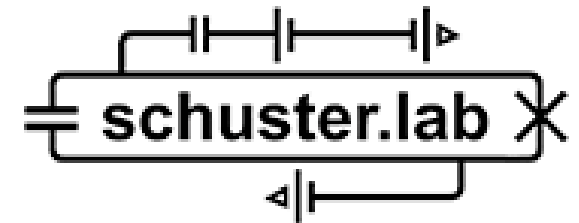


Direct Collocation for Quantum Optimal Control

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Quantum Optimal Control Review

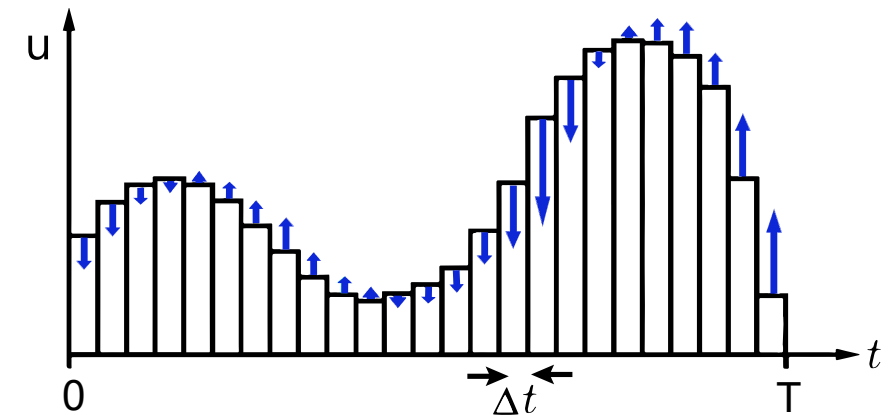
Know the dynamics of my system $i\frac{\partial|\psi\rangle}{\partial t} = H(\mathbf{u}(t))|\psi\rangle$

Achieve $|\psi_0\rangle \rightarrow |\psi_{\text{target}}\rangle$

Minimize $J = 1 - |\langle\psi_{\text{final}}|\psi_{\text{target}}\rangle|^2$

Procedure

1. Rollout
2. Calculate gradient of cost function w.r.t controls
3. Update controls with gradient
4. Repeat



GRAPE and Other Indirect Methods

Question: What if you care about things besides the fidelity?

$$J = 1 - |\langle \psi_{\text{final}} | \psi_{\text{target}} \rangle|^2 + \sum_i w_i \text{cost}_i$$

Answer: Cost function shaping

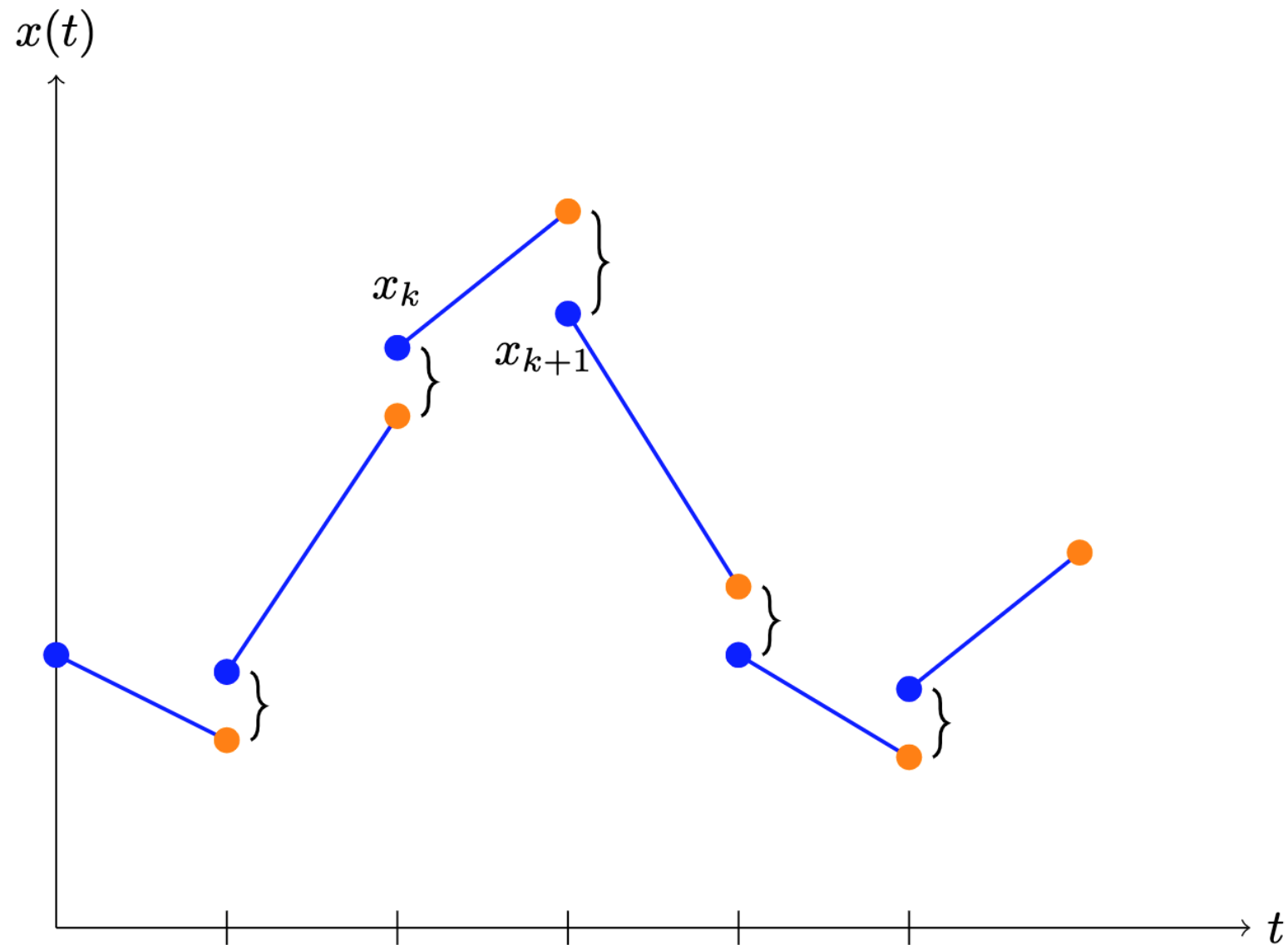
Direct Methods

Treat states and controls as decision variables

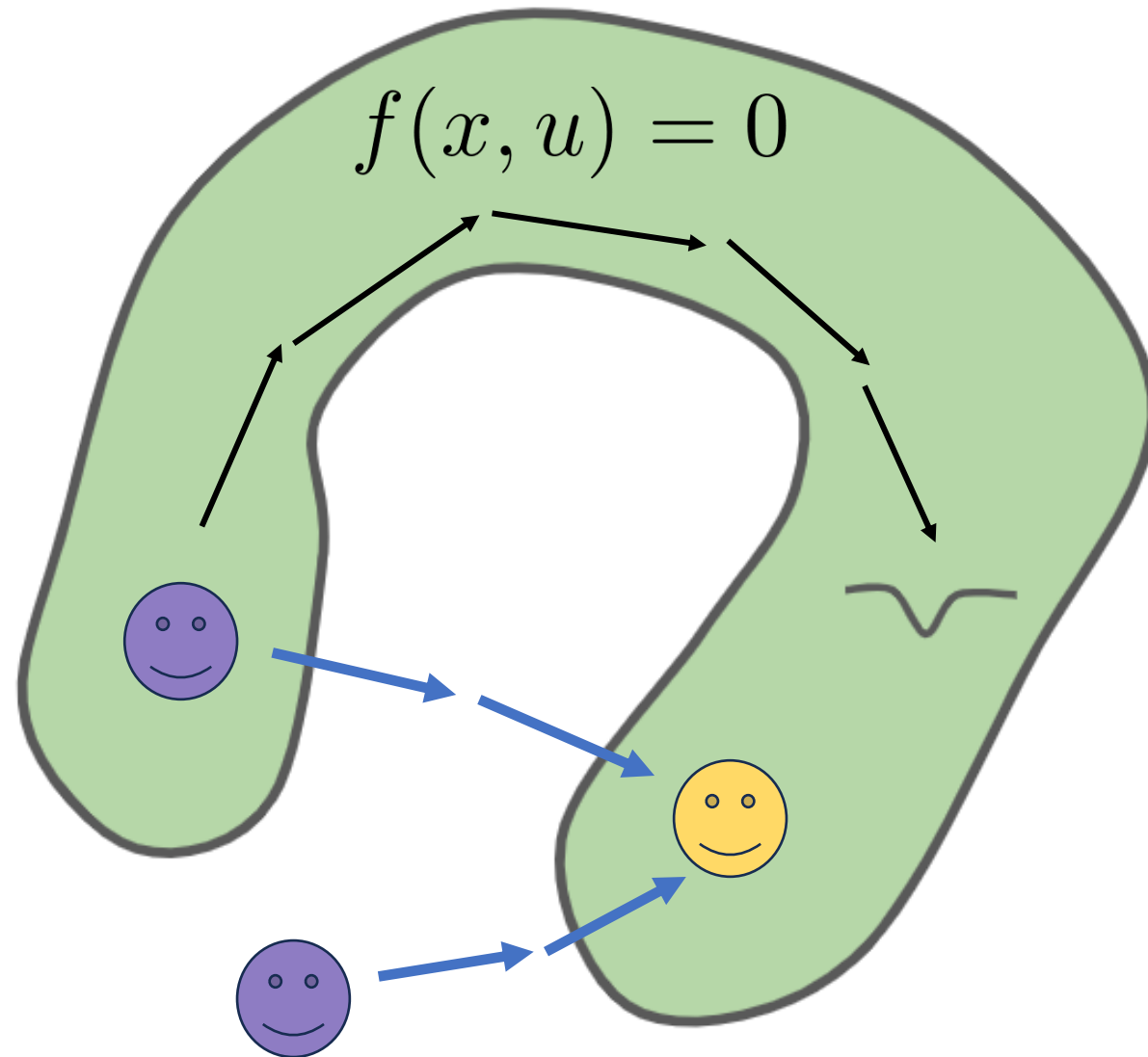
$$\begin{aligned} &\underset{x,u}{\text{minimize}} && J(x) = 1 - \mathcal{F}(x_N, x_{\text{goal}}) \\ &\text{subject to} && f(x_{k+1}, x_k, u_k) = 0 \\ & && c(x, u) \geq 0 \\ & && d(x, u) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solve using nonlinear program solver (IPOPT)

Direct Collocation



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Padé Approximants

Taylor Series

$$\exp(A) \approx T_4(A) = 1 + A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \frac{A^3}{3!} + \frac{A^4}{4!}$$

Padé
Approximant

$$\exp(A) \approx \frac{F_2(A)}{B_2(A)} = \frac{b_0 + b_1 A + b_2 A^2}{1 + c_1 A + c_2 A^2}$$

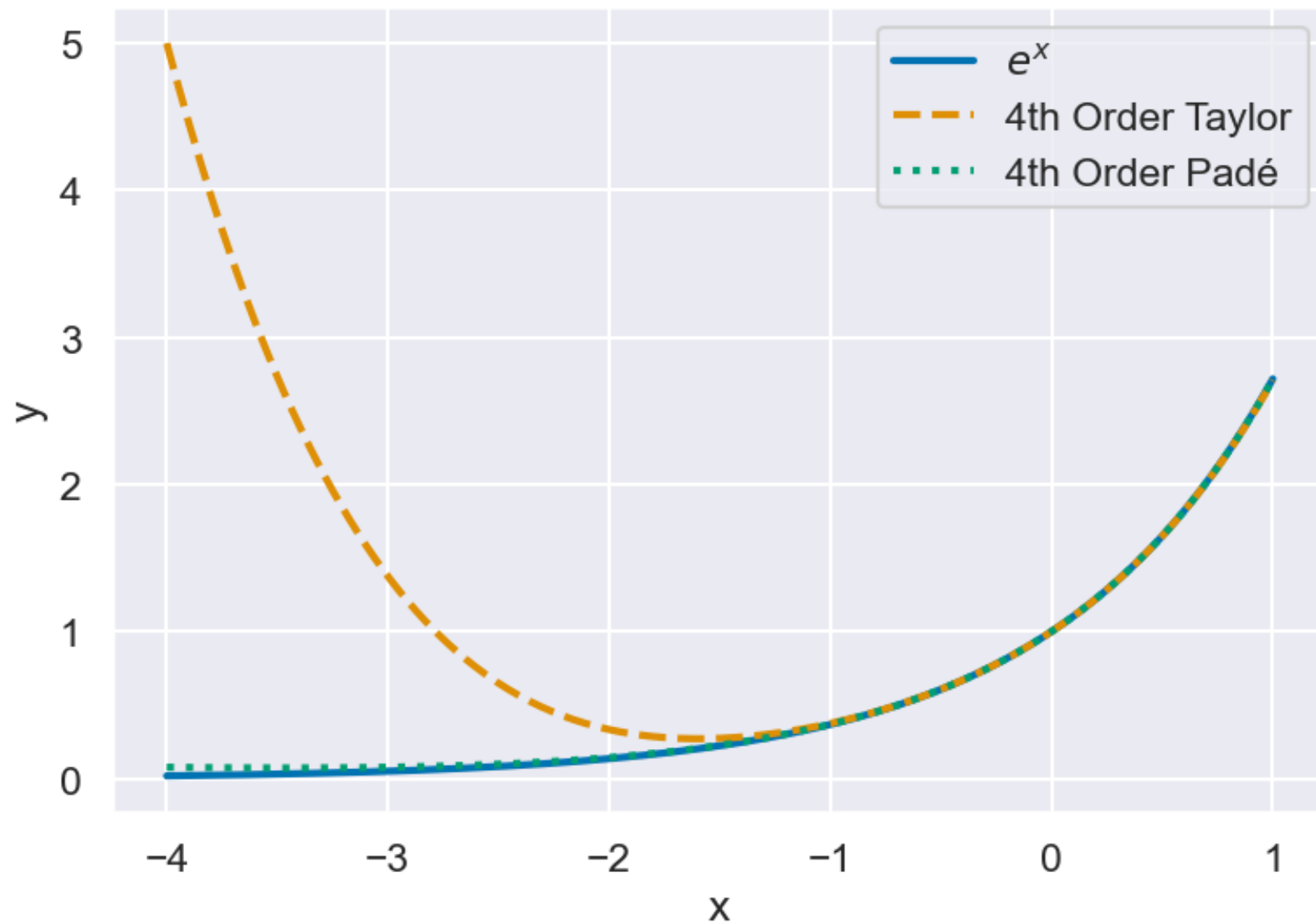
Demand

$$\frac{F_2(A)}{B_2(A)} = T_4(A)$$

match
coefficients

$$\frac{F_2(A)}{B_2(A)} = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{12}A^2}{1 - \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{12}A^2}$$

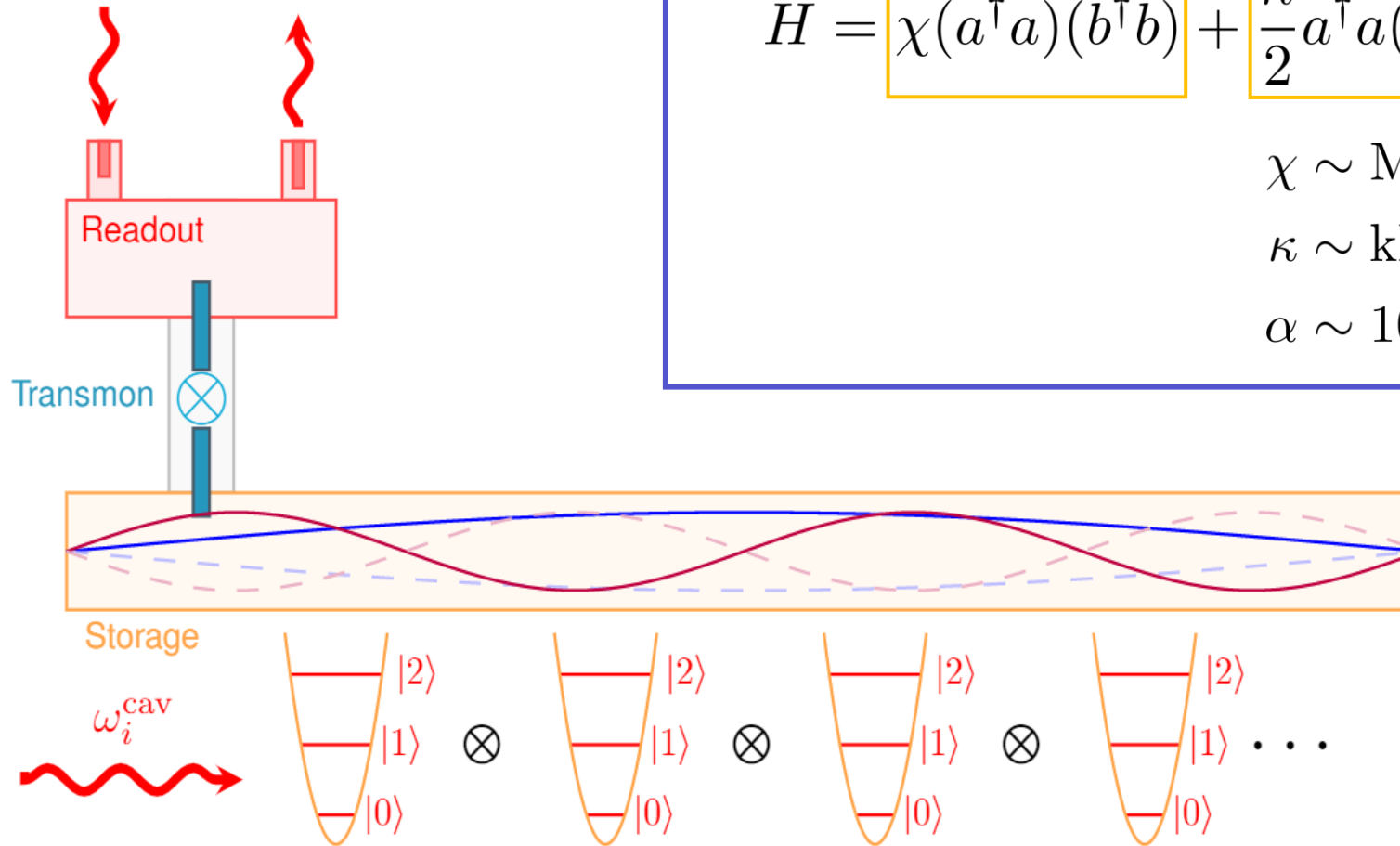
Padé Approximants



Padé Integrator Collocation (PICO)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= f(x_{k+1}, x_k, u_k) \\ &= x_{k+1} - \exp(-i\Delta t H(u_k))x_k \\ &\approx x_{k+1} - B(u_k)^{-1}F(u_k)x_k \\ &= B(u_k)x_{k+1} - F(u_k)x_k \end{aligned}$$

Hardware System



$$H = \chi(a^\dagger a)(b^\dagger b) + \frac{\kappa}{2}a^\dagger a(a^\dagger a - I) - \frac{\alpha}{2}b^\dagger b(b^\dagger b - I)$$

$$\chi \sim \text{MHz}$$

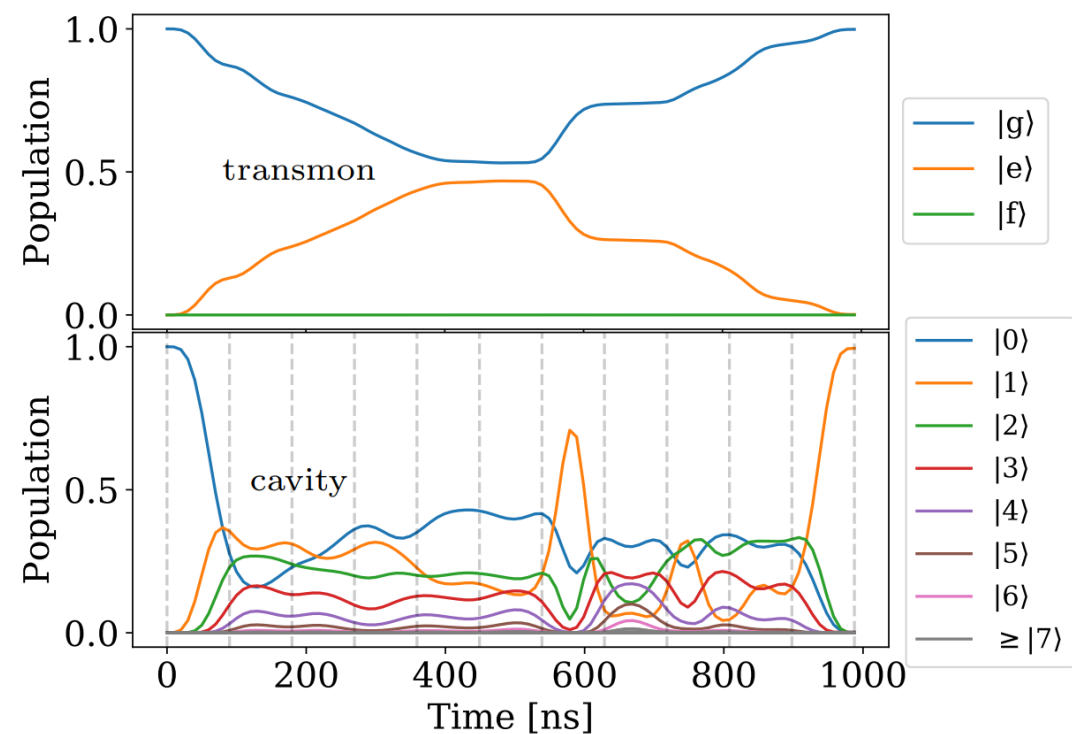
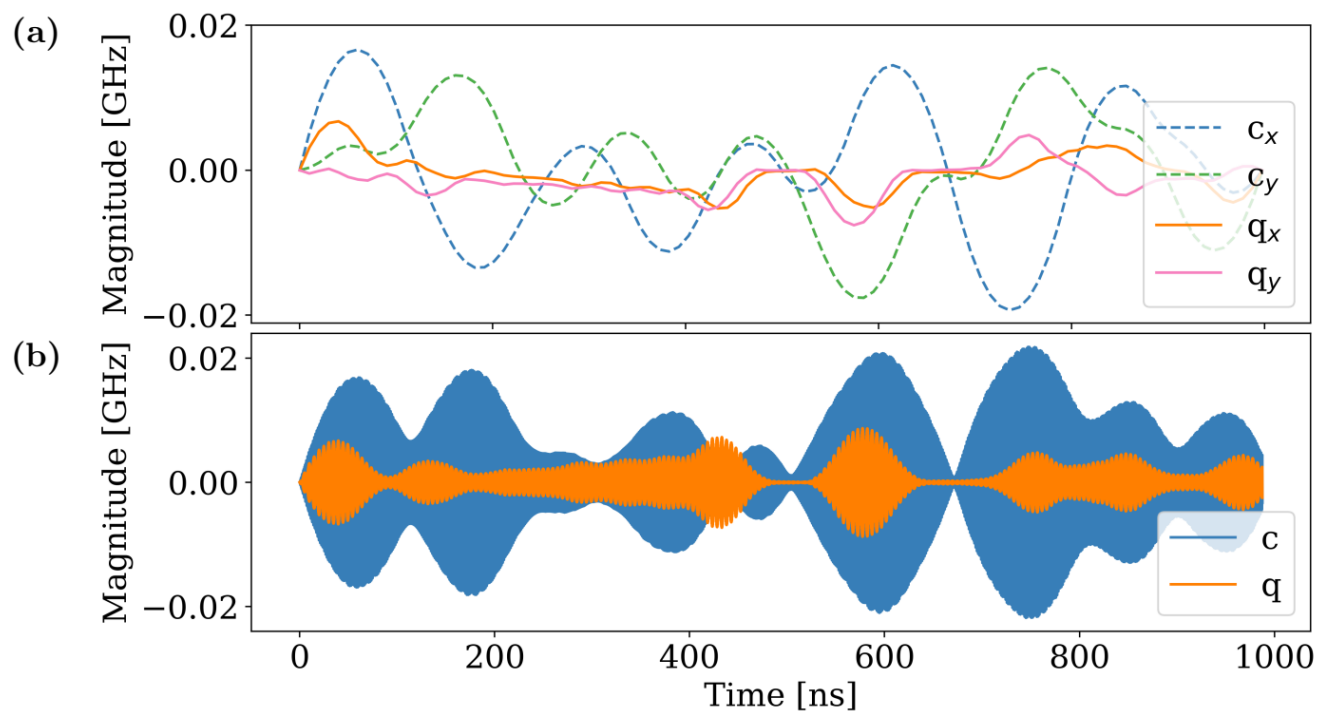
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$$\alpha \sim 100 \text{ MHz}$$

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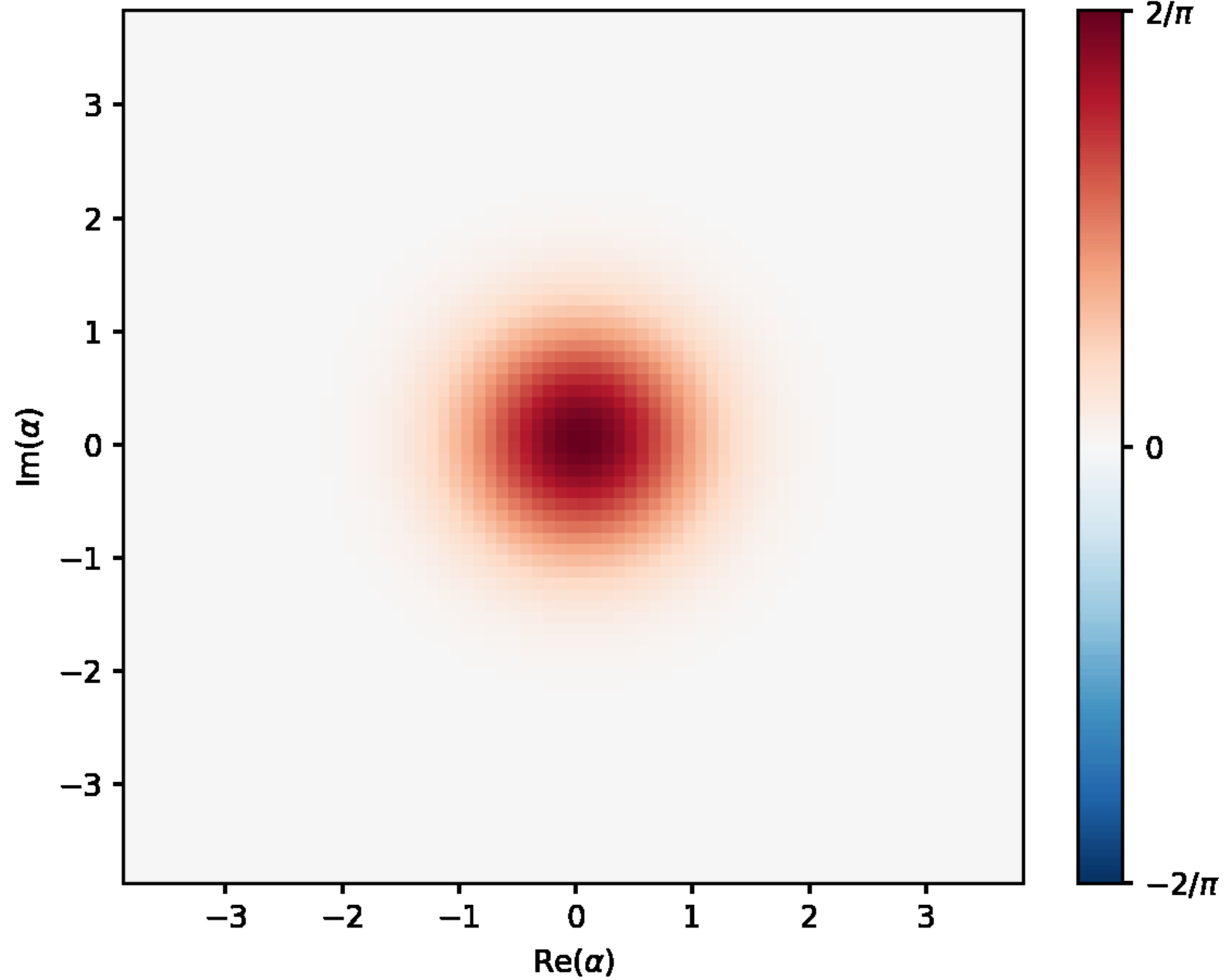
Hardware Result

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$$\text{Fidelity} = 0.988 \pm 0.011$$

$t = 0.0 \text{ ns}$



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Overclocking Quantum Collocation



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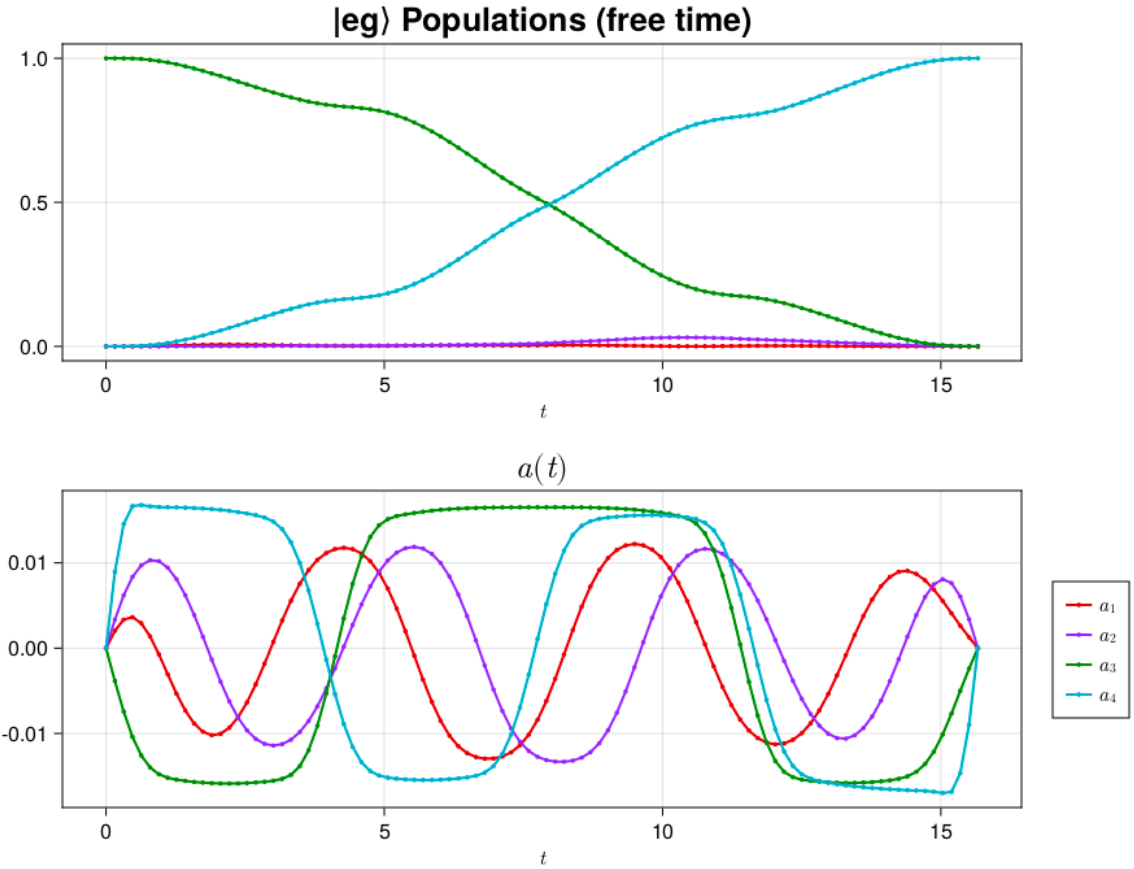
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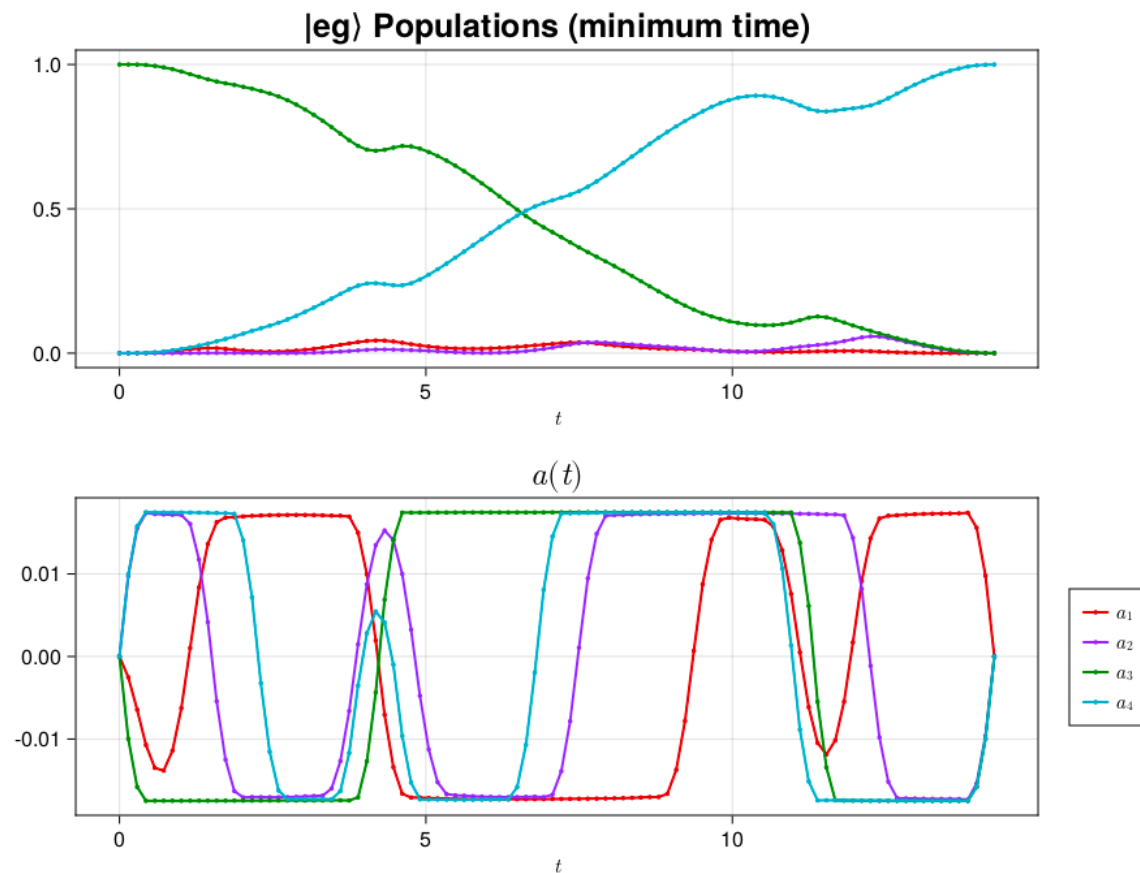
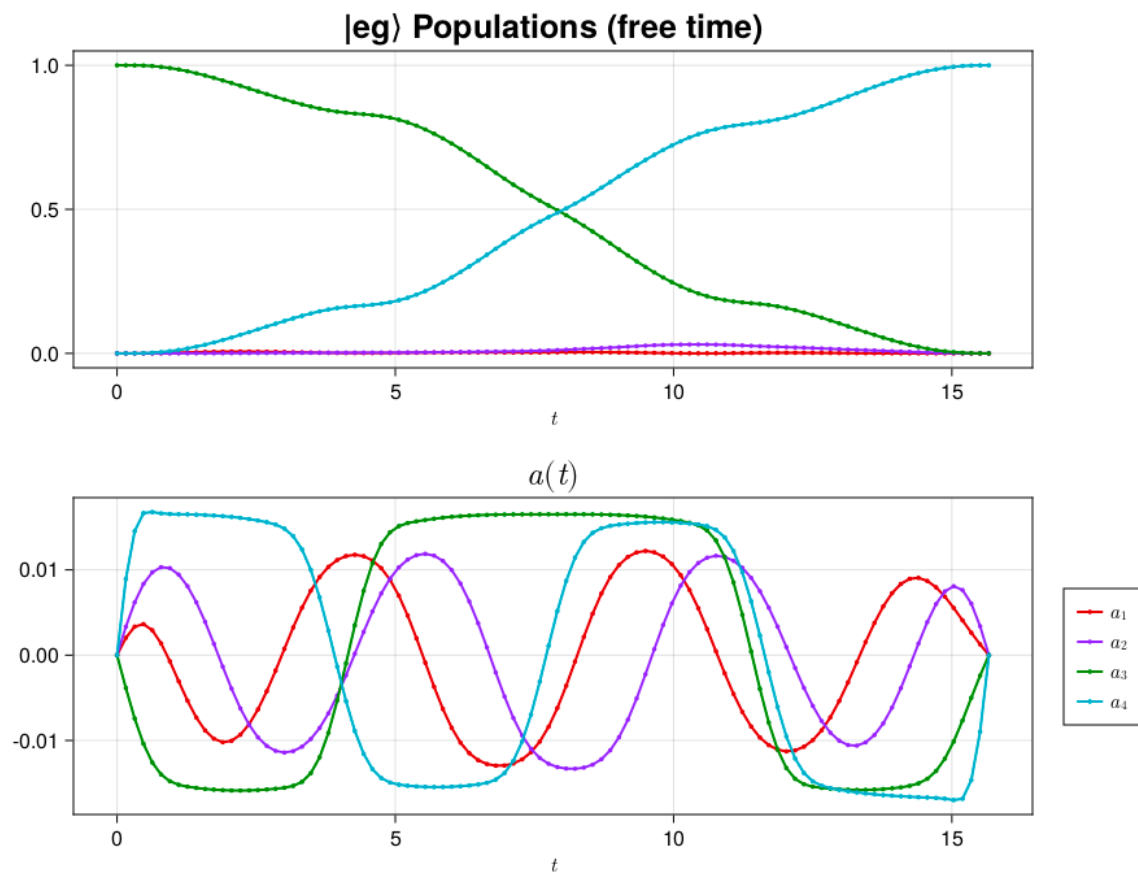
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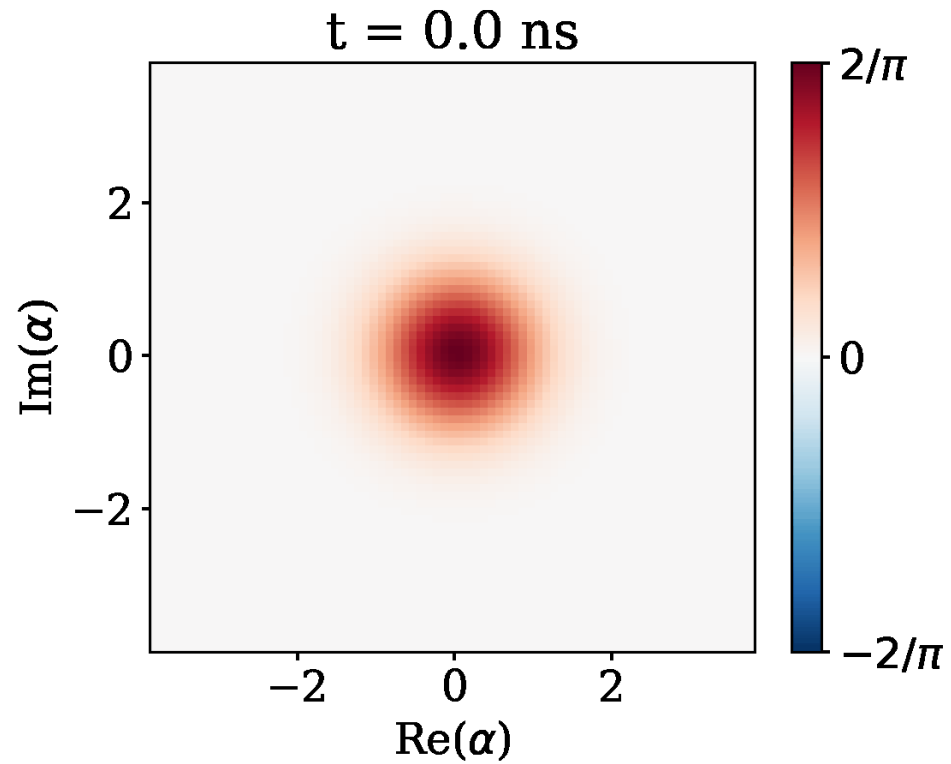
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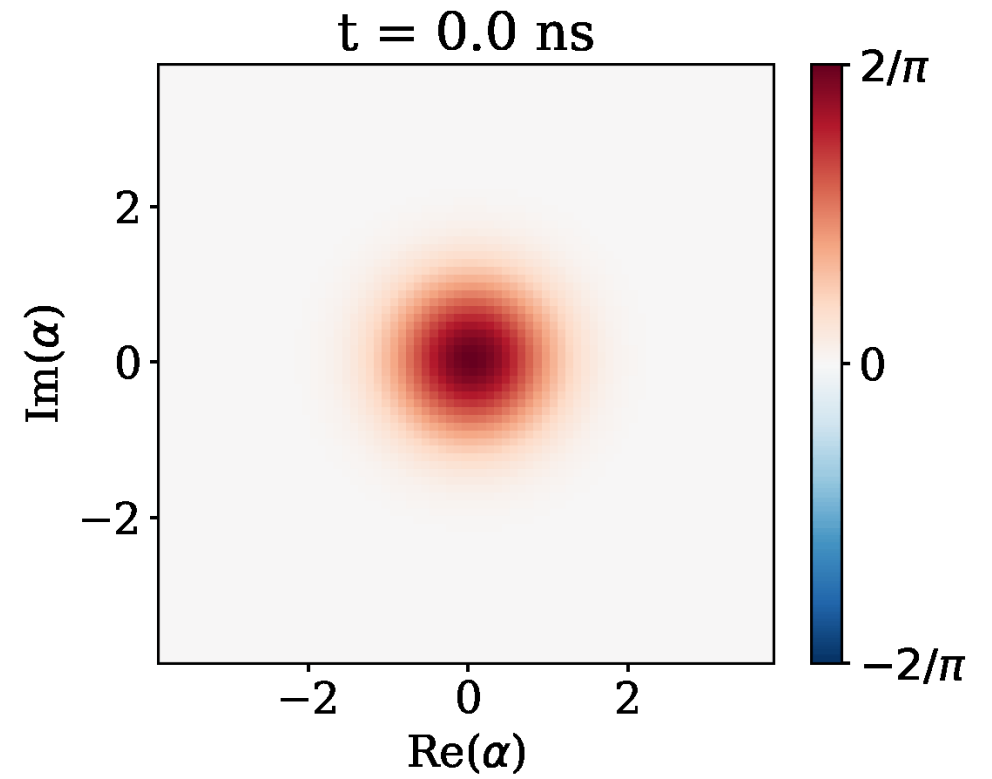
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PICO minimum time pulse



GRAPE pulse

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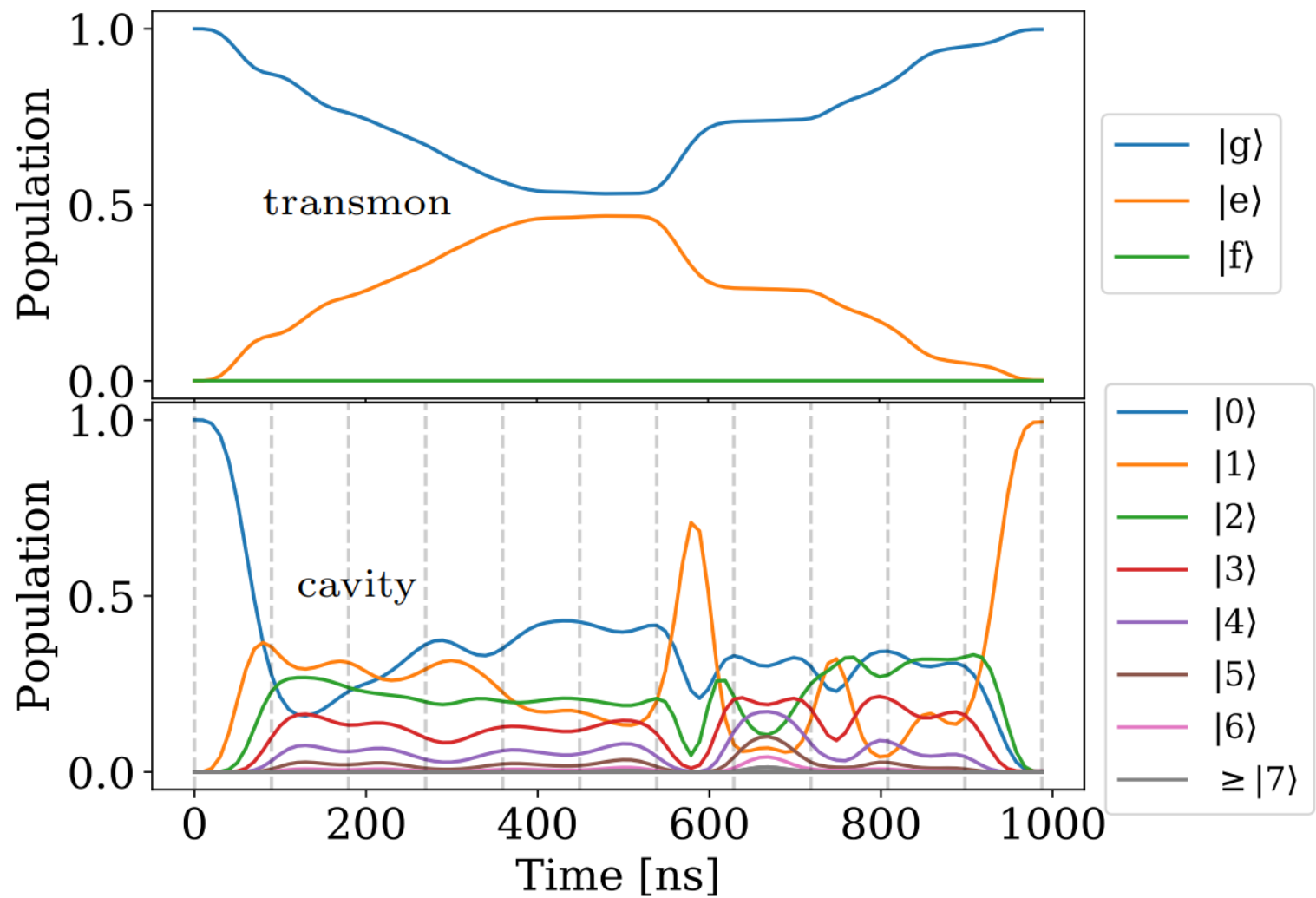
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BUT BECAUSE
WE THOUGHT
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Questions?