

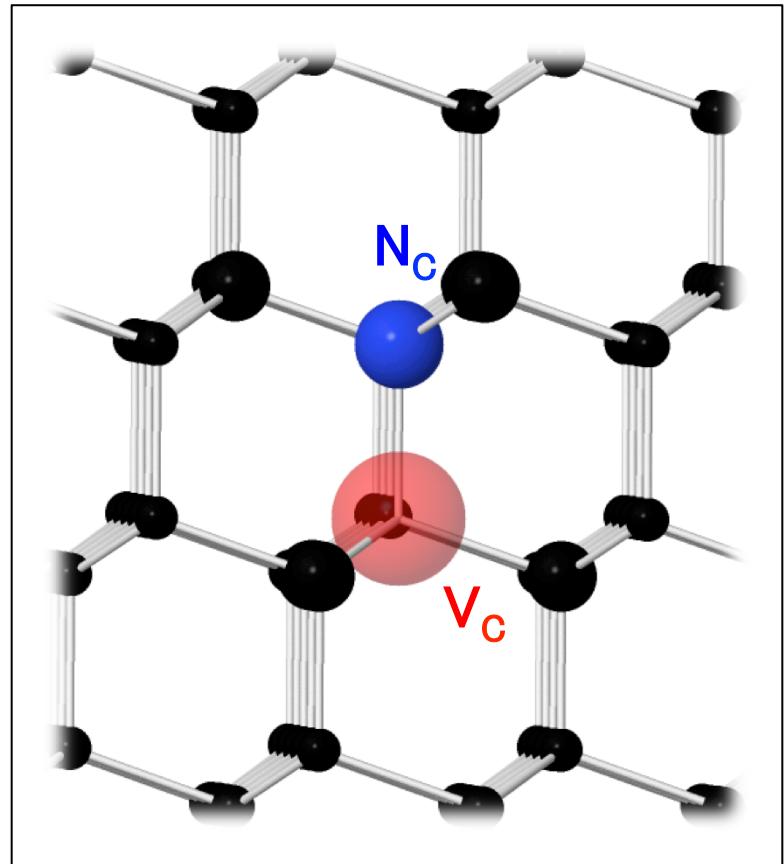
NV Centers in Quantum Information Technology

De-Coherence Protection &
Teleportation

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The NV Center

- Point Defect in Diamond
- Interesting Physics in negatively charged state NV^-
- Total electron spin $S=1$
- ^{14}N Nuclear Spin $I=1$

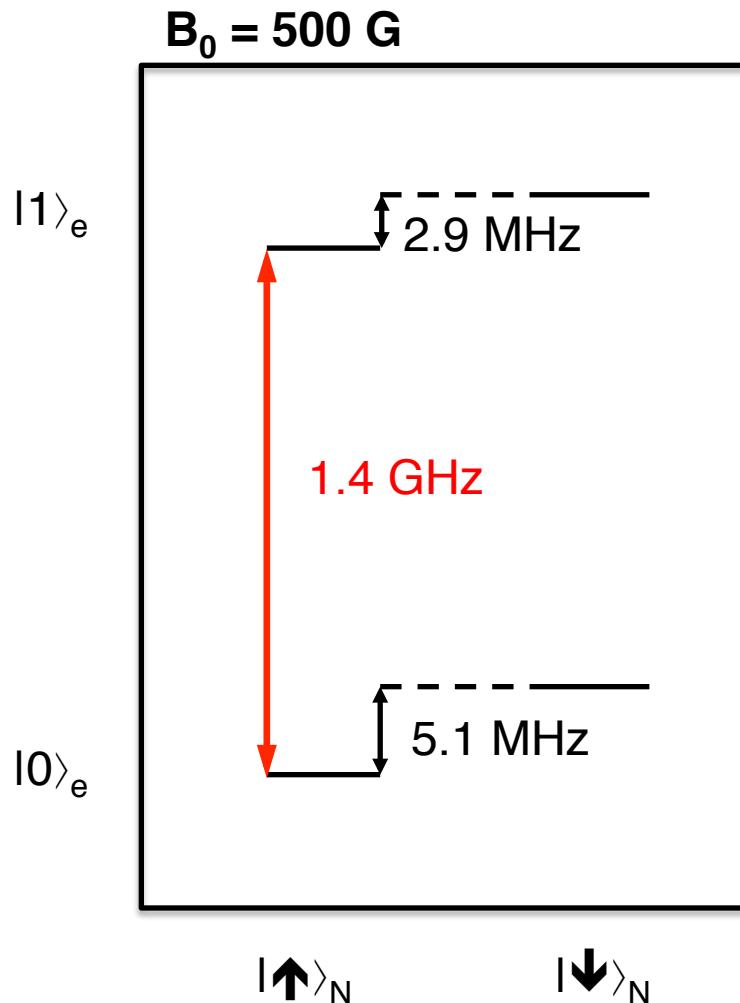


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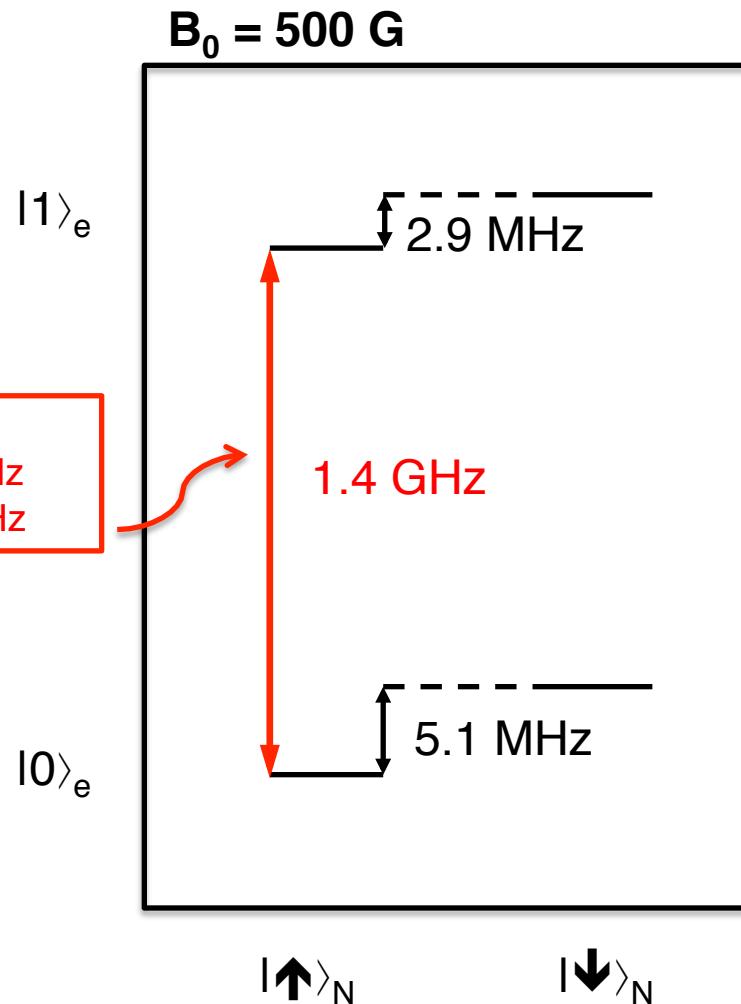
1. Well-defined qubits
2. Initialization
3. $t_{\text{coherence}} > t_{\text{gate operation}}$
4. Universal set of quantum gates
5. Qubit specific read-out
6. Convert from stationary to mobile qubit
7. Faithful transmission



Relevant Ground State Energy Structure

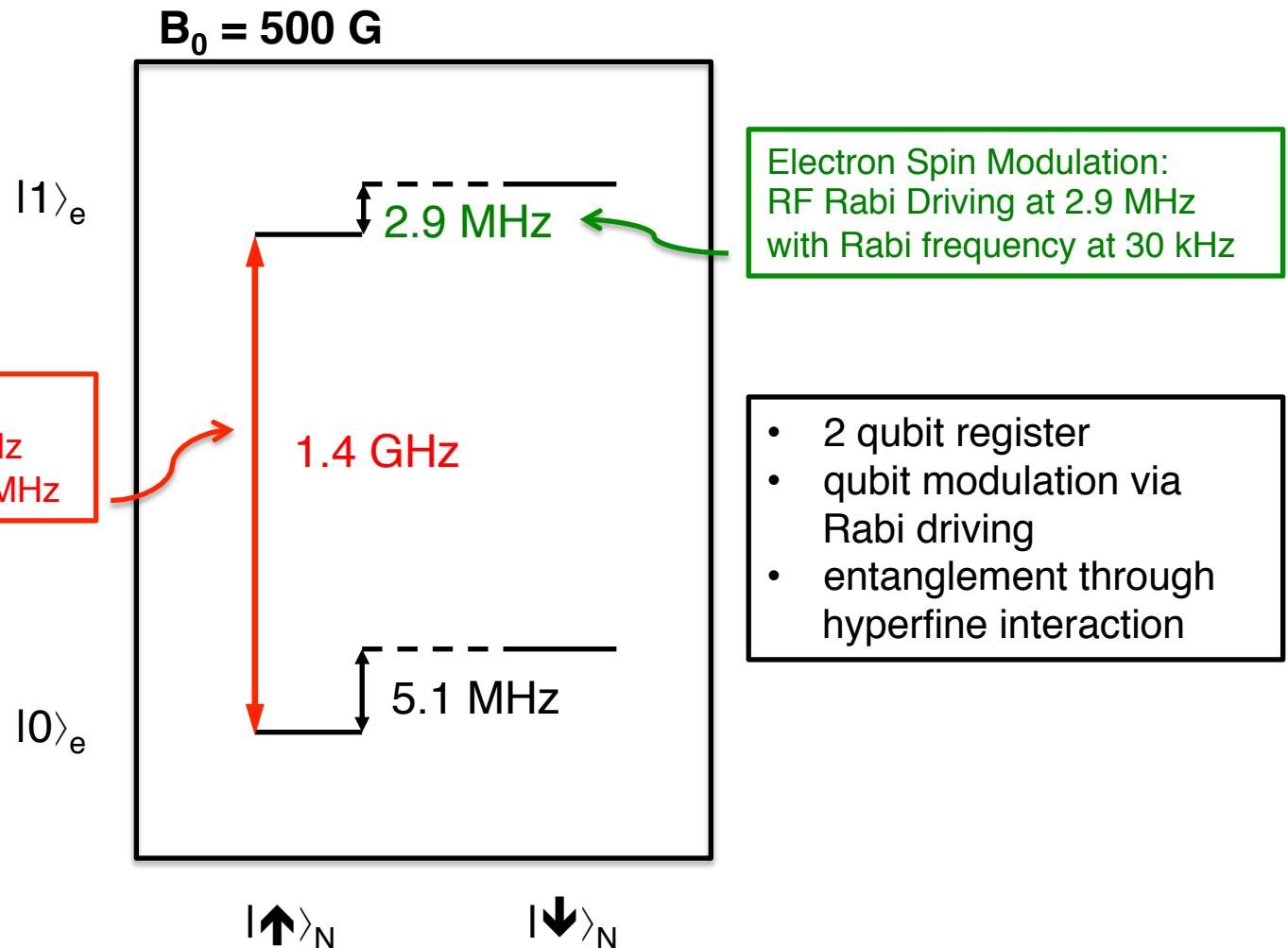


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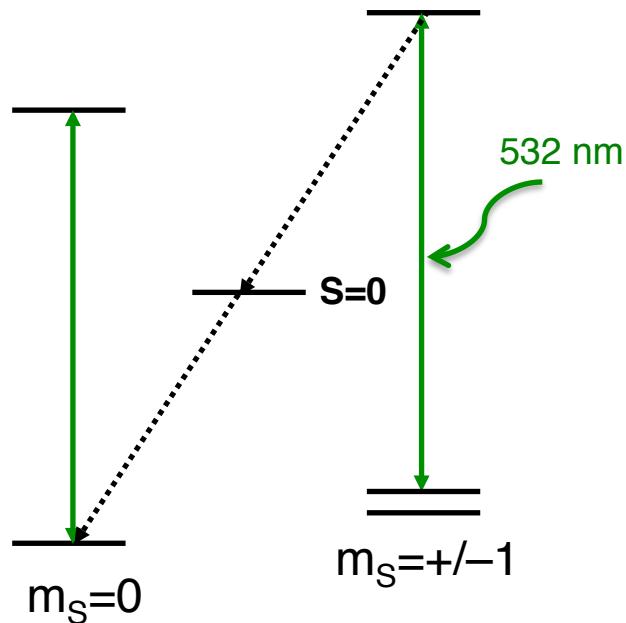
Electron Spin Modulation:
MW Rabi Driving at 1.4 GHz
with driving strength 40 MHz

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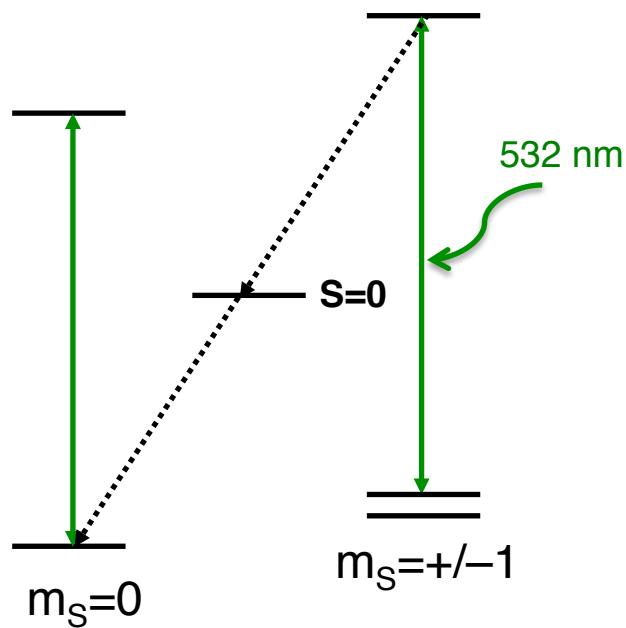
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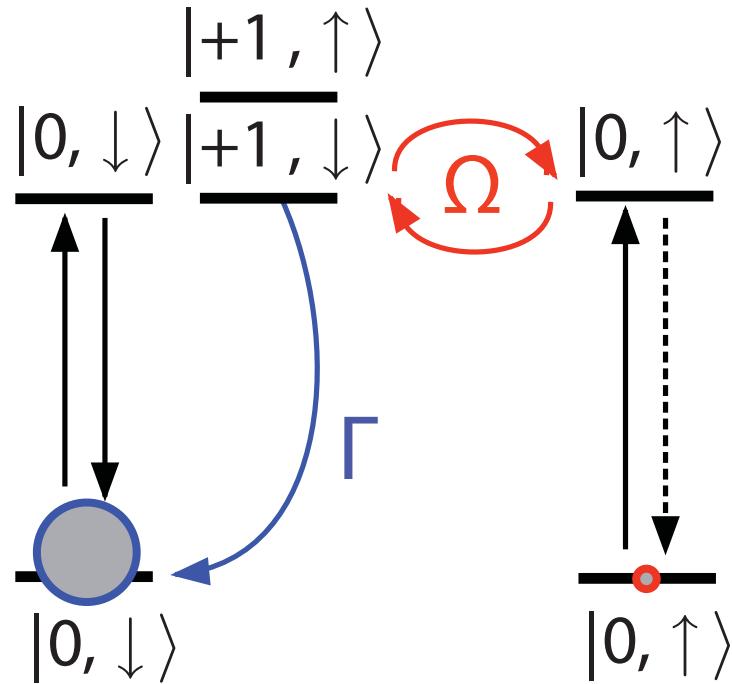


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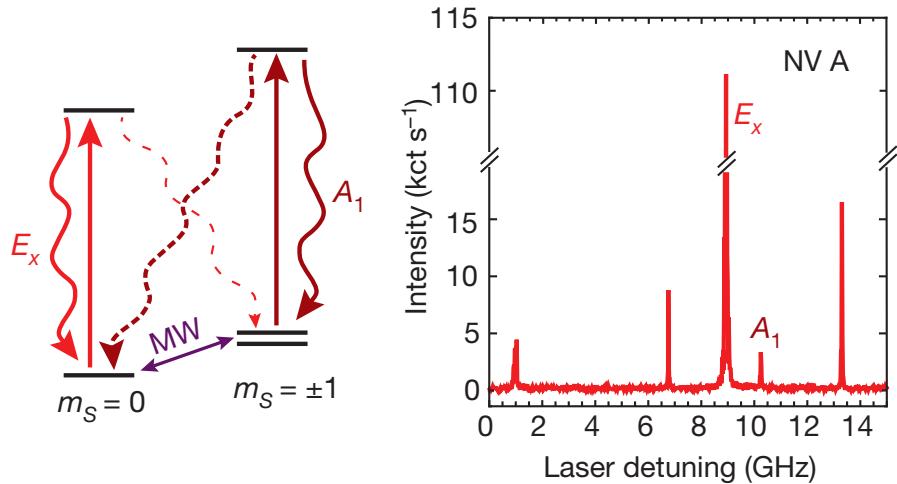
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Read-Out

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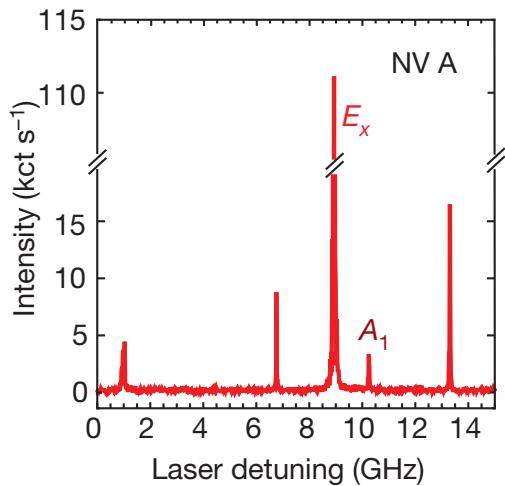
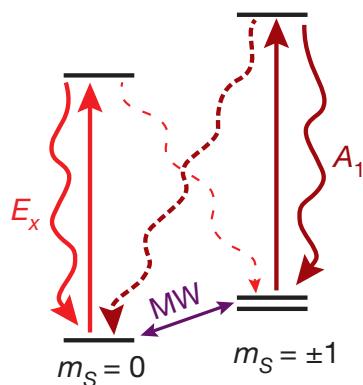
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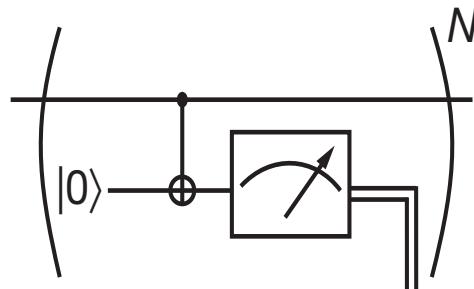
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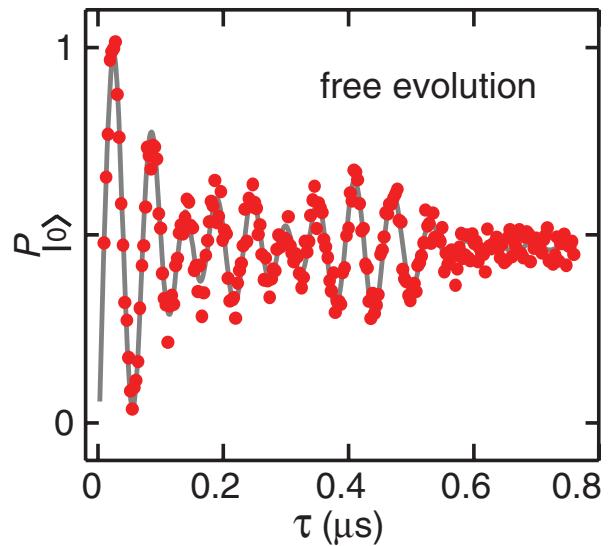


- Can also be used to read out m_i by using a CNOT gate:



Decoherence

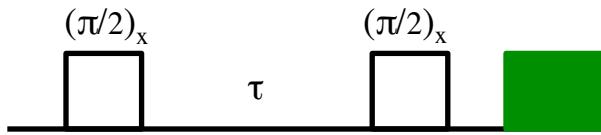
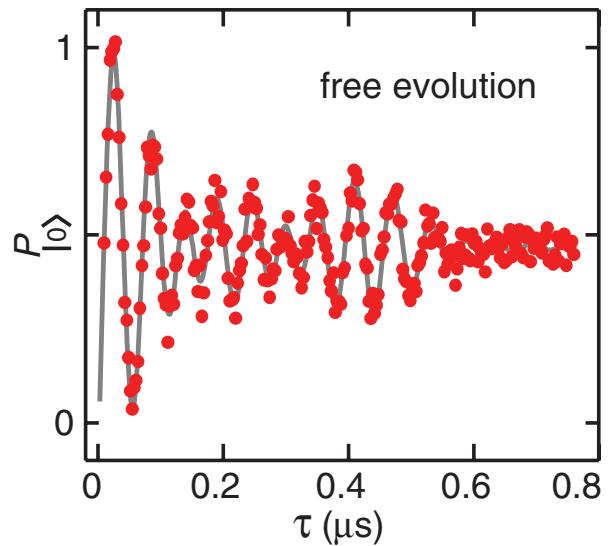
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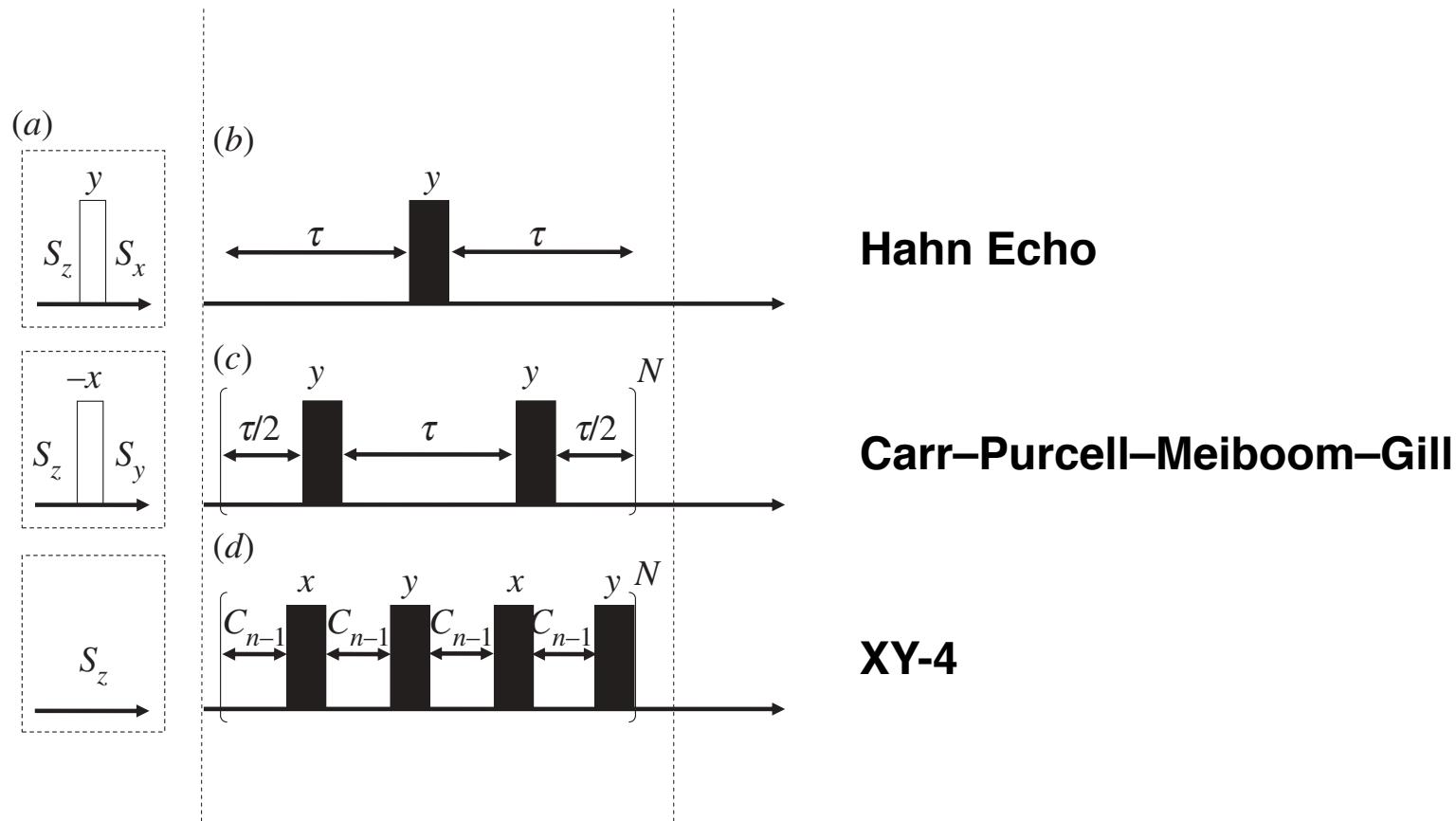


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- Dynamic decoupling: Periodic flipping of the qubit spin state to average out the interactions with the environment.

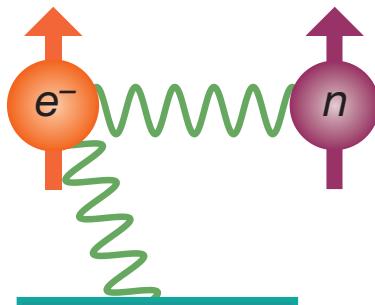
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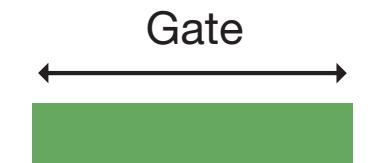


Decoherence in multi-qubit gates

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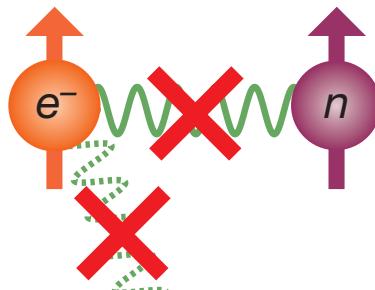
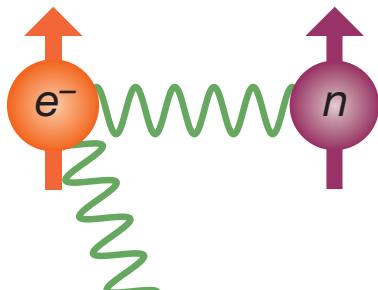
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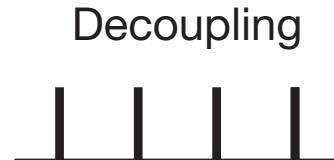
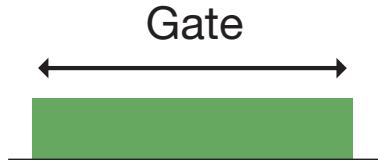
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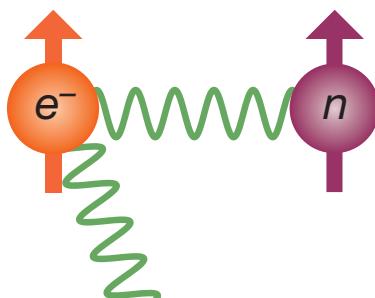
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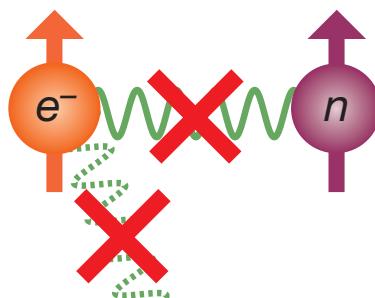


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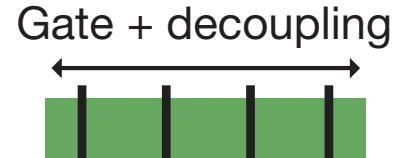
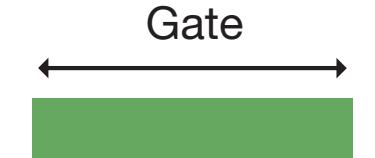
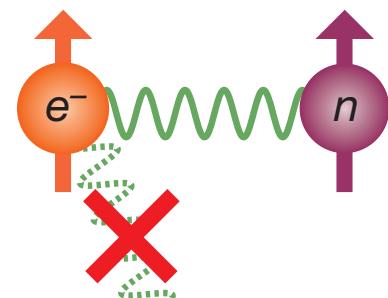
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3) Qubits only decoupled from environment



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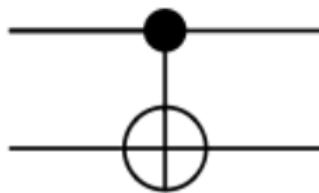
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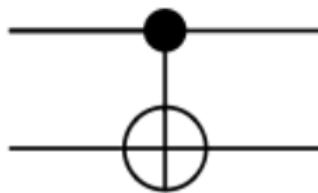
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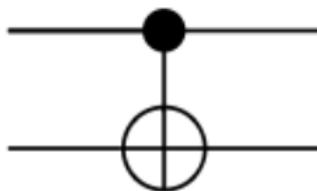
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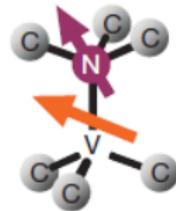
Question

Can we use dynamical decoupling to make a gate using the "fast" qubit as our control bit?

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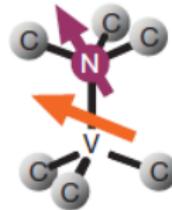


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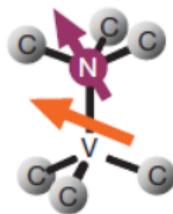


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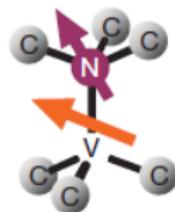
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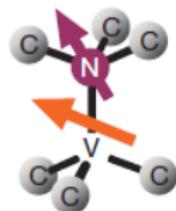
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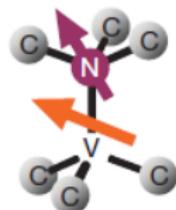
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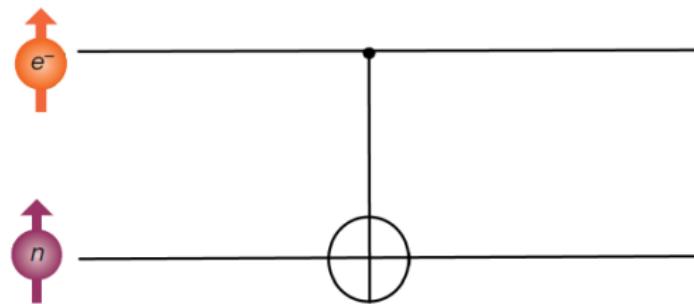
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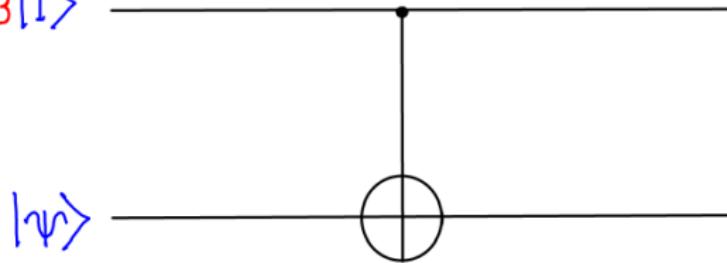
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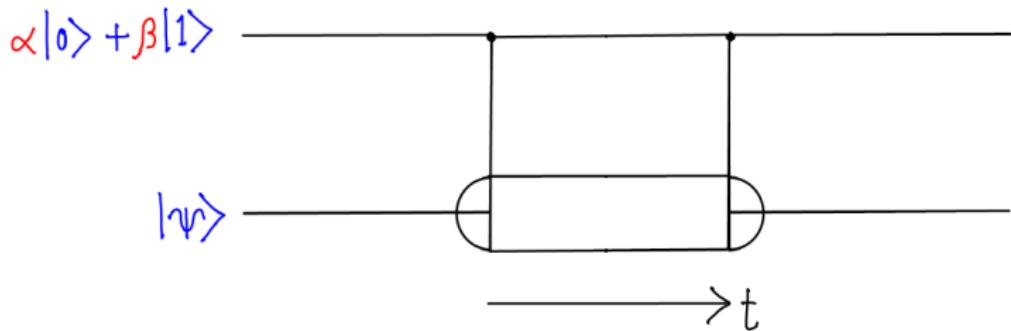
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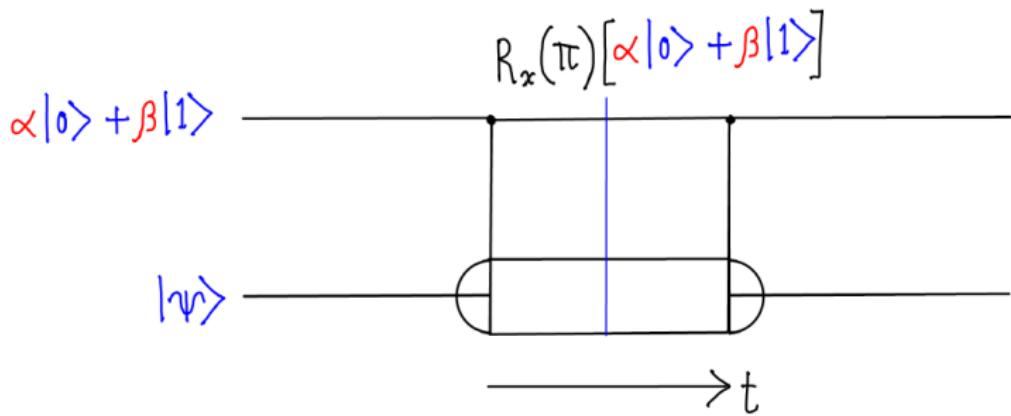
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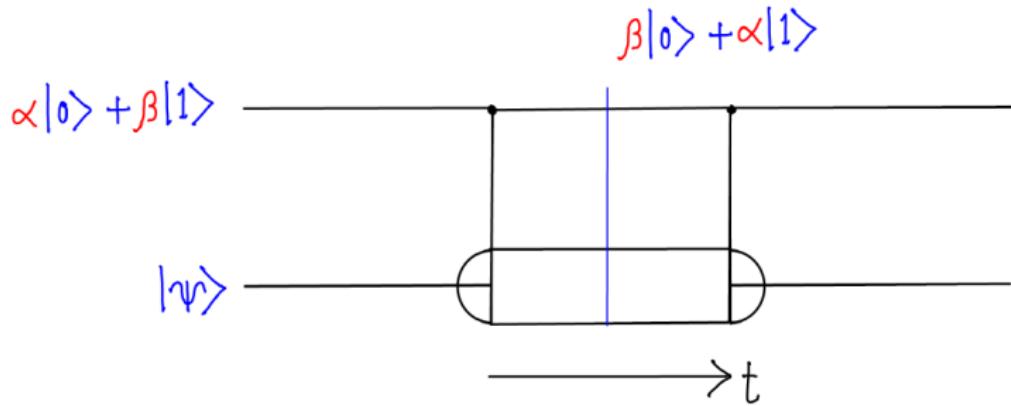
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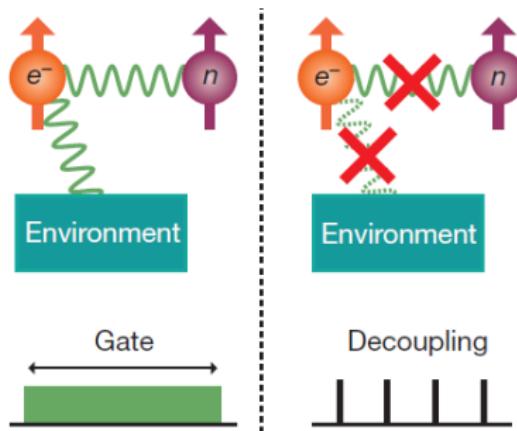


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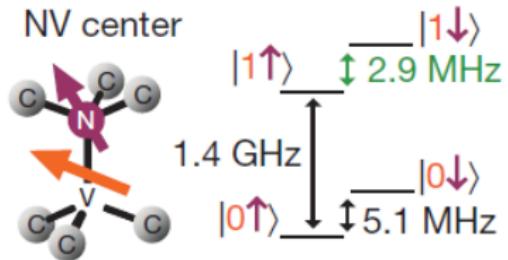
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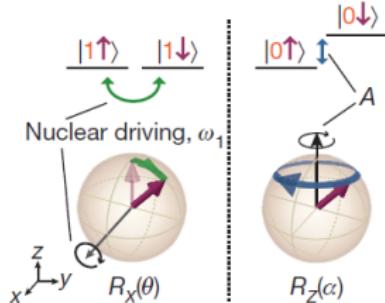
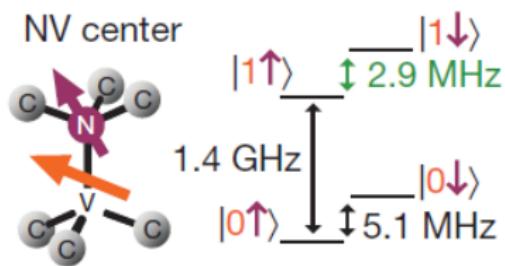
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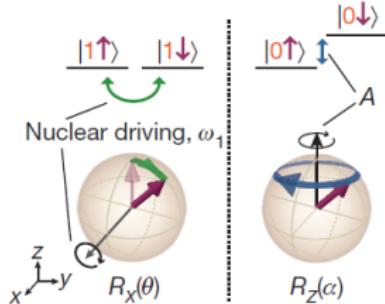
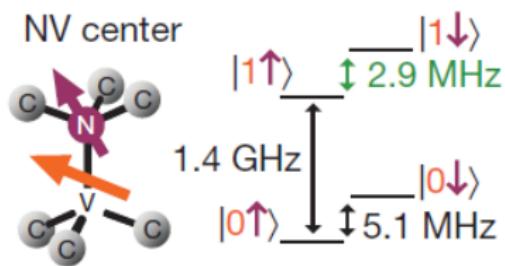
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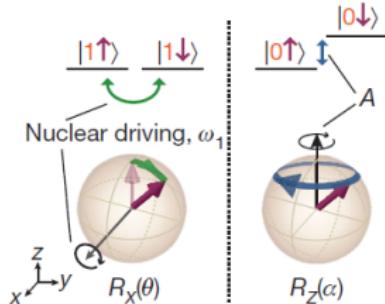
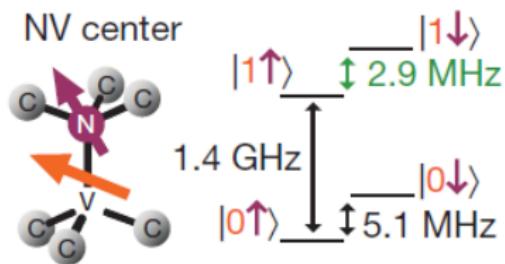
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Timescales (μs)

$$\begin{matrix} 3.5 \\ \text{H} \\ T_{2,e} \end{matrix}$$

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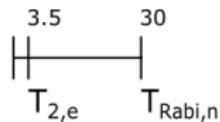
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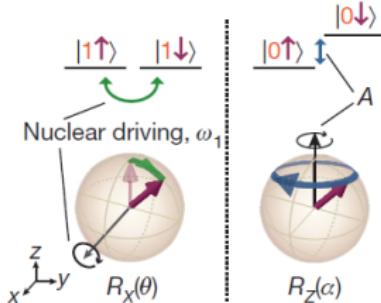
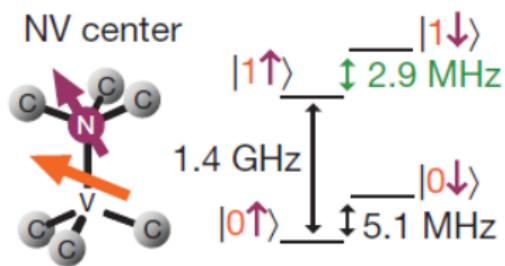
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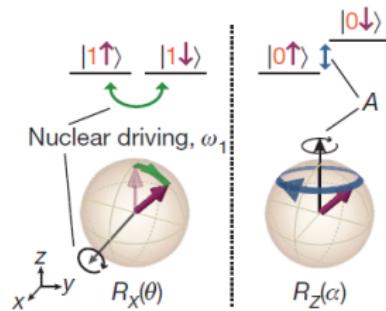
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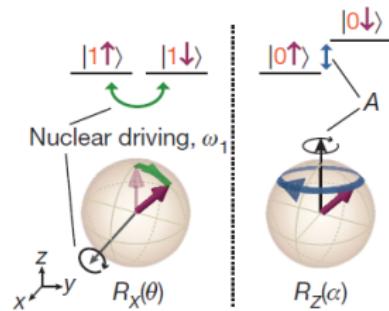
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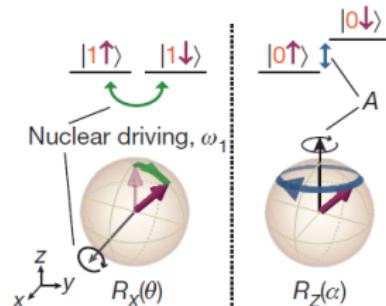
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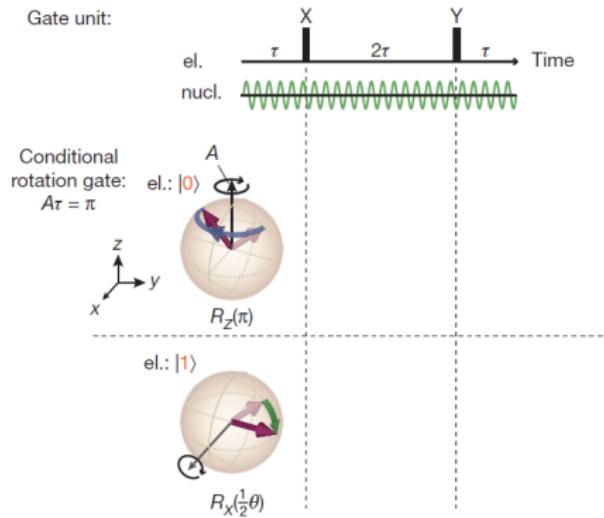
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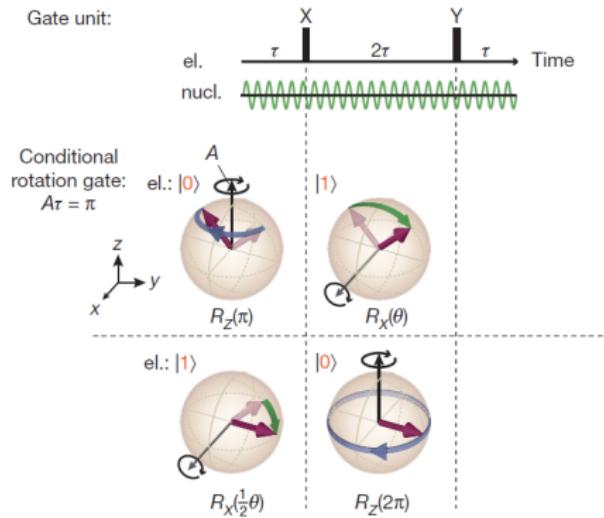


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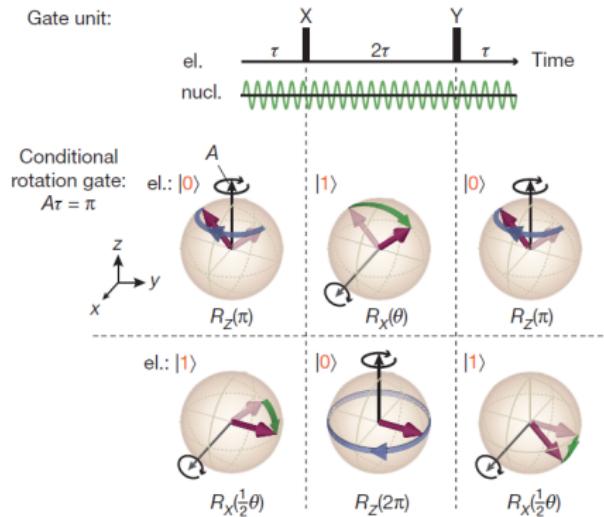


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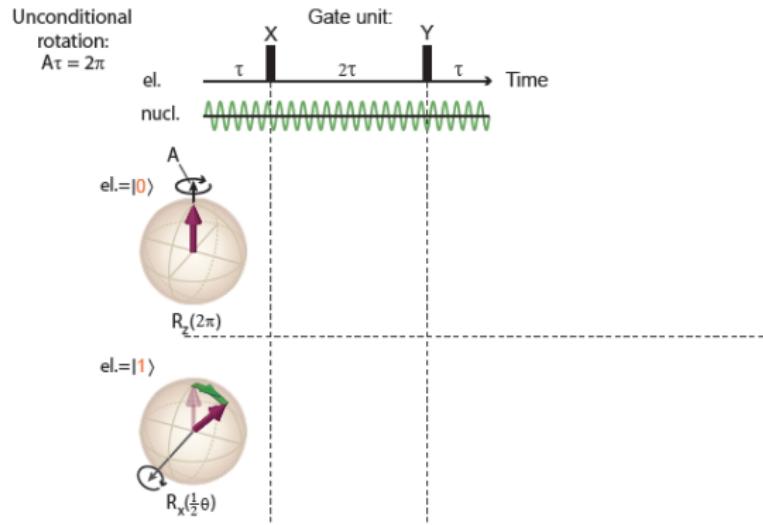
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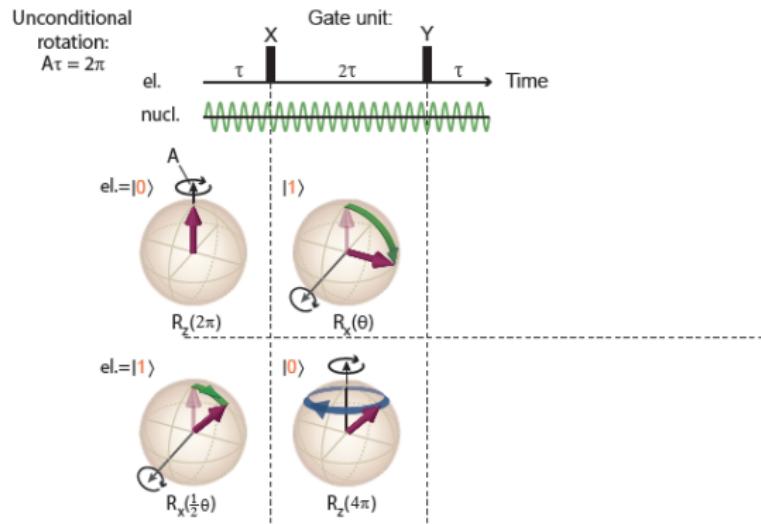


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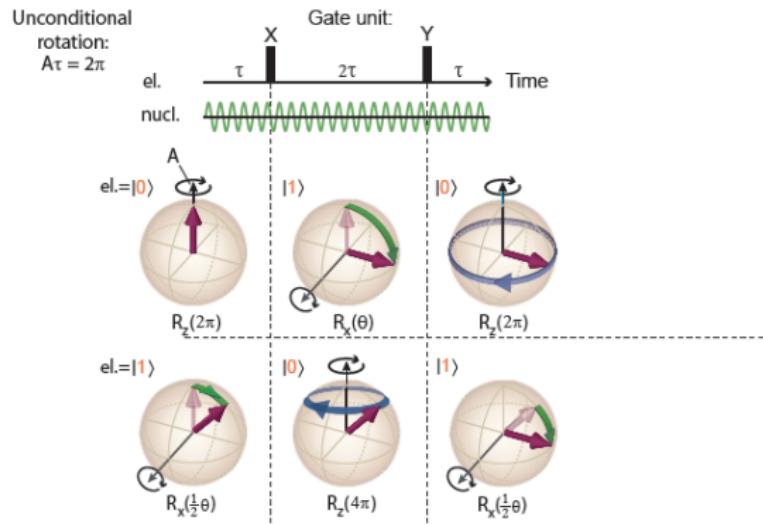


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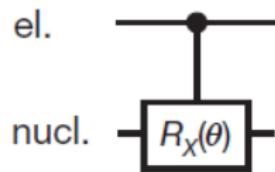
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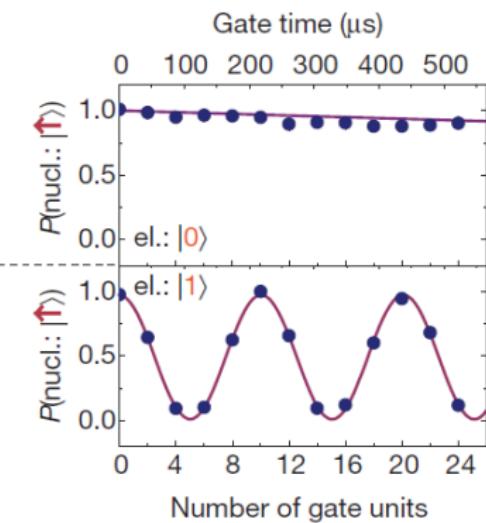
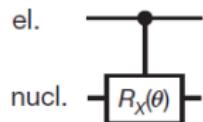


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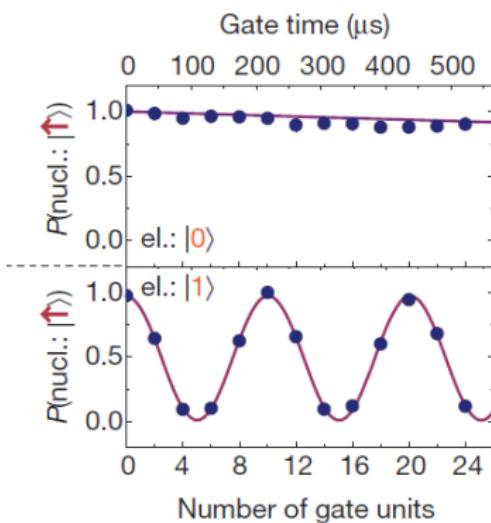
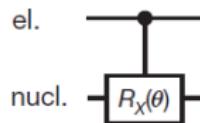
Combine special cases 1 and 2
obtain a conditional rotation gate



Experimental Results



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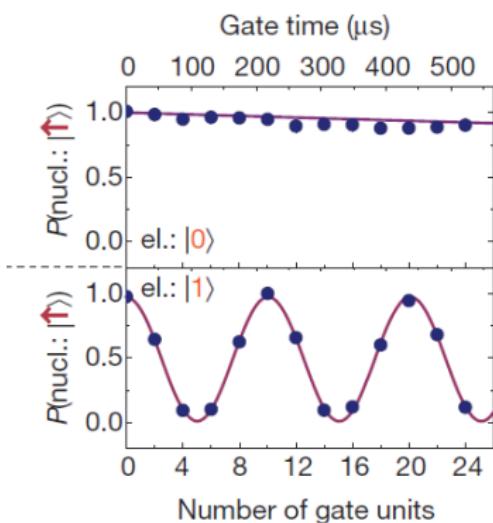
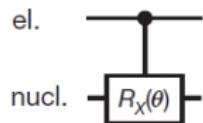


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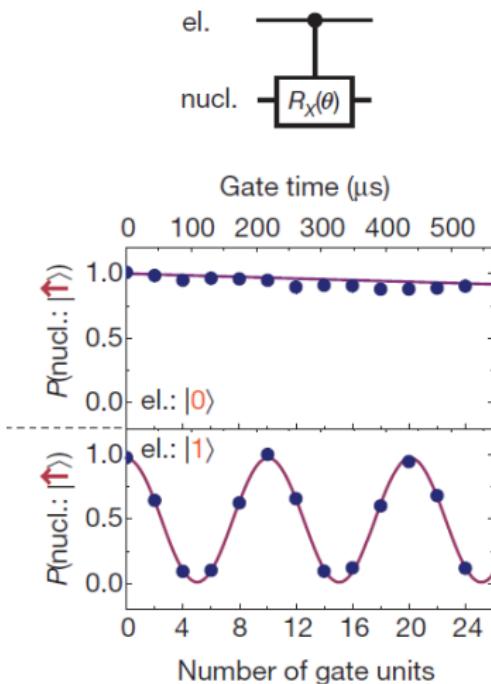
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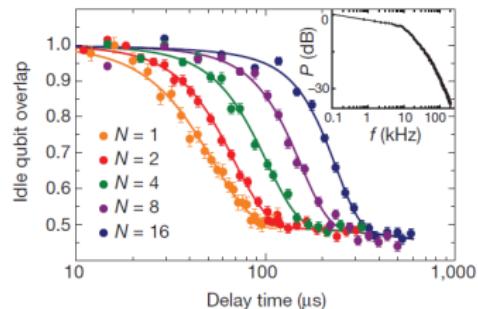
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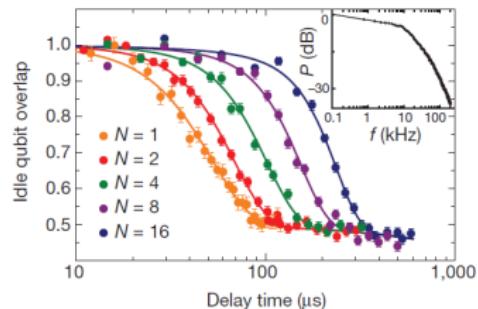
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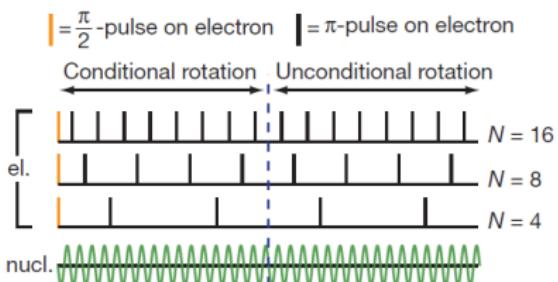
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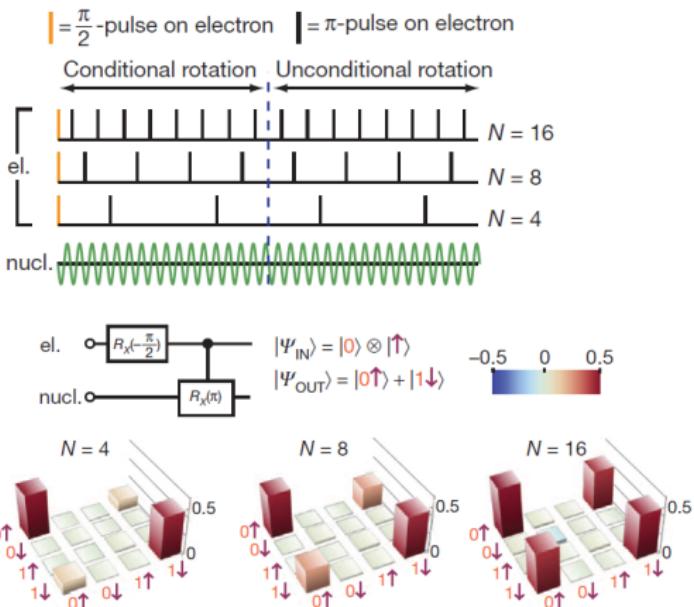
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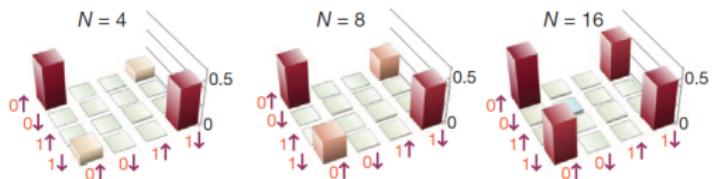
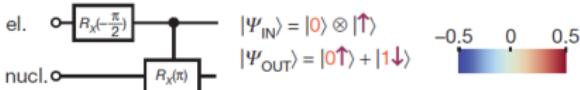
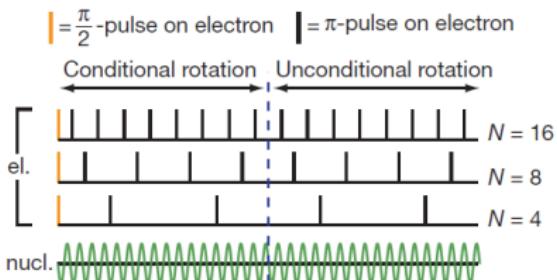
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$$N = 16 : F = \sqrt{\langle \psi | \rho | \psi \rangle}$$

reaches 96%



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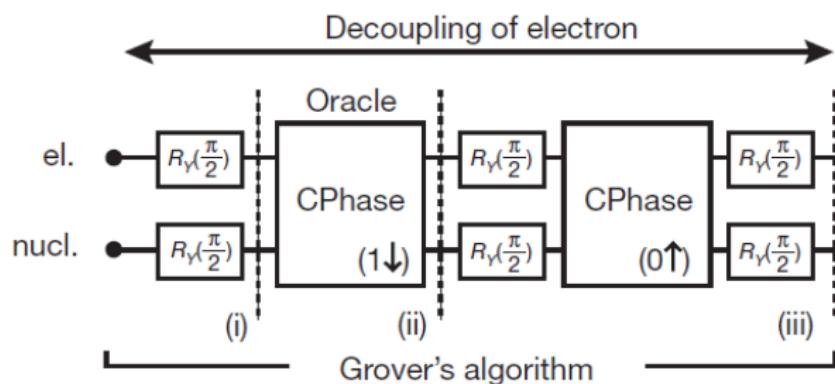
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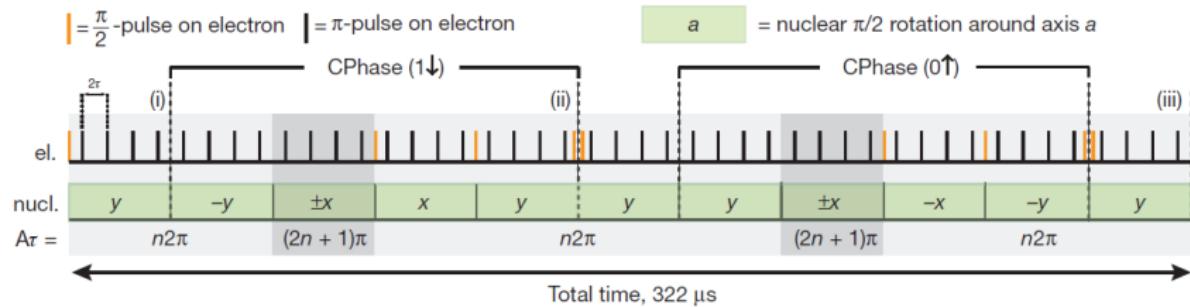
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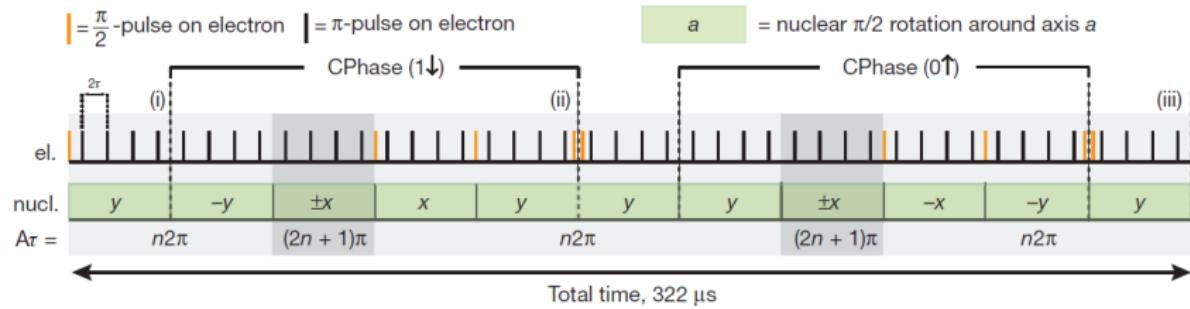
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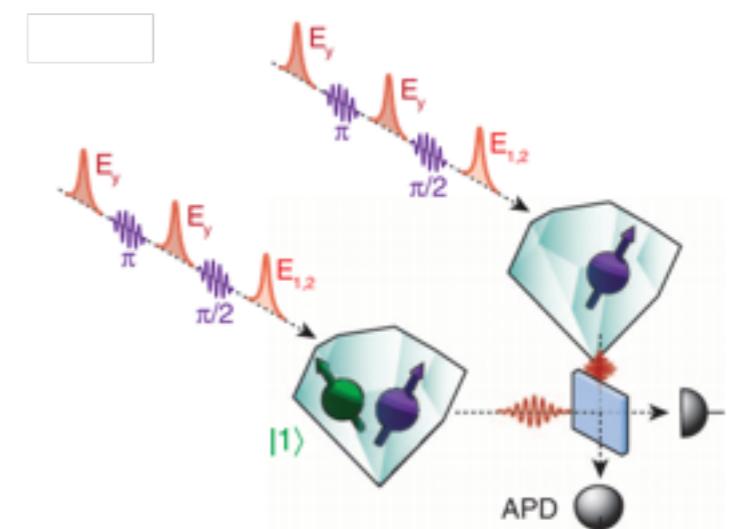
NV - Centers

Framework

- Unconditional teleportation
 - Any state can be transmitted
- Remoteness
 - Sender and receiver are reasonably separated
 $(3m)$

Entanglement

- Remote entanglement between NV electrons
 - Local entanglement: Spin rotation / Spin-selective excitation
- Electron-Photon**
- Local entanglement: Quantum interference photon detection
- Photon-Photon**



Teleporter Setup

Configuration

- Alice NV-Center:
Transmission Qubit (1) *Nuclear spin*
Messenger Qubit (2) *Electron spin*
- Bob NV-Center:
Reciever Qubit (3) *Electron spin*
- Qubits 2 & 3 entangled in $|\Psi^-\rangle_{23}$

Teleporter Setup

Initialization

- Transmission Qubit initialized in $|1\rangle_1$
 - Projective measurement of Messenger
 - Prior to entanglement
- Source State $|\psi\rangle_1 = \alpha|0\rangle_1 + \beta|1\rangle_1$
 - After entanglement to avoid Dephasing

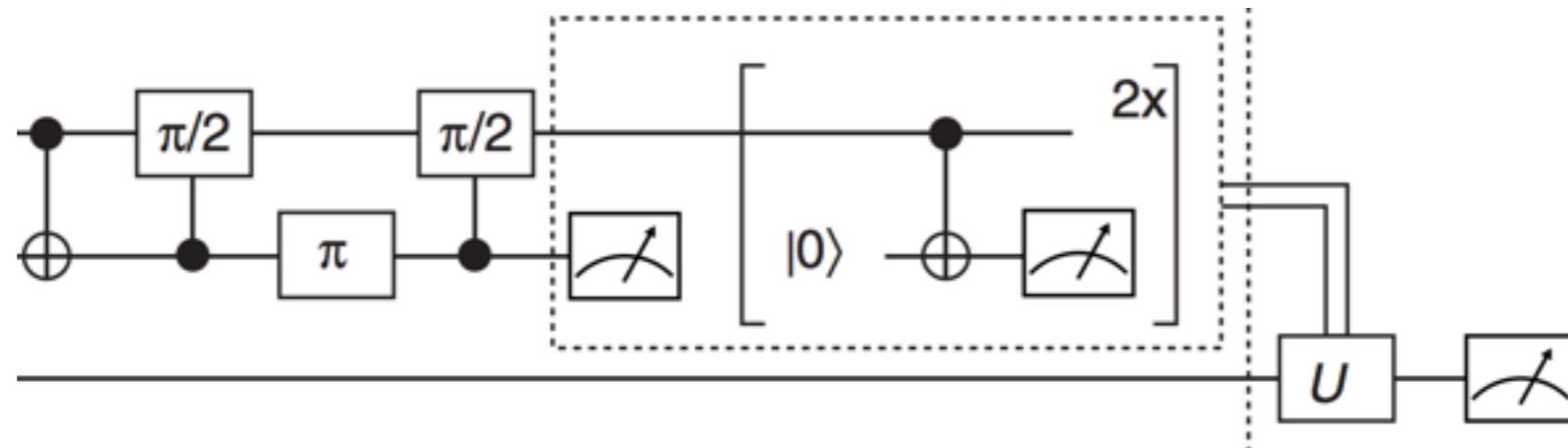
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Final State

- Final State in Bell basis:

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle_1 \otimes |\Psi^-\rangle_{23} = & \frac{1}{2} [|\Phi^+\rangle_{12} (\alpha|1\rangle_3 - \beta|0\rangle_3) \\ & + |\Phi^-\rangle_{12} (\alpha|1\rangle_3 + \beta|0\rangle_3) \\ & + |\Psi^+\rangle_{12} (-\alpha|0\rangle_3 + \beta|1\rangle_3) \\ & + |\Psi^-\rangle_{12} (-\alpha|0\rangle_3 - \beta|1\rangle_3)] \end{aligned}$$

Teleportation



- Interaction between Qubits 1 and 2
 - CNOT followed by $\pi/2$ Y-rotation of Transmitter
- Projective measurements
- Conditional Pauli-rotations

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- Nuclear rotations controlled by Electron excitation level:
 - Controlled $\pi/2$ Y-rotation (on 1 controlled by 2)
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Effectively: $\pi/2$ Y-rotation (unconditional on 1)

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Teleportation

Measurement

- Direct measurement on messenger
- Projective measurement on transmitter
 - CNOT on $|0\rangle_2$ electron (on reinitialized messenger, controlled by transmitter)
Direct measurement on messenger

Teleportation

Pauli rotations

- Depending on measurement:

$$|00\rangle_{12} \mapsto \mathbb{1}$$

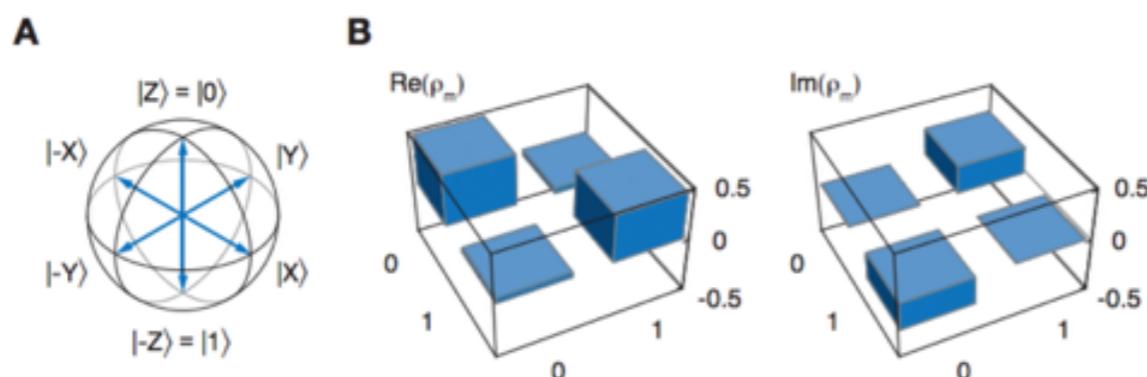
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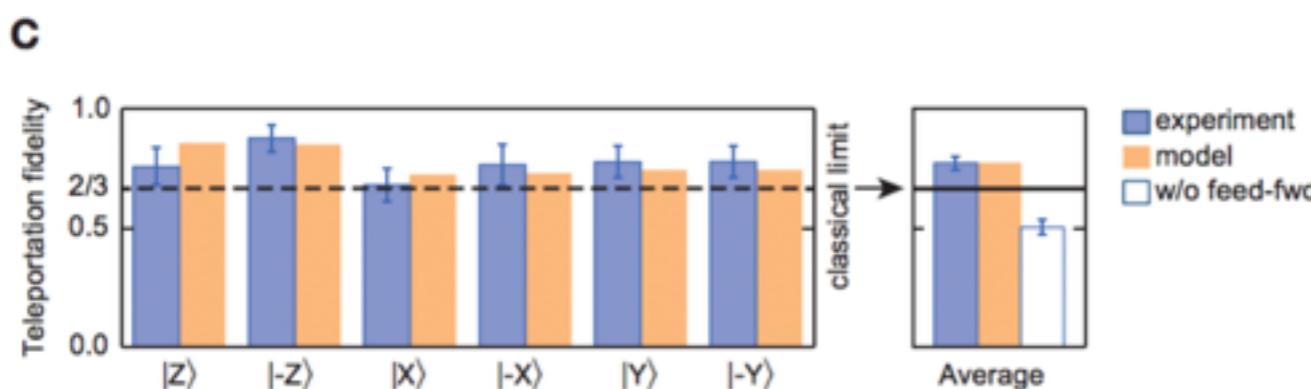
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Results

- Tomography for Y on Bob's side to confirm alignment of reference frames



- 6 unbiased states transmitted. **Fidelity 0.77**



Outlook

- Remote Entanglement
Mutliple Qubits per node:
 - NV Centers are a good candidate for Quantum networks
 - Entanglement fidelity high enough to close detection loophole of Bell Inequality