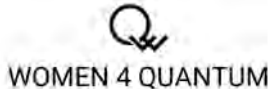


quantum control & engineering with two-body interactions

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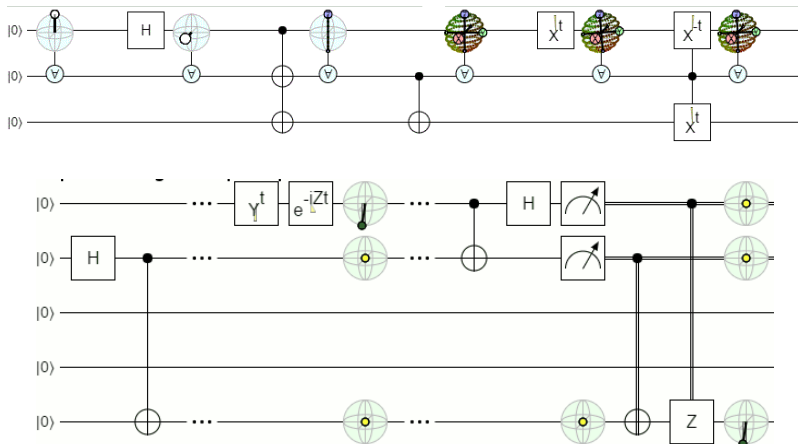
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**quantum control & engineering
with two-body interactions**

quantum many-body dynamics

scaling number of “particles” & engineering interactions



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quantum control & engineering happen at the level of **physical hardware**

quantum control

**= steering quantum systems
with classical fields**

what is (quantum) control?

steer dyn. system from initial to final state(s) using external knob



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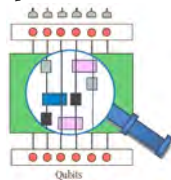
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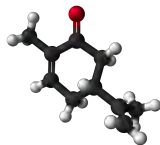
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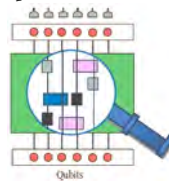
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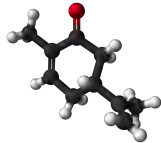
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- variational calculus (PMP)

gradient-based optimization

Python implementation of Krotov's method:

<https://github.com/qucontrol/krotov>

Goerz et al. SciPost Phys 7, 080 (2019)

and many other variants (Tannor, Rabitz, Khaneja/Glaser,...)

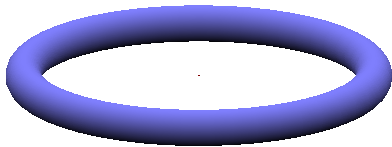
- parameter optimization

gradient-free optimization

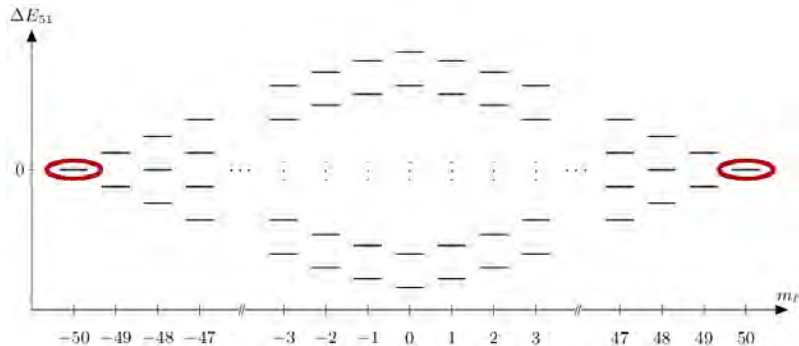
**optimal control theory
for the shortest operation time**

optimal control example #1

preparation of (circular) Rydberg states



Rb valence electron in $|n, (l), m_l^{max}\rangle$

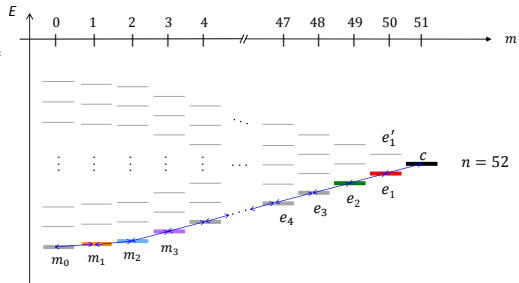
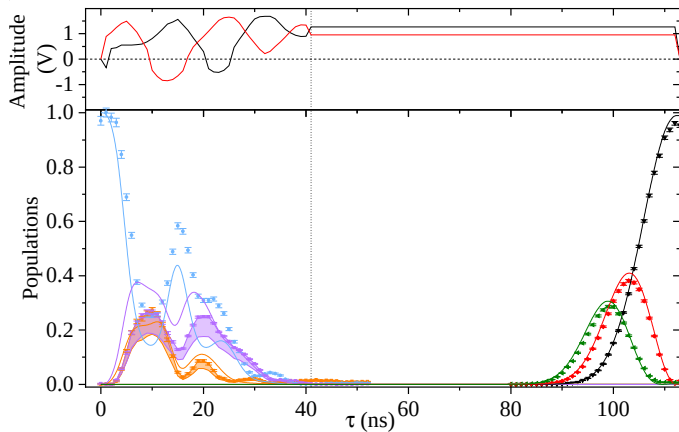


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with optimized RF drives: fast & accurate

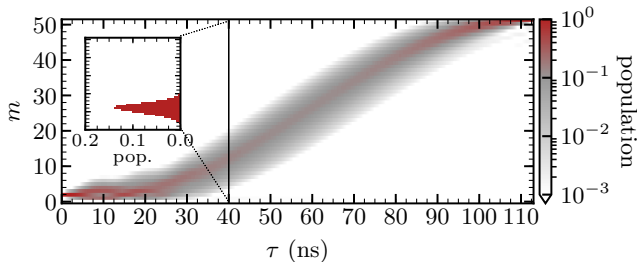
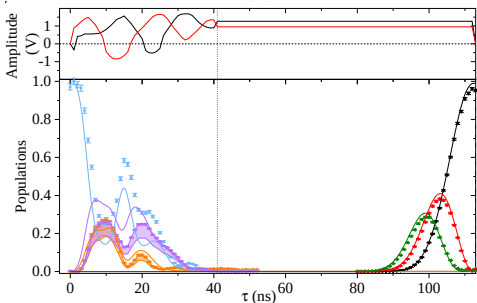


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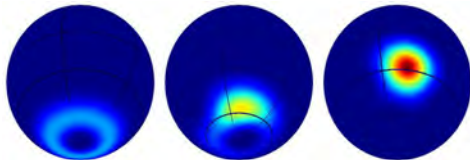
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how do the optimized RF drives work? – via spin-coherent state



Husimi Q-function
(projection on spin-coh. state)

$$Q_{\Psi}(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{2j+1}{4\pi} |\langle \theta, \varphi | \Psi \rangle|^2$$



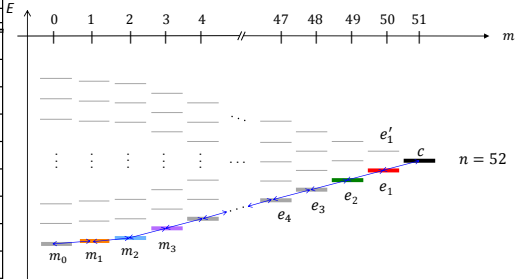
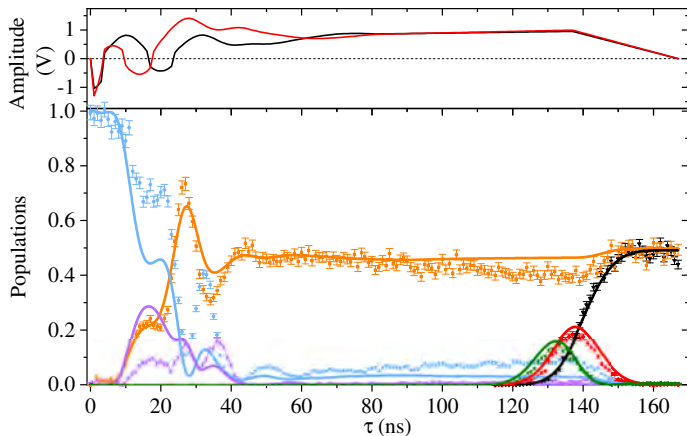
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non-classical superposition – no previously known protocol

same accuracy



optimal control example #2

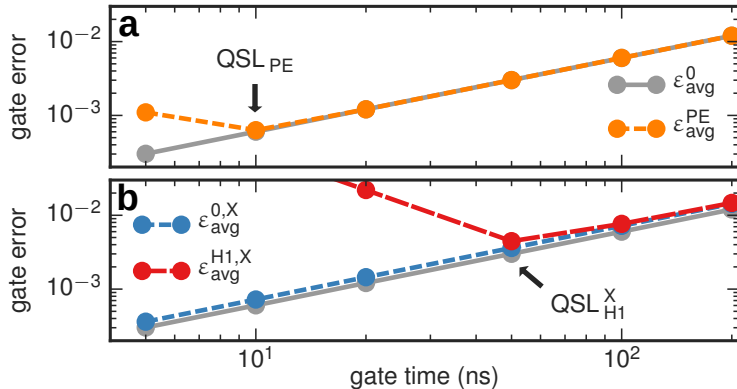
fastest universal set of gates

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two fixed-frequency transmons coupled to (driven) cavity

entangling: 10 ns

single-qubit: 50 ns

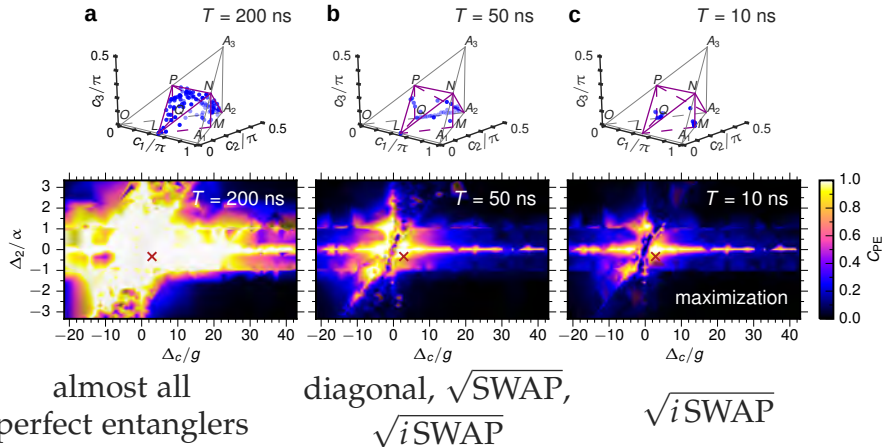


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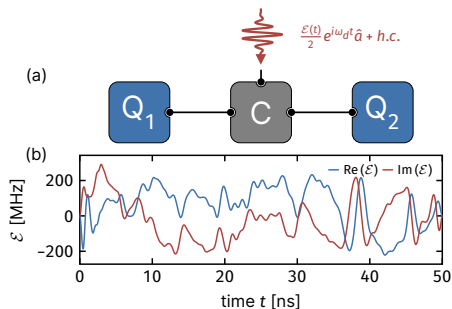


caution !
the speed limit may be dangerous

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chaotic instabilities in fast gates ?

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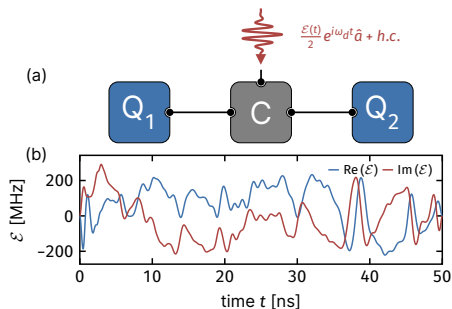


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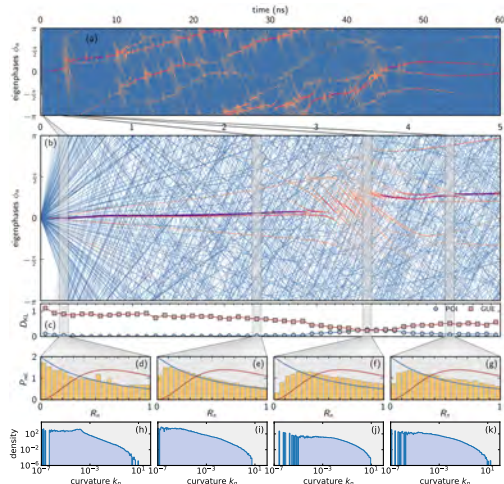
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a more robust approach to control :
driven-dissipative evolutions

quantum-reservoir engineering

Poyatos, Cirac, Zoller, Phys Rev Lett 77, 4728 (1996)

$$\partial_t \rho = \mathcal{L}(\rho) = -i[H, \rho]_- + \mathcal{L}_D(\rho)$$

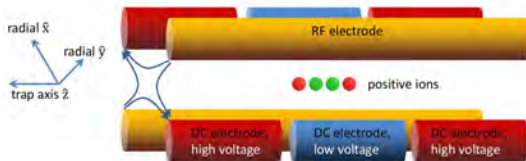
steady state $\longleftrightarrow \partial_t \rho = 0$

use external fields $\left(H = H_0 + \sum_j u_j(t) H_j \right)$ + unidirectional
evolution due
to $\mathcal{L}_D$ to create **non-trivial steady state**

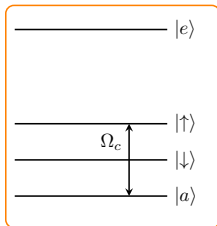
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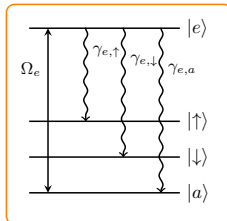
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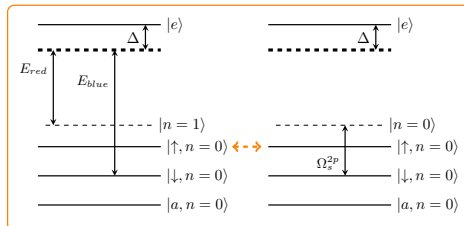
microwave



repump



sideband



plus laser cooling on Mg^+

optimal control of qu reservoir engineering

to ensure the desired steady state

Horn, Reiter, Lin, Leibfried, Koch, New J Phys 20, 123010 (2018)

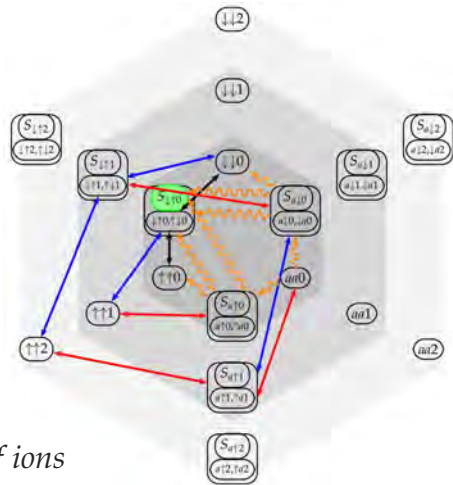
result of optimization

- keep repump & blue sideband
- different microwave transition
- replace cooling on Mg^+ by red sideband

and (of course) opt parameter values

↪ **no transitions out of target state**

only remaining source of error: anomalous heating of ions

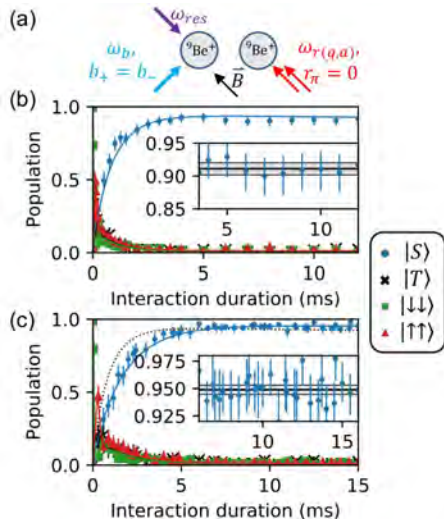


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steady state = target state

Cole, ... Koch, Leibfried, *Phys Rev Lett* 128, 080502 (2022)

[experiment at NIST Boulder]



gain in exp. performance
due to optimal control !

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we need to

- **engineer interactions**
“quantum controllers”
- **create / design dissipation**

excellent control of single & few-body quantum systems

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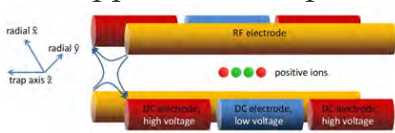
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how can we take this to the many-body regime?

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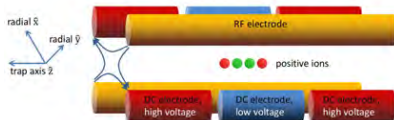
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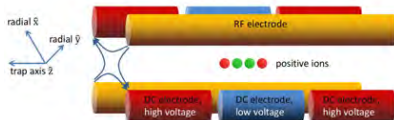
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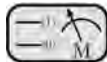
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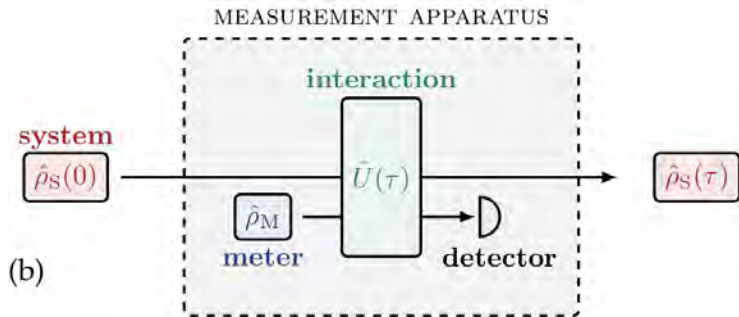
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↪ engineer dissipation via
coupling to “meters”



quantum measurements (recap)



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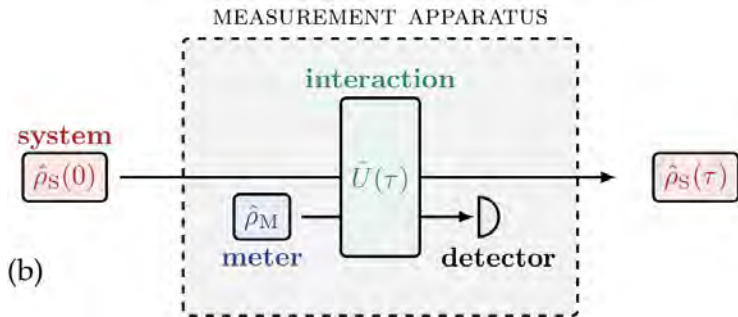
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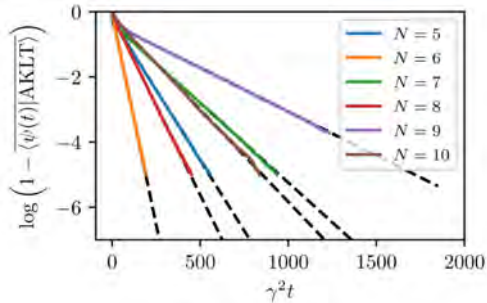
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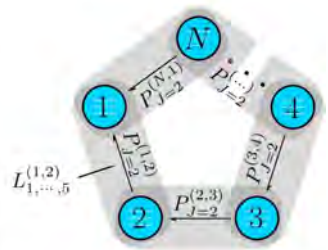
— creating dissipation via measurements in many-body systems —

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dilute “blind” cooling into ground state of AKLT model



$$\begin{aligned} L_1 &= |1, 1\rangle\langle 2, 2| \\ L_2 &= |1, 0\rangle\langle 2, 1| \\ L_3 &= |0, 0\rangle\langle 2, 0| \\ L_4 &= |1, -1\rangle\langle 2, -1| \\ L_5 &= |1, -1\rangle\langle 2, -2| \end{aligned}$$



attaching meter qubits to **single** link is sufficient !

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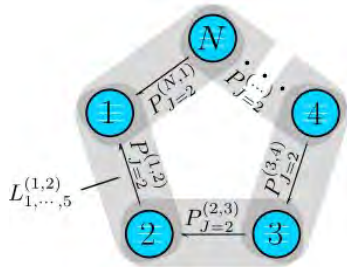
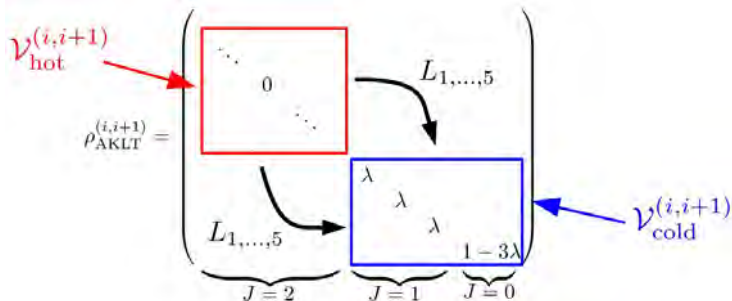
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why does it work?

target state projected onto cooled link



all excited states have
non-zero overlap with hot subspace

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dilute “blind” cooling into many-body states: general recipe

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quasi-local op.s respecting $\rho_{\oplus}$

Sufficient condition for cooling:

Unitary controllability on the complement space of $|\psi_{\oplus}\rangle$

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Target state $\rho_{\oplus} = |\psi_{\oplus}\rangle\langle\psi_{\oplus}|$

1. Check necessary condition $\mathcal{V}_{\text{hot}}^{(i,i+1)} \neq \emptyset$
2. Check sufficient condition $\dim \mathfrak{L}(K_{|\psi_{\oplus}\rangle}) = (d^N - 1)^2 - 1$
3. Choose $L_j = |\phi_{c,j}\rangle\langle\phi_{h,j}|$
4. Choose some $H \in K_{|\psi_{\oplus}\rangle}$

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works for frustration-free quasi-local H

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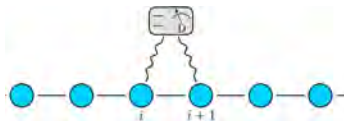
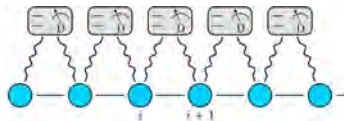
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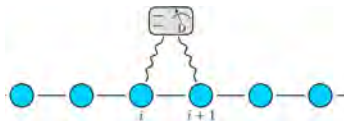
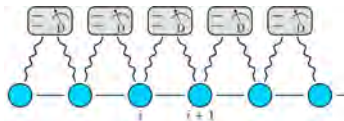
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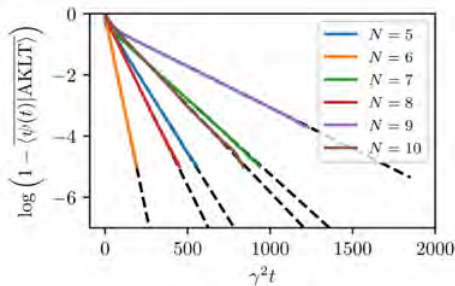
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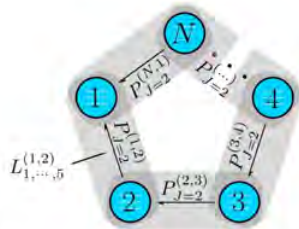
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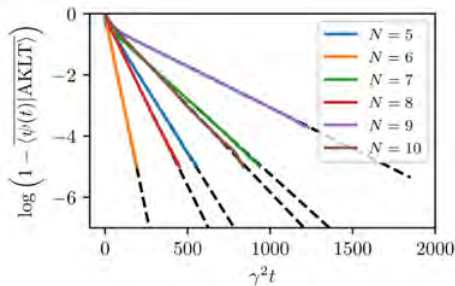
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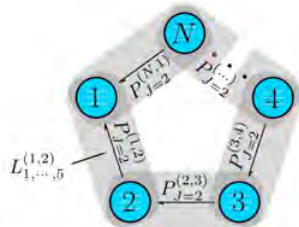
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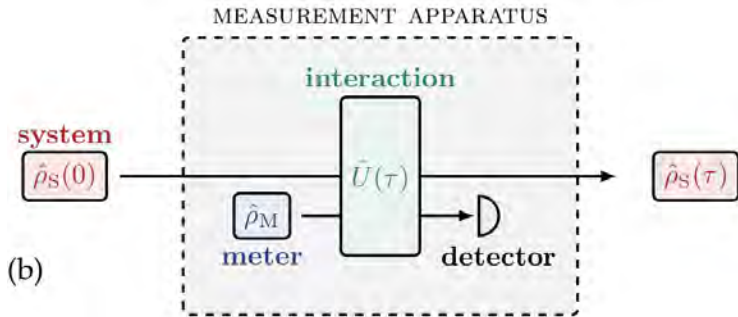


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5 weak but always-on (!) $\hat{\mathbf{A}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{B}} \otimes \hat{\sigma}_i$ -type interactions
spin 1 – spin 2 – meter

quantum measurements (recap)



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state of system after measurement
$$\frac{\hat{M}_a |\psi_S\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \psi_S | \hat{M}_a^\dagger \hat{M}_a | \psi_S \rangle}}$$

measurement operator $\hat{M}_a = \langle a_M | \hat{U}(\tau) | \psi_M \rangle$

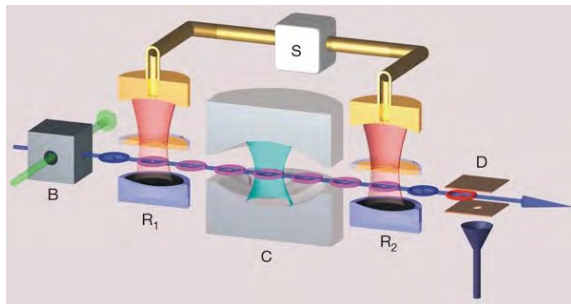
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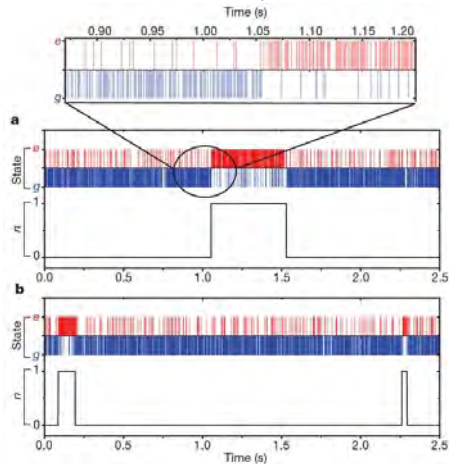
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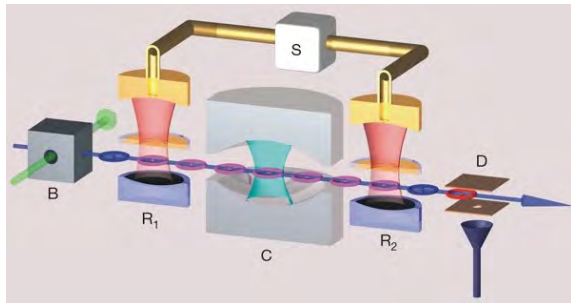
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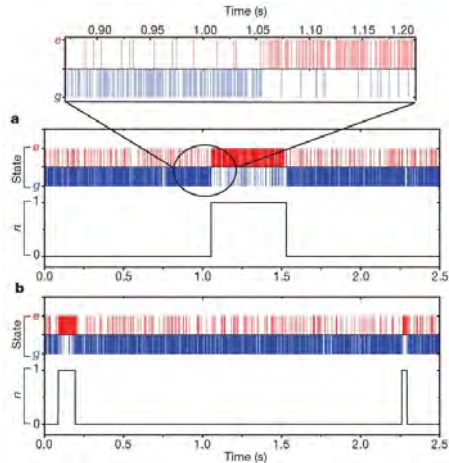
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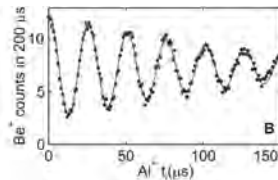
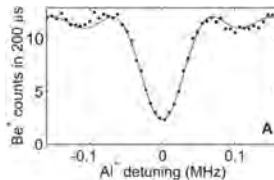
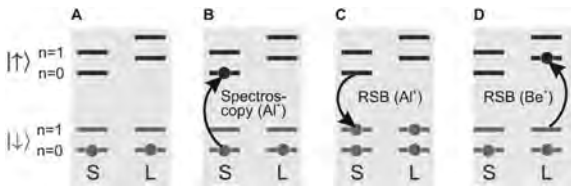
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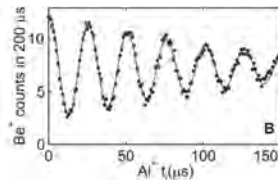
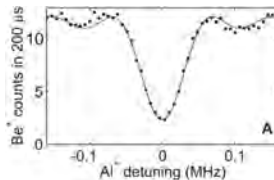
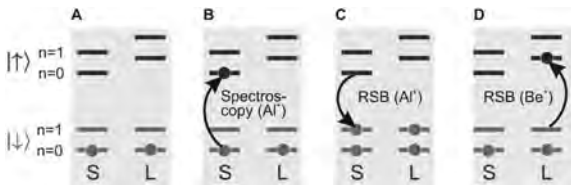


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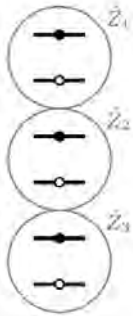
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e.g. in quantum error correction

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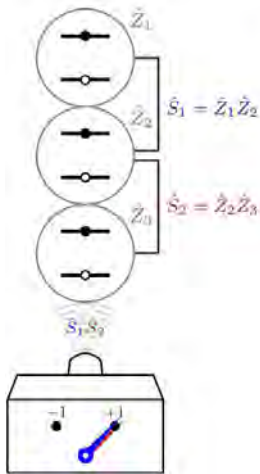
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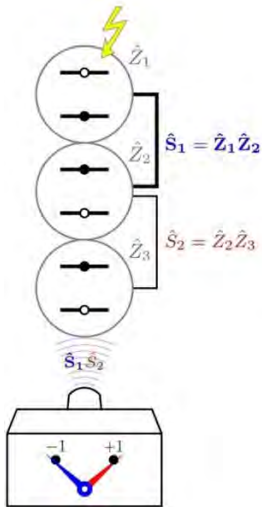
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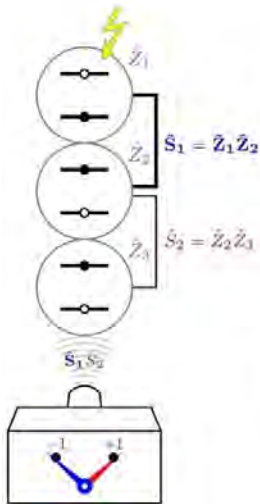
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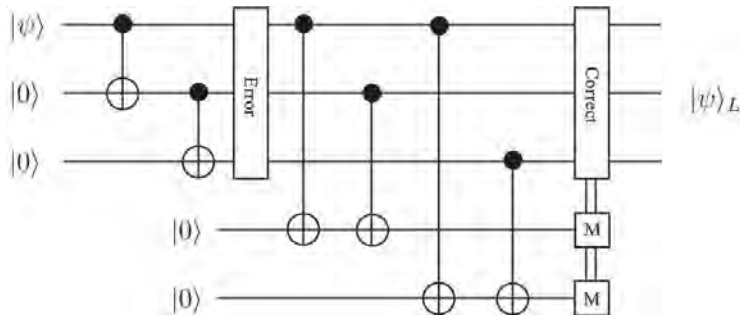
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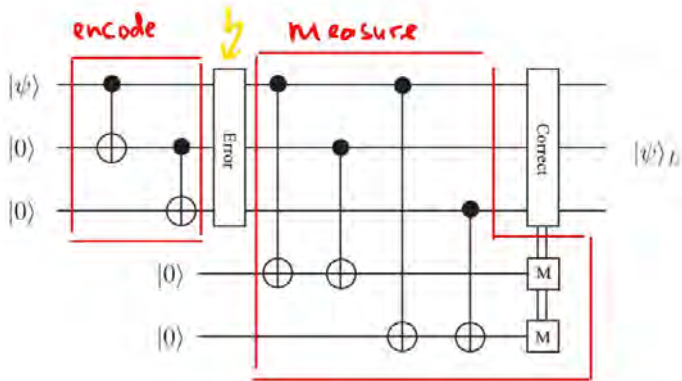
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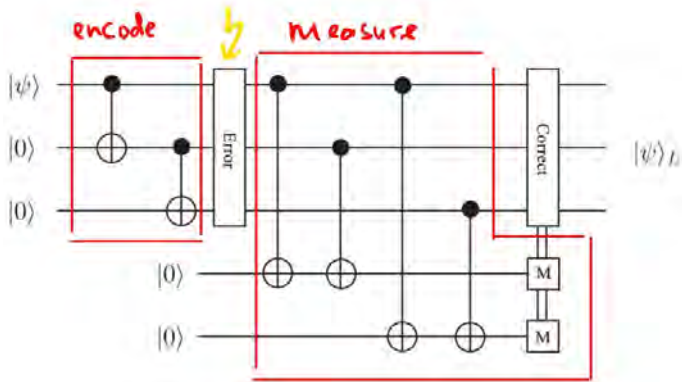
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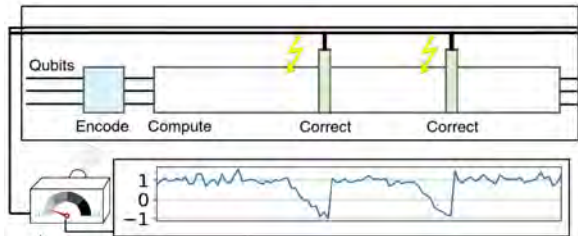
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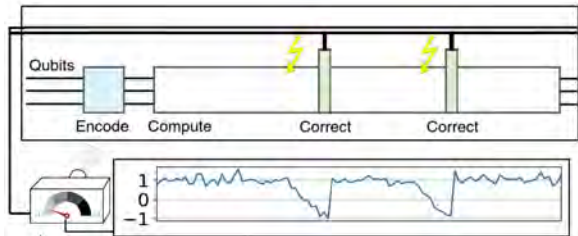
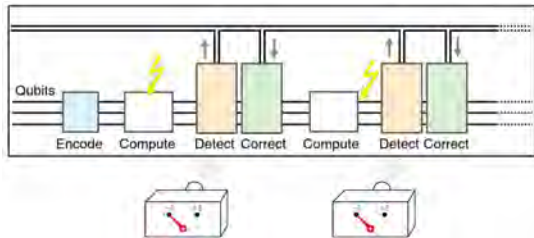
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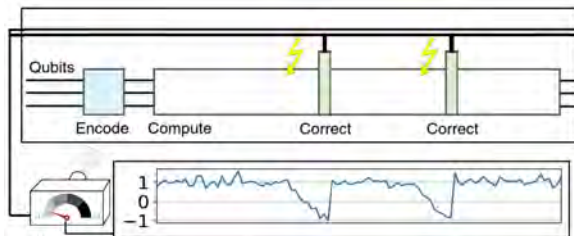
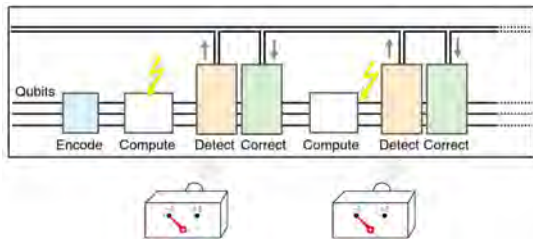
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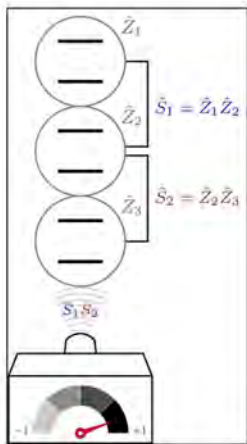
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	Syndrome measurements	Measurement outcomes	Measure during computation?	Works for Quantum Annealing?
DQEC	projective	$\{-1, +1\}$	✗	✗
CQEC	continuous	$[-1, +1]$	✓	✓

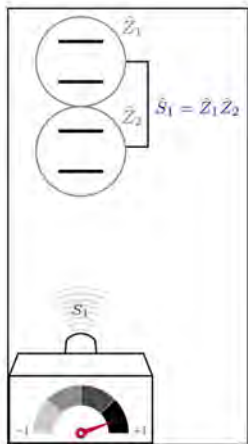
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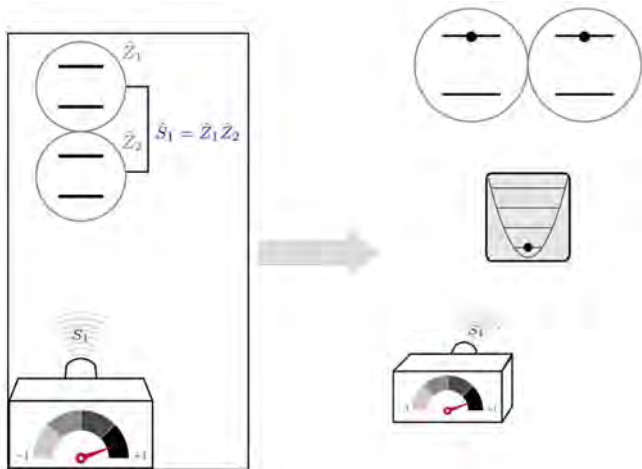
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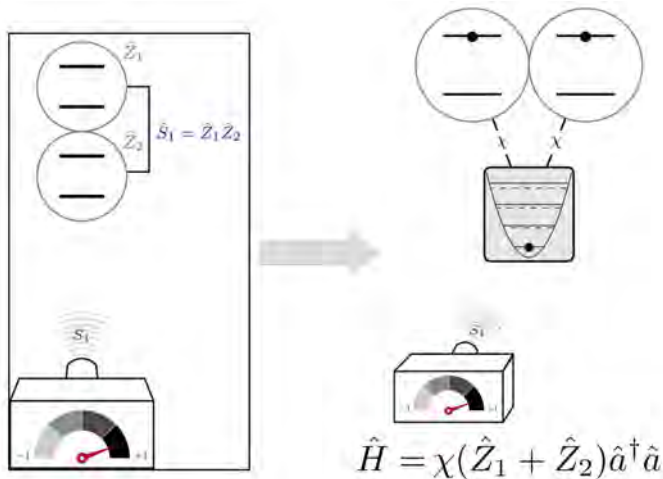
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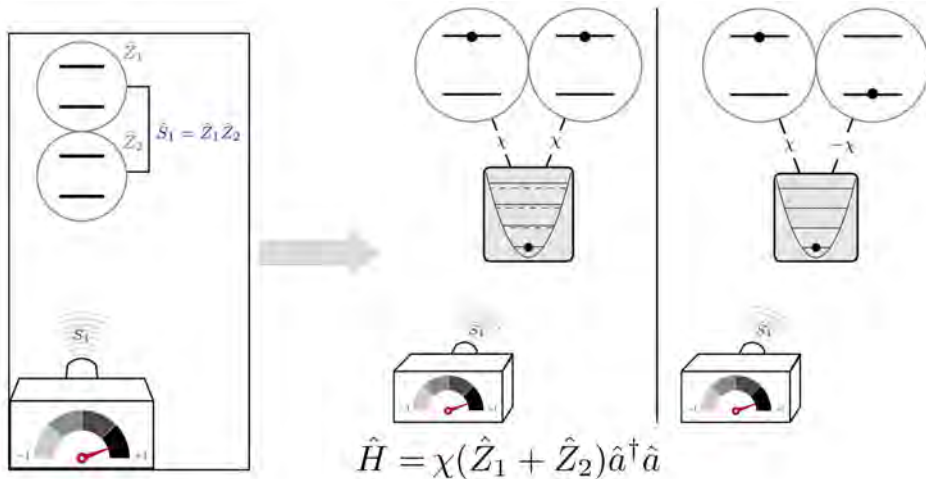
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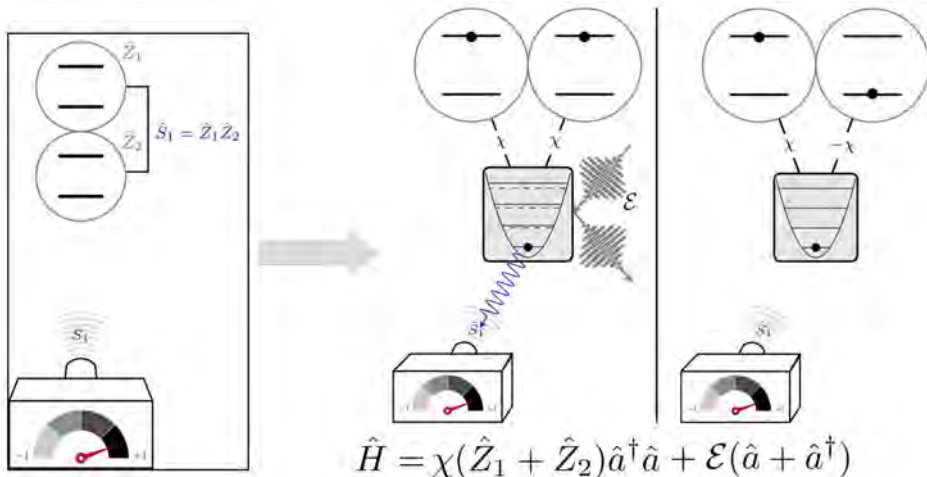
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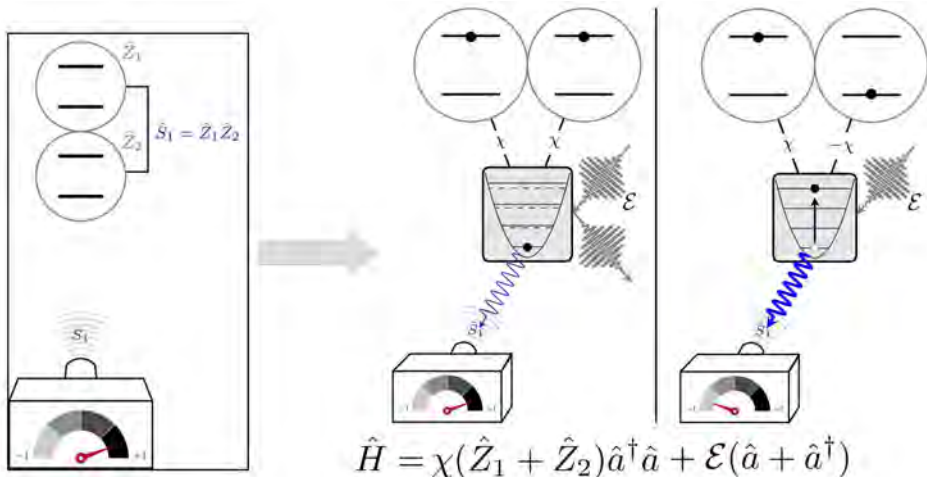
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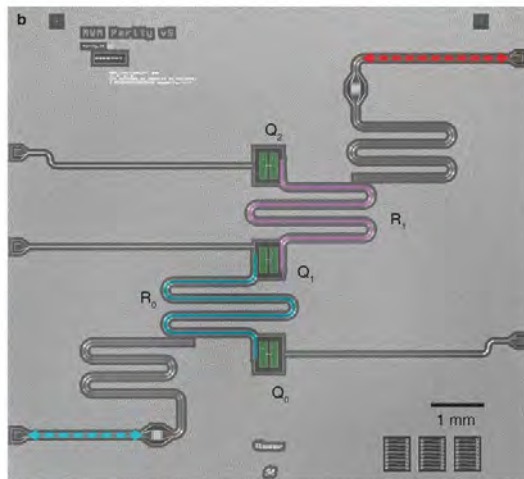
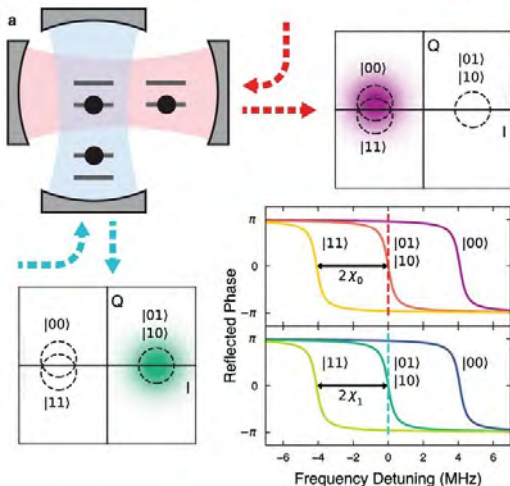
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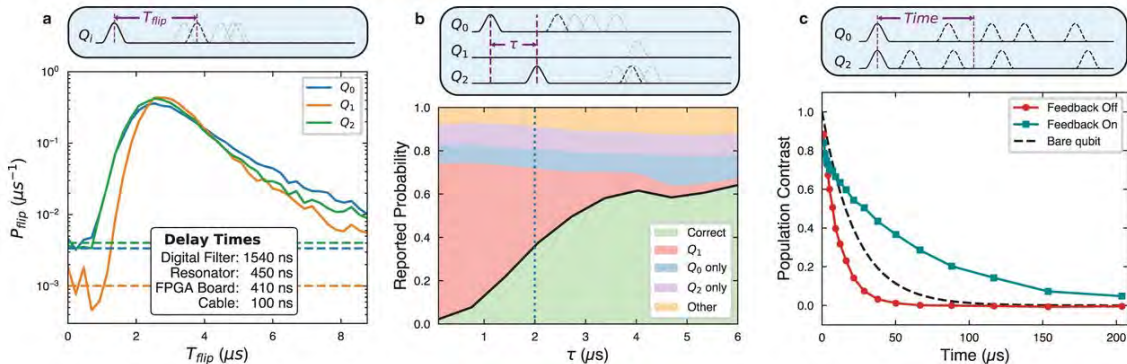
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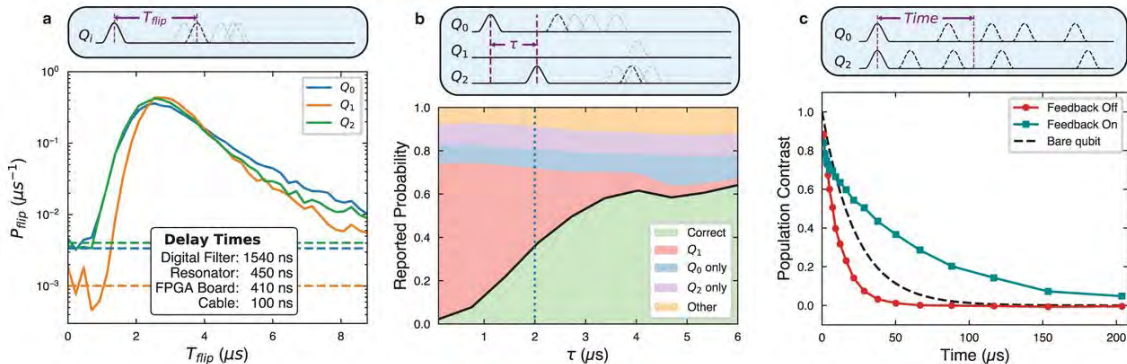
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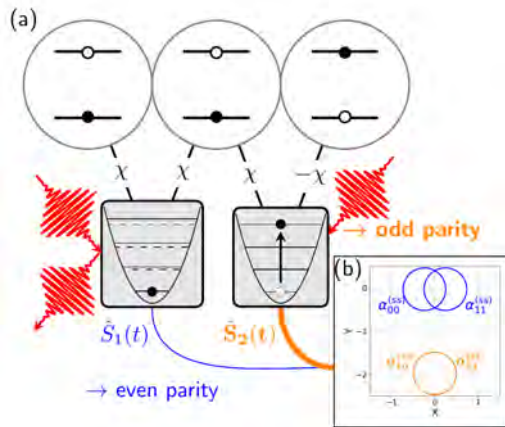
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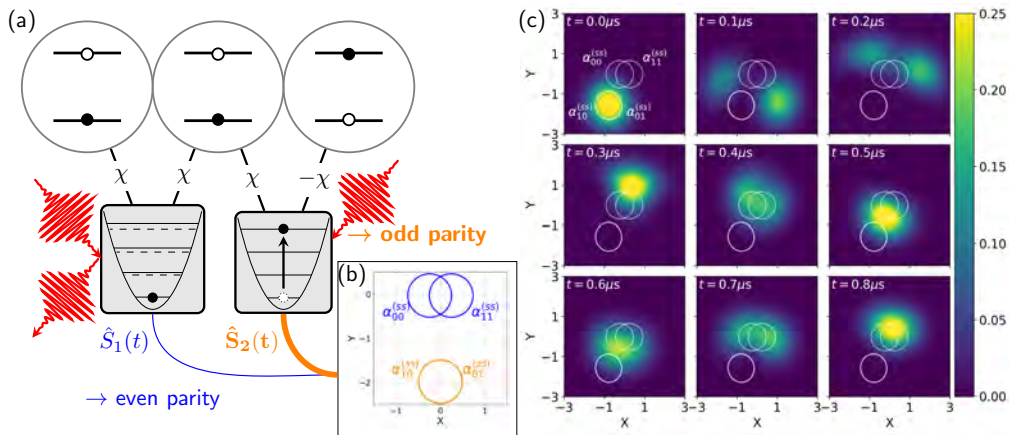
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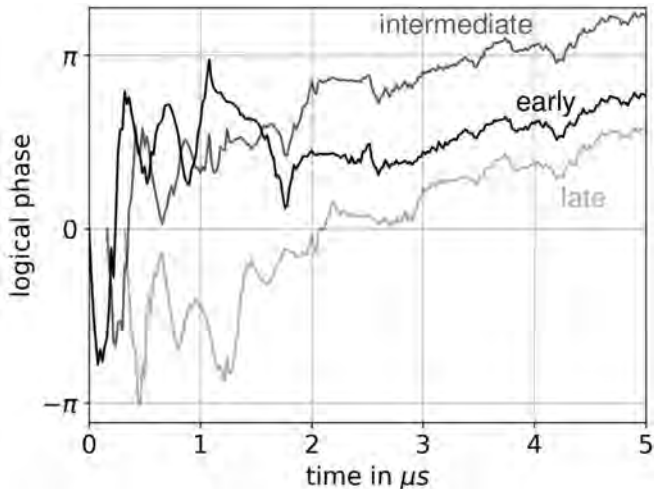
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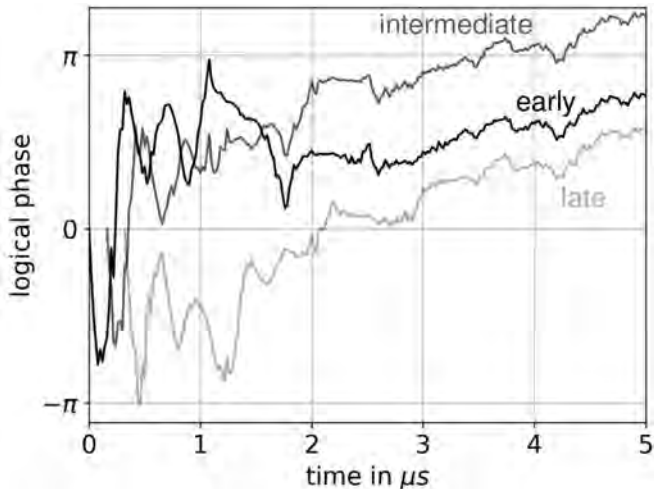
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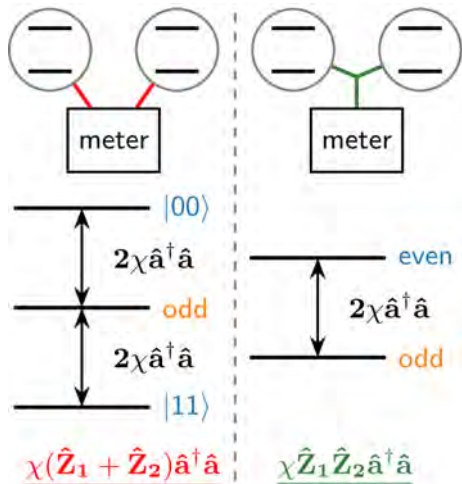
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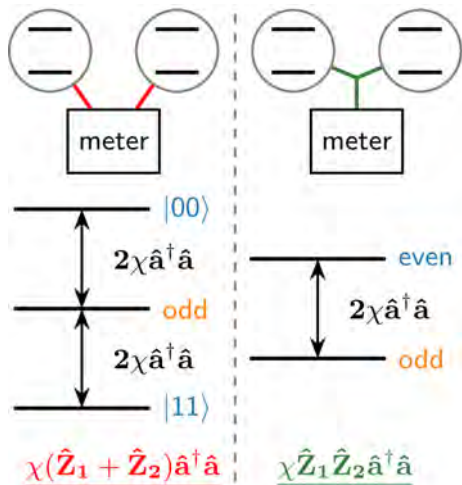
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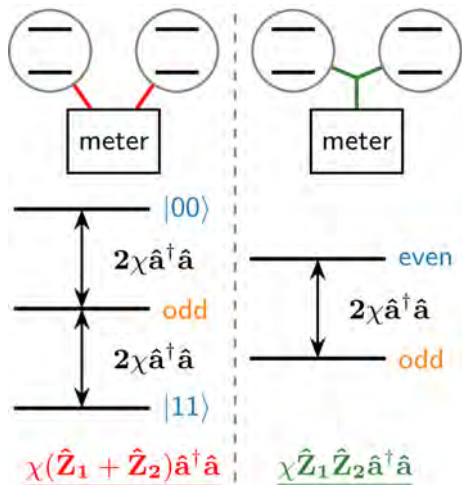
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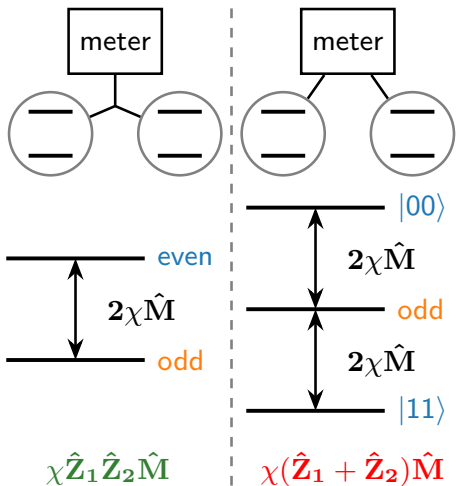


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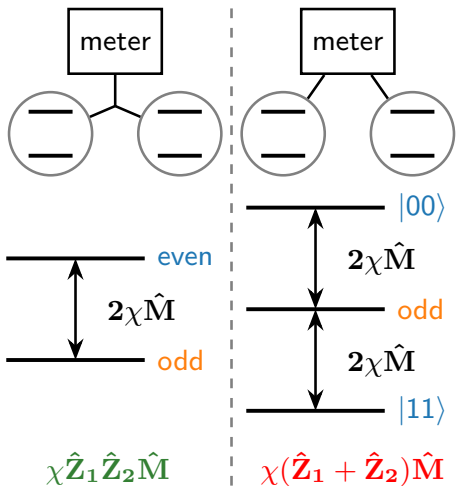


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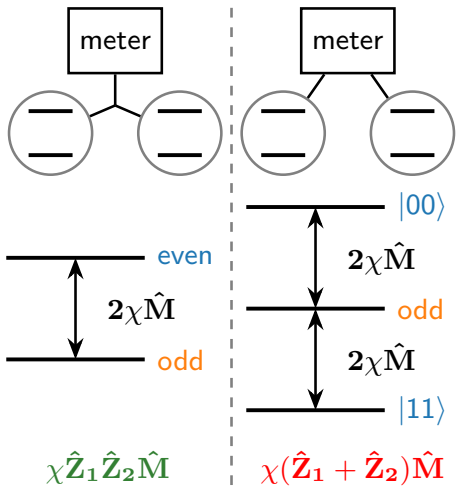
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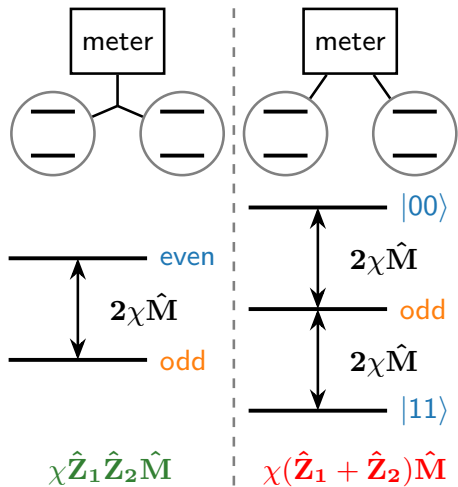


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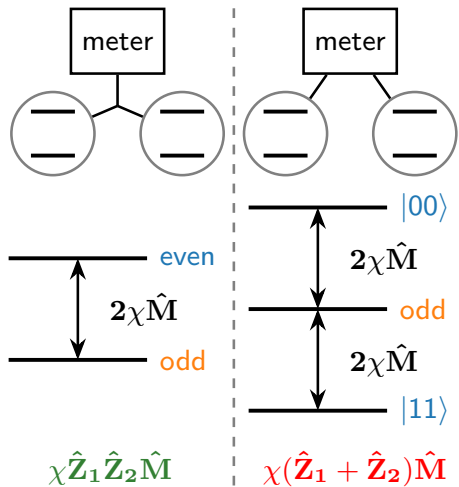


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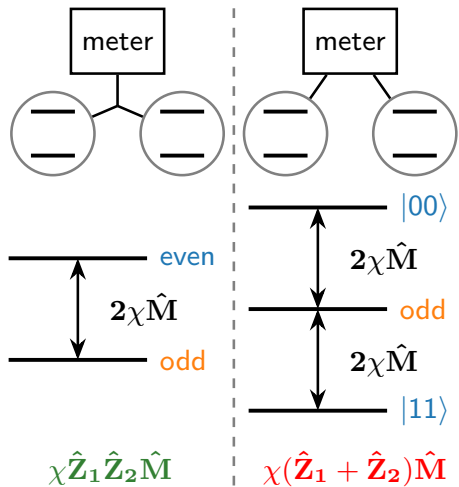
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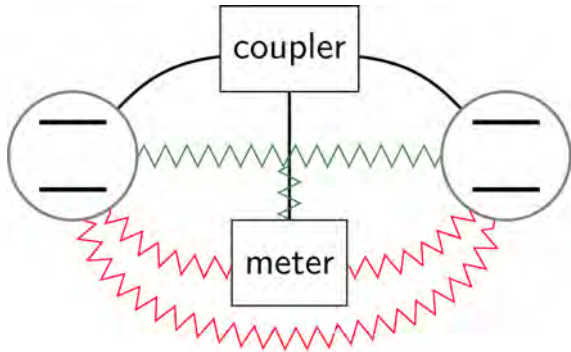
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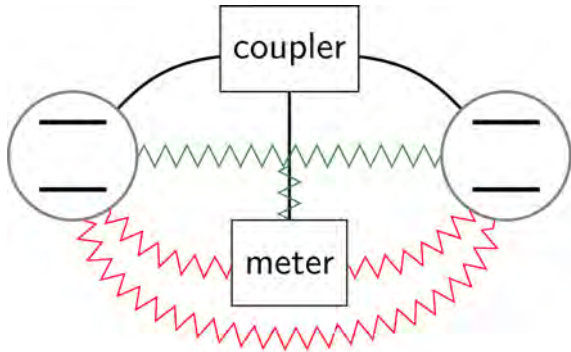


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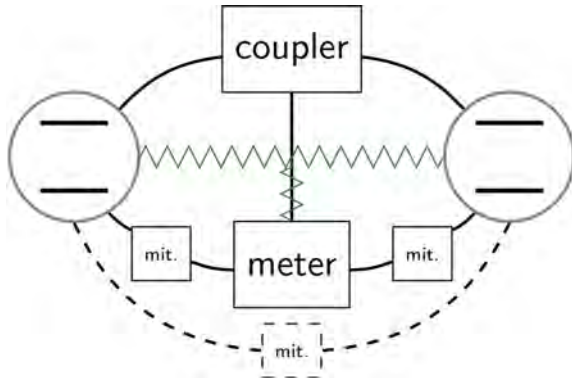
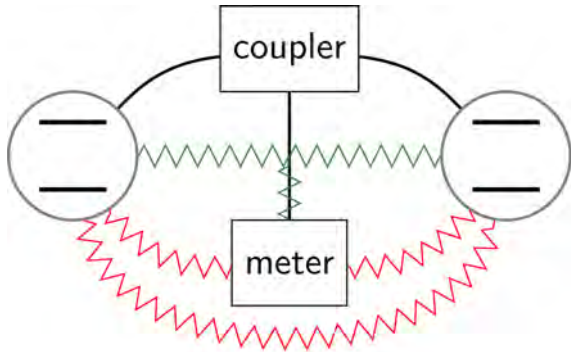
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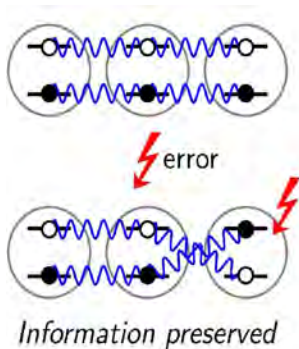
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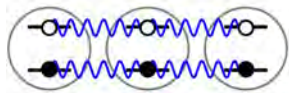
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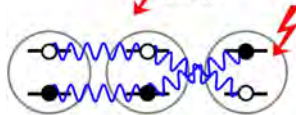
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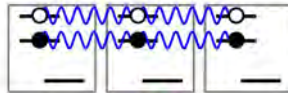


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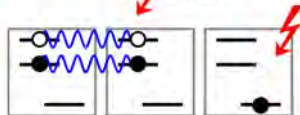


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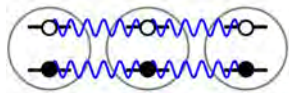
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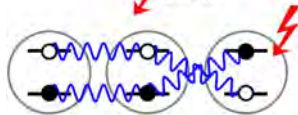
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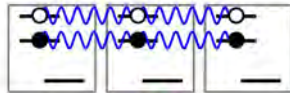


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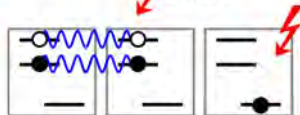


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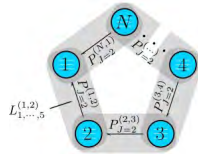
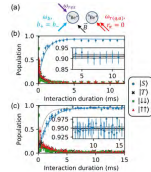
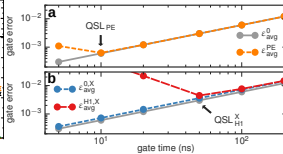
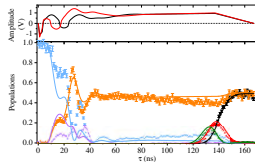
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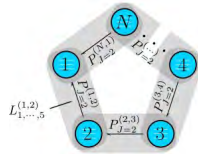
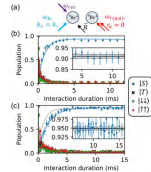
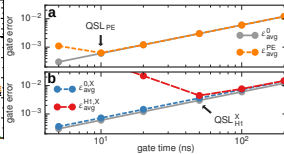
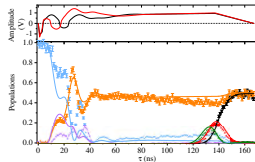
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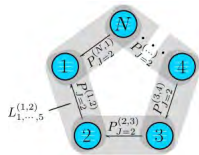
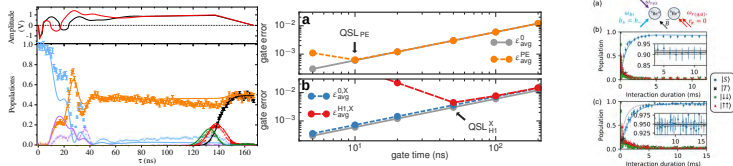
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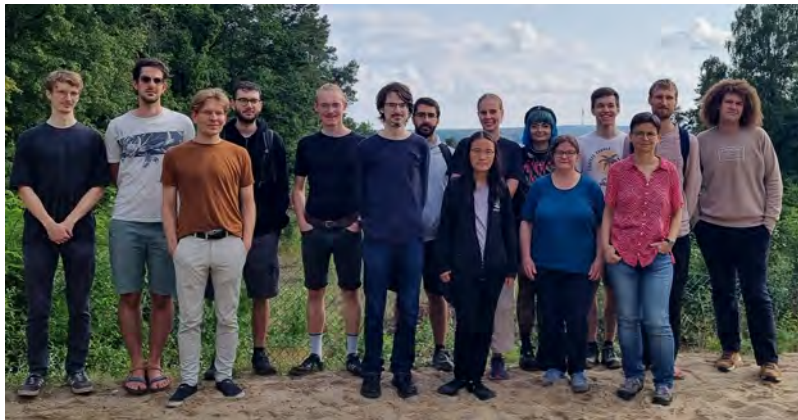


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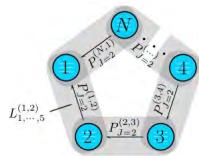
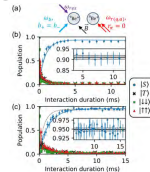
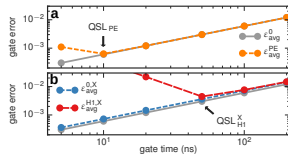
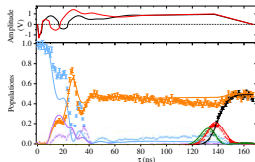
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