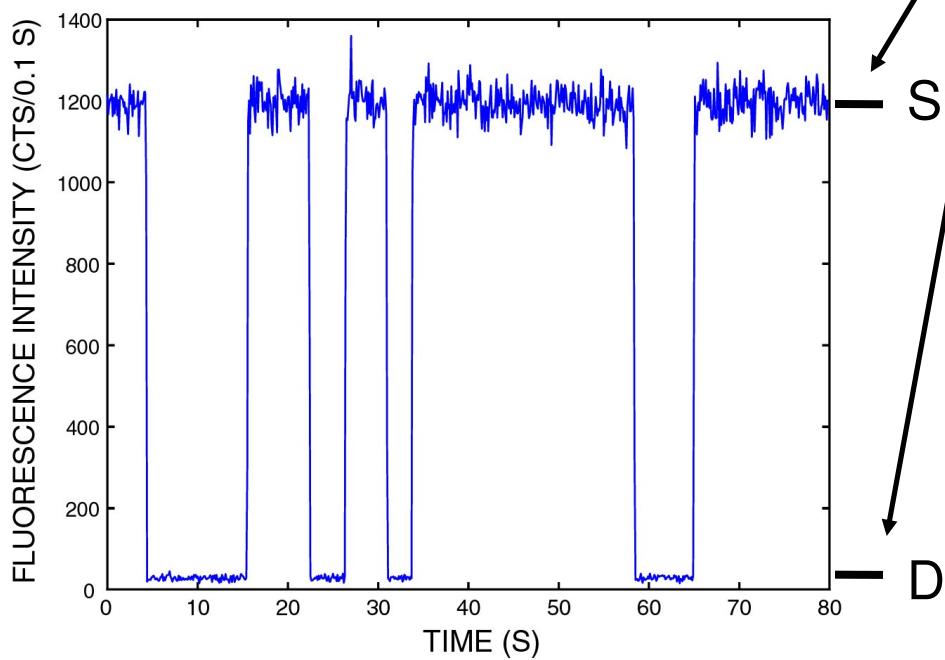
photoionization  
cooling  
quantum state manipulation  
fluorescence excitation



# Quantum jumps: spectroscopy with quantized fluorescence



absorption and emission  
cause fluorescence steps  
(digital quantum jump signal)

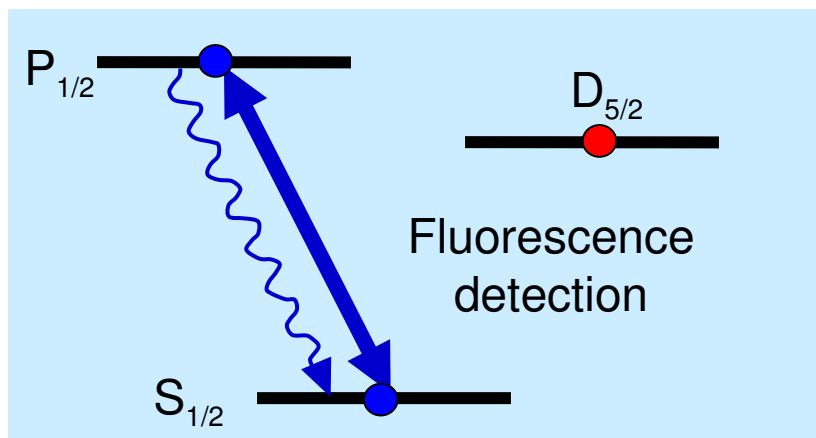


„Quantum jump technique“  
„Electron shelving technique“

Observation of quantum jumps:

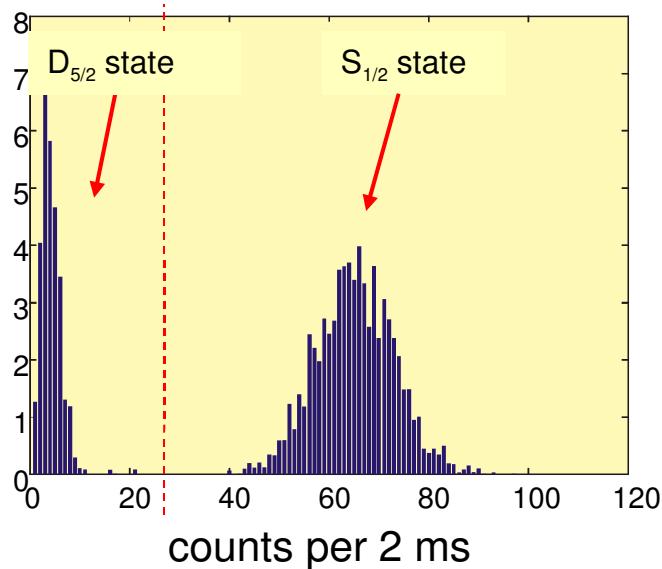
Nagourney et al., PRL 56,2797 (1986),  
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# Electron shelving for quantum state detection



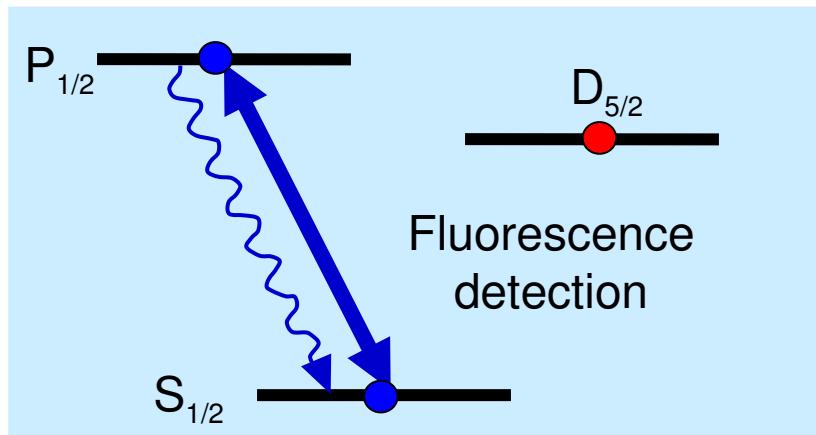
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3. Quantum state measurement by fluorescence detection

One ion : Fluorescence histogram



50 experiments / s  
Repeat experiments  
100-200 times

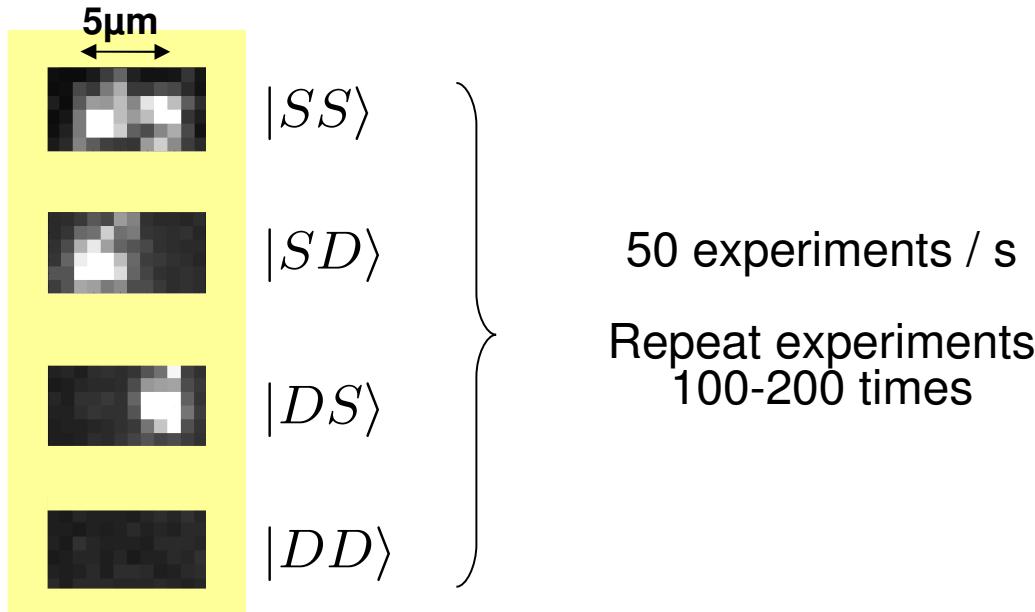
# Electron shelving for quantum state detection



1. Initialization in a pure quantum state
2. Quantum state manipulation on  $S_{1/2} - D_{5/2}$  transition
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Two ions:

**Spatially resolved  
detection with  
CCD camera:**



# Quantum harmonical oscillator

Extension of the ground state:

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\nu}}(a + a^\dagger)$$

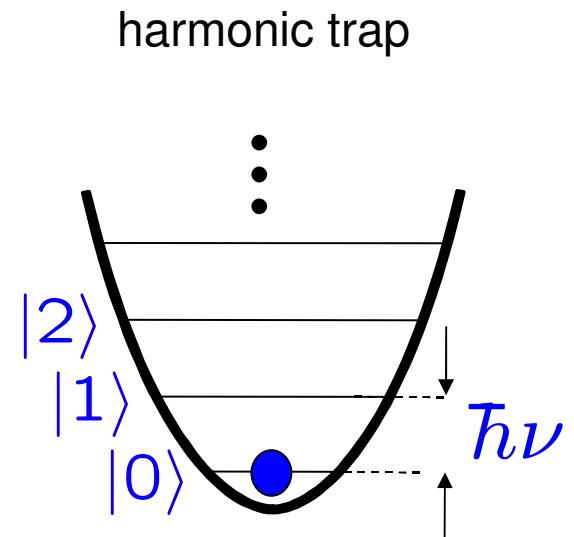
$$\langle 0 | x^2 | 0 \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\nu} \langle 0 | (a + a^\dagger)^2 | 0 \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\nu}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \nu = (2\pi)1 \text{ MHz} \\ m=40 \text{ u} \end{array} \right\} \quad \langle x^2 \rangle^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\nu}} \approx 11 \text{ nm}$$

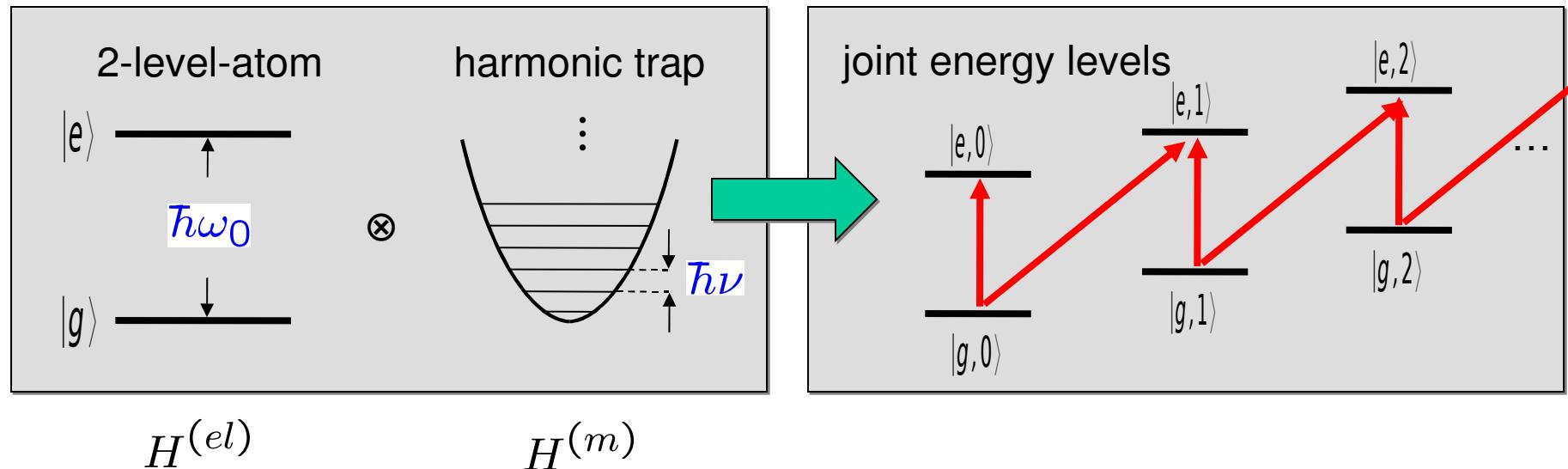
Size of the wave packet << wavelength of visible light

Energy scale of interest:

$$\hbar\nu = k_B T \quad \longrightarrow \quad T = \frac{\hbar\nu}{k_B} \approx 50 \mu\text{K}$$



# Laser – ion interactions



Approximations:

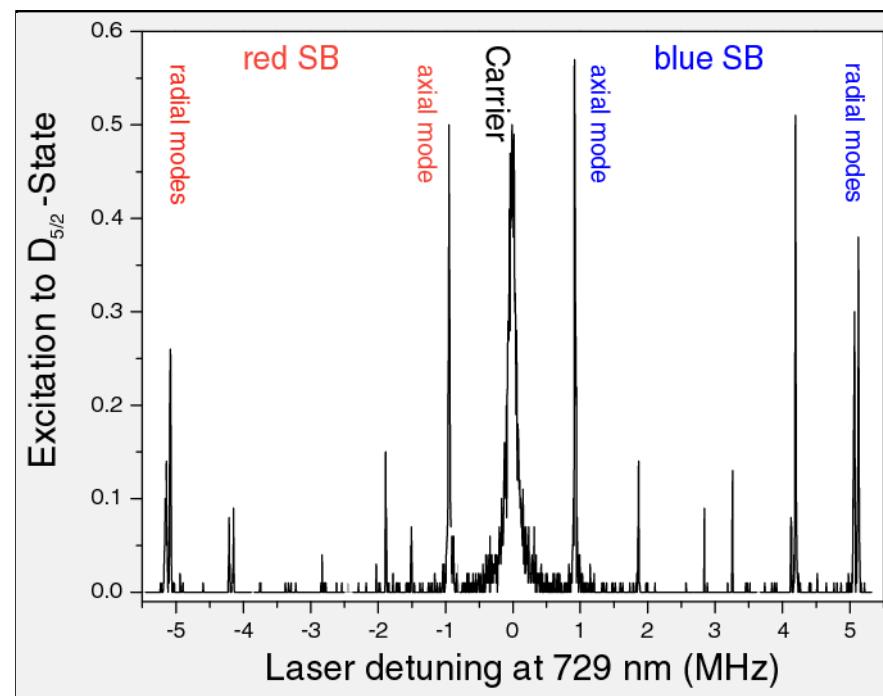
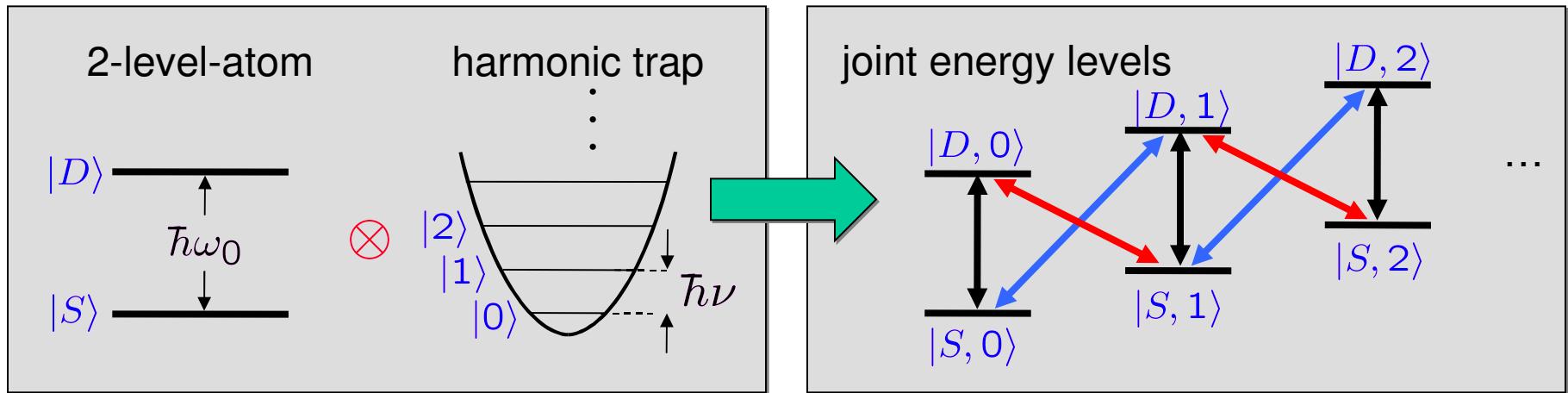
Ion: Electronic structure of the ion approximated by two-level system  
 (laser is (near-) resonant and couples only two levels)

$$H^{(el)} = \hbar \frac{\omega_0}{2} (|e\rangle\langle e| - |g\rangle\langle g|)$$

Trap: Only a single harmonic oscillator taken into account

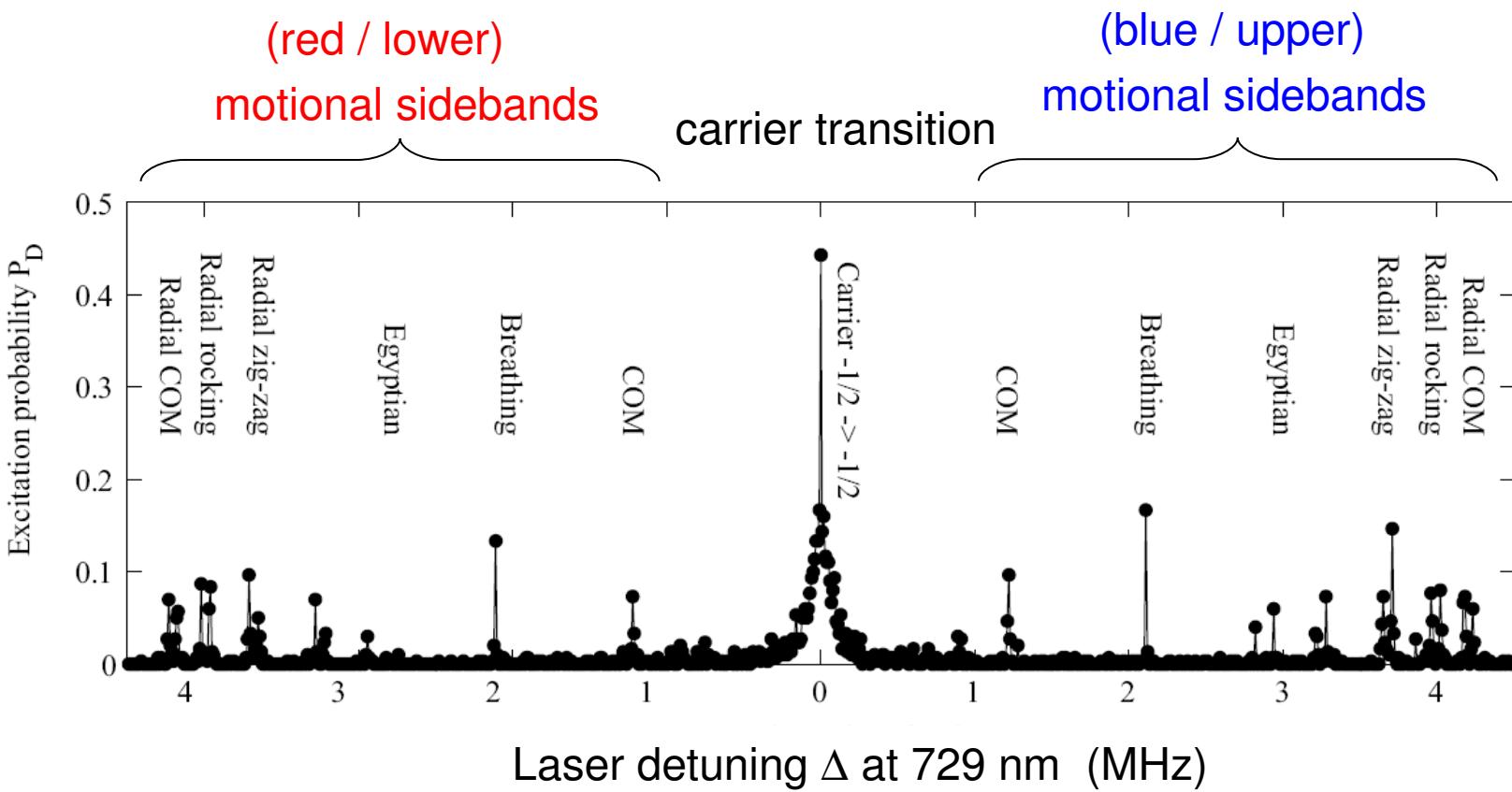
$$H^{(m)} = \hbar\nu a^\dagger a$$

# External degree of freedom: ion motion

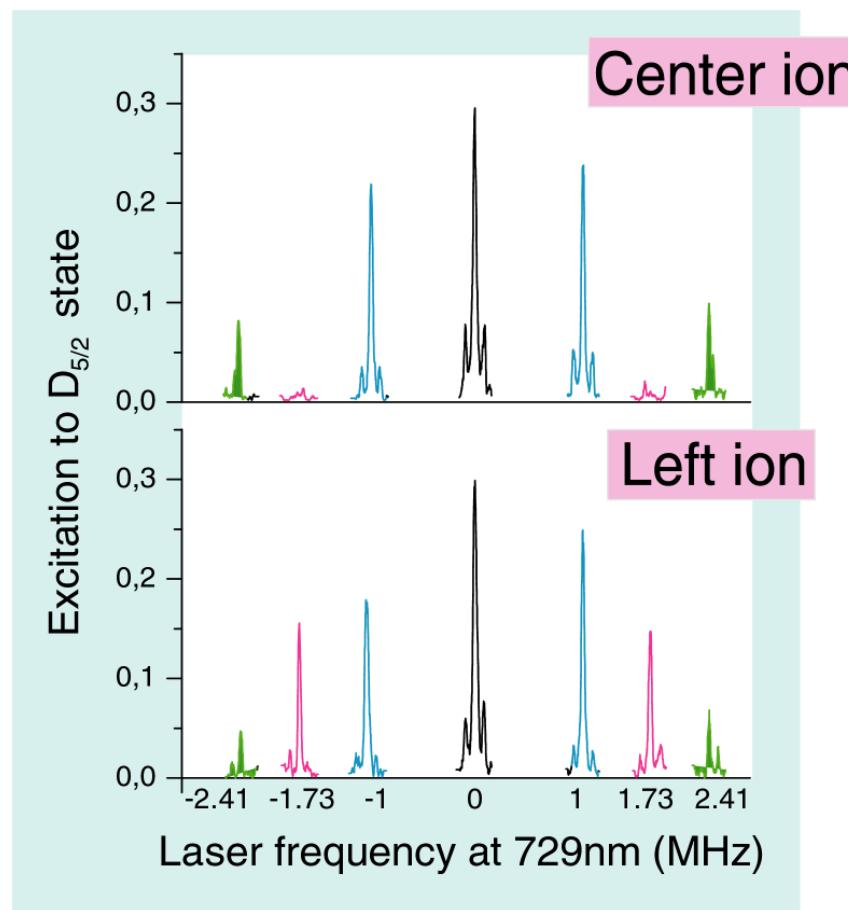


# A closer look at the excitation spectrum (3 ions)

$$S_{1/2}, m = -1/2 \longleftrightarrow D_{5/2}, m = -1/2$$

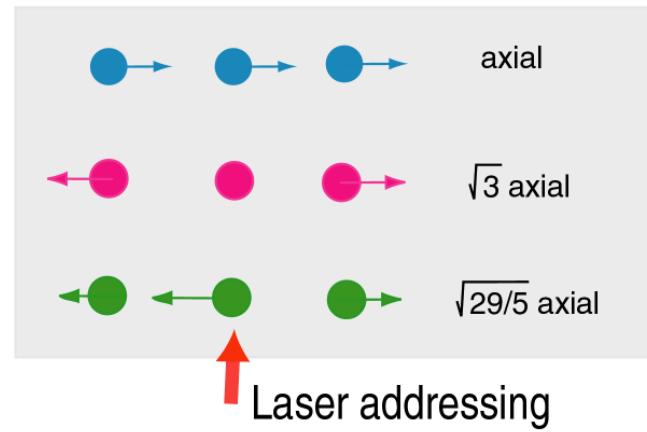


# Sideband spectra of individually addressed three ions

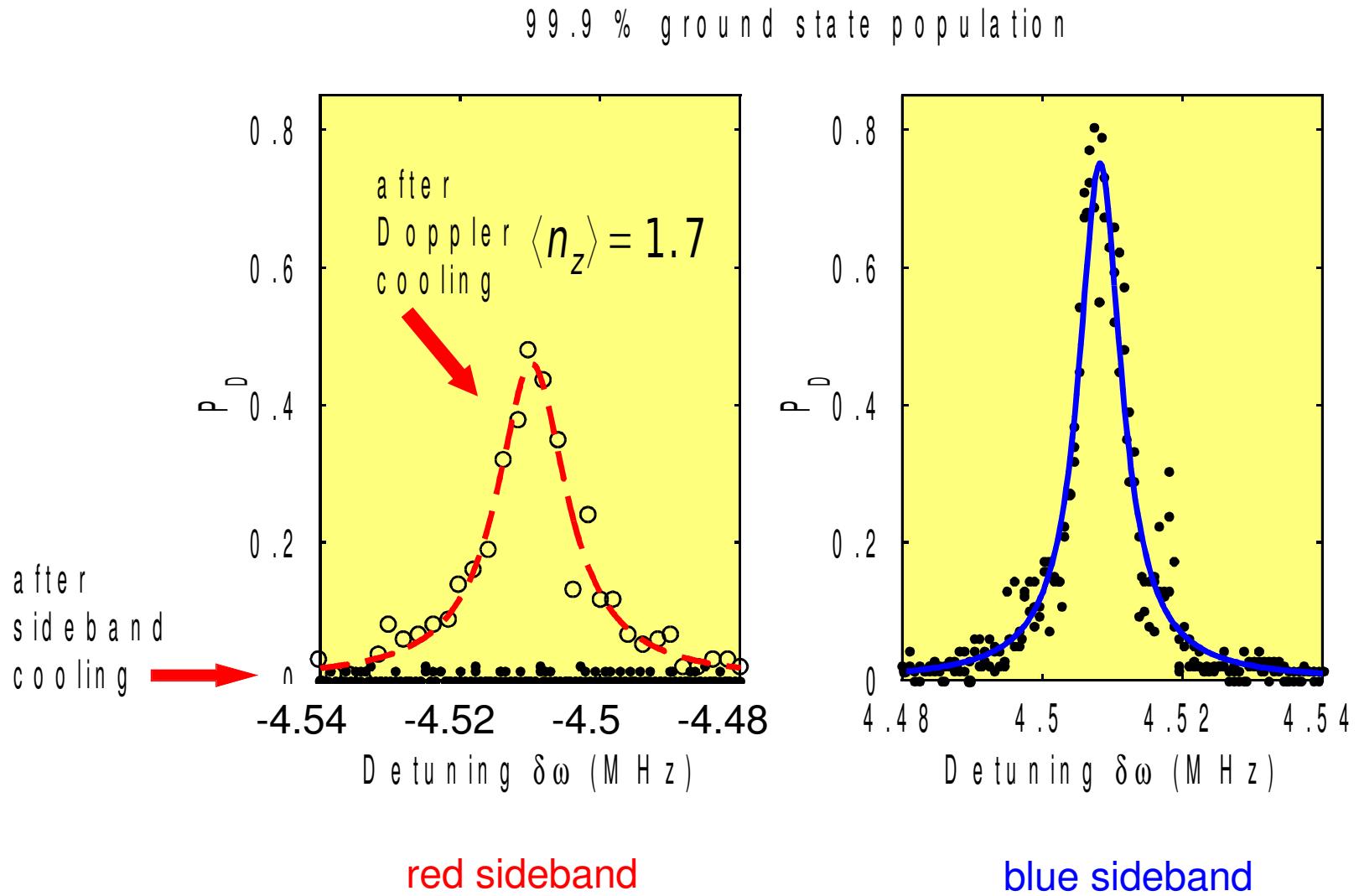


Eigen-vectors and Eigen-values

$$\begin{array}{lll} V1= \{ 0.577 & 0.577 & 0.577 \} & 1 \\ V2= \{ -0.707 & 0 & 0.707 \} & 1.73 \\ V3= \{ -0.408 & 0.817 & -0.408 \} & 2.41 \end{array}$$



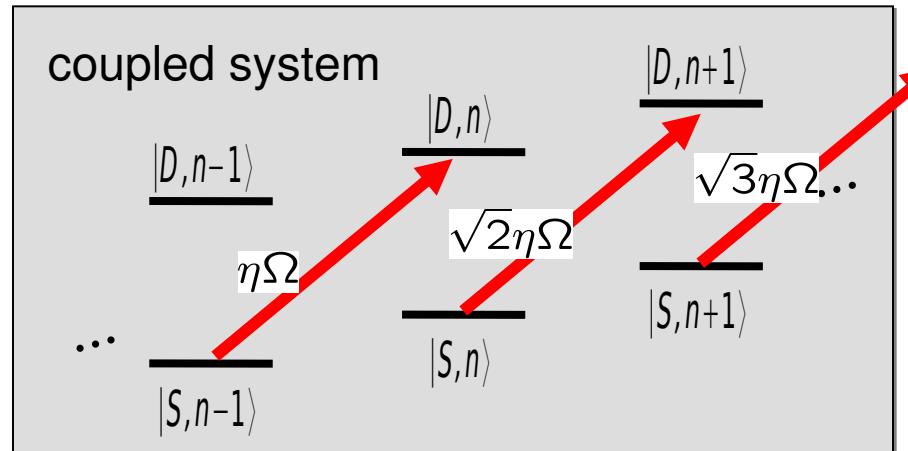
# Sideband absorption spectra



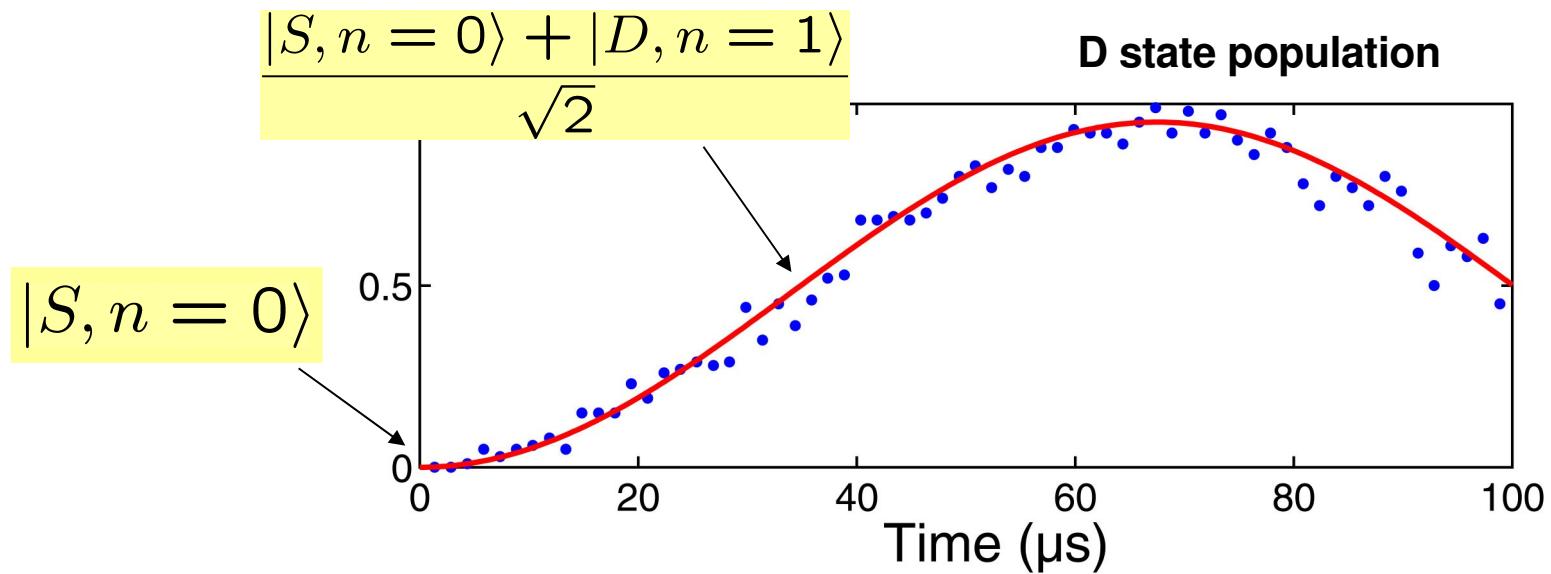
# Coherent excitation on the sideband

„Blue sideband“ pulses:

$$|S\rangle|n\rangle \longleftrightarrow |D\rangle|n+1\rangle$$



$\theta = \pi/2$  : Entanglement between internal and motional state !



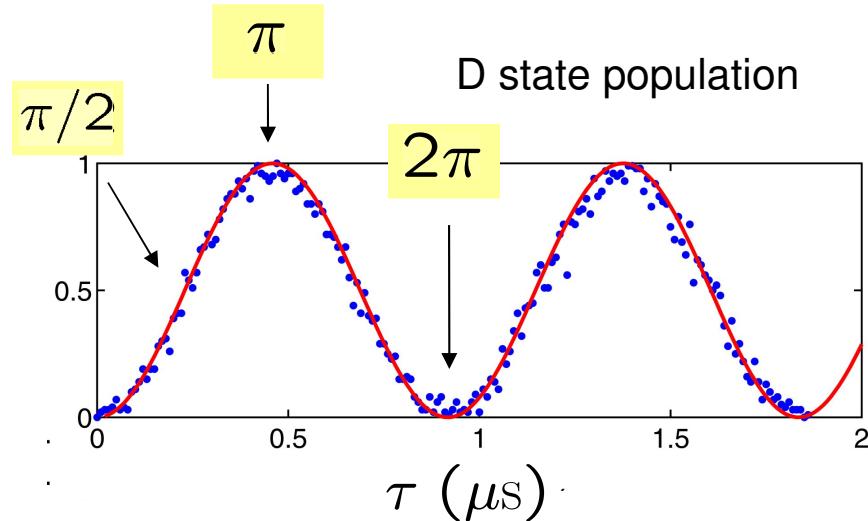
# Single qubit operations

Arbitrary qubit rotations:

- Laser slightly detuned from carrier resonance  
(z-rotations by off-resonant laser beam creating ac-Stark shifts)
- or:
- Concatenation of two pulses with rotation axis in equatorial plane

Gate time : 1-10  $\mu\text{s}$

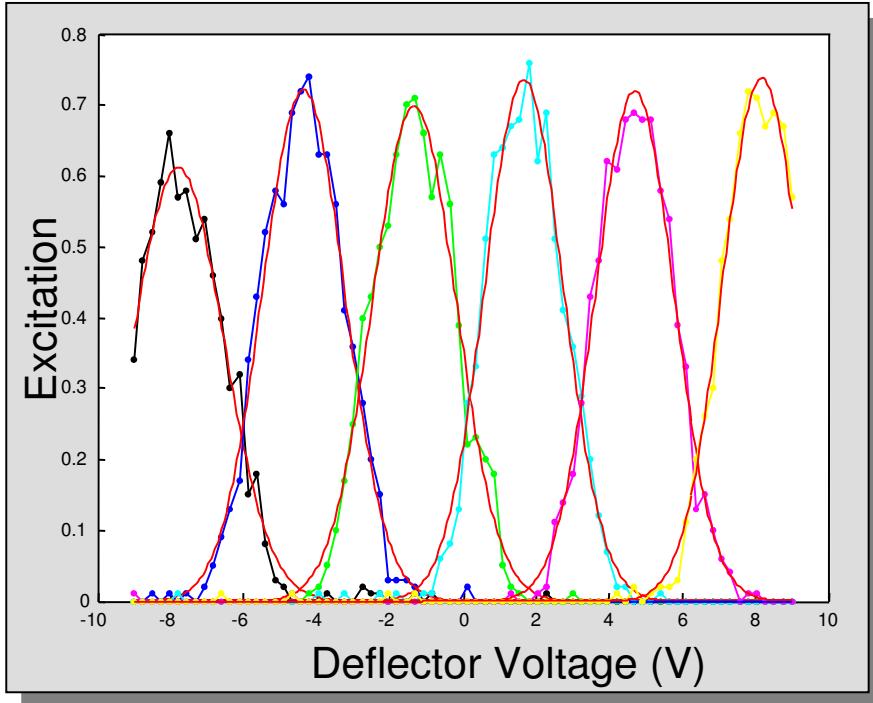
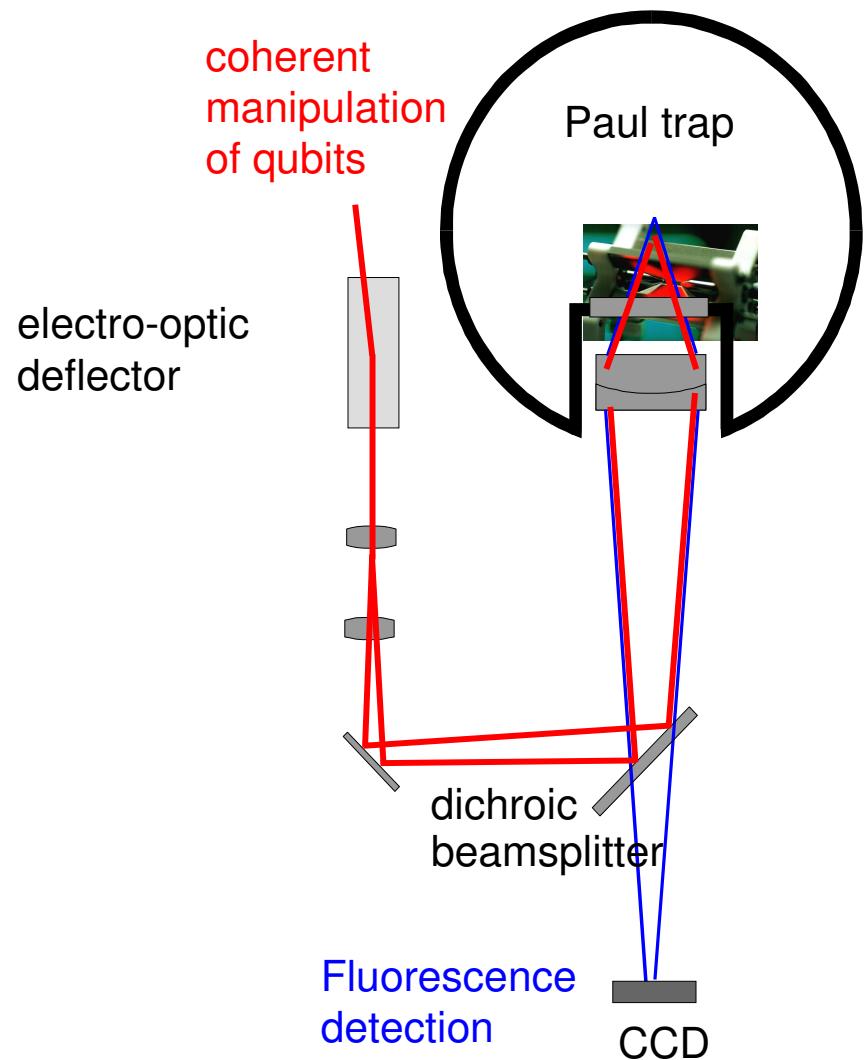
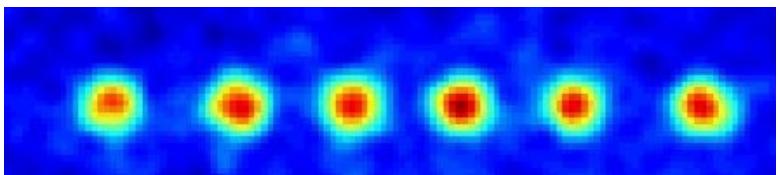
↔ Coherence time : 2-3 ms



limited by

- magnetic field fluctuations
- laser frequency fluctuations  
(laser linewidth  $\delta\nu < 100 \text{ Hz}$ )

# Addressing the qubits



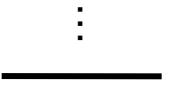
- inter ion distance:  $\sim 4 \mu\text{m}$
  - addressing waist:  $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$
- < 0.1% intensity on neighbouring ions

# Generation of Bell states

$|DD1\rangle$    $\vdots$

$|DD0\rangle$  

Pulse sequence:

$|DS1\rangle$    $\vdots$    $|SD1\rangle$

$|DS0\rangle$     $|SD0\rangle$

$|SS1\rangle$    $\vdots$

$|SS0\rangle$  

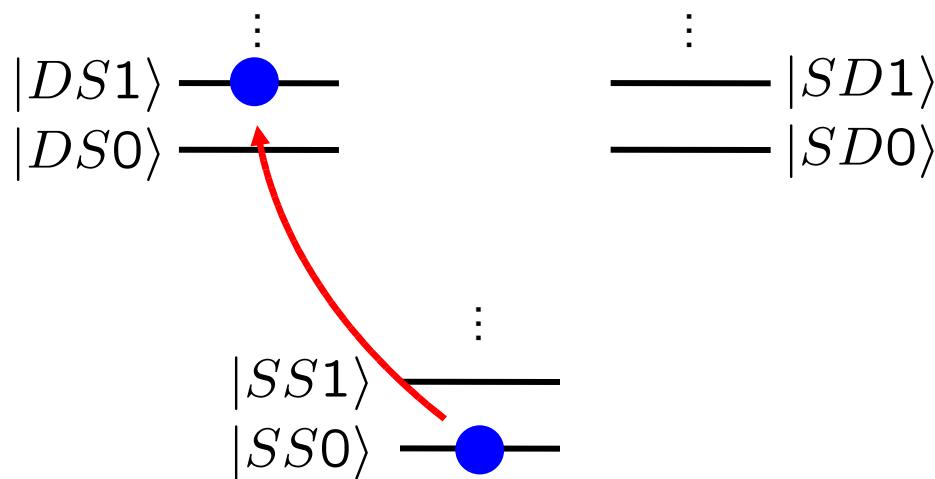
$|SS0\rangle$

# Generation of Bell states

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

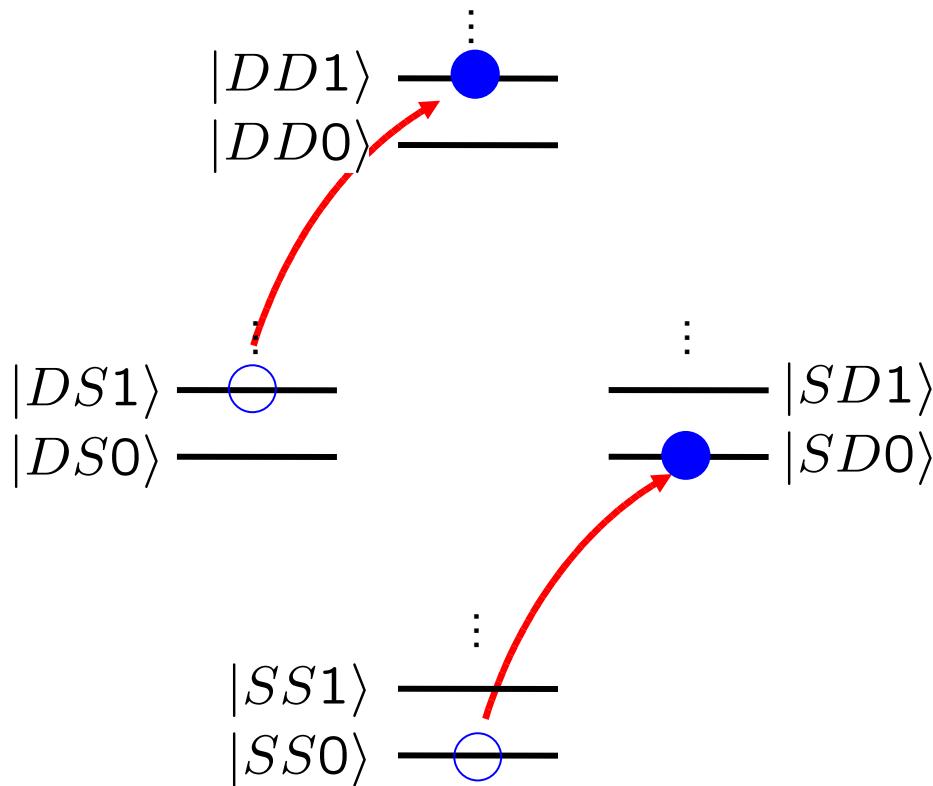
Pulse sequence:

Ion 1:  $\pi/2$ , blue sideband



$$|SS0\rangle + |DS1\rangle$$

# Generation of Bell states



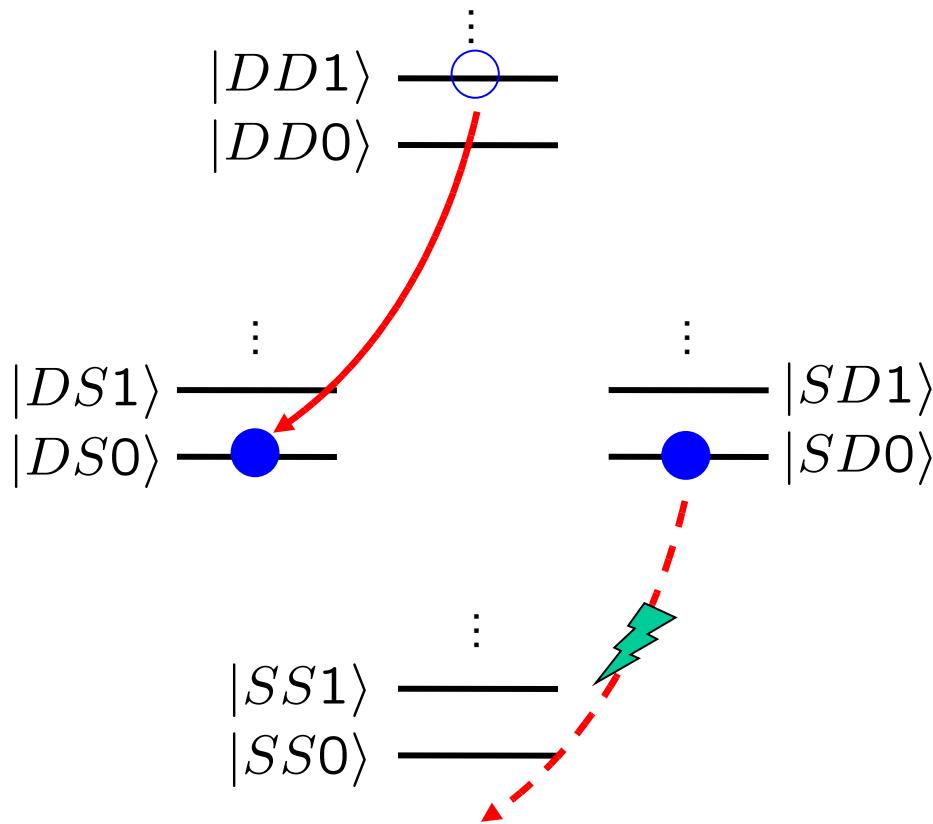
Pulse sequence:

Ion 1:  $\pi/2$ , blue sideband

Ion 2:  $\pi$ , carrier

$$|SD0\rangle + |DD1\rangle$$

# Generation of Bell states



Pulse sequence:

Ion 1:  $\pi/2$ , blue sideband

Ion 2:  $\pi$ , carrier

Ion 2:  $\pi$ , blue sideband

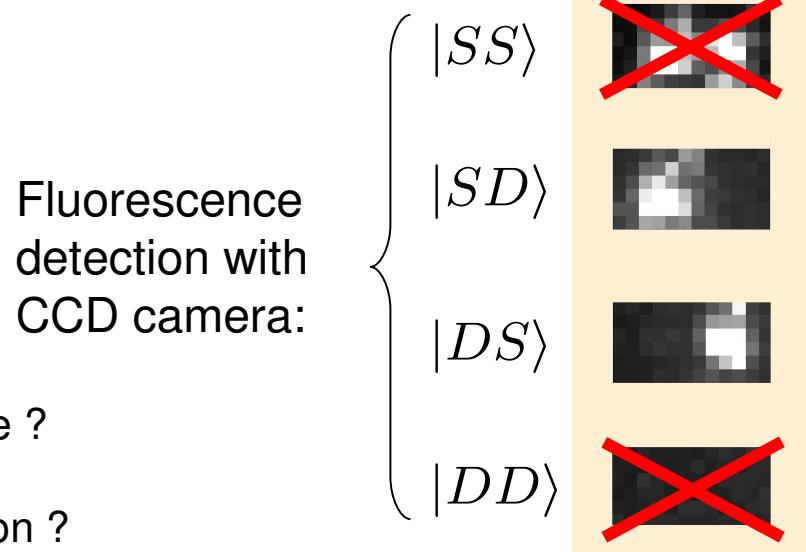
$$(|SD\rangle + |DS\rangle)|0\rangle$$

# Bell state analysis

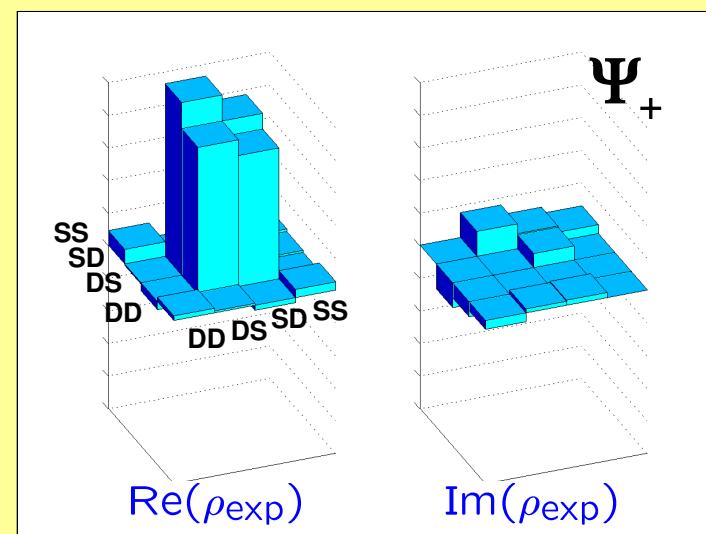
$$|SD\rangle + |DS\rangle$$

Coherent superposition or incoherent mixture ?

What is the relative phase of the superposition ?



→ Measurement of the density matrix:

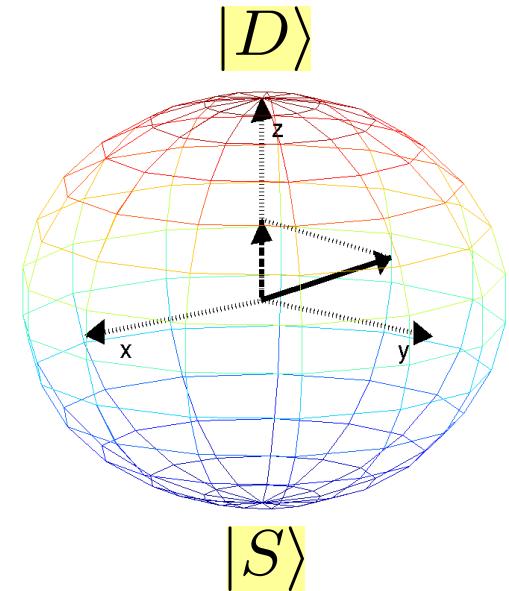


# Obtaining a single qubits density matrix

(a naïve persons point of view)

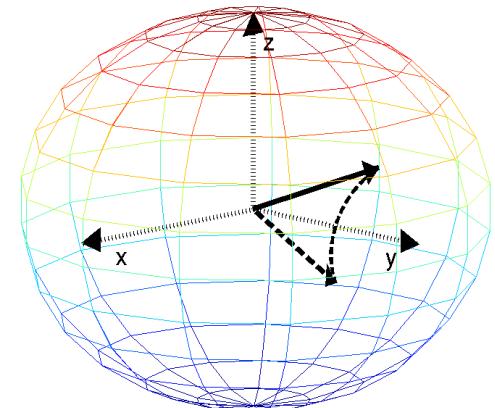
A measurement yields the  $z$ -component of the Bloch vector

=> Diagonal of the density matrix



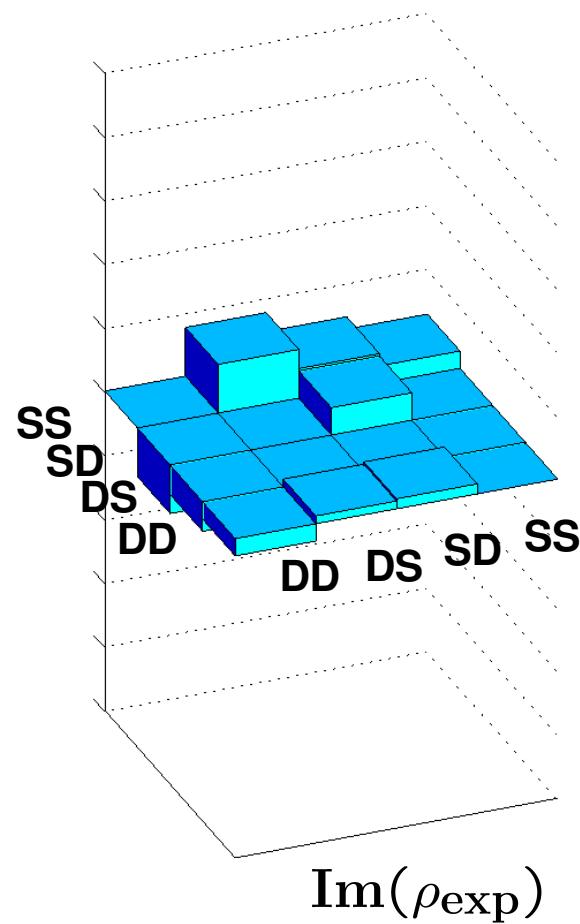
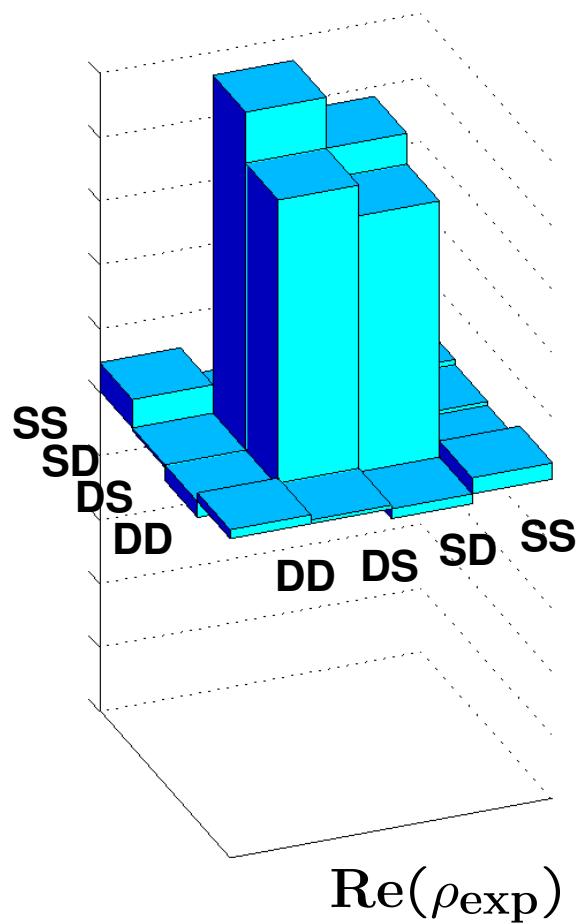
Rotation around the  $x$ - or the  $y$ -axis prior to the measurement yields the phase information of the qubit.

=> coherences of the density matrix



# Bell state reconstruction

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$|SD\rangle + |DS\rangle$   
 $F=0.91$

# Phase gate $\Leftrightarrow$ CNOT

$R_1^C(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$	$\xrightarrow{\text{Phasegate}}$	$R_1^C(\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2})$
$ 0\rangle \otimes  0\rangle$	$ 0\rangle \otimes ( 0\rangle +  1\rangle)$	$ 0\rangle \otimes ( 0\rangle +  1\rangle)$
$ 0\rangle \otimes  1\rangle$	$ 0\rangle \otimes ( 0\rangle -  1\rangle)$	$ 0\rangle \otimes ( 0\rangle -  1\rangle)$
$ 1\rangle \otimes  0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle \otimes ( 0\rangle +  1\rangle)$	$ 1\rangle \otimes ( 0\rangle -  1\rangle)$
$ 1\rangle \otimes  1\rangle$	$ 1\rangle \otimes ( 0\rangle -  1\rangle)$	$ 1\rangle \otimes ( 0\rangle +  1\rangle)$

Both, the phase gate as well the CNOT gate can be converted into each other with single qubit operations.

$$R^C(\pi/2, \pi/2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R^C(\pi/2, -\pi/2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Together with the three single qubit gates,  
we can implement any unitary operation!

# Quantum gate proposals with trapped ions

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## Quantum Computations with Cold Trapped Ions

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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.

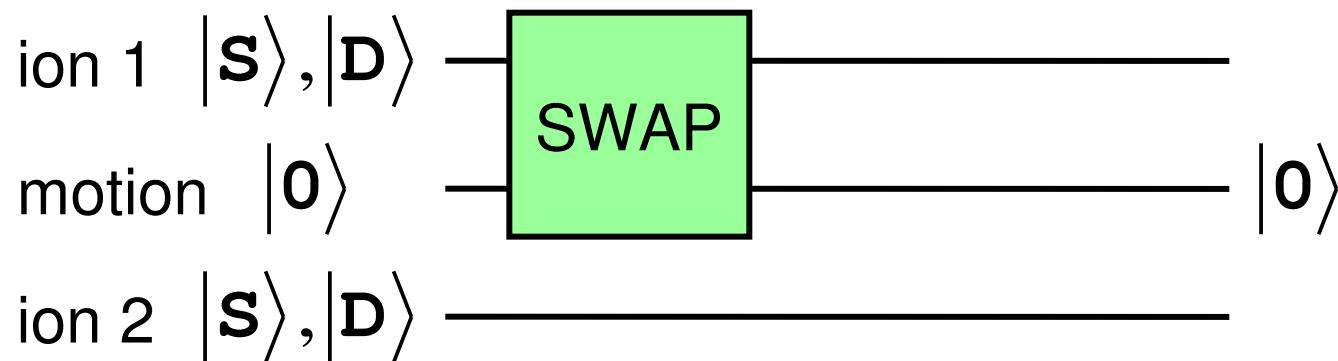
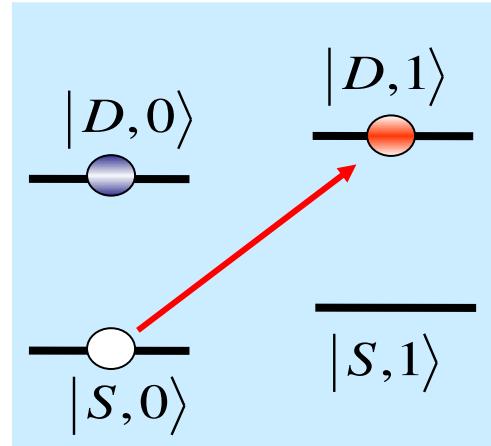
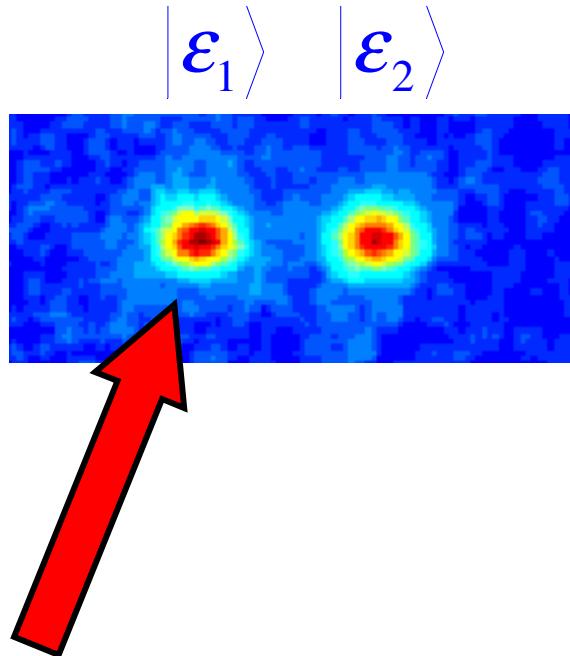
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...allows the realization of a  
***universal*** quantum computer !

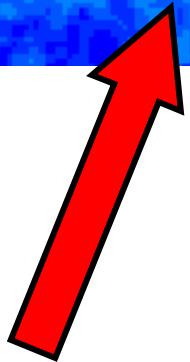
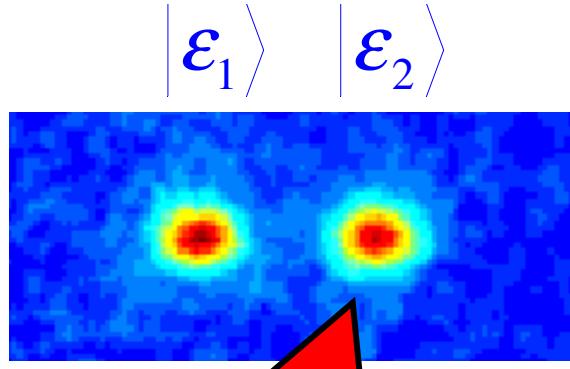
Some other gate proposals by:

- Cirac & Zoller
- Mølmer & Sørensen, Milburn
- Jonathan, Plenio & Knight
- Geometric phases
- Leibfried & Wineland

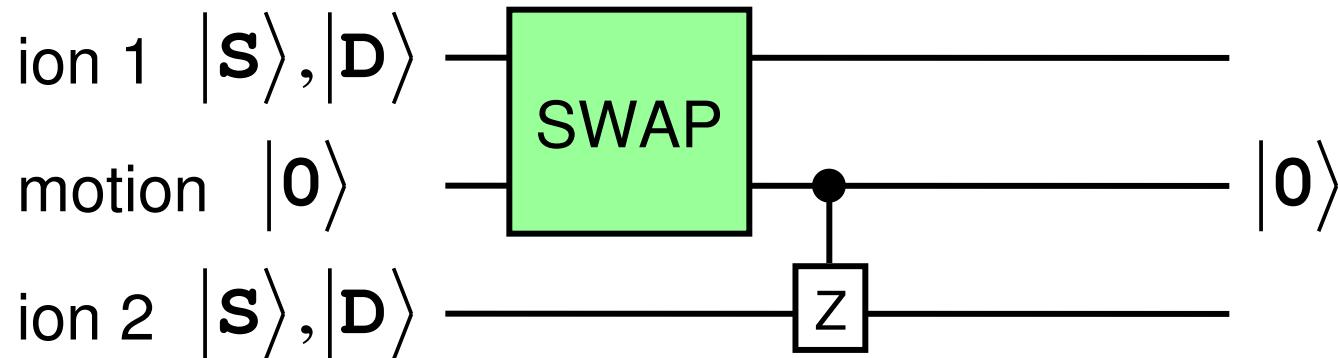
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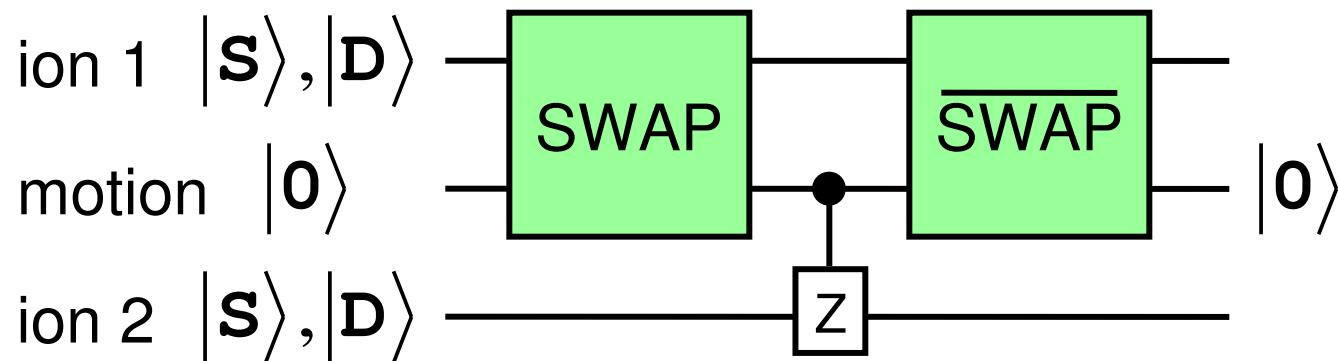
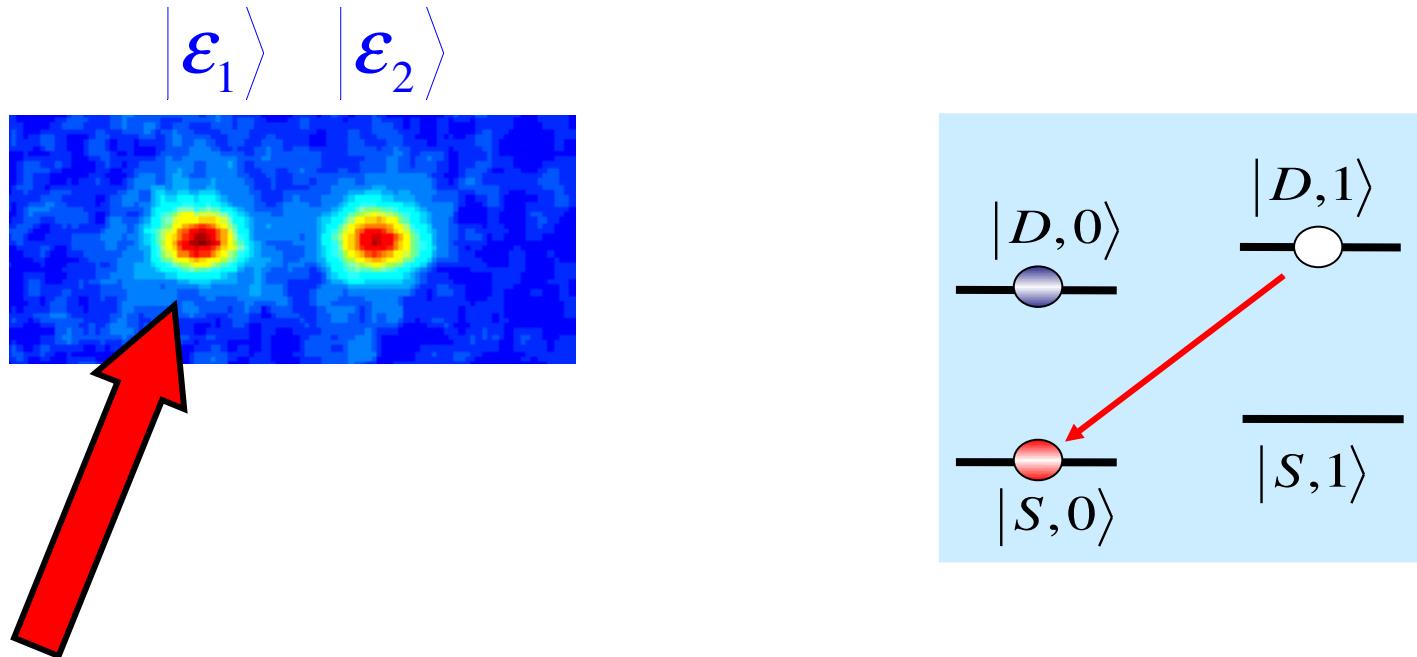
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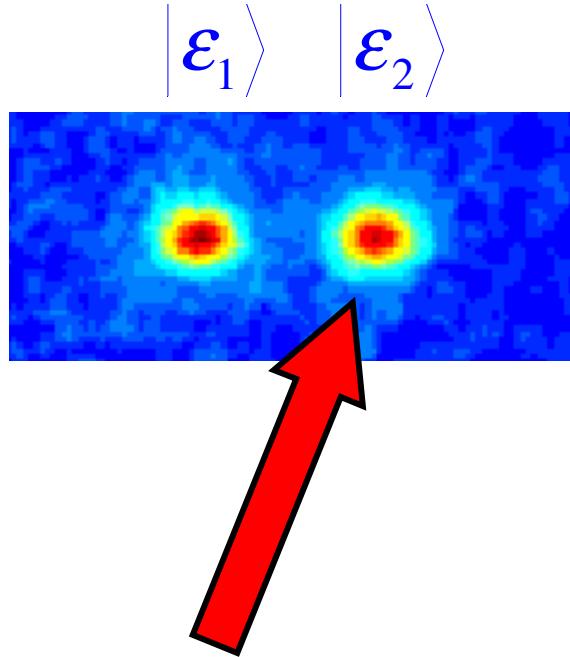
Phase gate using  
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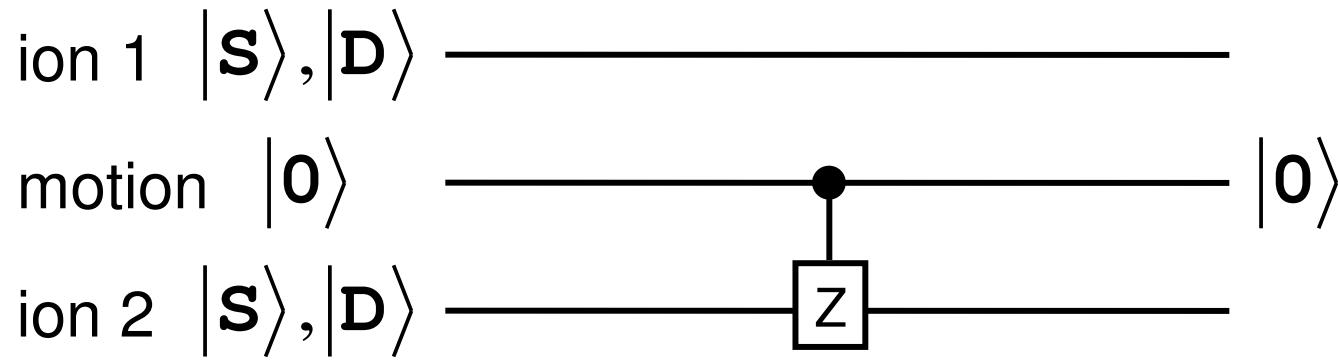
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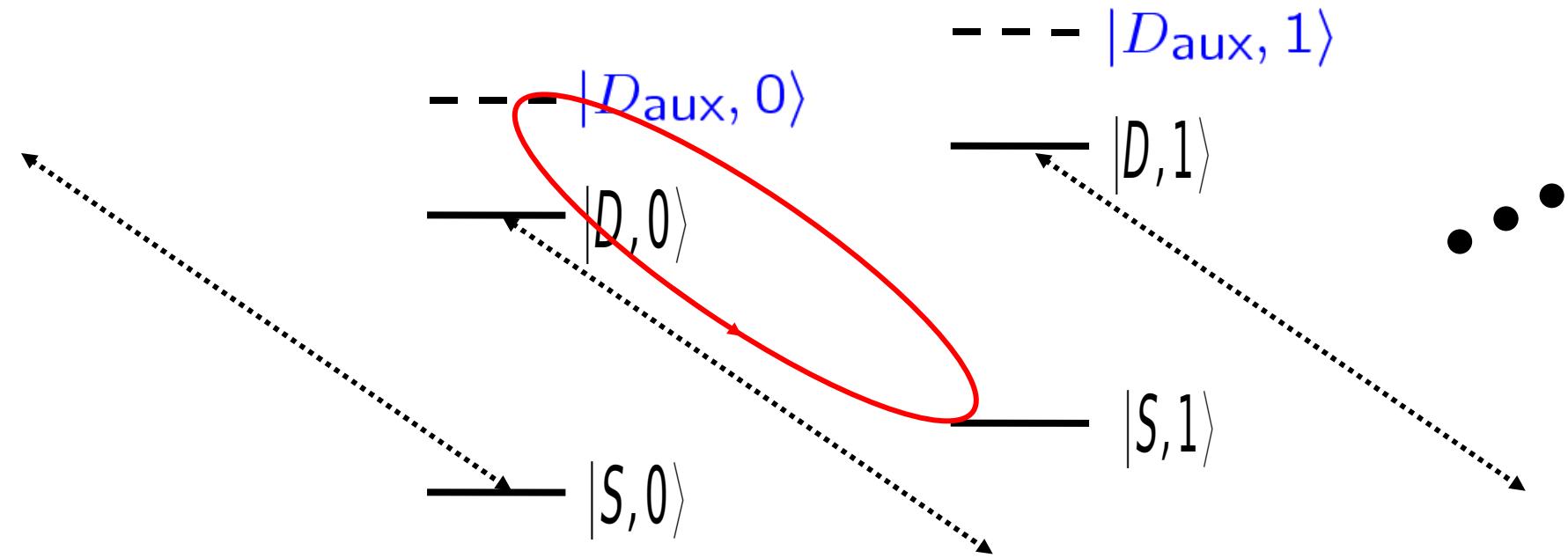
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# Cirac-Zoller phase gate: the key step



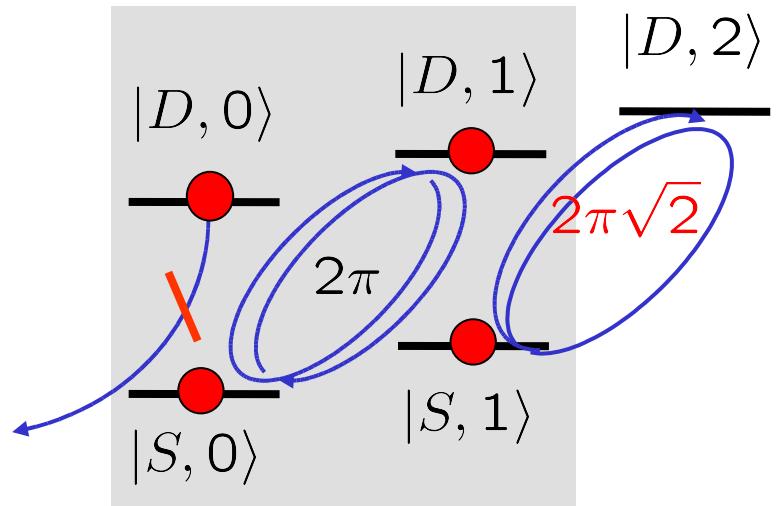
A  $2\pi$  pulse is applied to only one of ion-(crystal)s states => only one states acquires a phase factor of  $-1$ .

An additional Zeeman level can be used as the auxilary state.

=> gate is sensitive to magnetic field fluctuations!

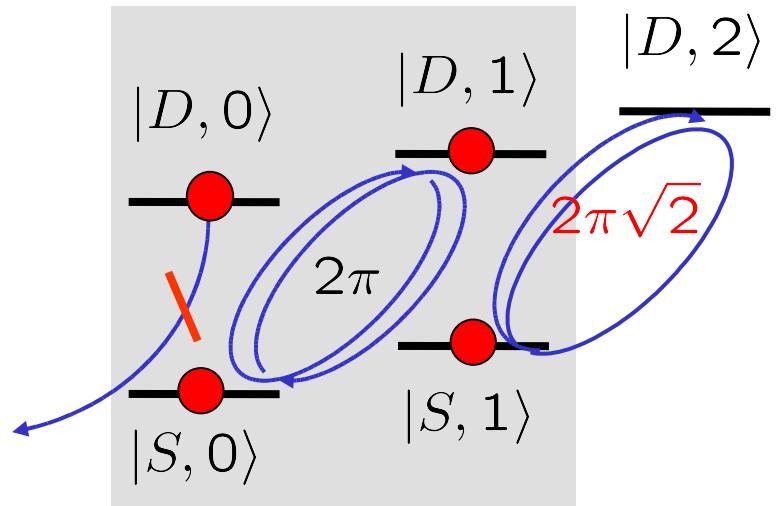
# How do you do with just a two-level system?

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



# Phase gate

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

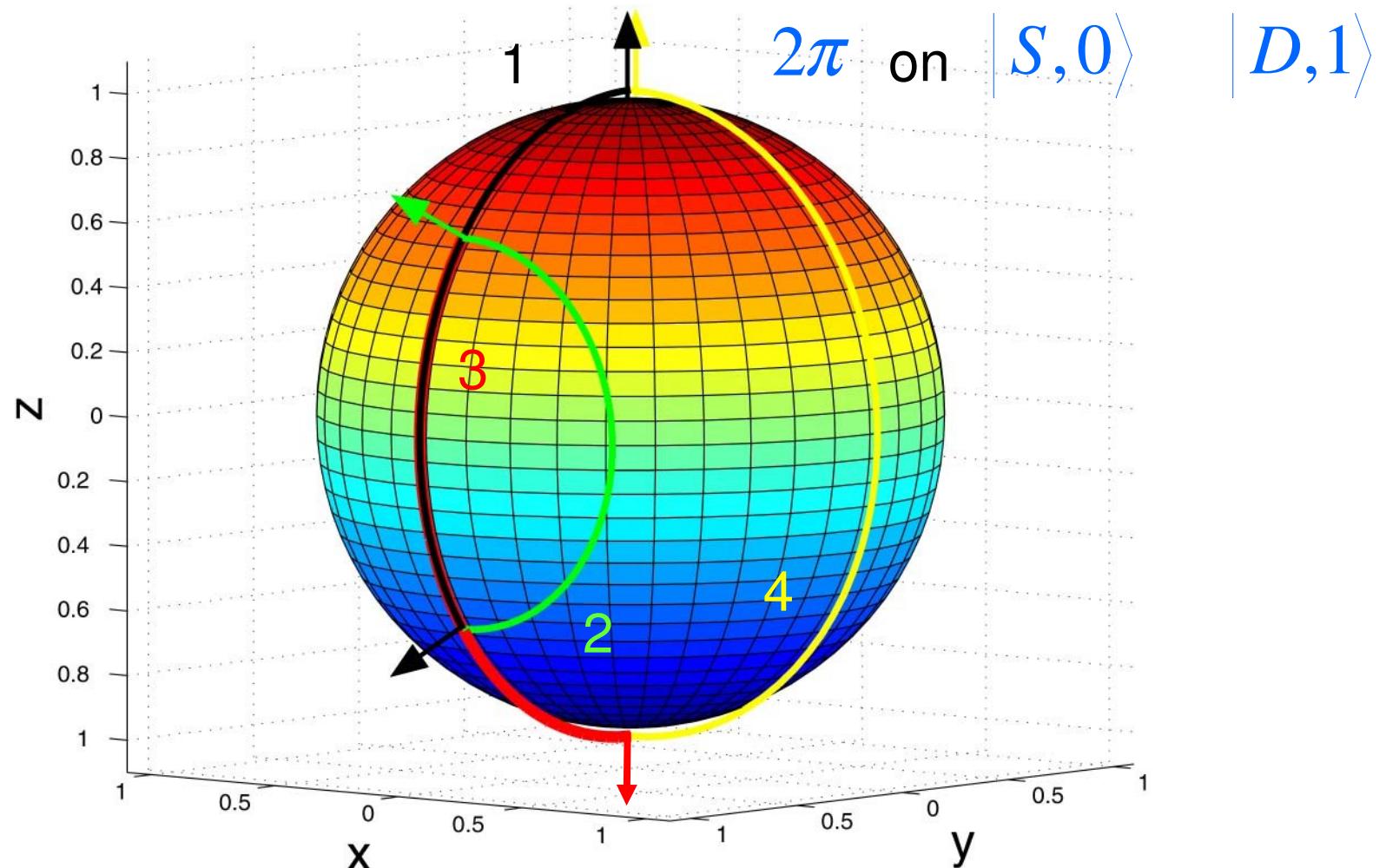


**Composite  $2\pi$ -rotation:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{blue} & \text{blue} & \text{blue} & \text{blue} \\ \pi/\sqrt{2} & \pi & \pi/\sqrt{2} & \pi \\ 0 & \pi/2 & 0 & \pi/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

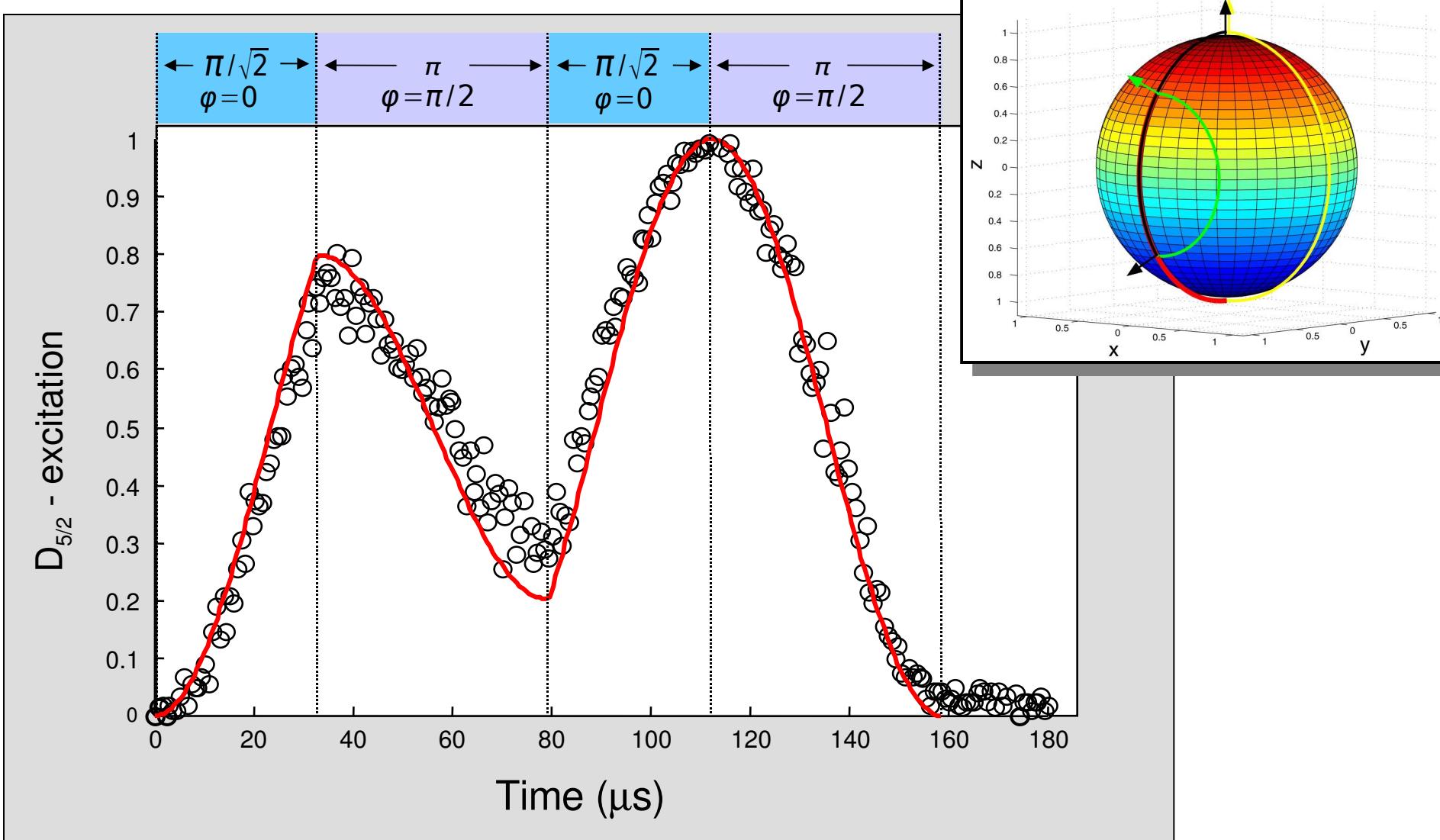
# A phase gate with 4 pulses ( $2\pi$ rotation)

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



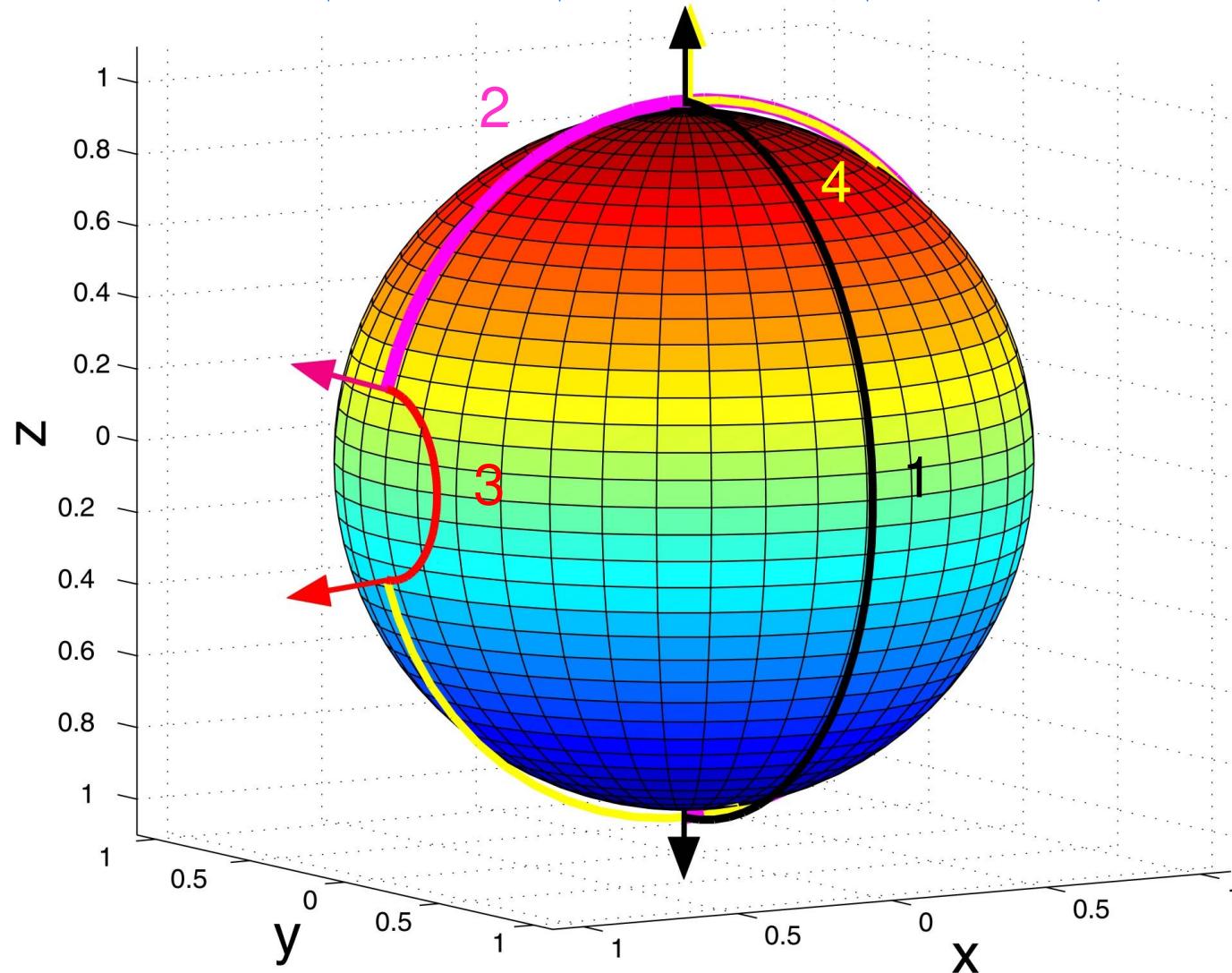
# A single ion composite phase gate: Experiment

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

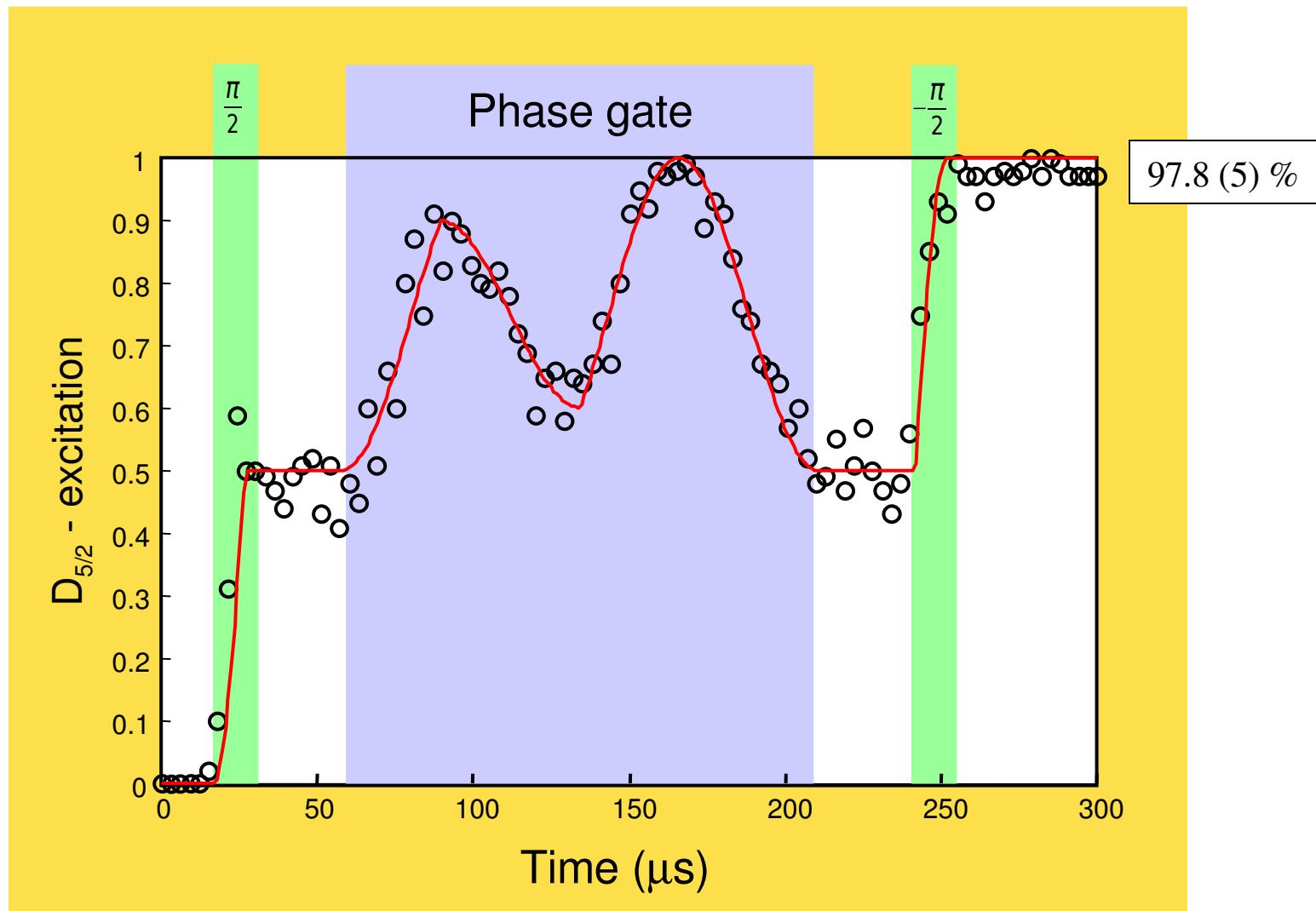


# Population of $|S,1\rangle$ - $|D,2\rangle$ remains unaffected

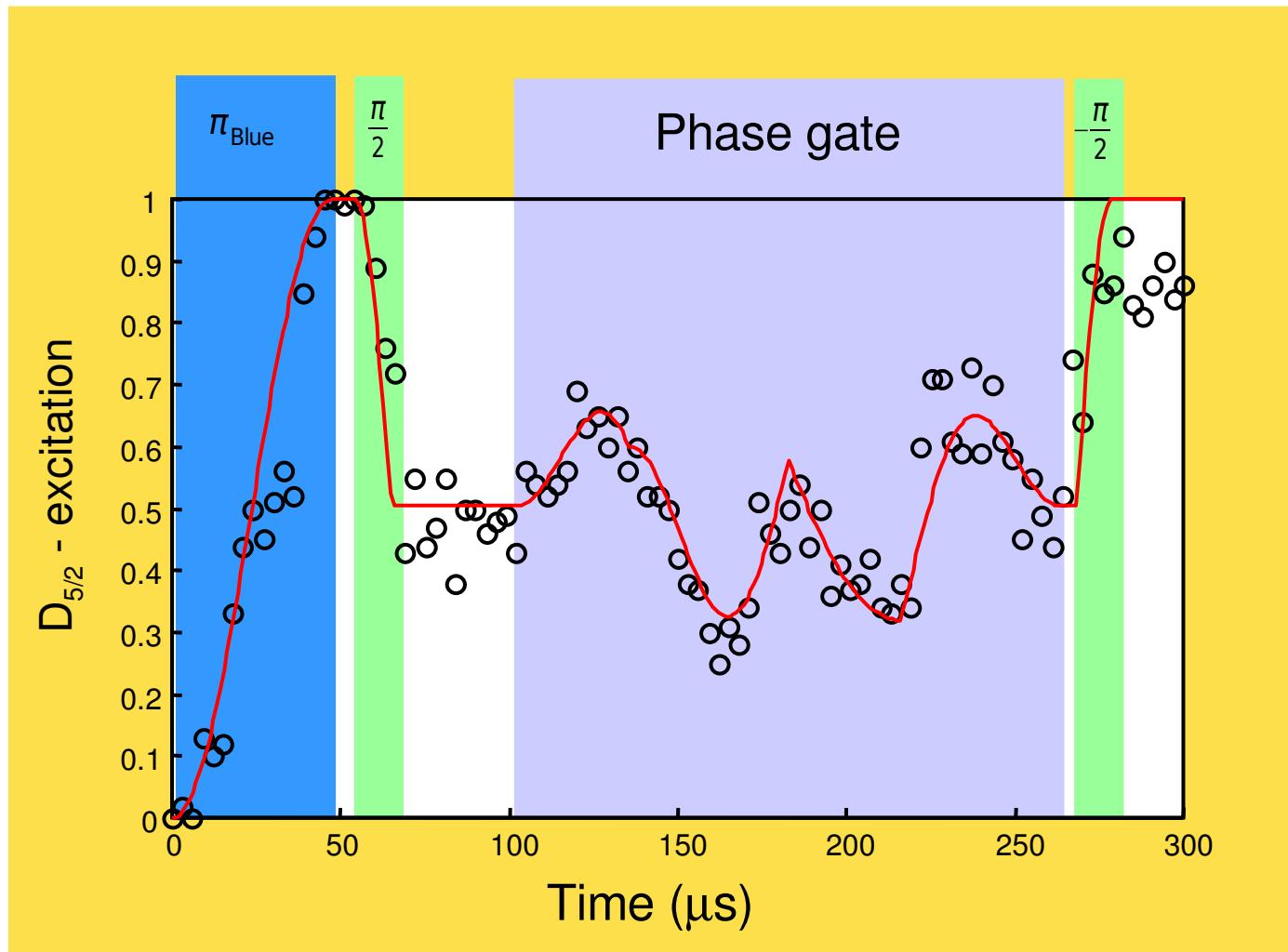
$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_1^+(\pi\sqrt{2}, \pi/2) R_1^+(\pi, 0) R_1^+(\pi\sqrt{2}, \pi/2) R_1^+(\pi, 0)$$



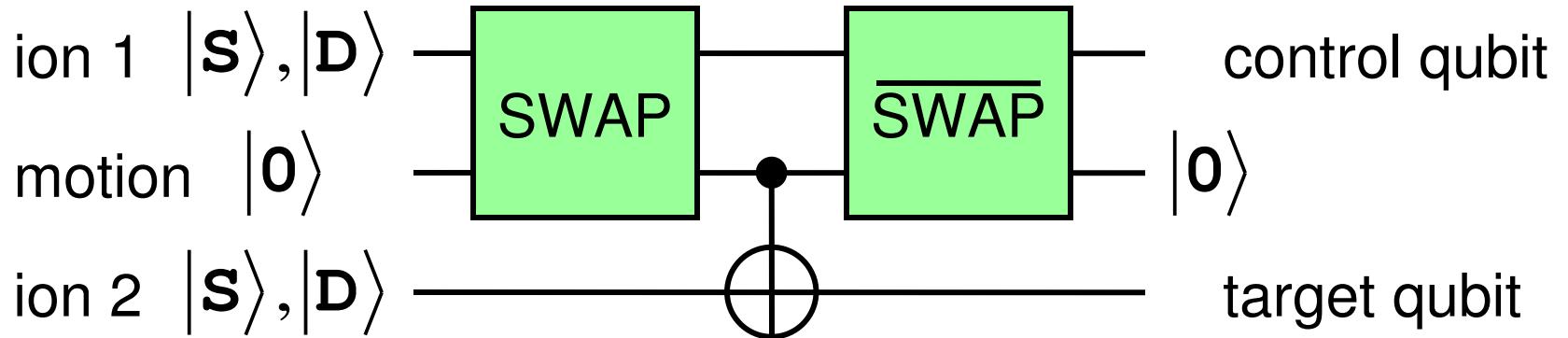
# Testing the phase of the phase gate $|0,S\rangle$



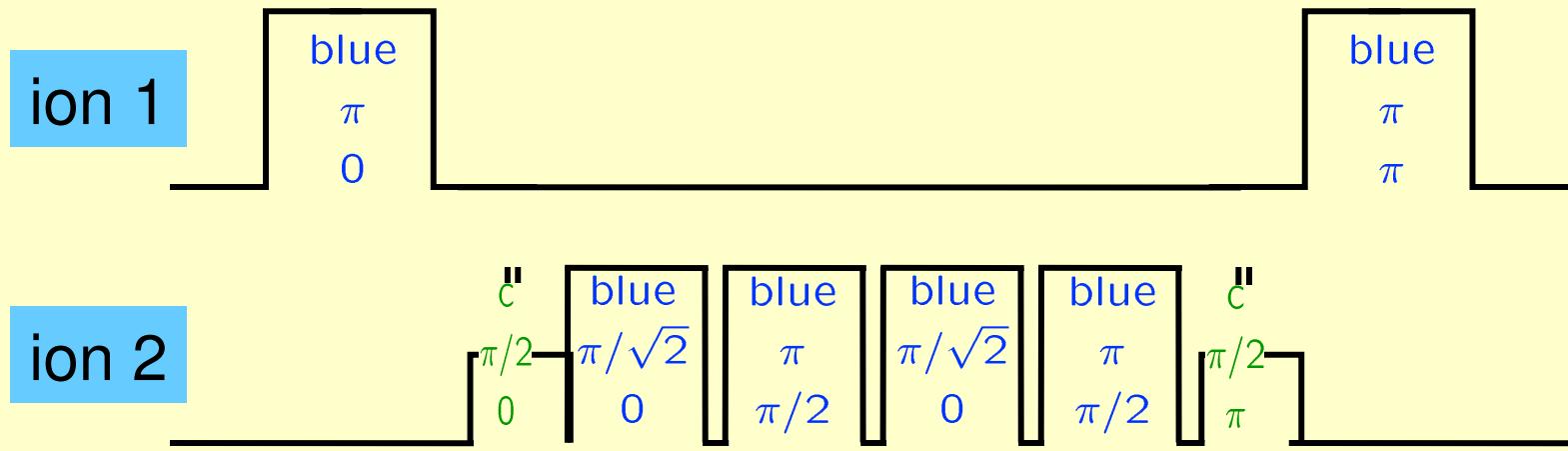
# Phase gate with starting in $|D,1\rangle$



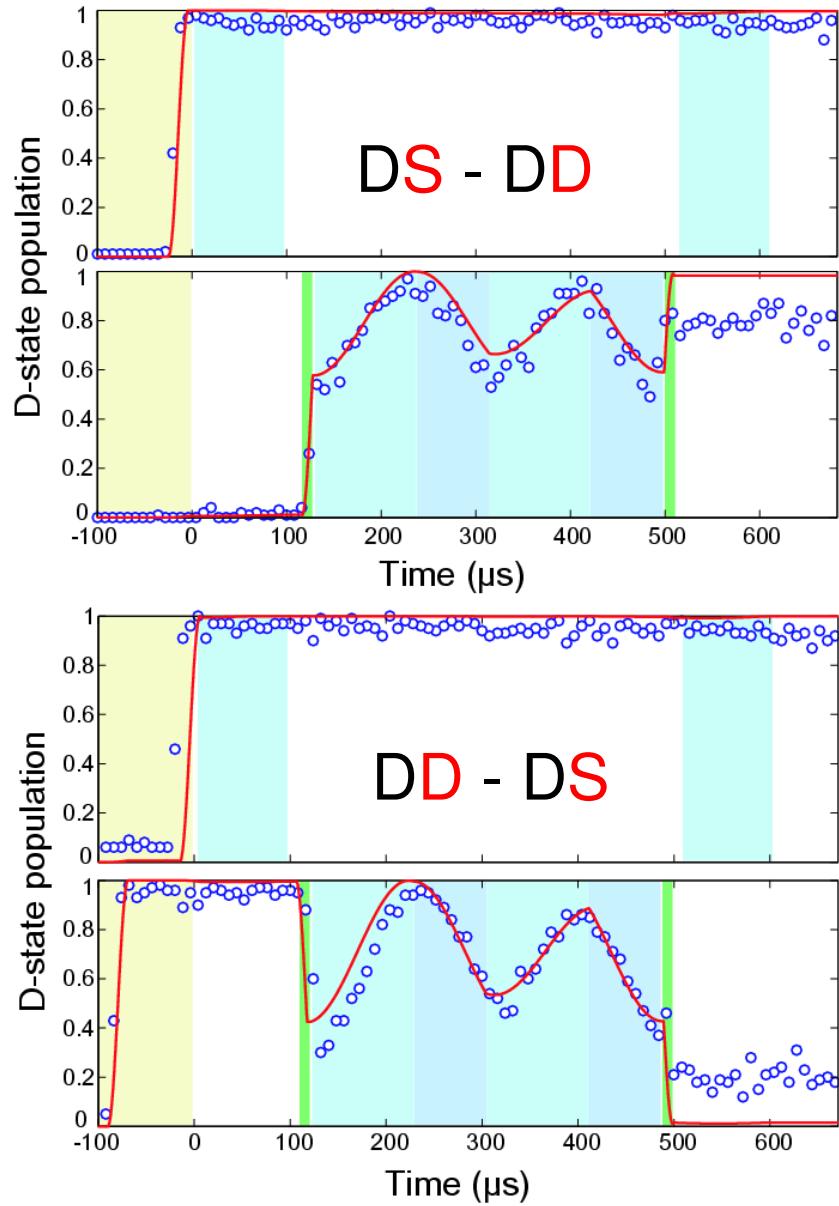
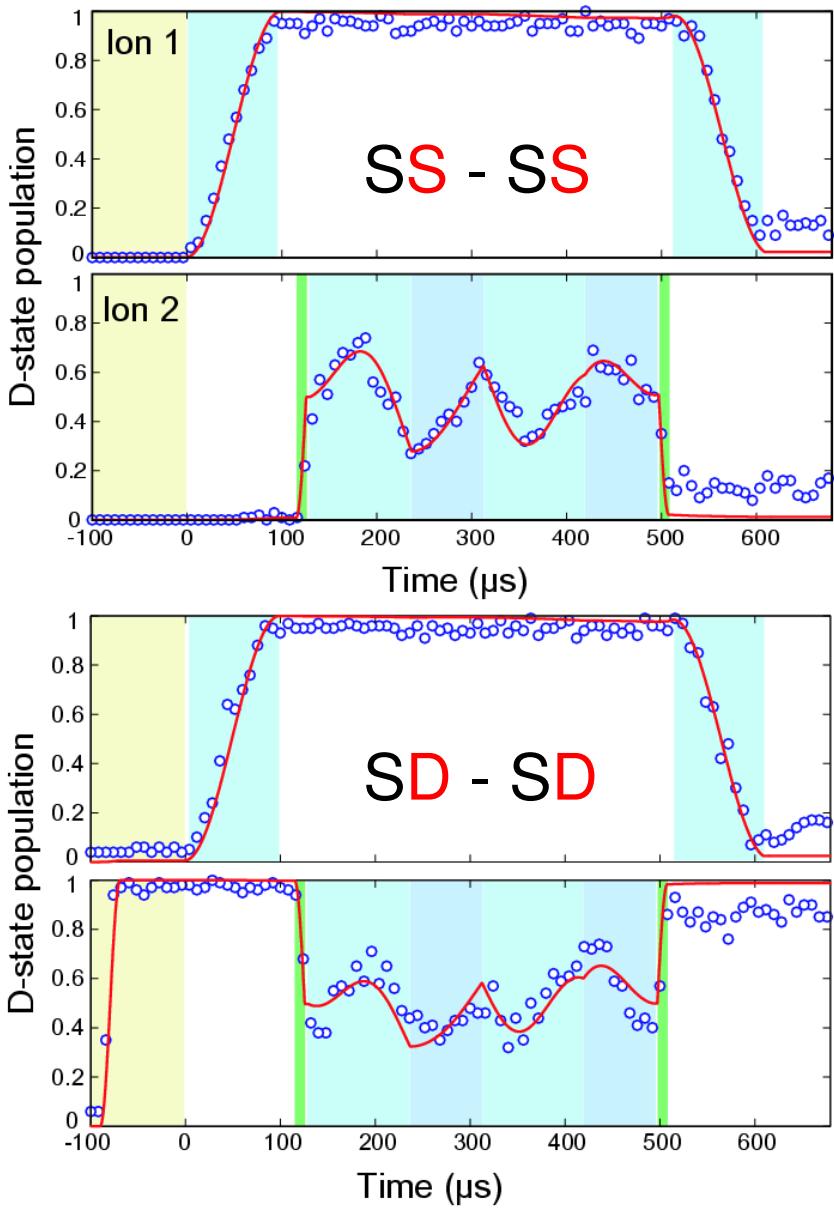
# Cirac - Zoller two-ion controlled-NOT operation



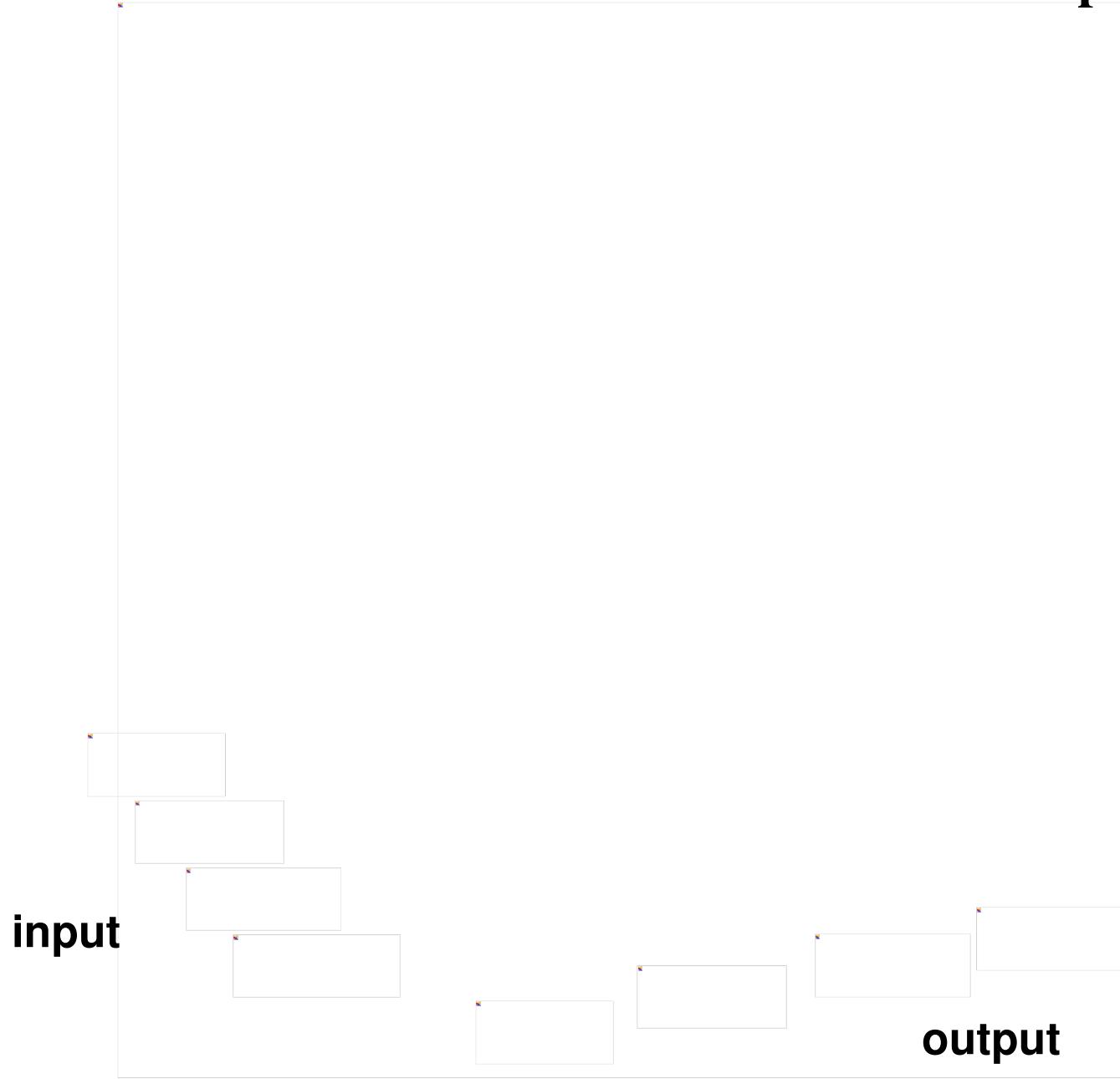
**pulse sequence:**



# Cirac – Zoller CNOT gate operation

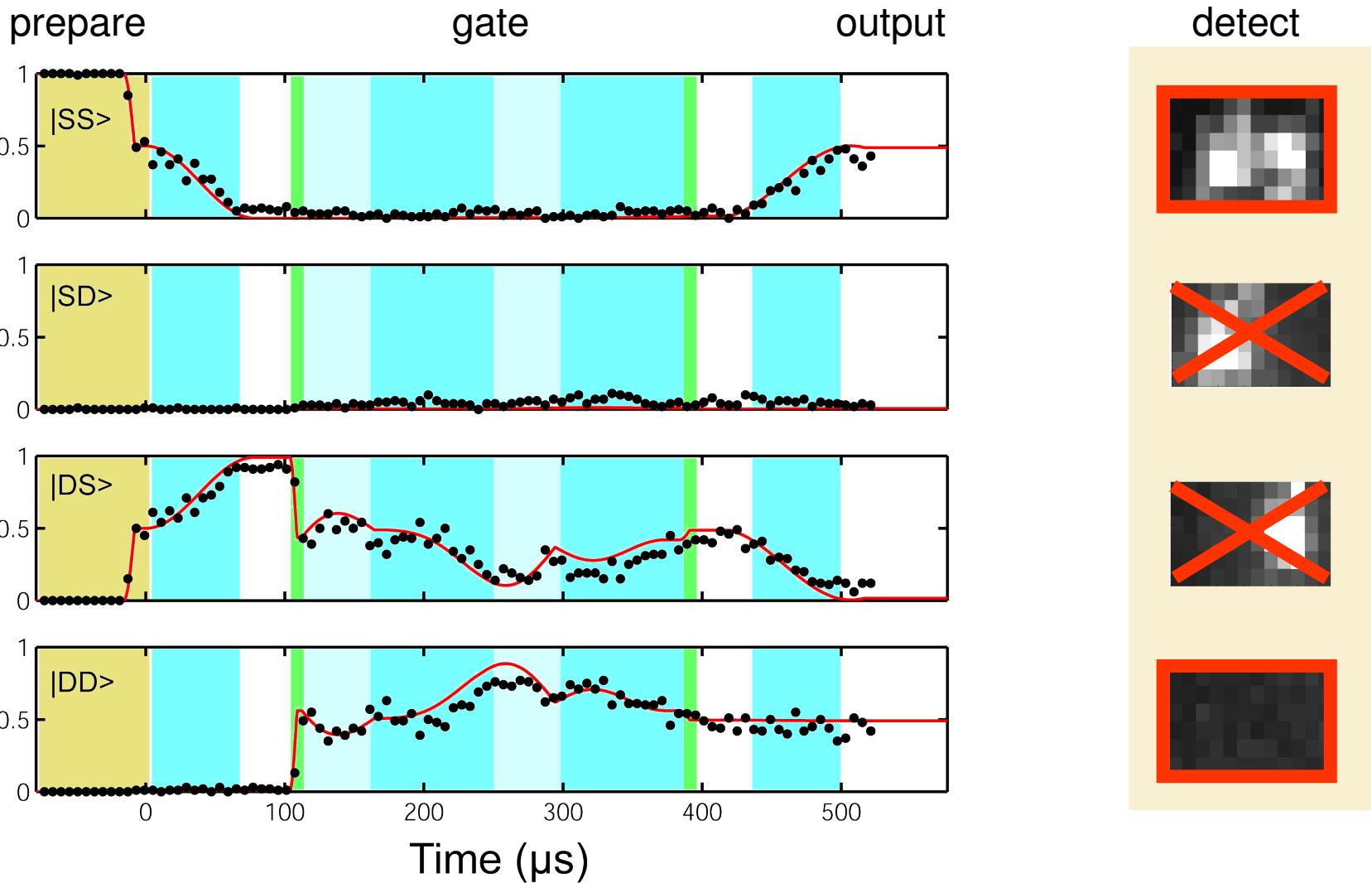


# Measured truth table of Cirac-Zoller CNOT operation



# Superposition as input to CNOT gate

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



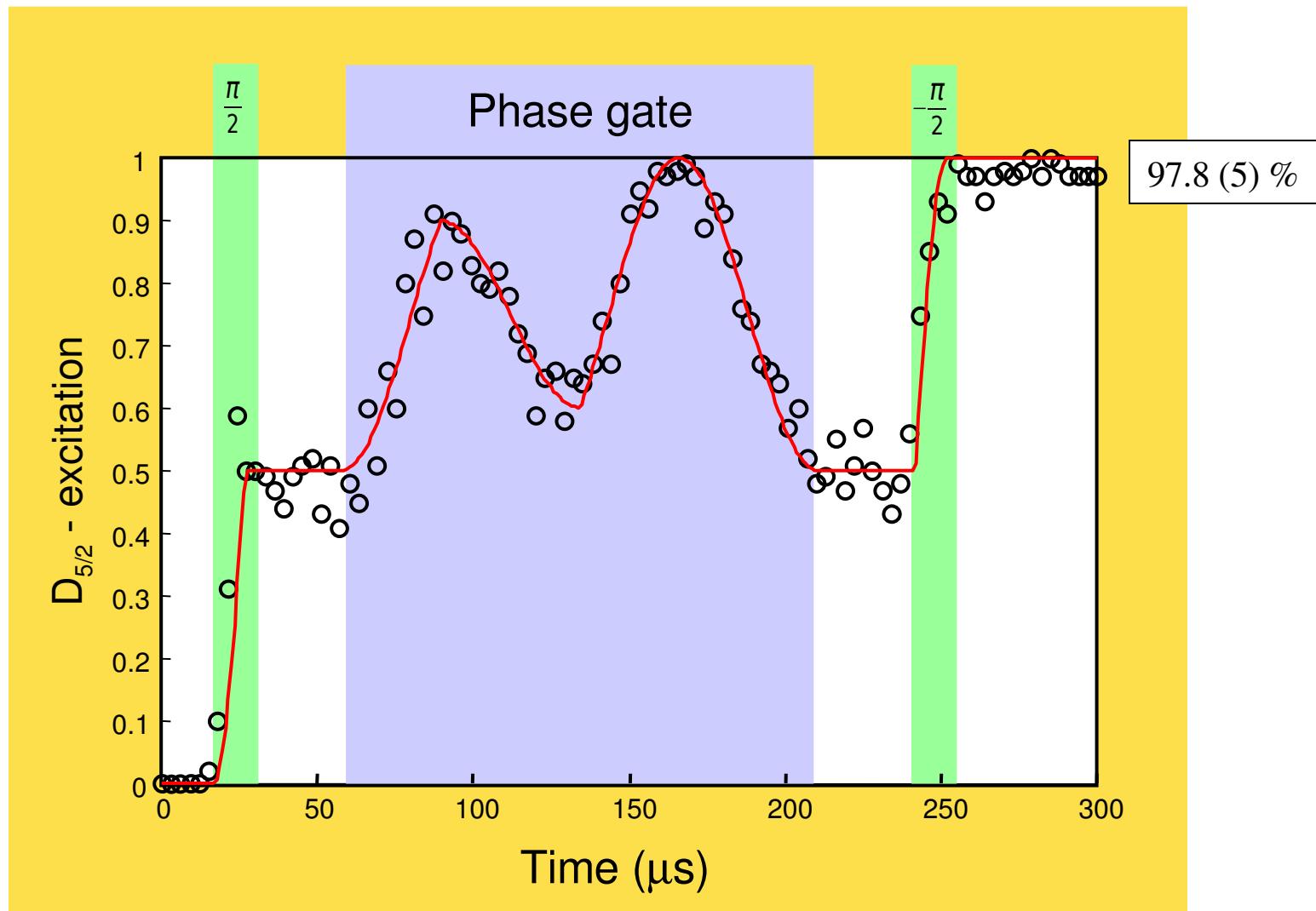
# Error budget for Cirac-Zoller CNOT

Error source	Magnitude	Population loss
Laser frequency noise (Phase coherence)	$\} \sim 100 \text{ Hz}$ (FWHM)	$\sim 10\% !!!$
Residual thermal excitation	$\langle n \rangle_{\text{bus}} < 0.02$ $\langle n \rangle_{\text{spec}} = 6$	$2\%$ $0.4\%$
Laser intensity noise	1 % peak to peak	0.1 %
Addressing error (can be corrected for partially)	5 % in Rabi frequency (at neighbouring ion)	3 %
Off resonant excitations	for $t_{\text{gate}} = 600 \mu\text{s}$	4 %
Laser detuning error	$\sim 500 \text{ Hz}$ (FWHM)	$\sim 2\%$
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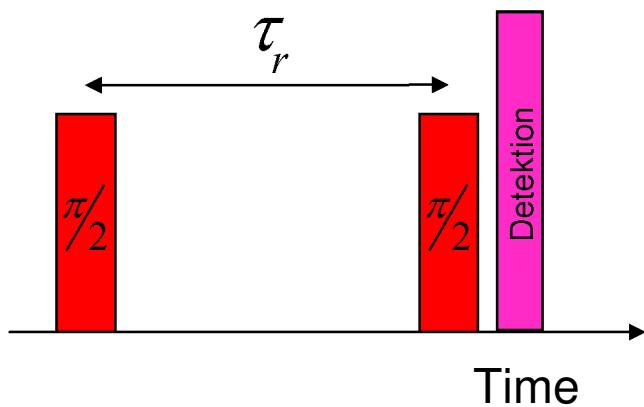
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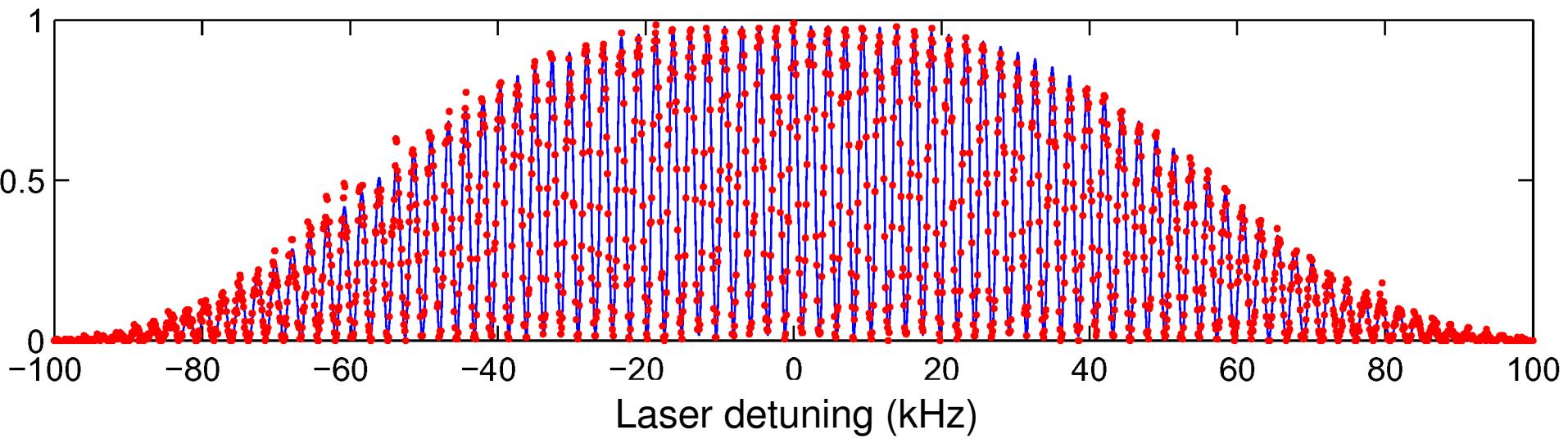
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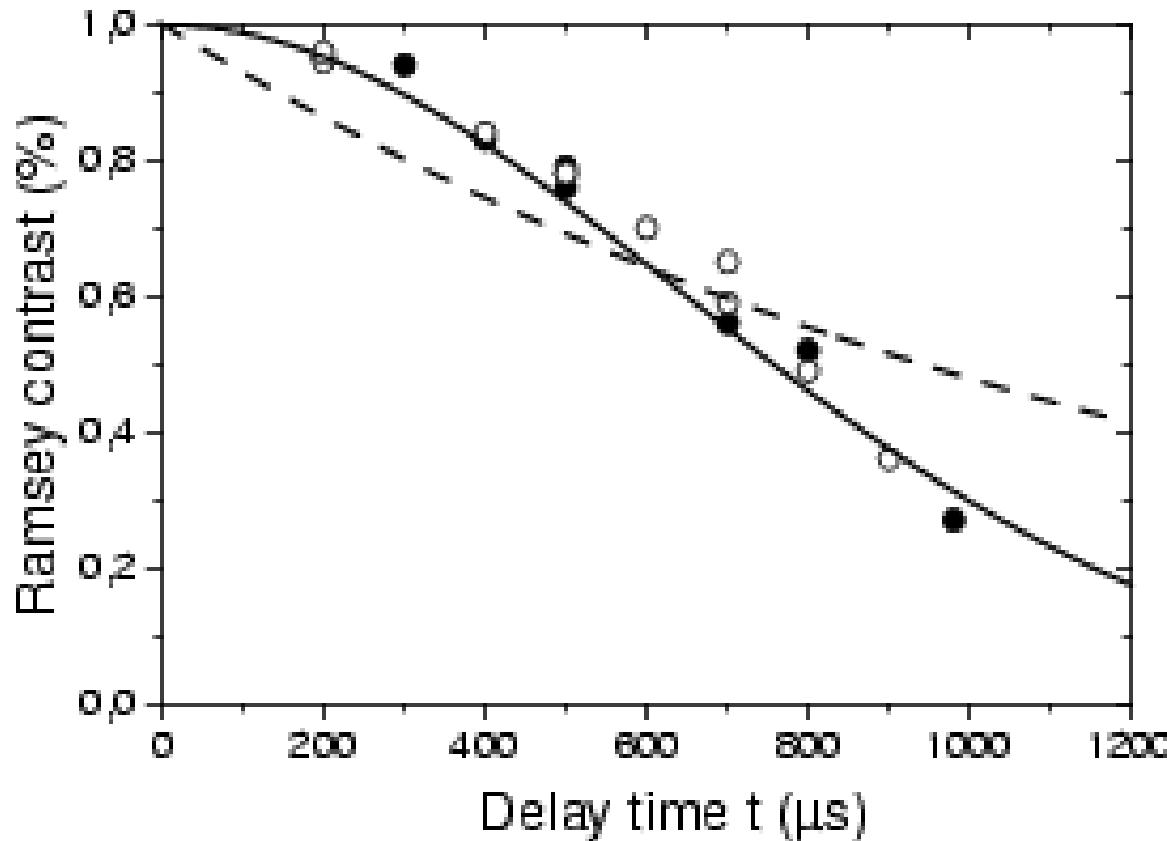
# Ramsey experiment



Quantum algorithms can be viewed as generalized Ramsey experiments!

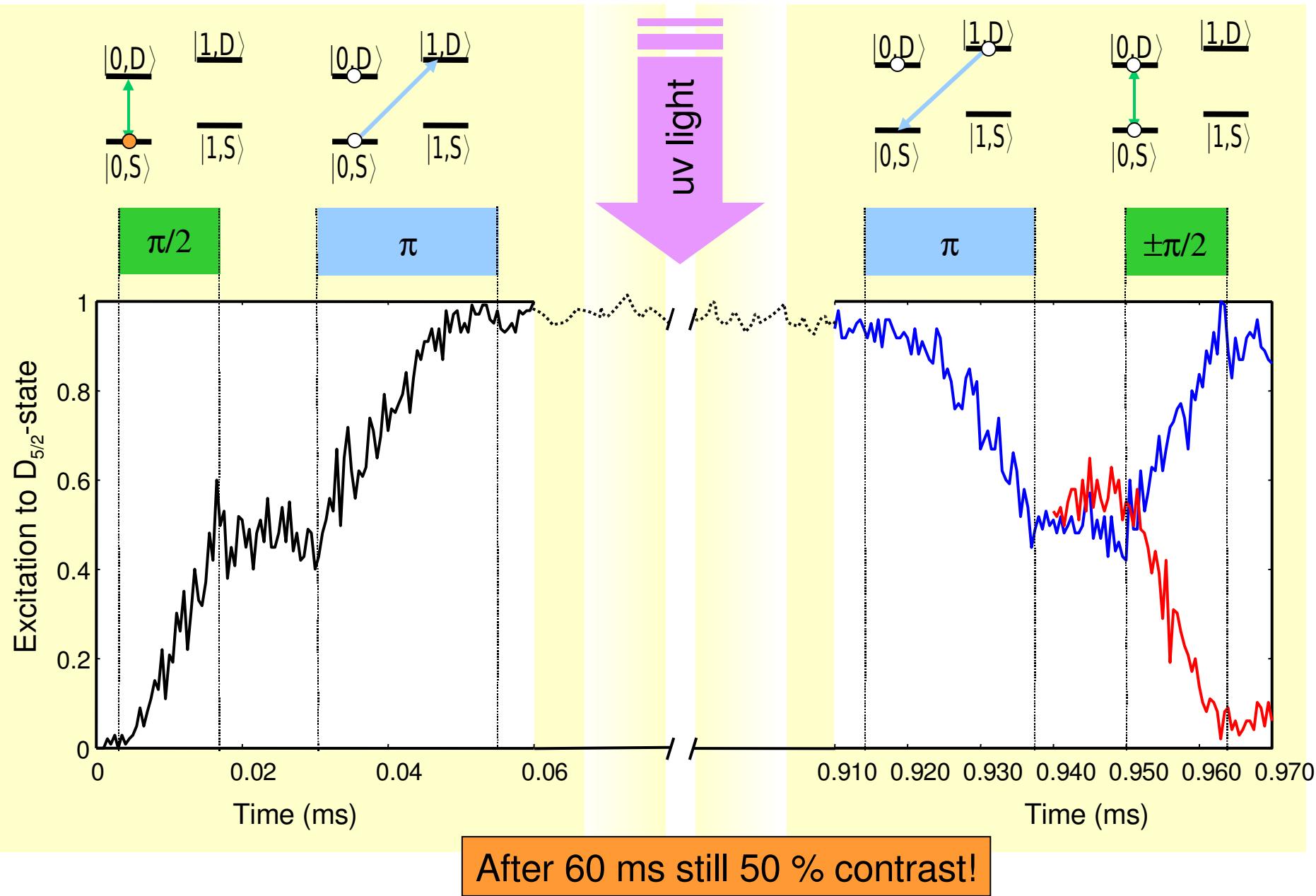


# Phase coherence



⇒ Gaussian modell yields a coherence time of 0.9 ms  
Now (in 2005) 2 ms are more typical.

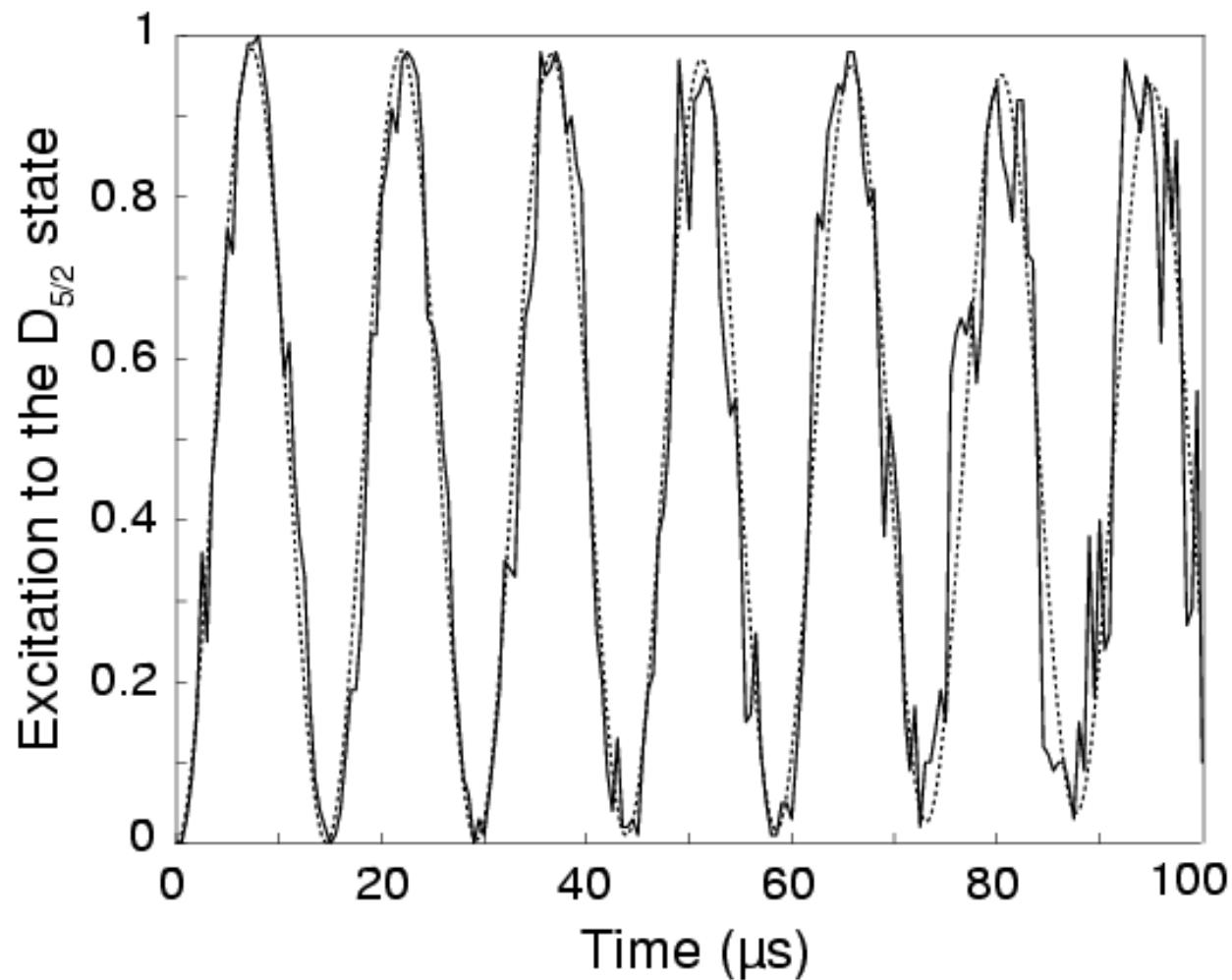
# Test of the motional coherence



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# Intensity noise



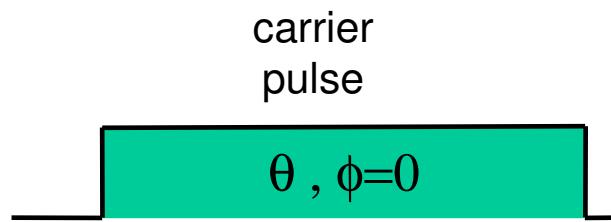
=> Laser intensity noise: 0.03

# Error budget for Cirac-Zoller CNOT

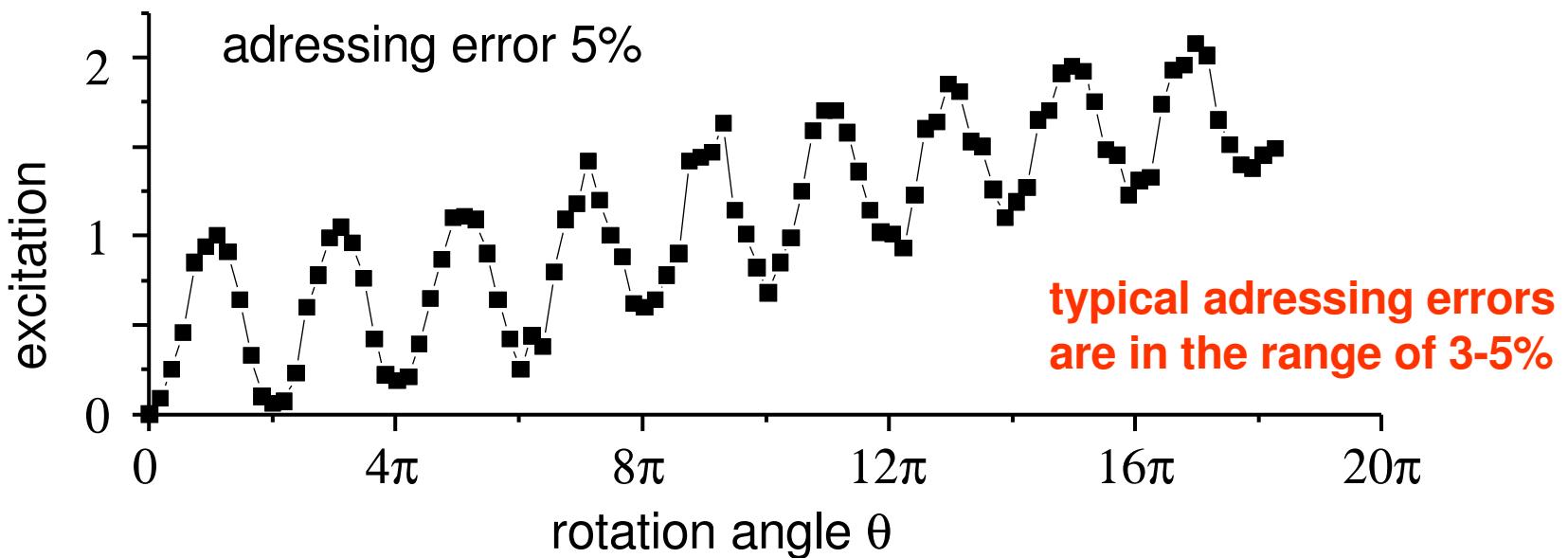
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# Qubit-Rotations with two ions

Pulse sequence:



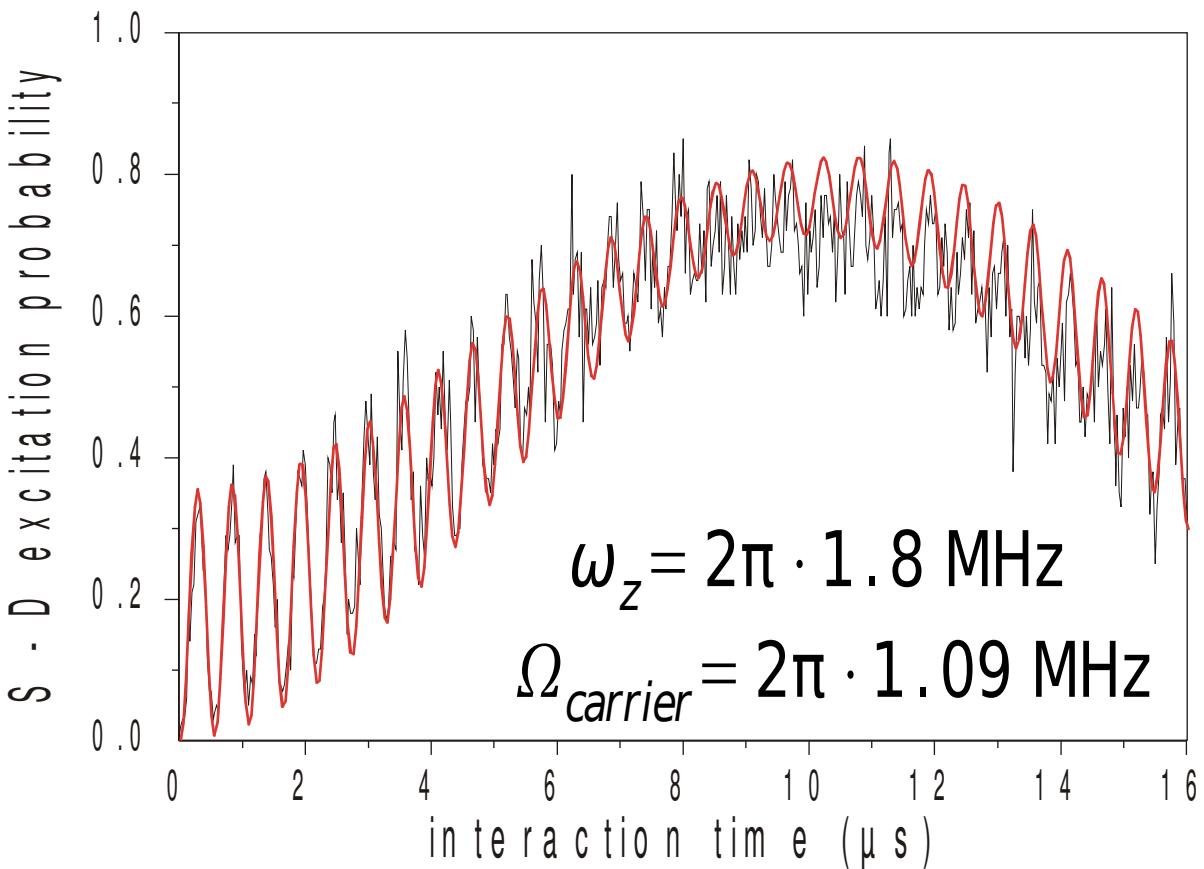
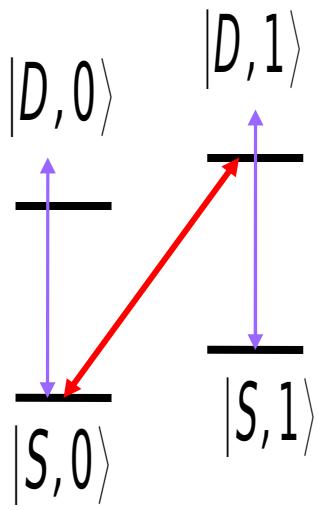
$$\text{error} = \frac{\Omega_{\text{neighbour}}}{\Omega_{\text{target}}} = \sqrt{\frac{I_{\text{neighbour}}}{I_{\text{target}}}}$$



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# Off-resonant carrier excitation



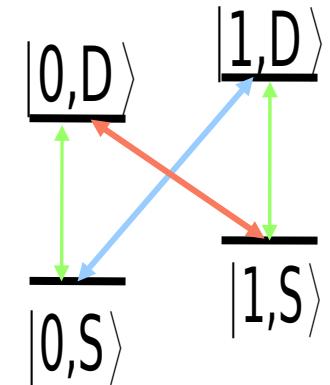
Problem:

- AC Stark shifts
- off-resonant (carrier) excitation (spectator modes)

A. Steane, C. F. Roos, D. Stevens, A. Mundt,  
D. Leibfried, F. Schmidt-Kaler, R. Blatt,  
Phys. Rev. A **62**, 042305 (2000)

# Computation method

- Solve master equation!



Schrödinger equation for 1 ion:

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \\ C_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Omega_0 & 0 & -in\Omega_0 \\ \Omega_0 & \Delta & i\eta\Omega_0 & 0 \\ 0 & -in\Omega_0 & \omega_T & (1-\eta^2)\Omega_0 \\ in\Omega_0 & 0 & (1-\eta^2)\Omega_0 & \Delta + \omega_T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \\ C_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$ 0,S\rangle$	$ 0,D\rangle$	$ 1,S\rangle$	$ 1,D\rangle$
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$\eta \approx 0.03$ : Lamb-Dicke-parameter /  $n$ : Number of phonons  
 $\Delta$ : Laser detuning /  $\omega_T$ : Trap frequency

Hilbert space:  $|0,1,2\rangle \otimes |S,D,D_{aux}\rangle_1 \otimes |S,D,D_{aux}\rangle_2$  (27 dimensions)

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# Summary of the complications of the Cirac-Zoller approach

- **the gate is slow (off-resonant excitations)**  
=> sensitive to frequency fluctuations / deviations.
- **the gate requires addressing** => trap frequency needs to be reduced  
Use other gate types which do not require addressing.
- **the gate is sensitive to motional heating**  
Not really a problem yet.

# 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 ion trap quantum computers

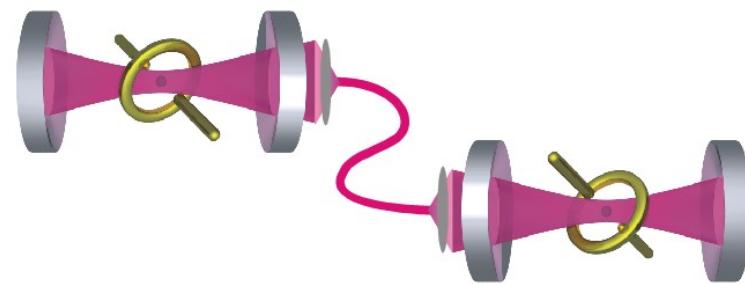
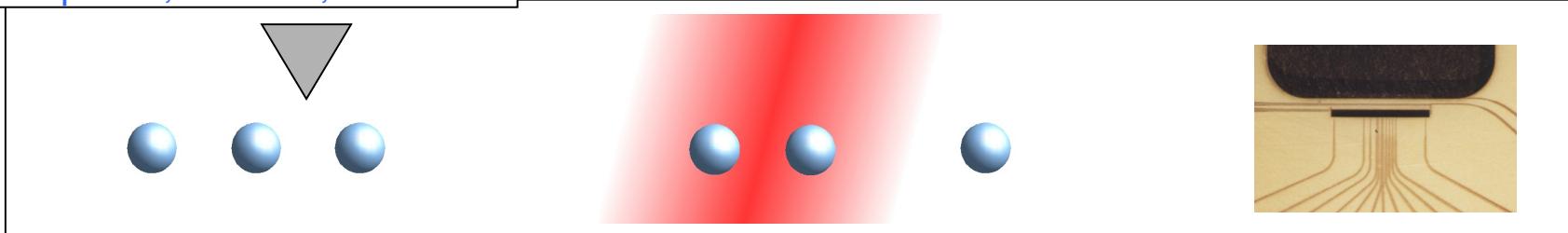


**Easy to have thousands of ions in a trap  
and to manipulate them individually...**

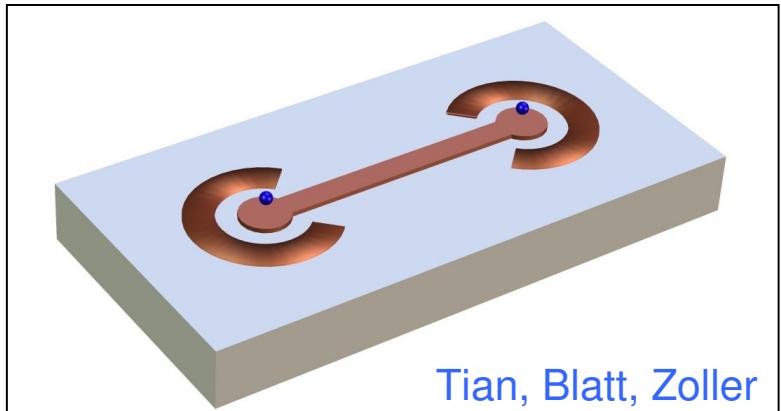
**but it is hard to control their interaction!**

## The solutions:

Kielpinski, Monroe, Wineland



Cirac, Zoller, Kimble, Mabuchi

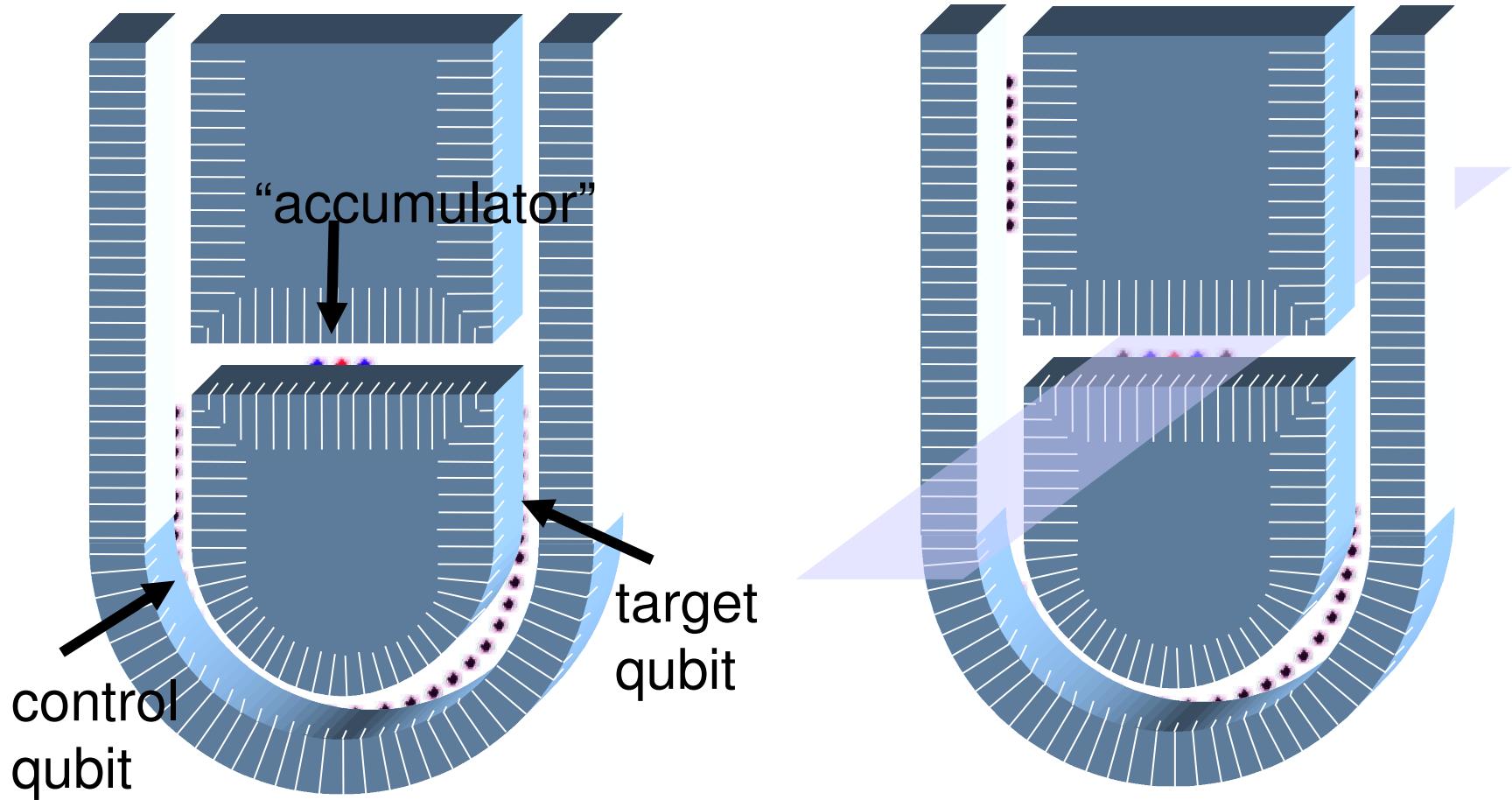


Tian, Blatt, Zoller

# Idea #1: move the ions around

*D. Wineland, Boulder, USA*

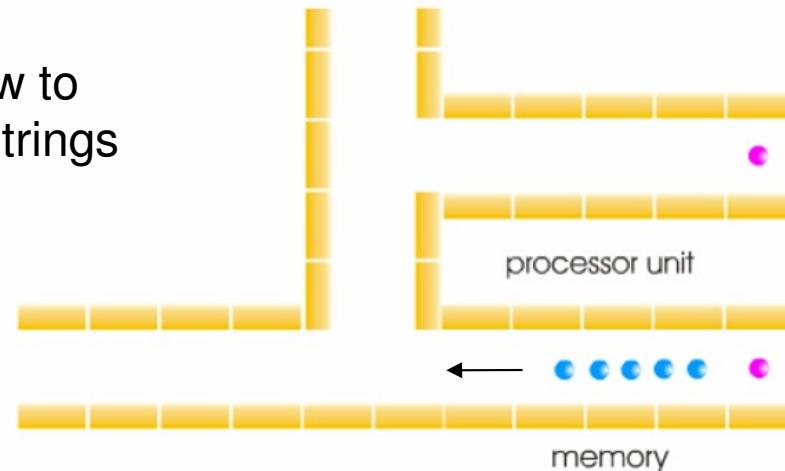
*Kieplinski et al, Nature 417, 709 (2002)*



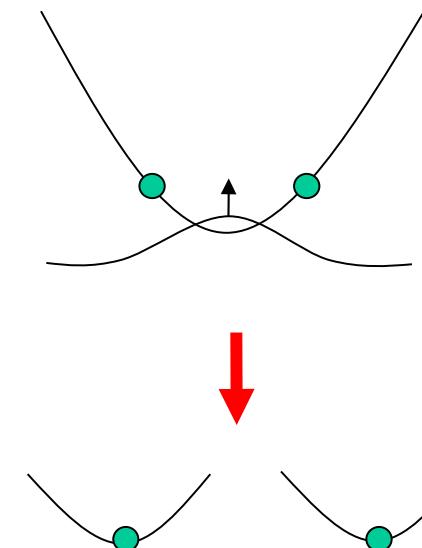
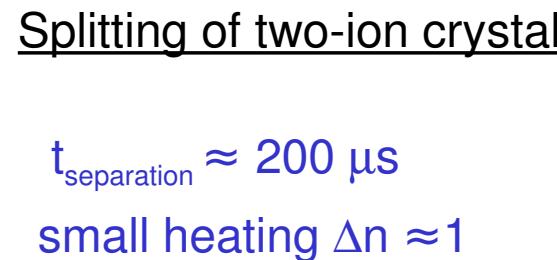
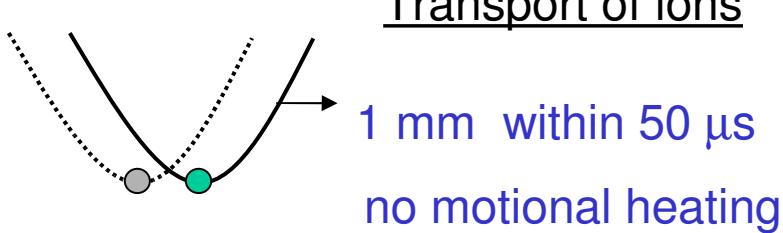
# Segmented ion traps as scalable trap architecture

(ideas pioneered by D. Wineland, NIST, and C. Monroe, Univ. Michigan)

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



State of the art:



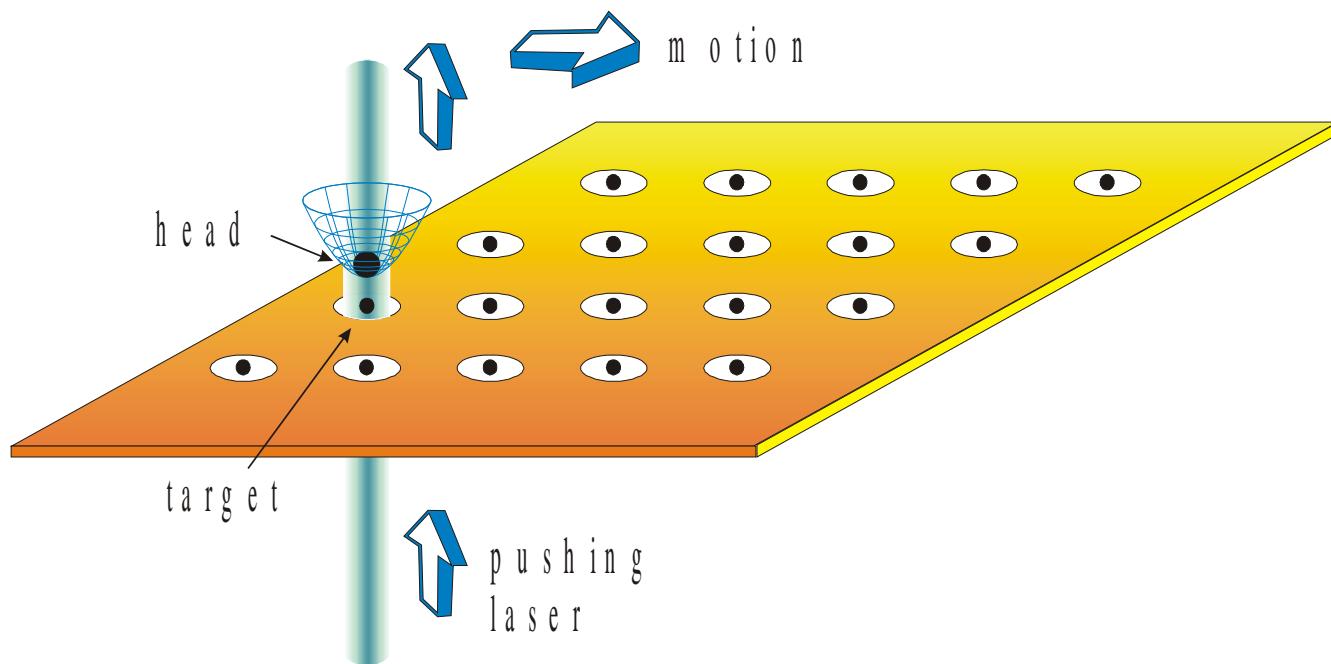
„Architecture for a large-scale ion-trap quantum computer“, D. Kielpinski et al, Nature 417, 709 (2002)

„Transport of quantum states“, M. Rowe et al, quant-ph/0205084

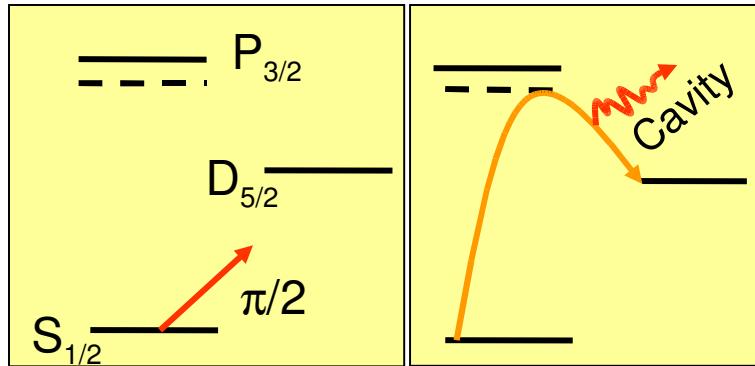
# or use a head ion

I. Cirac und P. Zoller, Nature 404, 579 (2000)

- quantum optics and nano-technology: scalability

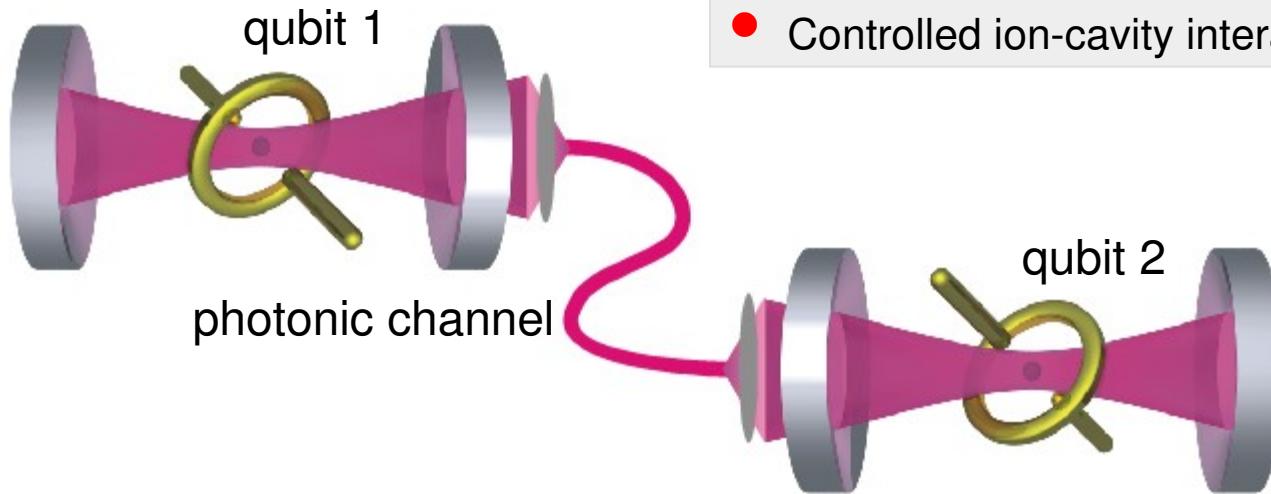


## Idea #2: coupling via photons



Transfer quantum state of the ion  
to cavity photon: qubit interface

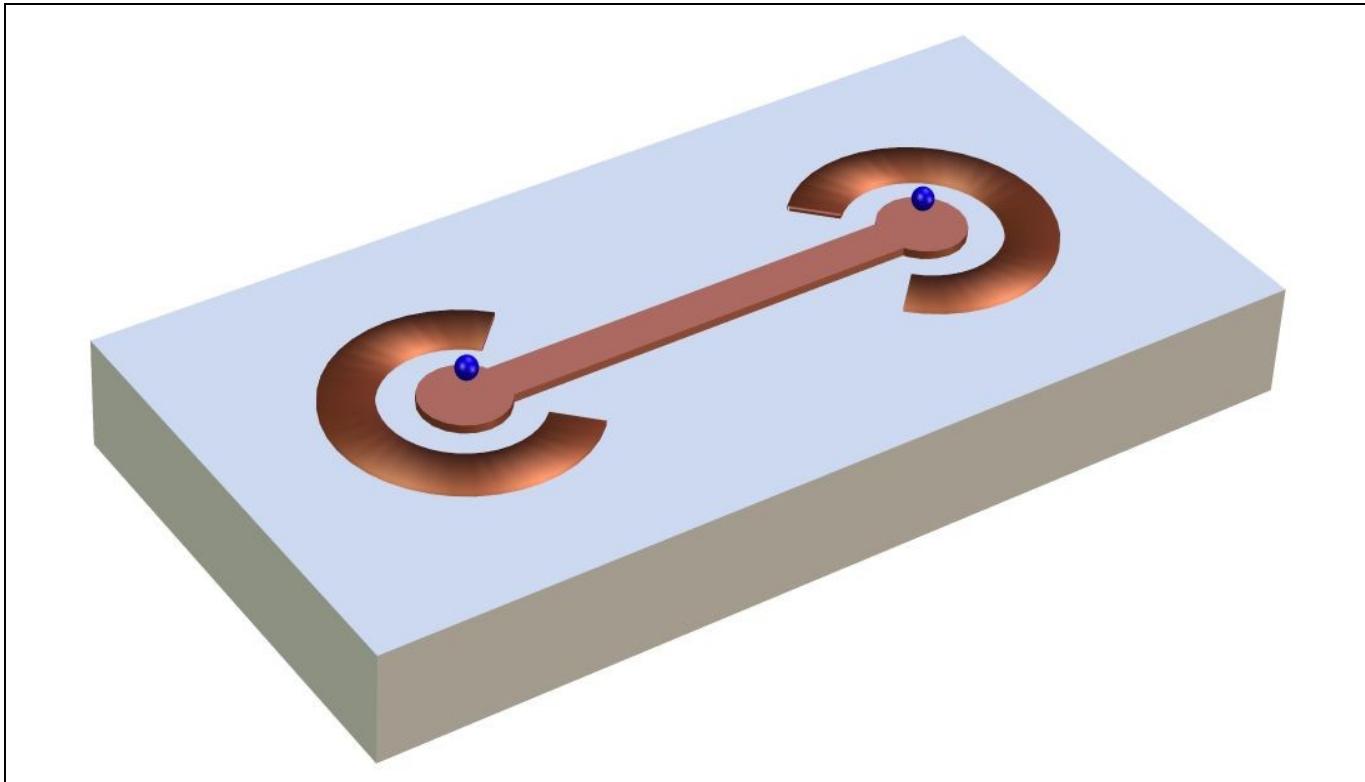
- Create superposition photon state (STIRAP)
- Detect cavity output and ion state
- Choose coupling  $g$  by STIRAP detuning
- Controlled ion-cavity interaction



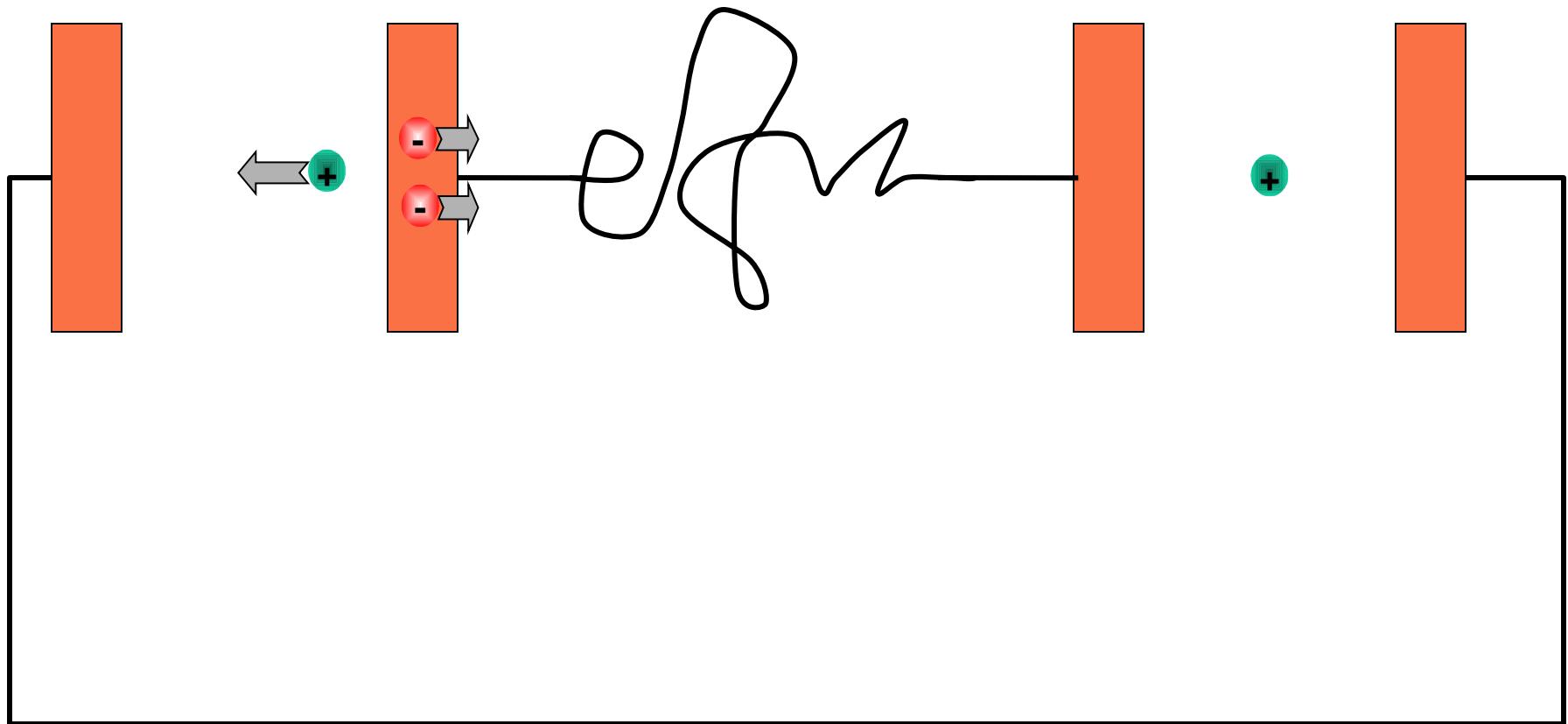
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A. Kuhn et al., PRL 89, 067901 (2002)

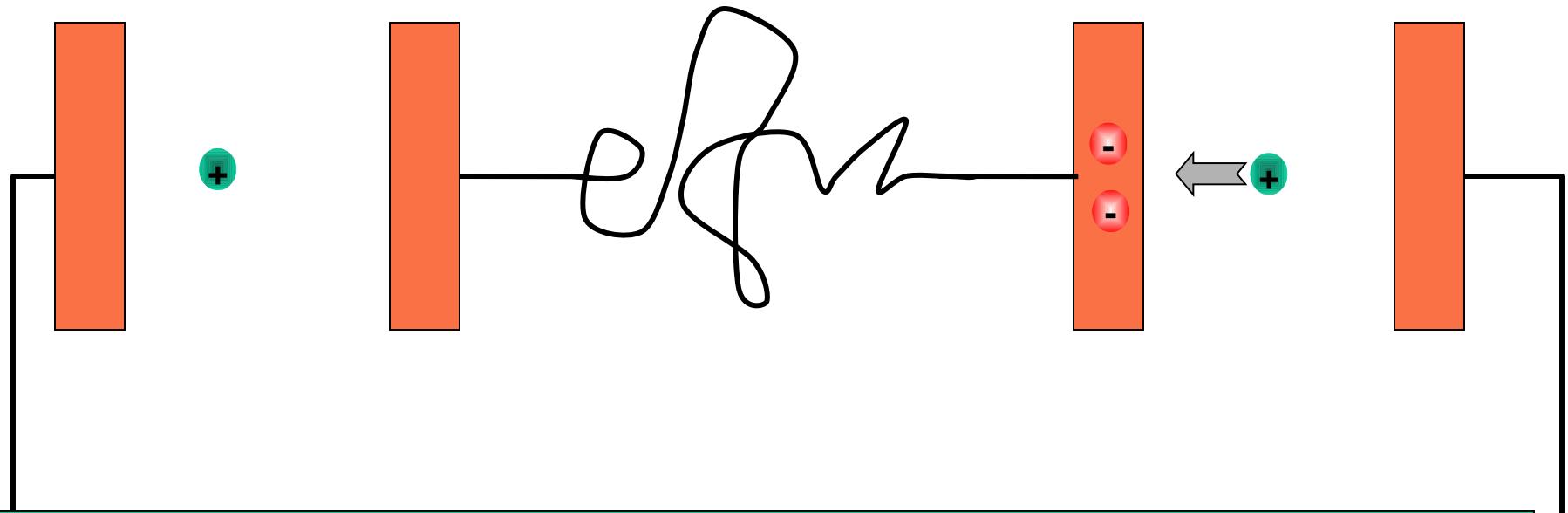
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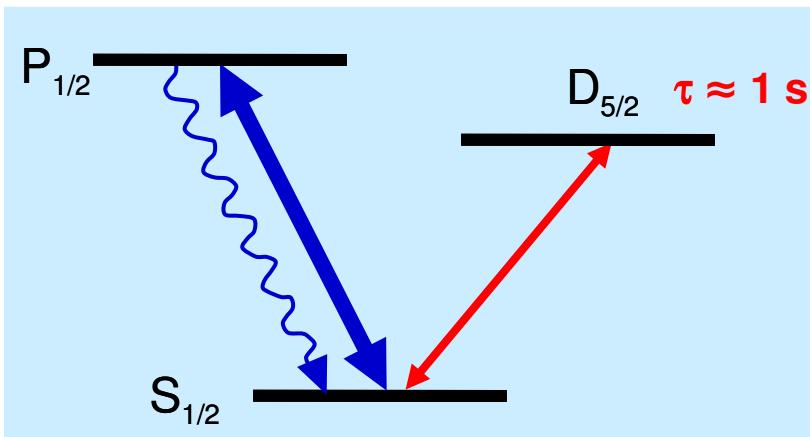
## Idea #3: coupling via image charges



- Coupling in the kHz-range requires small traps ( $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$ )
- Very small currents can be measured  
=> non-invasive probe for conductors (superconductors)
- Connect to solid-state qubits

# Quantum information processing: Which ion is best ?

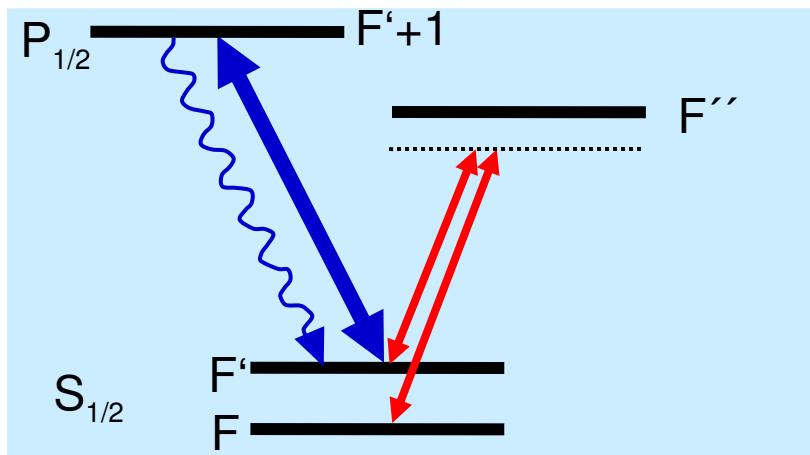
Ions with optical transition to metastable level:  $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ ,  $^{88}\text{Sr}^+$ ,  $^{172}\text{Yb}^+$



Qubit levels:  $S_{1/2}$ ,  $D_{5/2}$

Qubit transition: Quadrupole transition  
 $S_{1/2} - D_{5/2}$

Ions with hyperfine structure:  $^9\text{Be}^+$ ,  $^{43}\text{Ca}^+$ ,  $^{111}\text{Cd}^+$ , ...

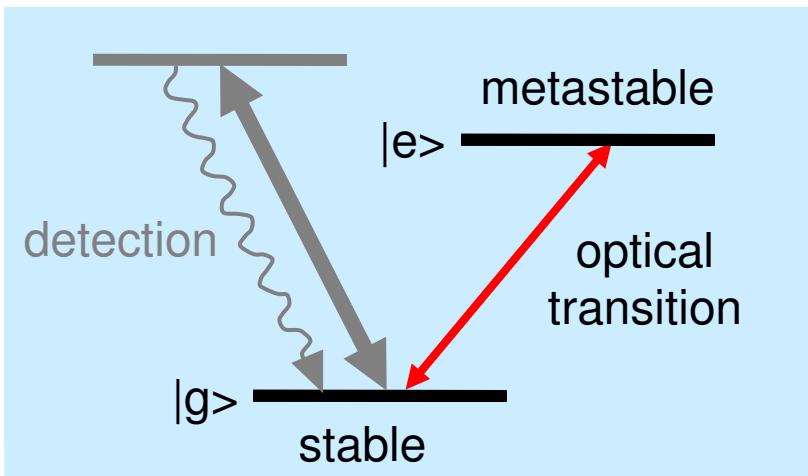


Qubit levels: Hyperfine levels of ground state  $S_{1/2}$

Qubit transition: Raman transition between hyperfine levels

# Disadvantage of “optical” quantum bits

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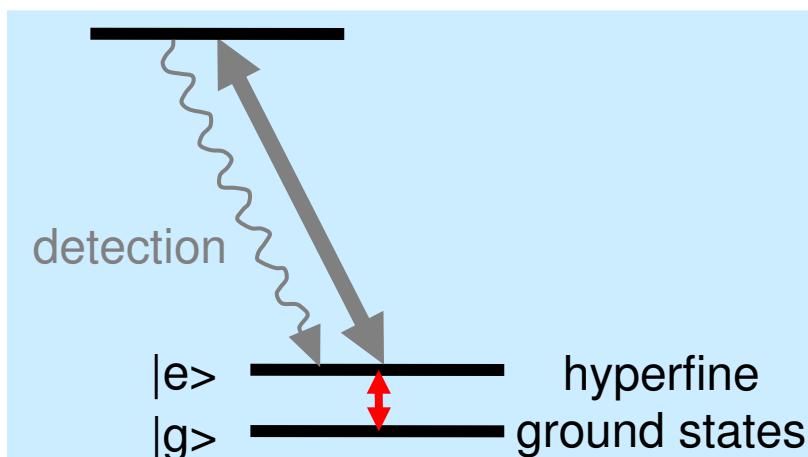


„optical qubit“

qubit manipulation requires  
ultrashort laser

Coherence time limited by laser linewidth

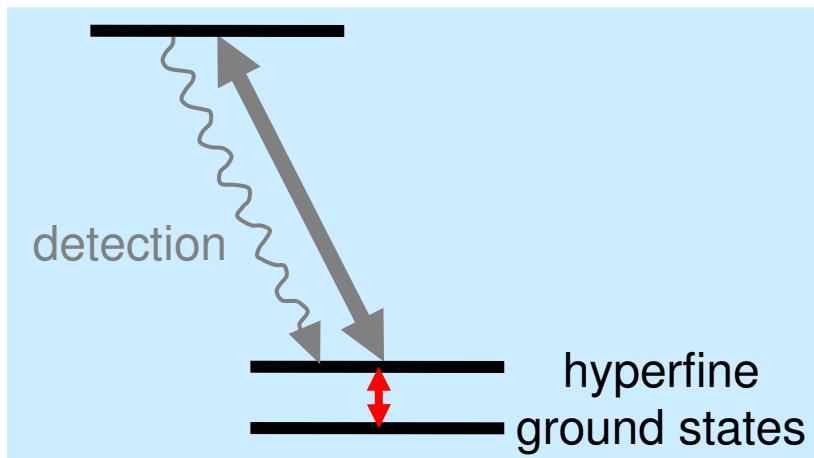
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„hyperfine qubit“

qubit manipulation with  
microwaves or lasers

# Hyperfine qubit + microwaves



Single qubit manipulation with  
microwaves:

- well established technique (NMR),
- long coherence times

Problems:

- Addressing of single qubit in ion string difficult
- Coupling between internal and motional states:

$$\eta \propto \frac{\text{size of ground state}}{\text{wavelength}} \ll 1 \quad (\eta \propto 10^{-7})$$

Coupling constant neglegible !

# Hyperfine qubit + microwaves + magn. field gradient ?

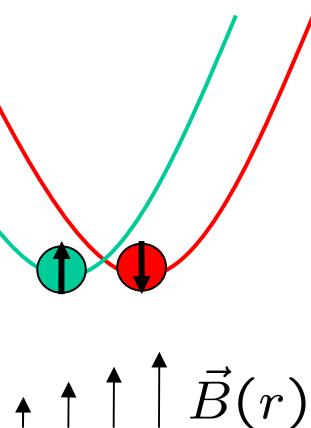
(F. Mintert, C. Wunderlich, PRL 87, 257904 (2001))

Apply magnetic field gradient to obtain state-dependent potential:

$$U_{field}(m_j, x) = m_j g_j \mu_B \frac{dB_z}{dx} x$$

$$\rightarrow H = \hbar\nu(a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2}) + \hbar\gamma\sigma_z(a + a^\dagger)$$

Coupling constant:  $\gamma \propto \frac{\mu_B B' x_0}{\hbar}$  (x<sub>0</sub>: size of ground state)

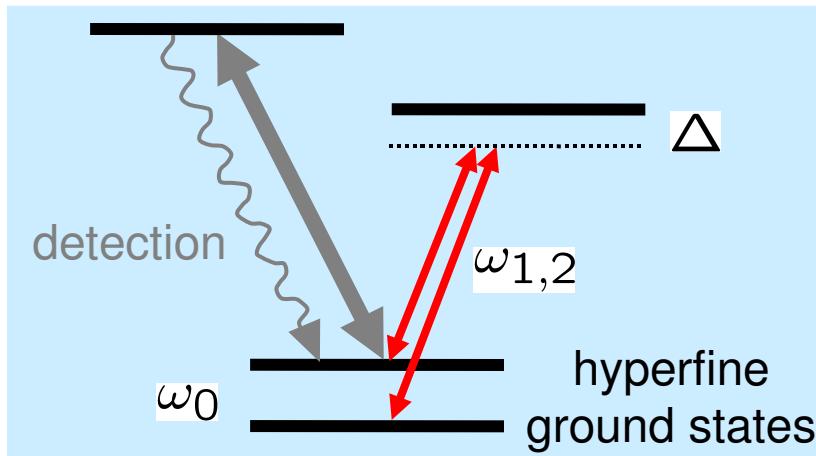


Example:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \gamma = (2\pi)10 \text{ kHz} \\ x_0 = 10 \text{ nm} \end{array} \right\} B' = 1 \text{ T/cm}$$

requires strong  
field gradients

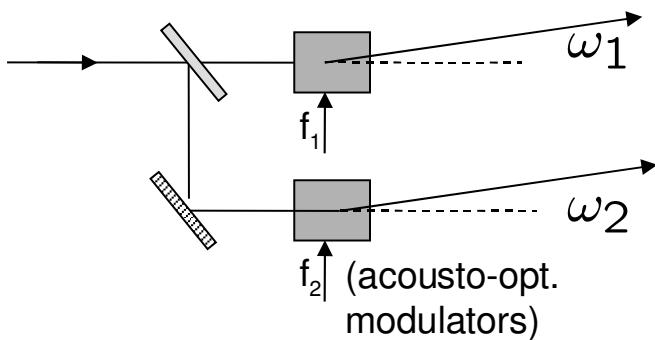
# Hyperfine qubit + Raman transitions



Coupling between hyperfine states  
by Raman transition

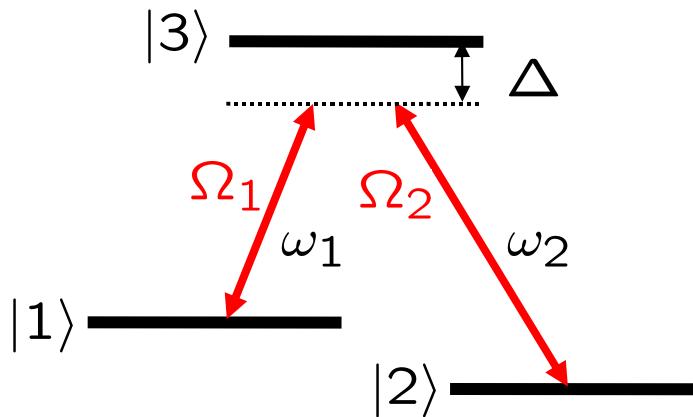
$$\omega_2 - \omega_1 = \omega_0 \pm n\nu, \quad n = 0, 1$$

If both Raman beams are derived from the same laser, the laser line width  $\Gamma_L$  is not important as long as  $\Gamma_L \ll \Delta$ .



Raman beam  
generation

# Raman transitions: Three-level system



Laser frequencies  $\omega_{1,2}$

Rabi frequencies  $\Omega_{1,2}$

Detuning from upper state  $\Delta \gg \Omega_{1,2}$

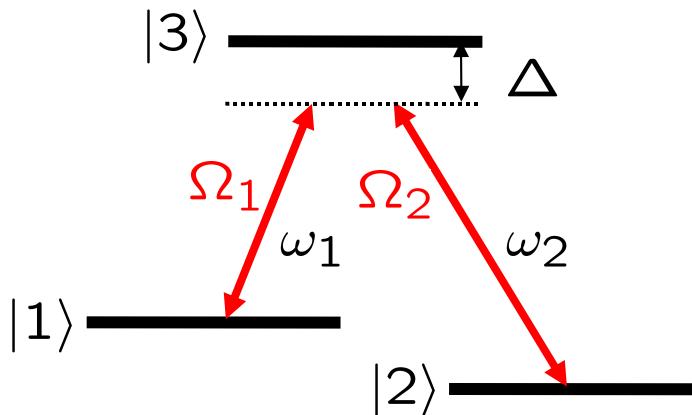
$$H_I = \hbar\Delta|3\rangle\langle 3| + \frac{\hbar\Omega_1}{2}(|1\rangle\langle 3| + |3\rangle\langle 1|) + \frac{\hbar\Omega_2}{2}(|2\rangle\langle 3| + |3\rangle\langle 2|)$$

After adiabatic elimination of upper level:

Coupling between ground states

$$\Omega_{Raman} = \frac{\Omega_1\Omega_2}{2\Delta} \quad \text{Rabi frequency of Raman process}$$

# Raman transitions: Further effects



Laser frequencies  $\omega_{1,2}$

Rabi frequencies  $\Omega_{1,2}$

Detuning from upper state  $\Delta \gg \Omega_{1,2}$

2. The energies of states  $|1\rangle, |2\rangle$  are light-shifted because of the interaction with  $|3\rangle$  by

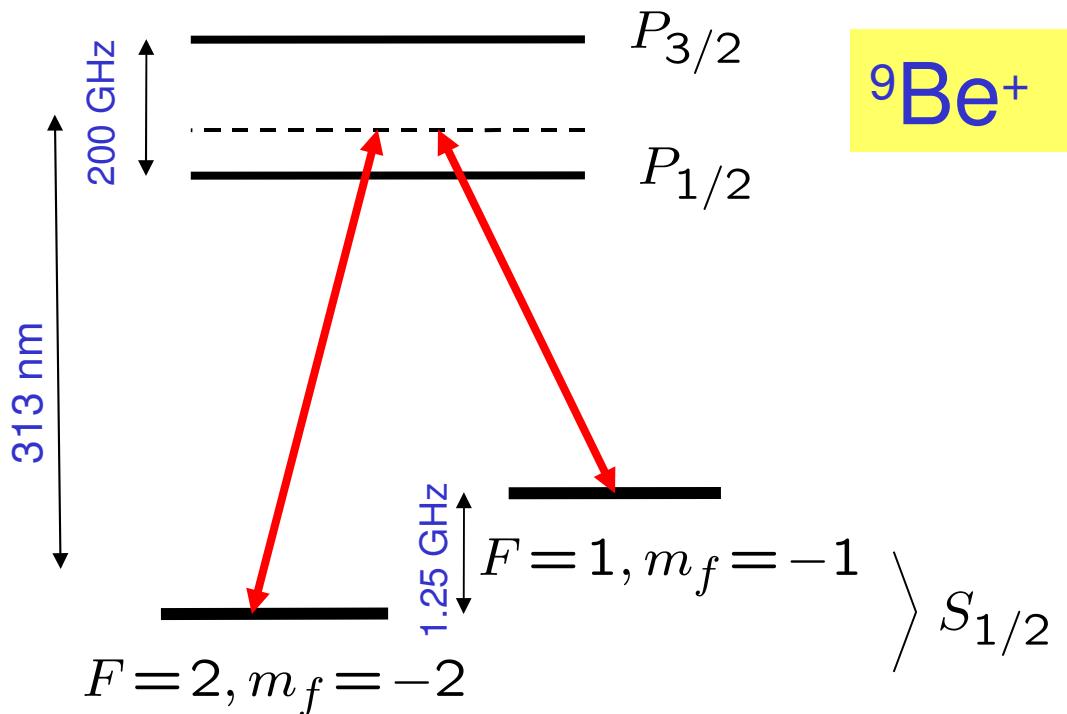
$$\delta_{1,3} = \frac{\Omega_{1,3}^2}{4\Delta}$$

In case of unequal light shifts, the transition frequency between  $|1\rangle$  and  $|2\rangle$  depends on the laser intensity. (laser intensity noise -> decoherence)

3. Population in state  $|3\rangle$  :  $\rho_{33} \approx \left(\frac{\Omega}{2\Delta}\right)^2$  ( $\Omega_1 = \Omega_3$ )

photon scattering rate  $R = \Gamma \rho_{33}$   $\frac{\Omega_{Raman}}{R} = \frac{2\Delta}{\Gamma}$  choose large detuning

# Raman transitions in real ions



(used in Wineland group, Boulder)

Nuclear spin  $I = 3/2$

$$\Gamma_{P_{1/2}} = 19.4 \text{ MHz}$$

Raman beams tuned to frequency within  $P_{1/2}$  fine-structure

$\Delta \ll \Delta_{\text{fine structure}}$ : Constructive interference between  $P_{1/2}$  and  $P_{3/2}$  virtual levels  
strong Raman coupling

$\Delta \gg \Delta_{\text{fine structure}}$ : Destructive interference between  $P_{1/2}$  and  $P_{3/2}$  virtual levels  
weak Raman coupling, but longer hyperfine coherence times  
(only Raman scattering destroys hyperfine coherence,  
R. Ozeri et al, PRL 95, 030403 (2005))

# Raman transitions in real ions

$^{111}\text{Cd}^+$

$I = 1/2$  → simple level structure

Monroe group  
Univ. Michigan

$\Delta_{hfs} = 14.5 \text{ GHz}$  (Raman beam generation  
technically challenging)

P.Lee et al, Opt. Lett. **28**, 1582 (2003)

$^{43}\text{Ca}^+$

$I = 7/2$  → many levels

more convenient laser wave lengths

Steane group  
Oxford

A. Steane, Appl. Phys. B 64, 623 (1997)

Innsbruck

see also: D. Wineland et al. Phil. Trans. R. Soc. Lond. **A 361**, 1349 (2003)

# Raman transitions: motional sidebands

$$H_{int} = \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}\sigma_+ \{1 + i\eta(e^{-i\nu t}a + e^{i\nu t}a^\dagger)\}e^{-i\delta t + i\phi} + h.c.$$

Same Hamiltonian as for two-level system, with

$$\Omega = \frac{\Omega_1 \Omega_2}{2\Delta}$$
 Raman Rabi frequency

$$\delta = (\omega_2 - \omega_1) - \omega_{hfs}$$
 Raman detuning from hyperfine transition

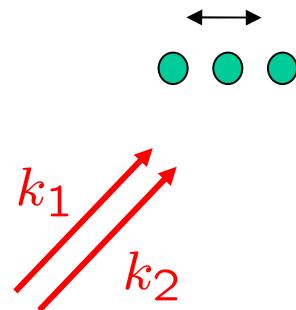
$$\phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1$$
 difference of Raman laser phases

$$\eta = (\vec{k}_2 - \vec{k}_1) \vec{n}_{mode} x_0$$
 effective Lamb Dicke parameter

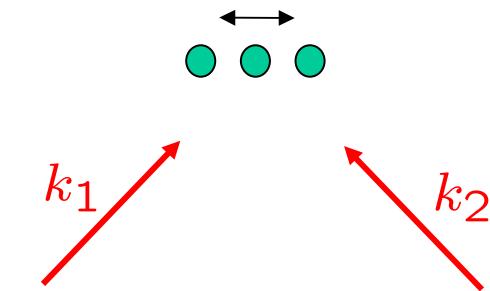
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copropagating Raman beams for  
excitation of carrier transitions  
(no sideband transitions)



counterpropagating Raman beams for  
efficient excitation of sideband transitions  
or  
beams from different directions



# Decoherence issues

hyperfine (Raman) qubit

relative laser path length fluctuations  
(stable setup, insensitive gate operations)

optical qubit

laser frequency noise  
(ultrastable laser)

Raman photons scattered  
from virtual level  
(choose ion with big fine structure)

decay of metastable state  
(long-lived state)

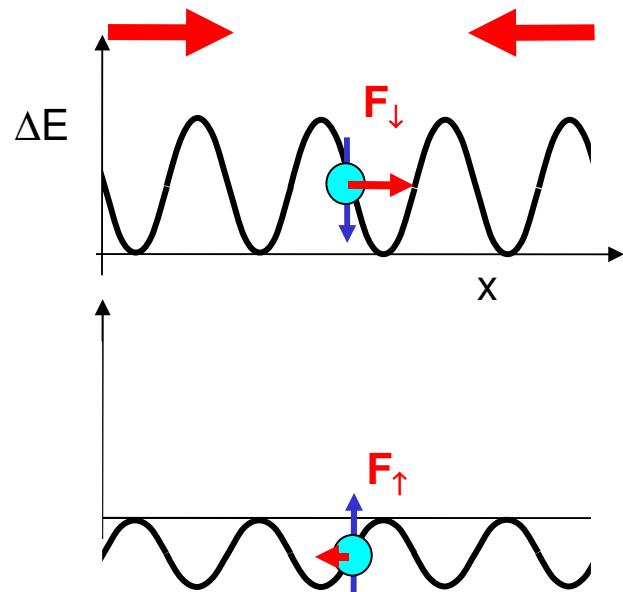
magnetic field fluctuations  
(screen magnetic fields, use field-independent transition)

fluctuations of control parameters

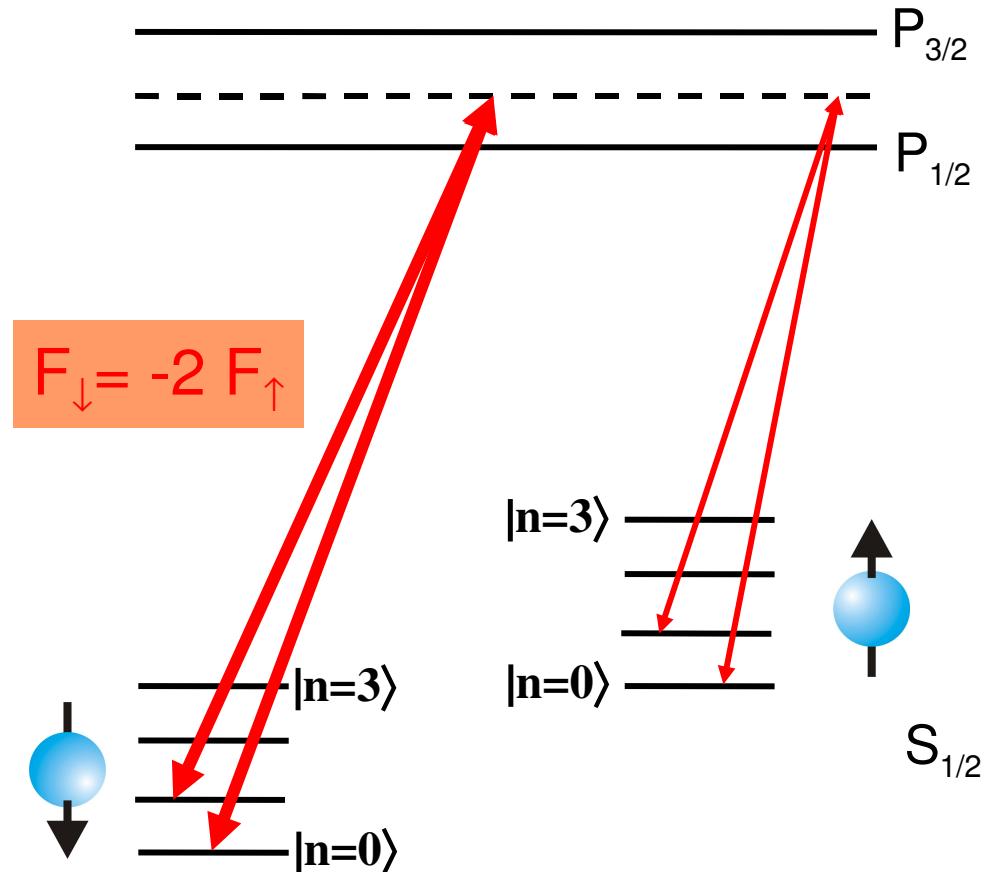
# Entangling interactions: controlled phase gate

Use Raman beams that couple the motional states (but not internal states)

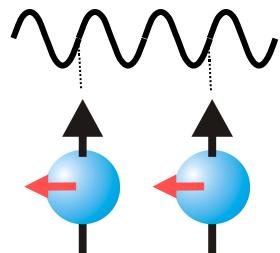
Raman beams form (moving) standing wave: spatial light shifts



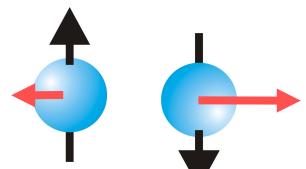
State dependent  
optical dipole force



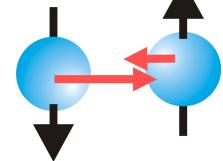
# Stretch mode excitation



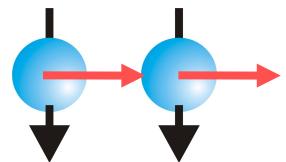
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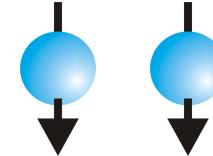
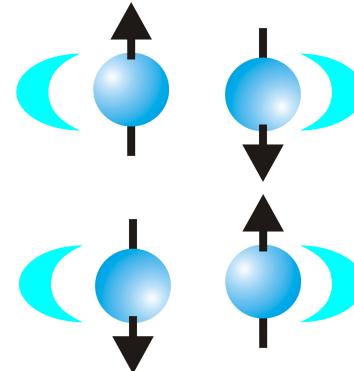
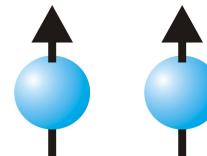
differential force



differential force



no differential force



$$H(t) = (\alpha(t)a + \alpha^*(t)a^\dagger)(\sigma_z^{(1)} - \sigma_z^{(2)})$$

# Controlled phase gate

$$H(t) = (\alpha(t)\hat{a} + \alpha^*(t)\hat{a}^\dagger) (\sigma_z^{(1)} - \sigma_z^{(2)}) \\ = (\alpha_t\hat{a} + \alpha_t^*\hat{a}^\dagger) \mathcal{O} \quad \mathcal{O} = \sigma_z^{(1)} - \sigma_z^{(2)}$$

$$[H(t_2), H(t_1)] = (\alpha_{t_2}\alpha_{t_1}^* - \alpha_{t_2}^*\alpha_{t_1}) \mathcal{O}^2 \quad \mathcal{O}^2 = 2(\mathbb{1} - \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)})$$

$$e^{-iH(t_2)\Delta t} e^{-iH(t_1)\Delta t} = e^{-iH_2\Delta t - iH_1\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}[H_2, H_1](\Delta t)^2}$$

$$e^{-iH(t_3)\Delta t} e^{-iH(t_2)\Delta t} e^{-iH(t_1)\Delta t} = e^{-i\sum_j H_j \Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i < j} [H_j, H_i](\Delta t)^2} \\ = e^{-i\sum_j H_j \Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}^2 \sum_{i < j} (\alpha_{t_j}\alpha_{t_i}^* - \alpha_{t_j}^*\alpha_{t_i})(\Delta t)^2}$$

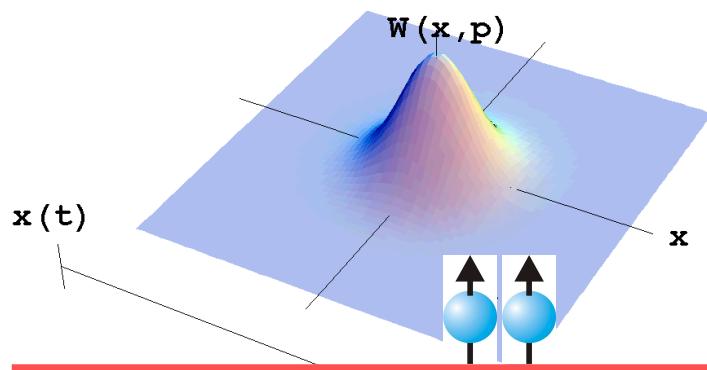
Time evolution operator:

$$U(t) = e^{-i\int_0^t H(t')dt' + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}^2(\int_0^t dt' \alpha(t') \int_0^{t'} dt'' \alpha^*(t'') - h.c.)}$$

Choose  $\alpha(t')$  such that  $\int_0^t \alpha(t')dt' = 0$

$$U = e^{-i\theta\sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)}}$$

# Phase space picture



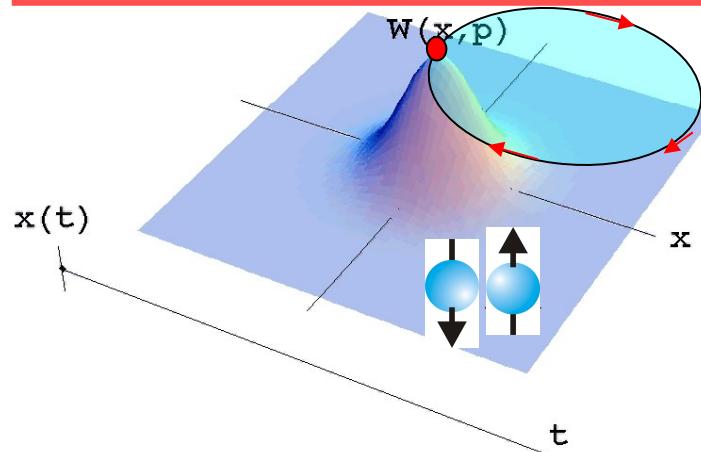
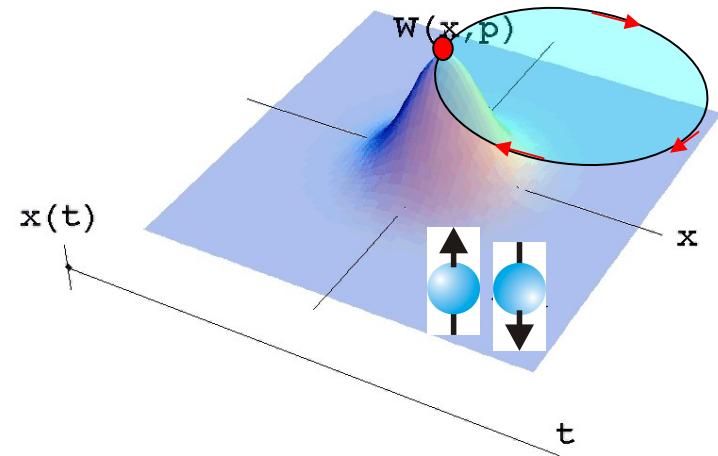
Boulder group :

Gate fidelity: 97%

Gate time: 7  $\mu$ s (ca. 25/ $v_{\text{COM}}$ )

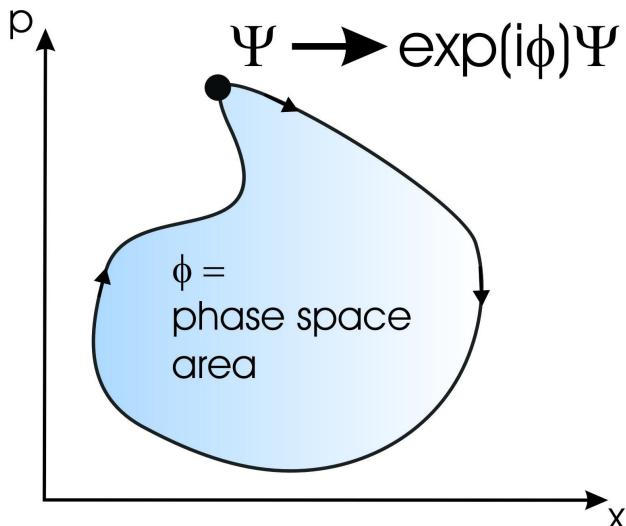
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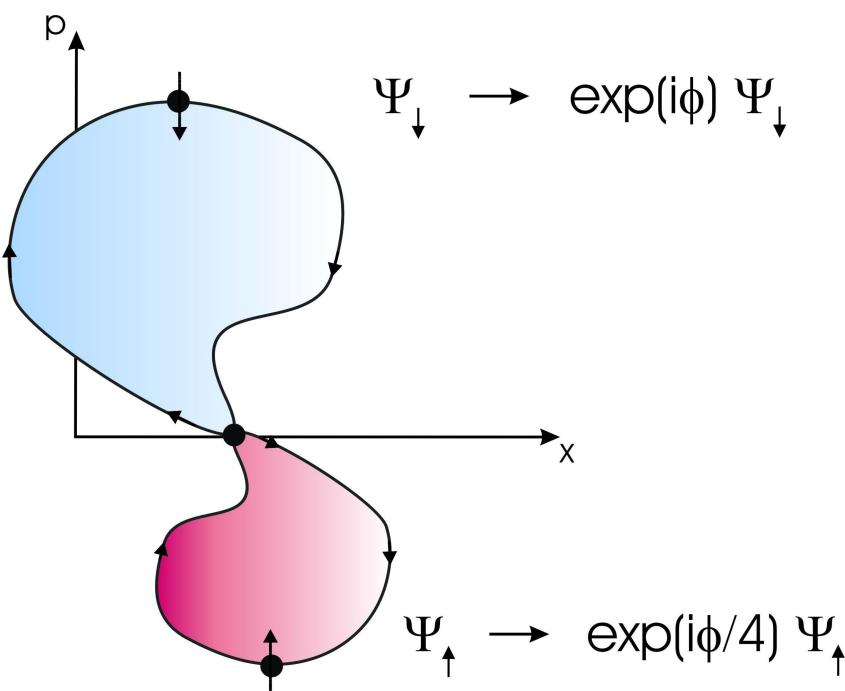


$$\begin{array}{c}
 |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \\
 |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \rightarrow e^{i\phi} |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \\
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 \end{array}$$

# Geometric phase gate



1) coherent displacement along closed path will shift phase of the quantum state, phase independent of details like speed of traversal, etc.

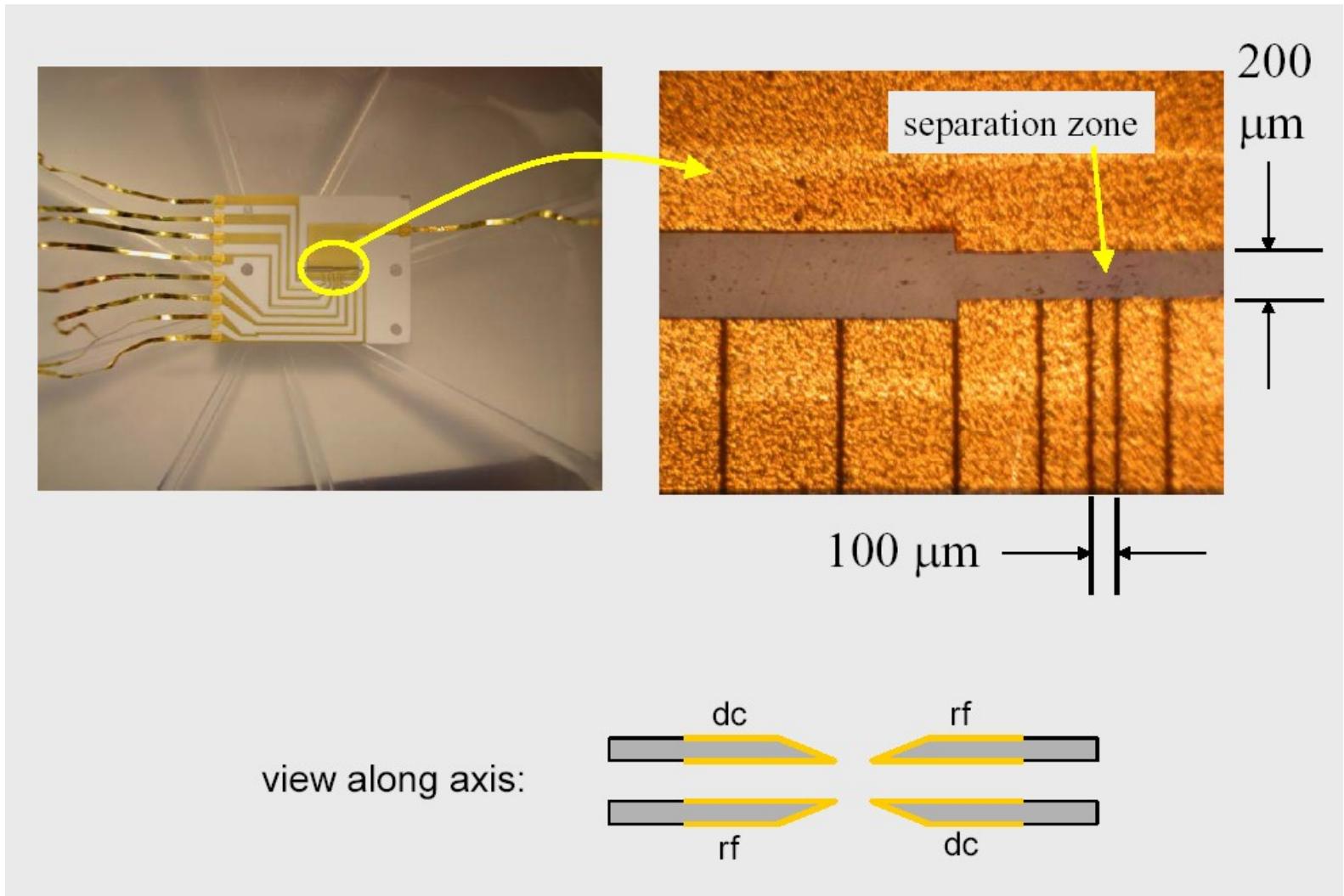


2) the sign and magnitude of coherent displacements can be made internal-state dependent (see e.g. Science **272**, 1131 (1996))

- no ground state cooling
- no individual addressing
- robust against “small” deformations of the path
- relative phase of successive displacements irrelevant

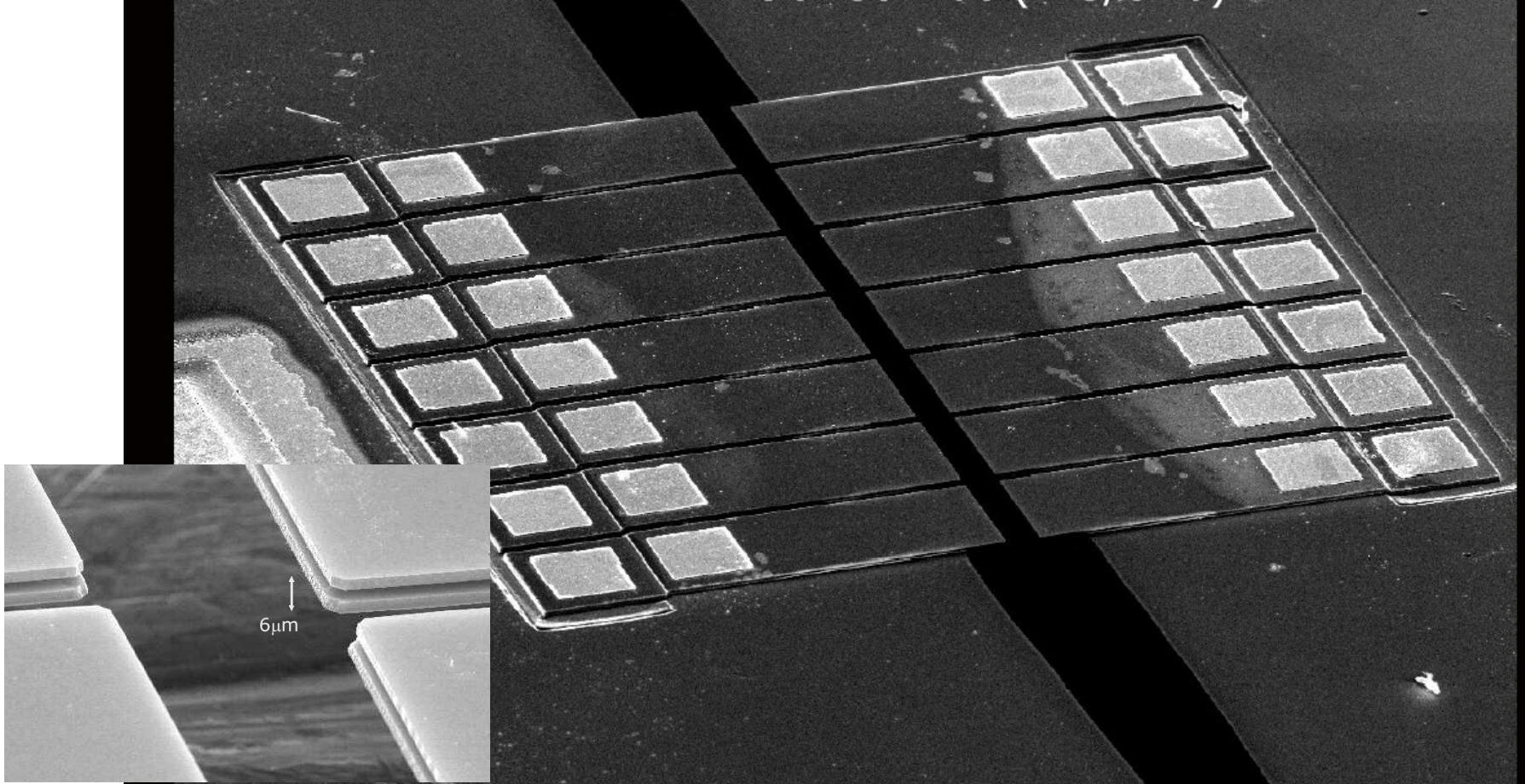
G. J. Milburn *et al.*, Fortschr. Physik 48, 801 (2000).  
X. Wang *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 86, 3907 (2001).

## D. Wineland (NIST) : Alumina / gold trap



# C. Monroe (Michigan) : GaAs-GaAlAs trap

Dan Stick  
Martin Madsen  
Winfried Hensinger  
Keith Schwab (LPS/UMd)



LPS

SEI

30.0kV

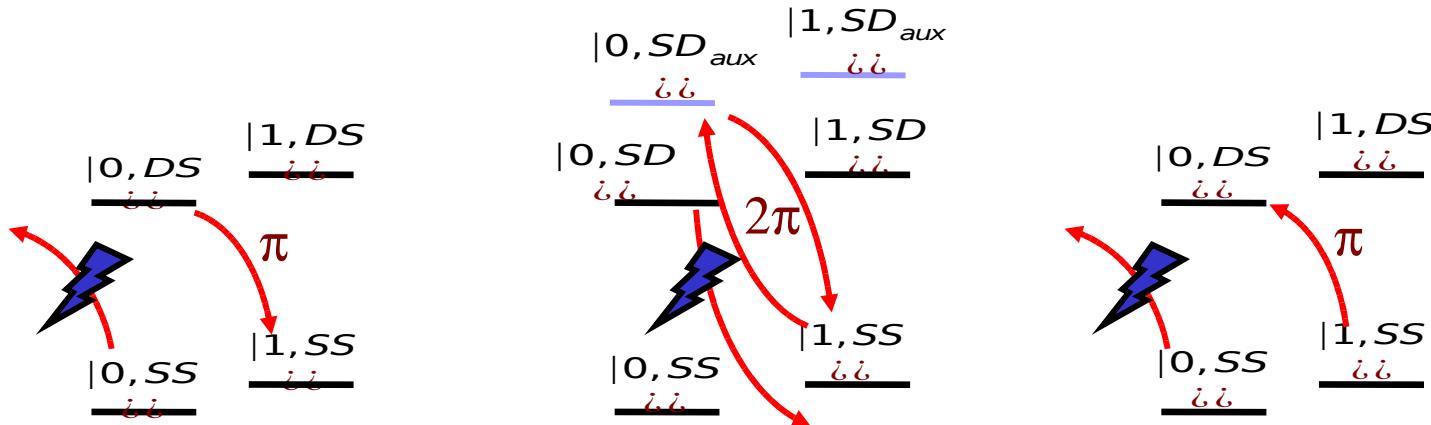
X80

100μm

WD 29.2mm

# Ideal Cirac-Zoller phase gate

( J. I. Cirac und P. Zoller, PRL **74** 4091 (1995))



qubits

	red sideband $\pi$ -pulse on ion #1	red sideband $2\pi$ -pulse on ion #2	red sideband $\pi$ -pulse on ion #1	
$\downarrow$				
00	$ 0,SS$ <i>i</i>	$ 0,SS$ <i>i</i>	$ 0,SS$ <i>i</i>	$ 0,SS$ <i>i</i>
01	$ 0,SD$	$ 0,SD$	$ 0,SD$	$ 0,SD$
10	$ 0,DS$	$i 1,SS$	$-i 1,SS$	$ 0,DS$
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