

# Optimal Control Theory for Quantum Gates with Rydberg Atoms and Superconducting Qubits under Dissipative Dynamics

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# Outline

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- Optimizing a Rydberg Gate for Robustness
- Optimal Control of Superconducting Qubits

# Part I

## OCT for a unitary operation under dissipative evolution

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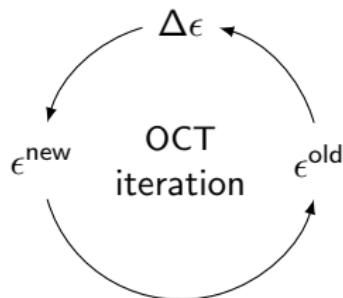
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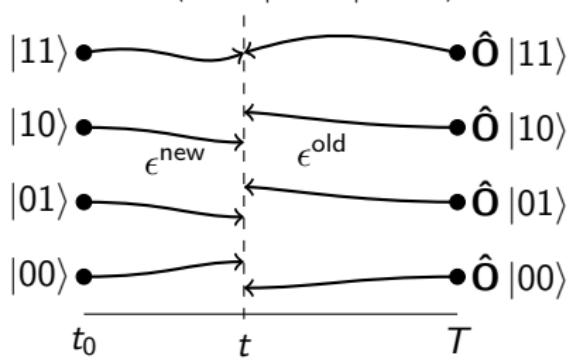
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**In the real world: decoherence**

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We only need to propagate **three** matrices (independent of  $d$ ), instead of  $d^2$ .

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Totally rotated state: relative phases between mapped logical eigenstates

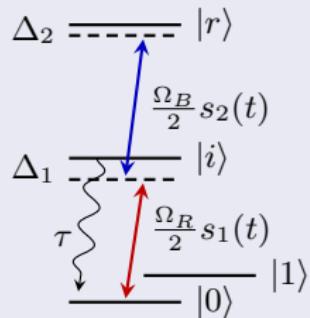
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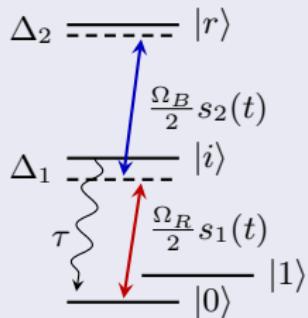
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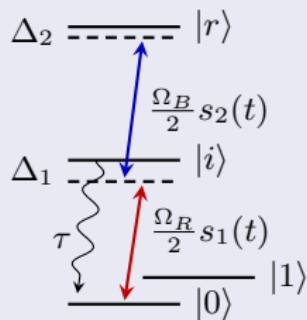
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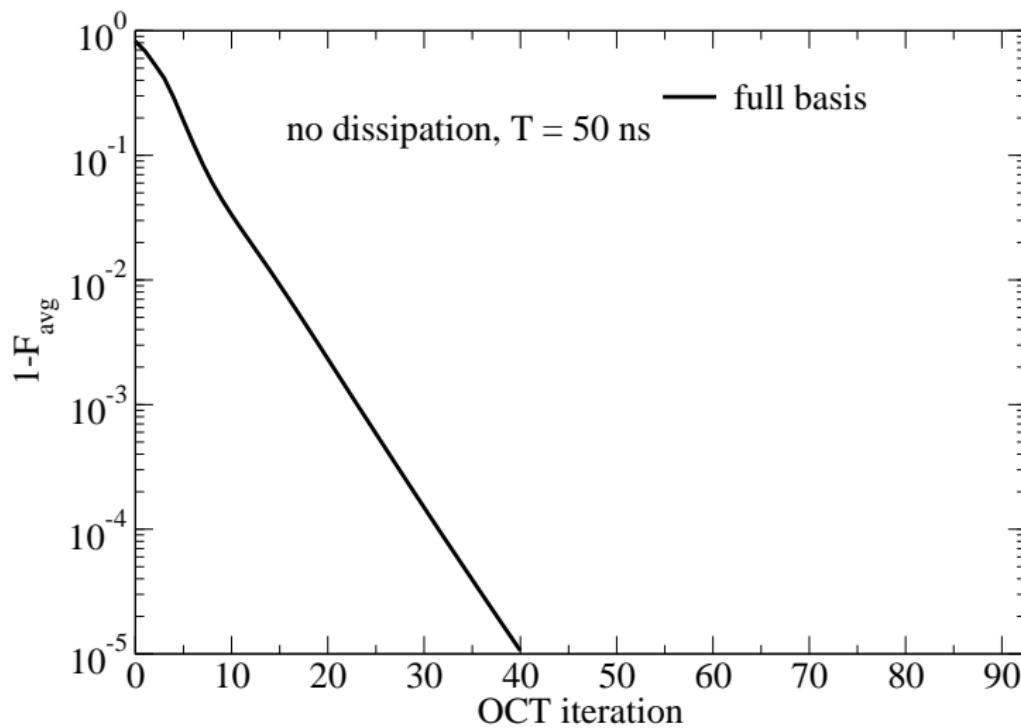
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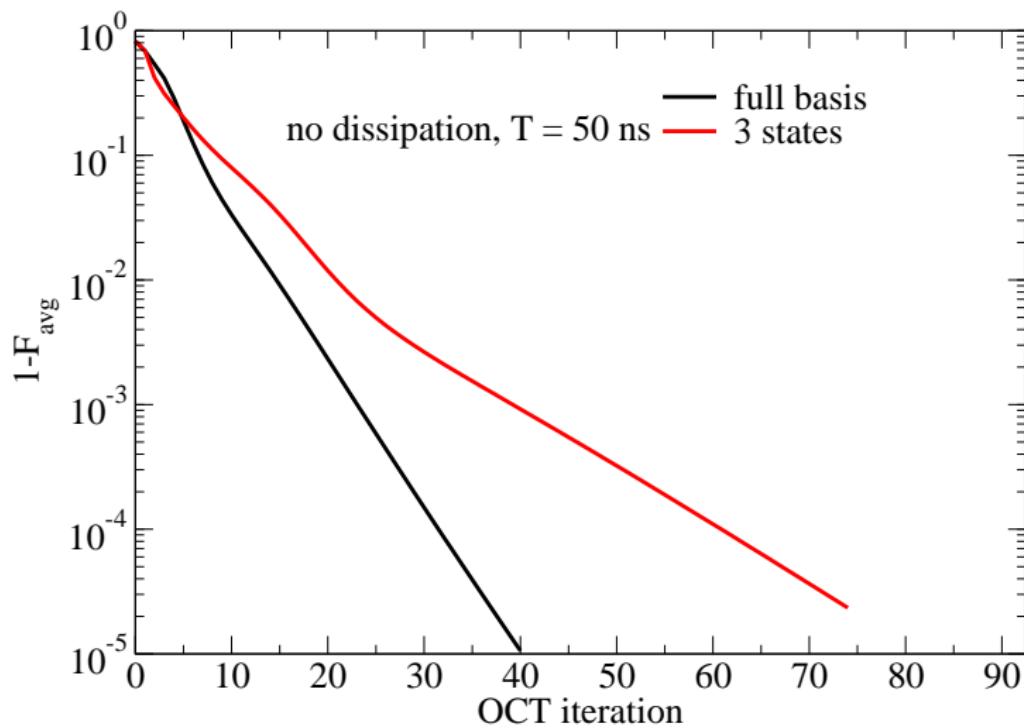
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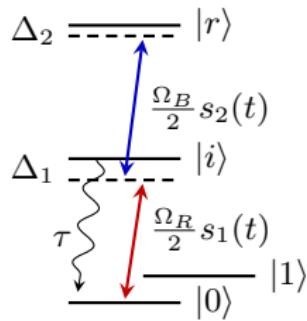
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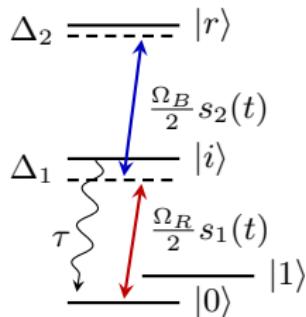


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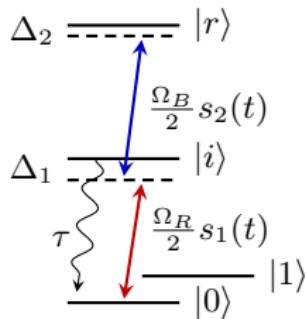
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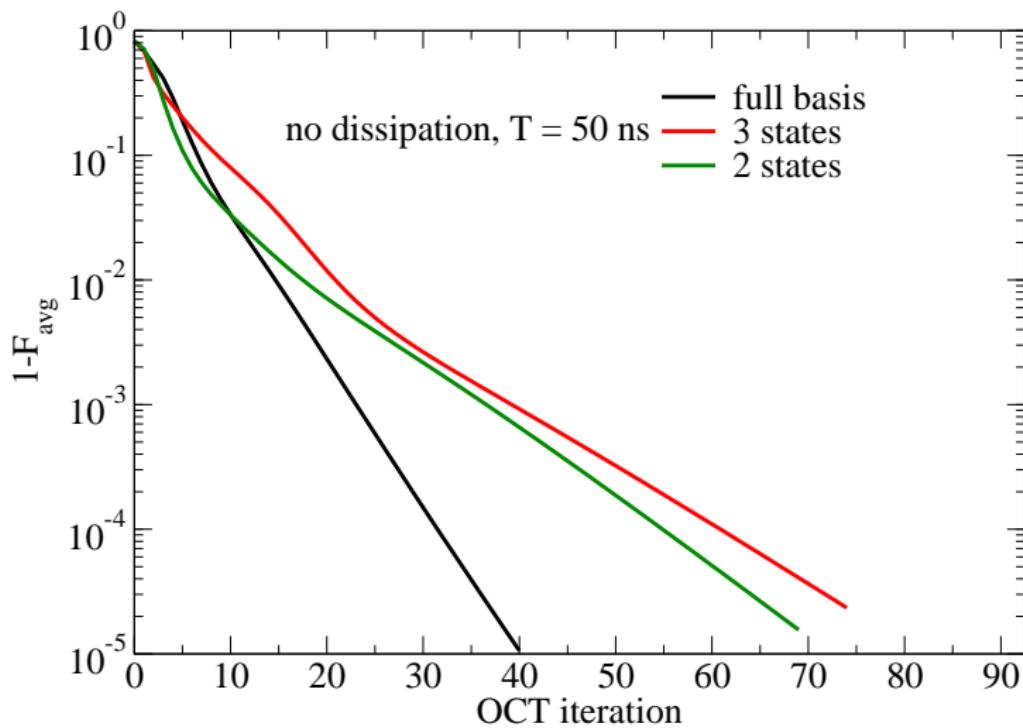
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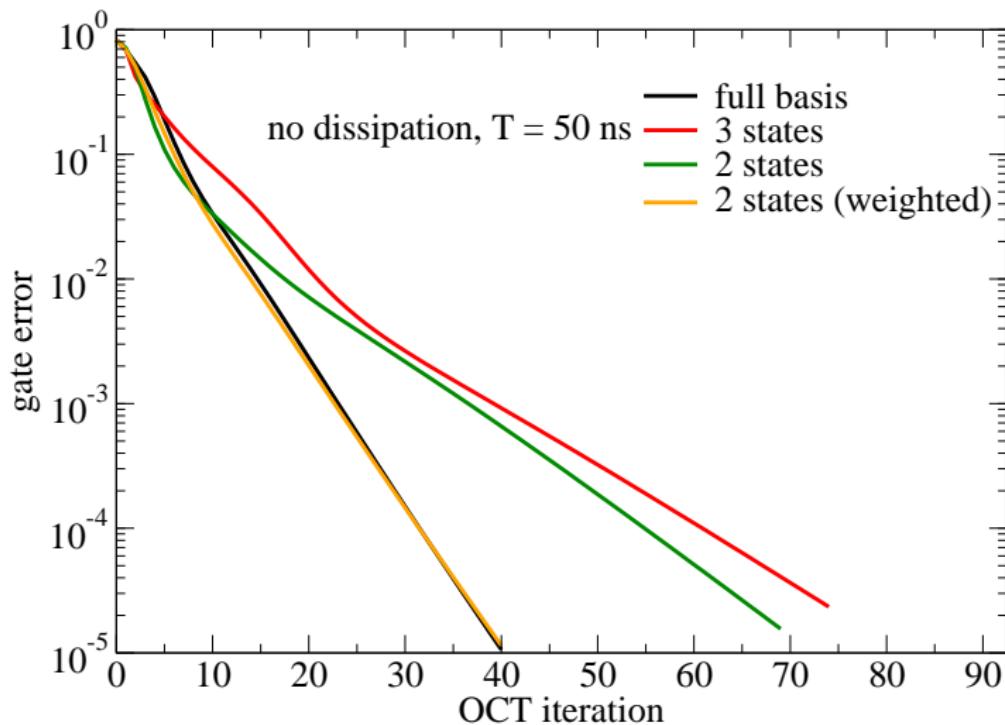
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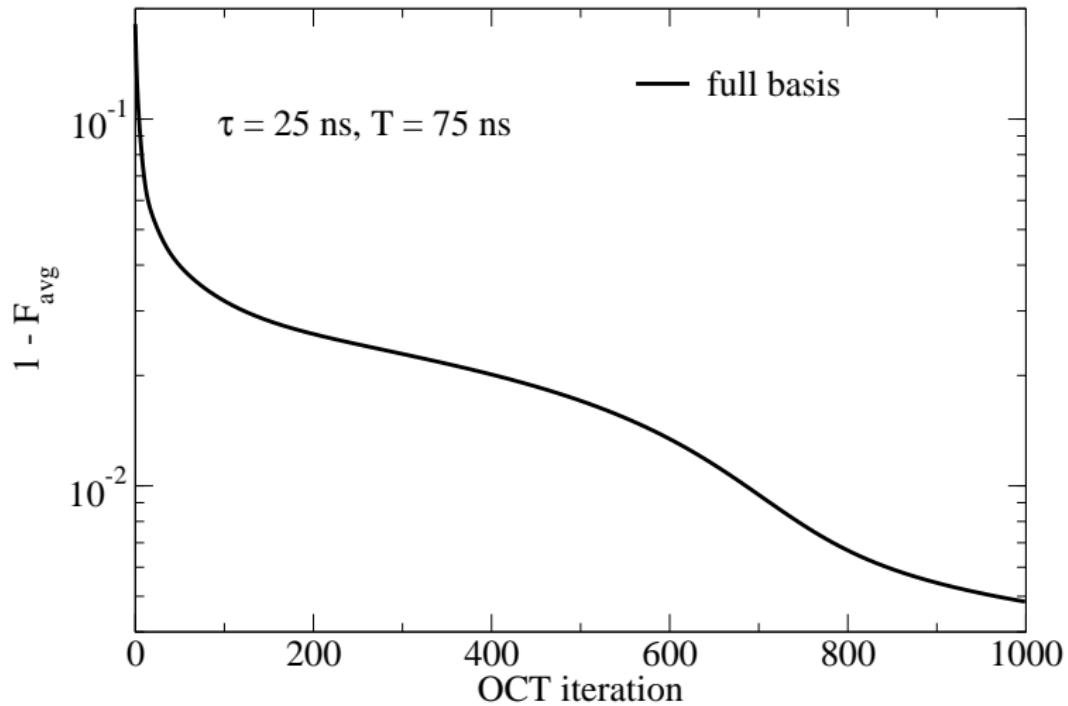


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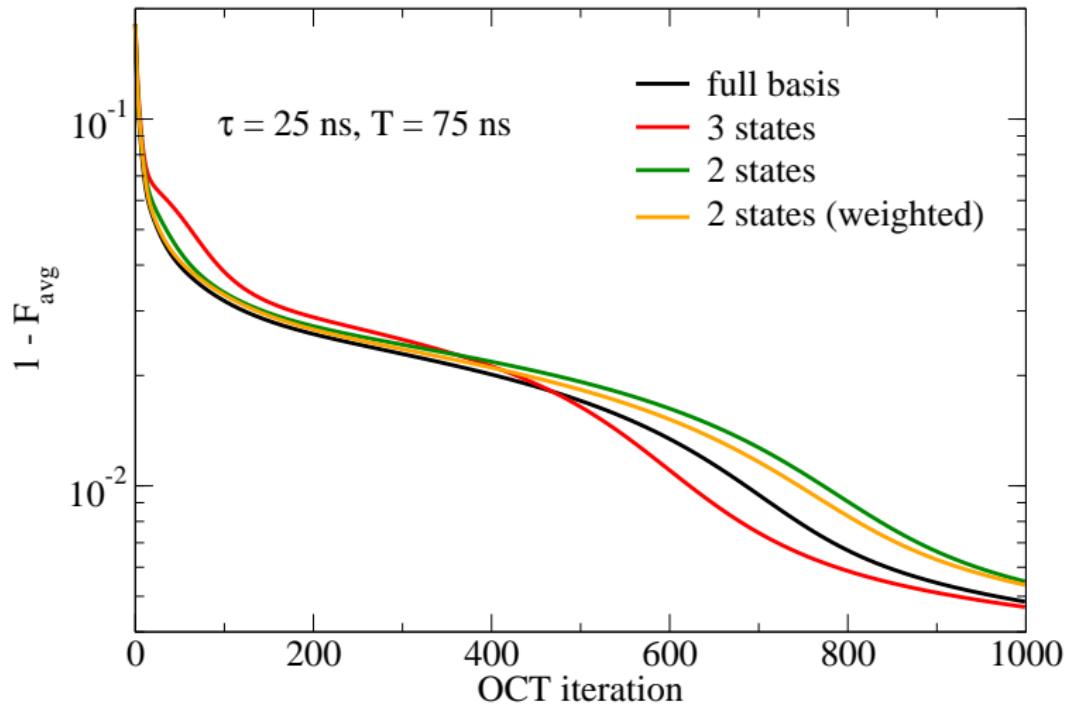


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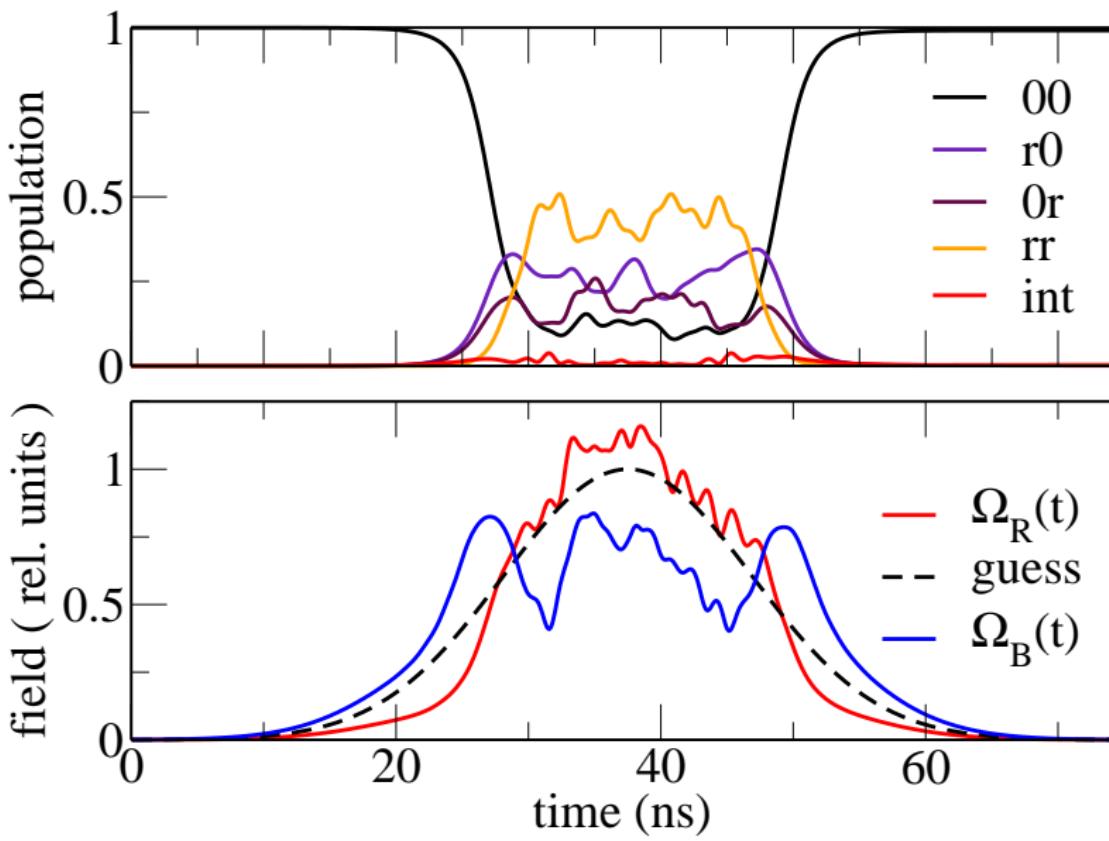
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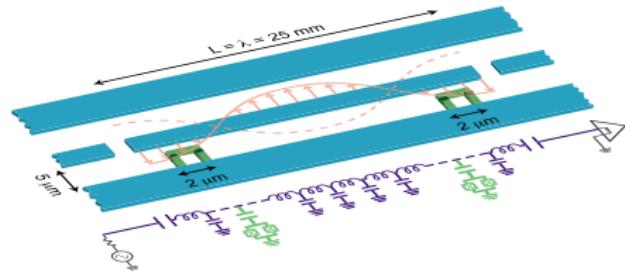
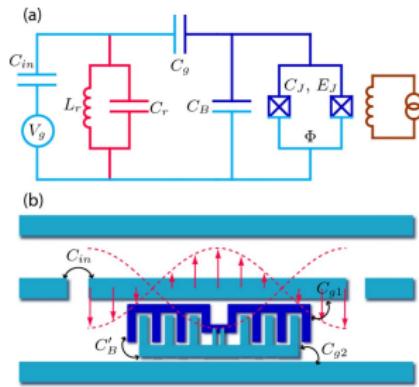


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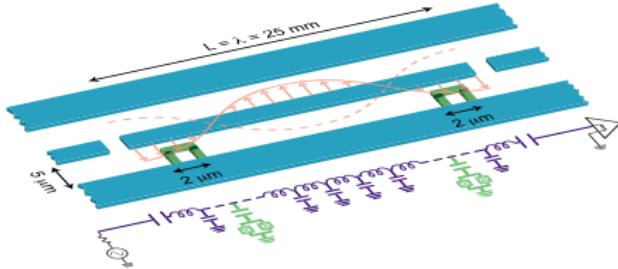
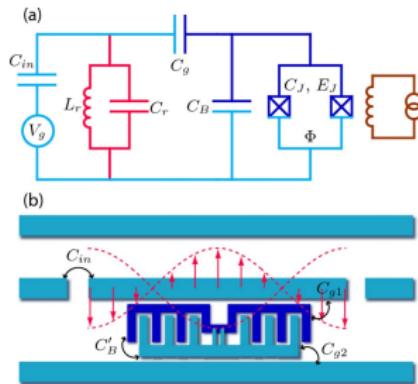
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## Full Hamiltonian

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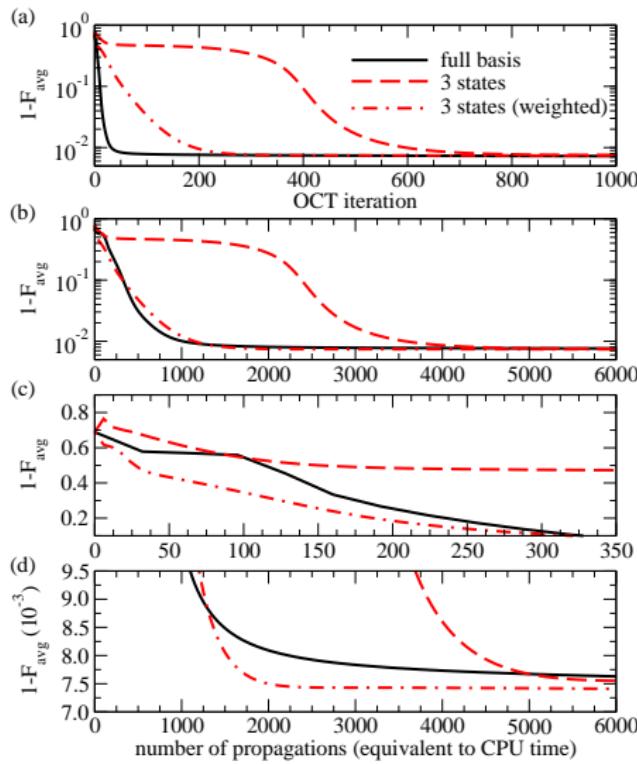
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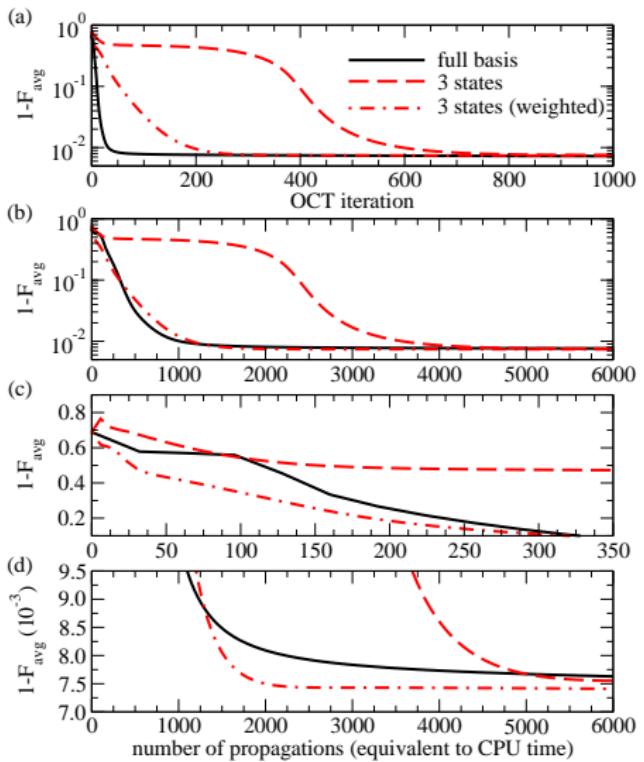
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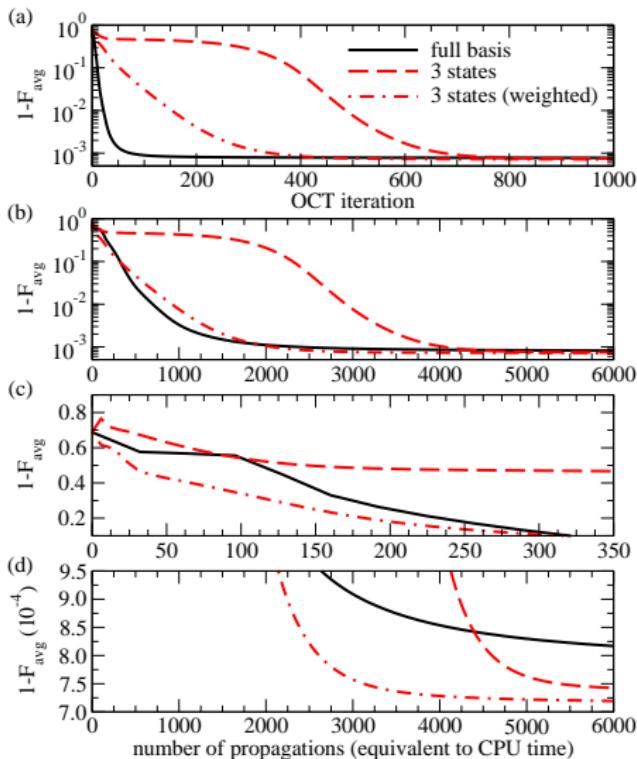


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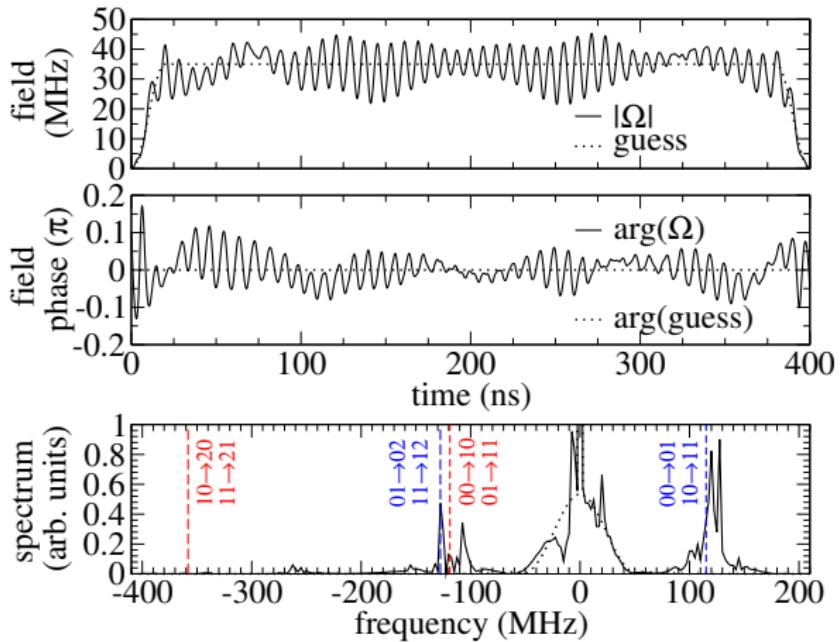


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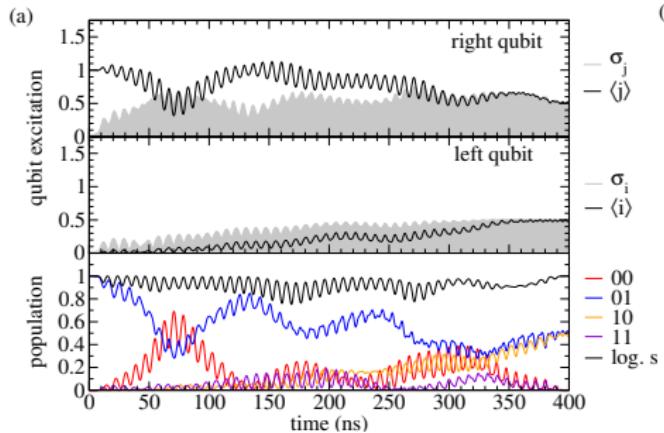


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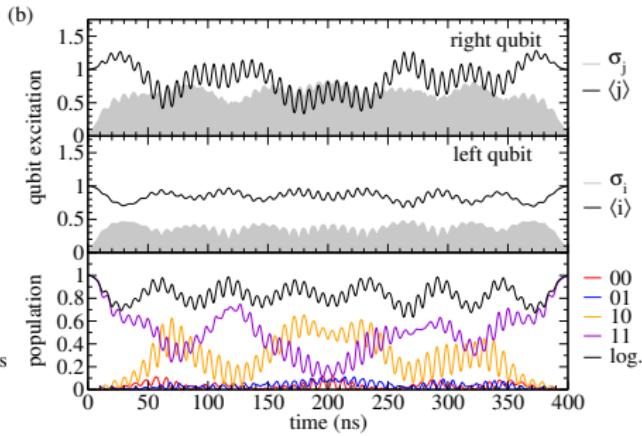
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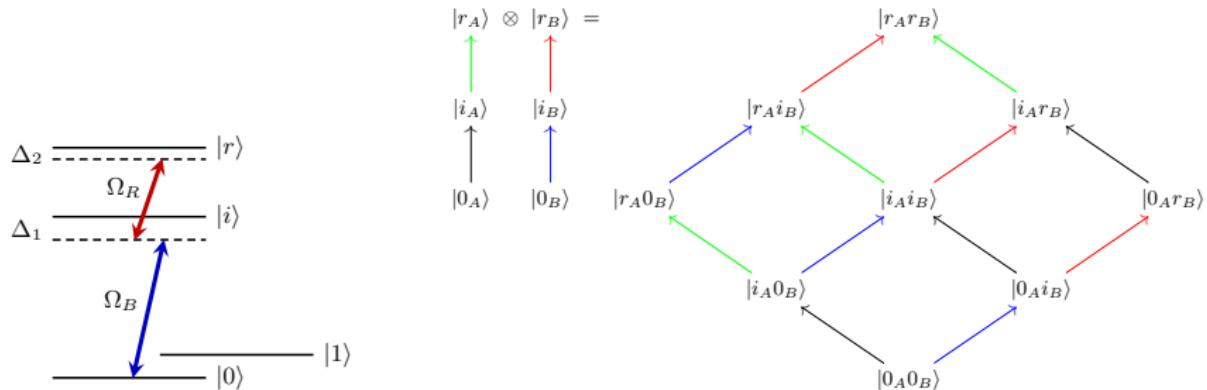
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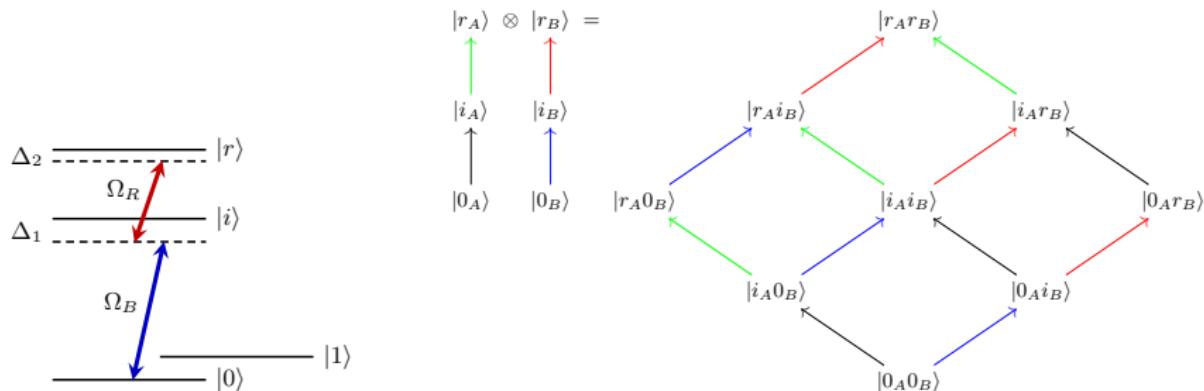
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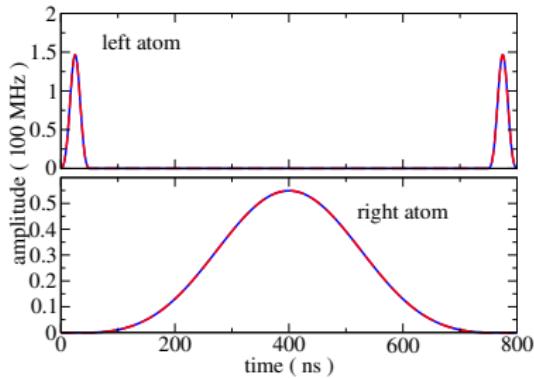
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Analytical pulse scheme: Jaksch et al. PRL 85, 2208 (2000)

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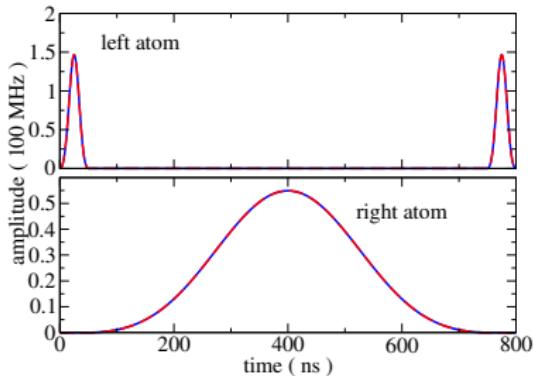


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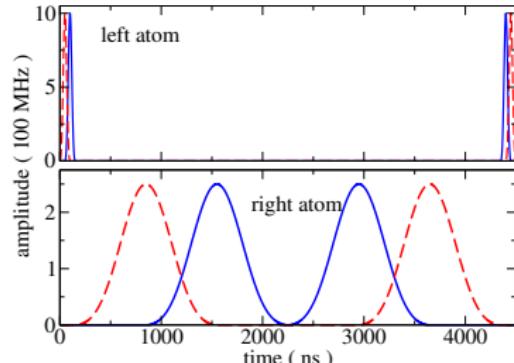
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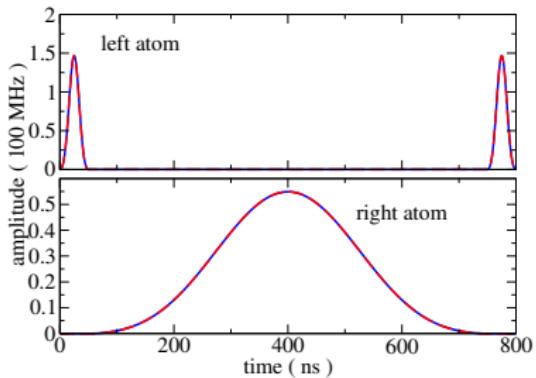


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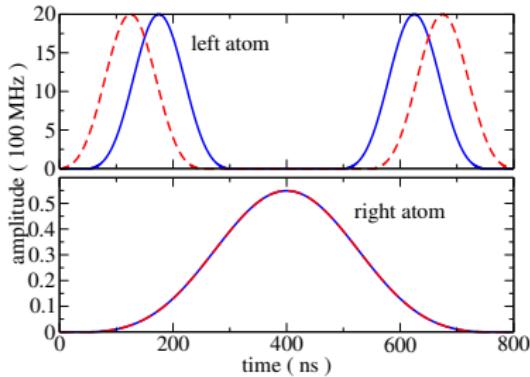
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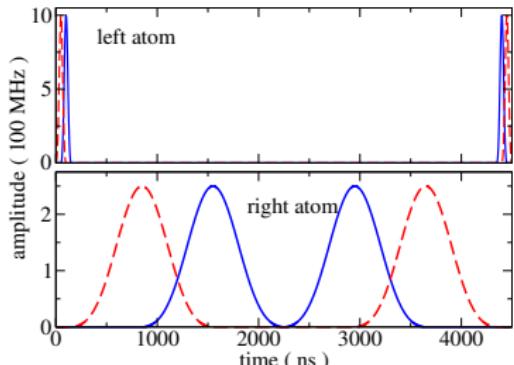
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# Robustness of Analytical Schemes

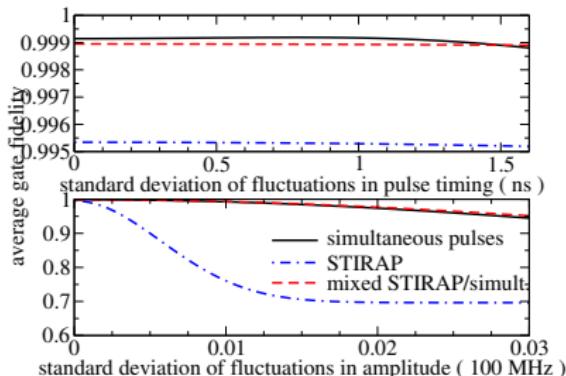


FIG. 9: Robustness of the Rydberg gate with respect to pulse timing inaccuracies (top) and amplitude fluctuations (bottom). All fluctuations are assumed to be Gaussian distributed.

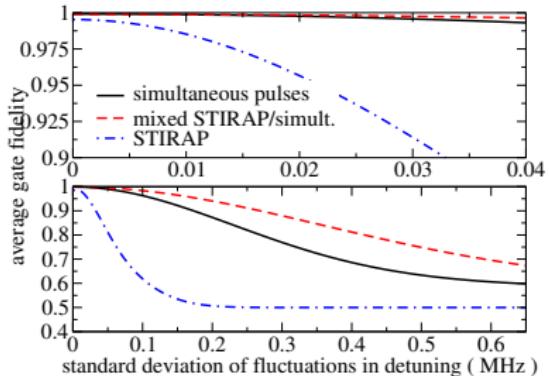


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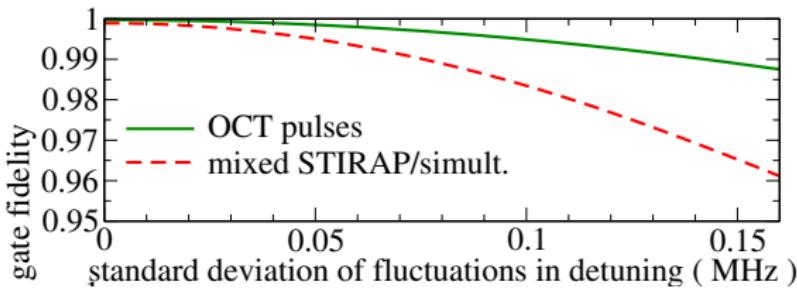
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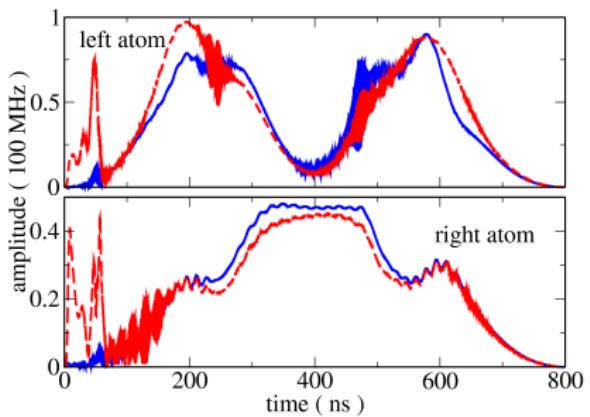
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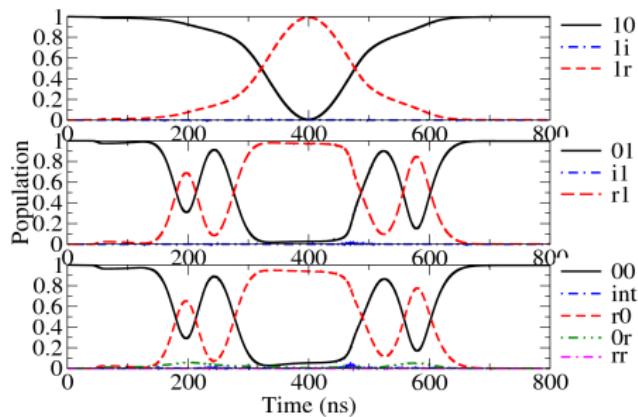
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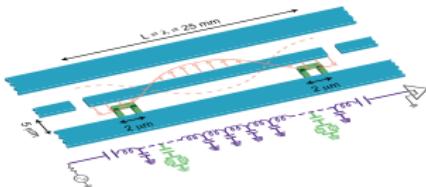
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# Two Coupled Transmon Qubits



A. Blais et al. PRA 75, 032329 (2007)

## Full Hamiltonian

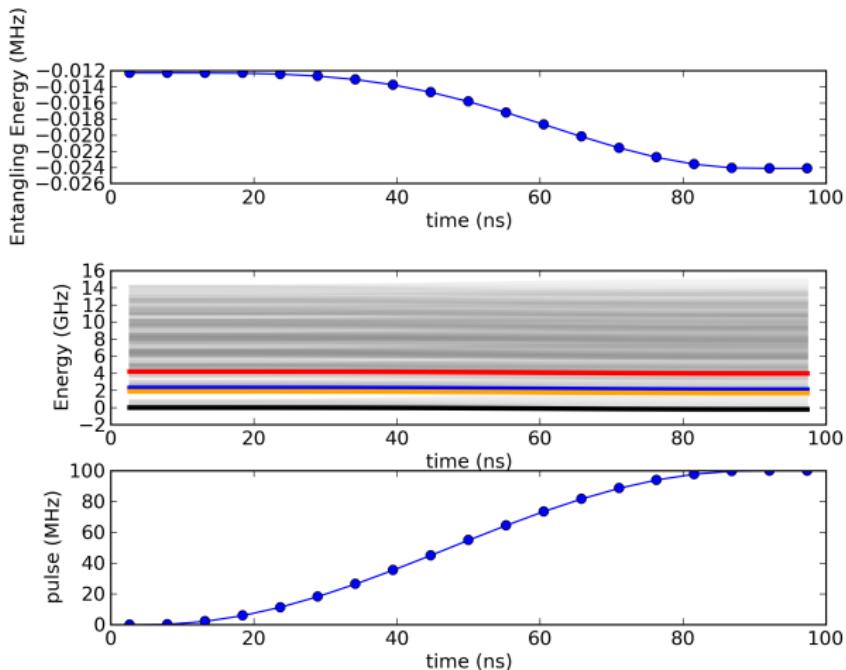
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# Dynamic Stark Shift on Qubit Levels

- Possible gate mechanism: Non-linear Stark shift on logical levels
- Interaction Energy  $E_{00} - E_{10} - E_{01} + E_{11}$



# Summary and Outlook

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# Thank You!