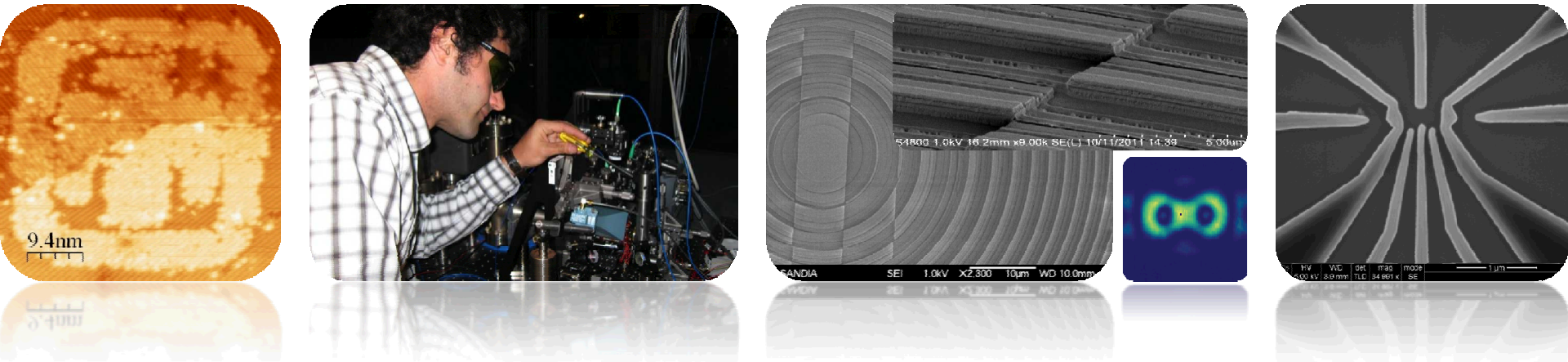


Exceptional service in the national interest



Adiabatic Quantum Computing

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Quantum Information Science

Unraveling Nature's limits and capabilities



Photo: © CNRS

Serge Haroche

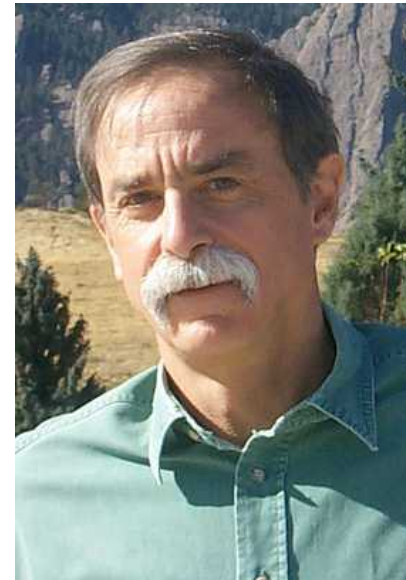


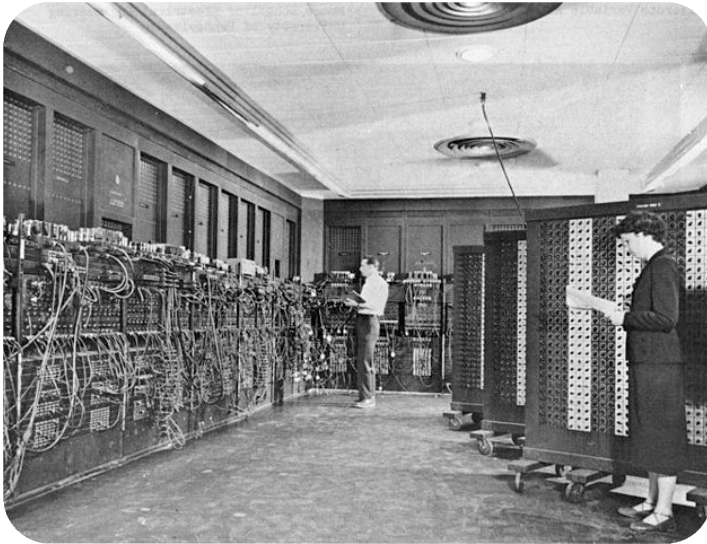
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David J. Wineland

“for ground-breaking experimental methods that enable measuring and manipulation of individual quantum systems”

Computer miniaturization

More powerful AND more portable



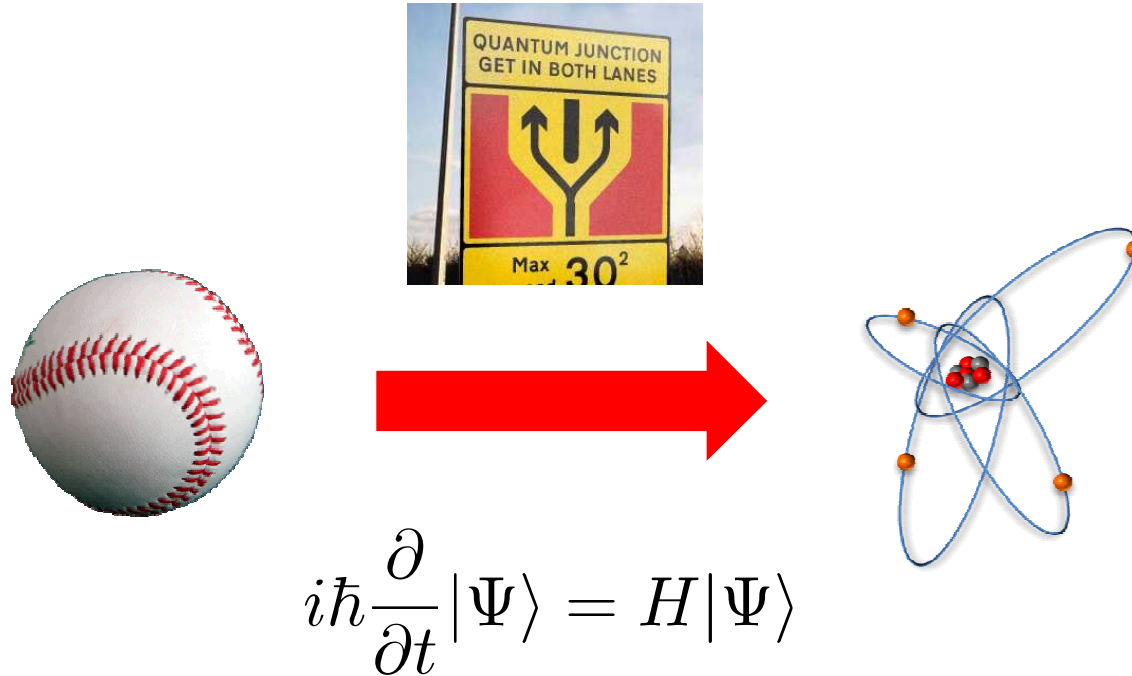
ENIAC, 1946



iPod nano, 2011

Quantum information

The laws of physics are different here

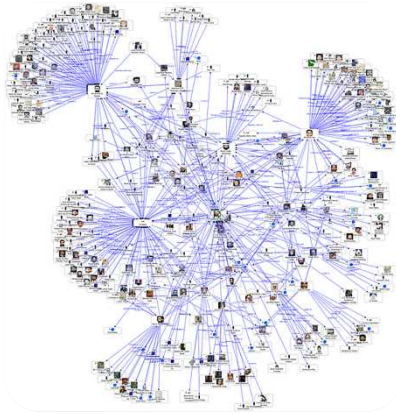


Wave nature • Superposition • Uncertainty • Entanglement • No-cloning

The laws of *information* are different here!

Quantum computing

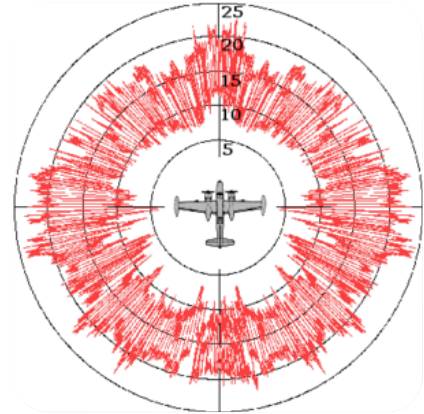
Dramatic speedups for some problems



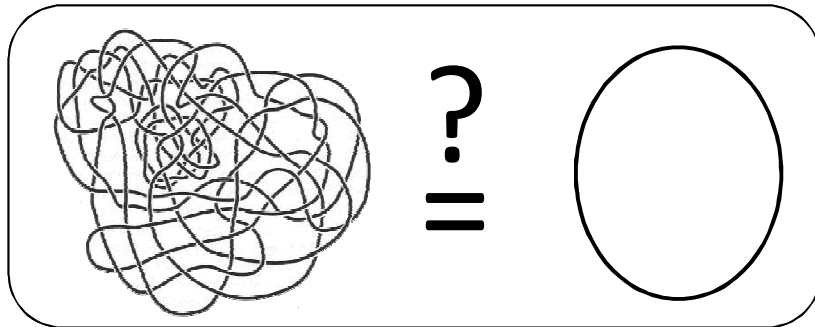
Big data



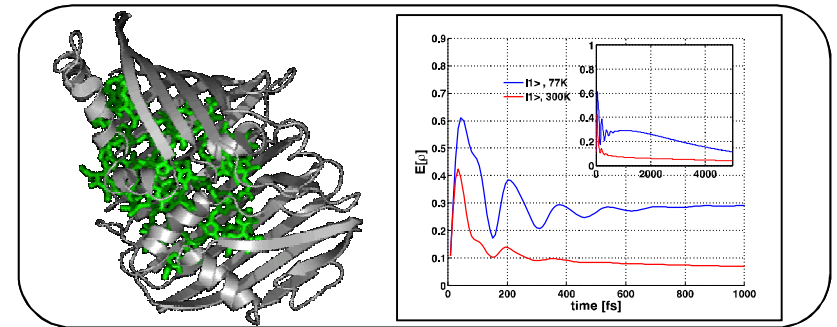
Cryptanalysis



EM scattering



Knot theory



Quantum simulation

Over 40 quantum algorithms with speedups over their classical counterparts known

<http://math.nist.gov/quantum/zoo>

Decoherence

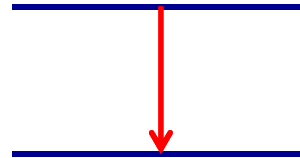
With great power comes great fragility

The two biggest culprits: Relaxation (T_1) and Dephasing (T_2)

$|1\rangle$ _____

$|0\rangle$ _____

Ideal



Relaxed

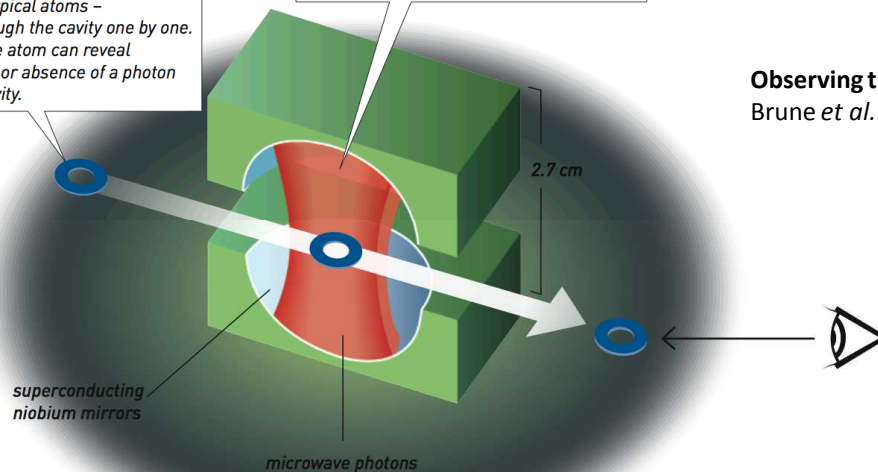


Dephased

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + e^{i(E_1 - E_0)t/\hbar} |1\rangle \right)$$

Photons bounce back and forth inside a small cavity between two mirrors for more than a tenth of a second. Before it disappears the photon will have travelled a distance of one trip around the Earth.

Rydberg atoms – roughly 1,000 times larger than typical atoms – are sent through the cavity one by one. At the exit the atom can reveal the presence or absence of a photon inside the cavity.



Observing the progressive decoherence of the “meter” in a quantum measurement

Brune et al. (1996), doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.77.4887

- Outer orbiting electron in atom is the qubit.
- About 10 photons in cavity entangle with atom.
- Photons shift phase (energy) of 0 and 1 differently.
- Photons escape (slowly!) from cavity.
- Superposition lasted several microseconds!
- A grandfather clock dephases in less than 10^{-40} s.

Figure 3. In the Serge Haroche laboratory in Paris, in vacuum and at a temperature of almost absolute zero, the microwave photons bounce back and forth inside a small cavity between two mirrors. The mirrors are so reflective that a single photon stays for more than a tenth of a second before it is lost. During its long life time, many quantum manipulations can be performed with the trapped photon without destroying it.

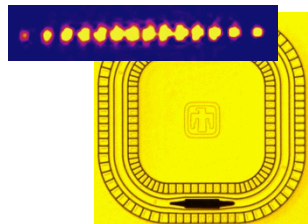
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Quantum information hardware

It's a wide open horse race

AMO hardware (Atomic, Molecular, and Optical)

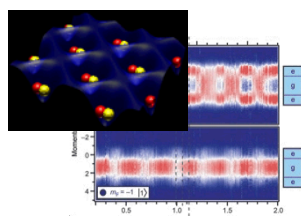
Trapped ion quantum chip



TODAY: **14-qubit** entangled state generated.

Monz *et al.* (2011), doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.106.130506

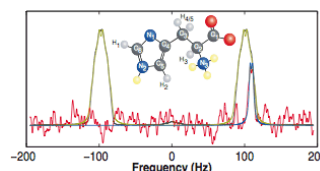
Trapped neutral atoms



TODAY: 60,000 parallel **2-qubit** gates demonstrated.

Anderlini *et al.* (2007), doi:10.1038/nature06011

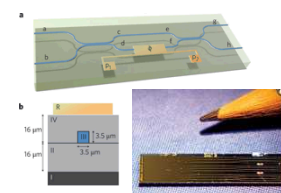
Nuclear magnetic resonance



TODAY: **12-qubit** circuits benchmarked.

Negrevergne *et al.* (2006), doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.96.170501

Photonic quantum chip

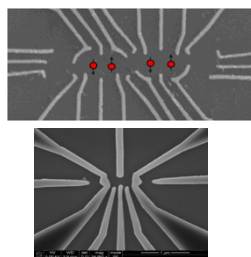


TODAY: **10-qubit** photonic chip demonstrated.

Matthews *et al.* (2009), doi:10.1038/nphoton.2009.93

CMP hardware (Condensed Matter Physics)

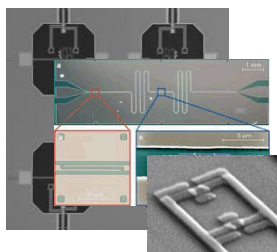
Semiconductor quantum-dot chip



TODAY: **1-qubit** GaAs gates (spin); **1-qubit** Si device demonstrated (charge).

Foletti *et al.* (2009), doi:10.1038/nphys1424
Gorman *et al.* (2005), doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.95.090502

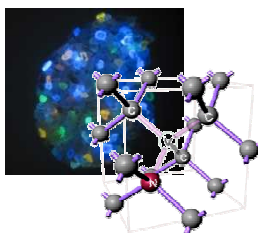
Superconducting quantum chip



TODAY: **3-qubit** entanglement (phase); **3-qubit** error correction (charge); **2-qubit** CNOT gate (flux).

Neeley *et al.* (2010), doi:10.1038/nature09418
Reed *et al.* (2011), doi:10.1038/nature10786
Plantenberg *et al.* (2007), doi:10.1038/nature05896

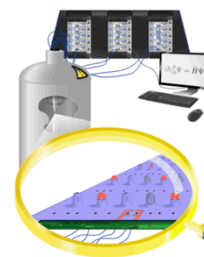
Nitrogen vacancies in diamond



TODAY: **2-qubit** gates demonstrated.

van der Sar *et al.* (2012), arXiv:1202.4379

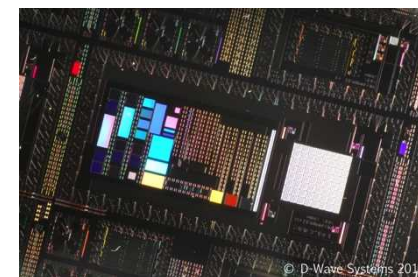
Topological quantum chip



TODAY: **Zero qubits**; FQHE anyons in question. Majorana fermions in topological insulators look promising.

Bonderson *et al.* (2011), doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.106.130505
Bonderson *et al.* (2010), arXiv:1003.2856

D-Wave Systems, Inc. special-purpose chip



TODAY: **128-qubit** (superconducting flux) quantum annealing algorithms. Debate about "quantumness."

Quantum circuit architecture

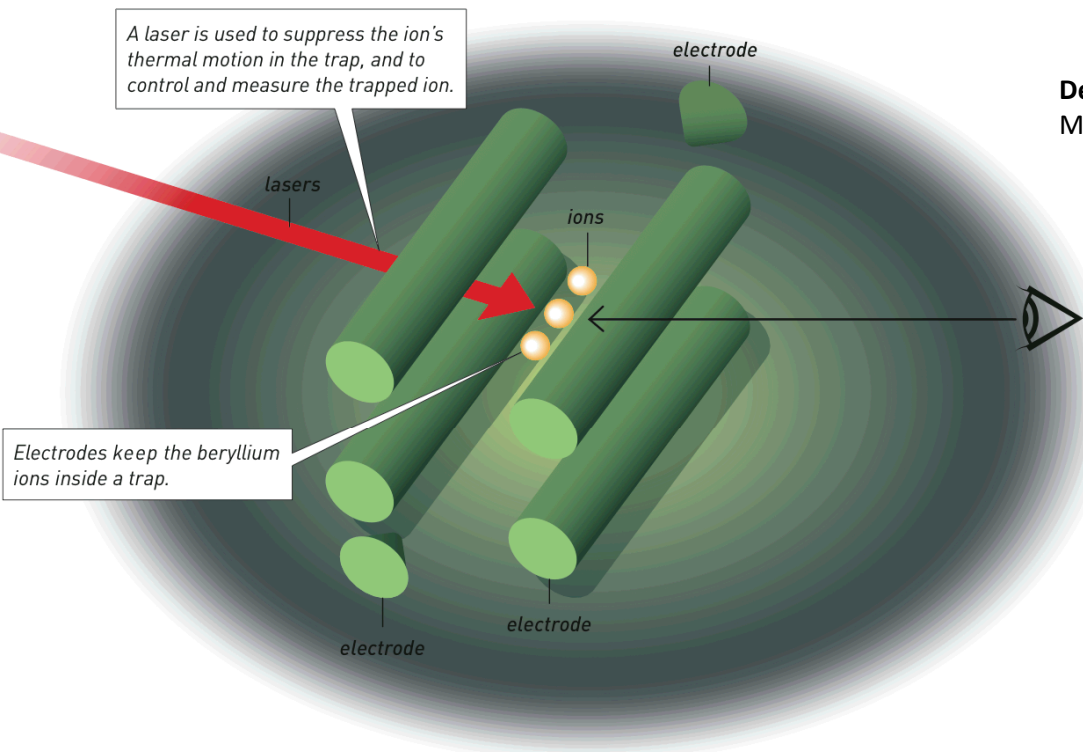
Break it down, then build it up

1. *Digitize states into qubits.*

$$|x\rangle \mapsto |x_1\rangle|x_2\rangle\cdots|x_n\rangle$$

2. *Digitize dynamics into a finite set of “gates.”*

$$U \mapsto U_m U_{m-1} \cdots U_1$$



Demonstration of a fundamental quantum logic gate

Monroe *et al.* (1995), doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.75.4714

- Outer orbiting electron in ion is qubit 1.
- Vibrational mode of ion is qubit 2.
- Laser pulse flips ion mode conditioned on electron state.
- Gate implemented is “Controlled NOT”
- 14 qubits entangled in ion trap today (world record)

Figure 2. In David Wineland's laboratory in Boulder, Colorado, electrically charged atoms or ions are kept inside a trap by surrounding electric fields. One of the secrets behind Wineland's breakthrough is mastery of the art of using laser beams and creating laser pulses. A laser is used to put the ion in its lowest energy state and thus enabling the study of quantum phenomena with the trapped ion.
Image: © Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Fault-tolerant quantum computing Sandia National Laboratories

The great promise...with a catch!

Accuracy threshold theorem for fault-tolerant quantum computation:

As long as qubits and gates are “good enough,” one can implement arbitrarily reliable quantum circuits with “sufficient redundancy.”

1. “Good enough”

Error per gate at about 10^{-4}

TODAY: Not quite there, but getting close

2. “Sufficient redundancy”

More than 99.99997% redundancy

[Steane, 2007 (Ion trap tech., quantum circuit architecture)]

TODAY: Are you kidding?

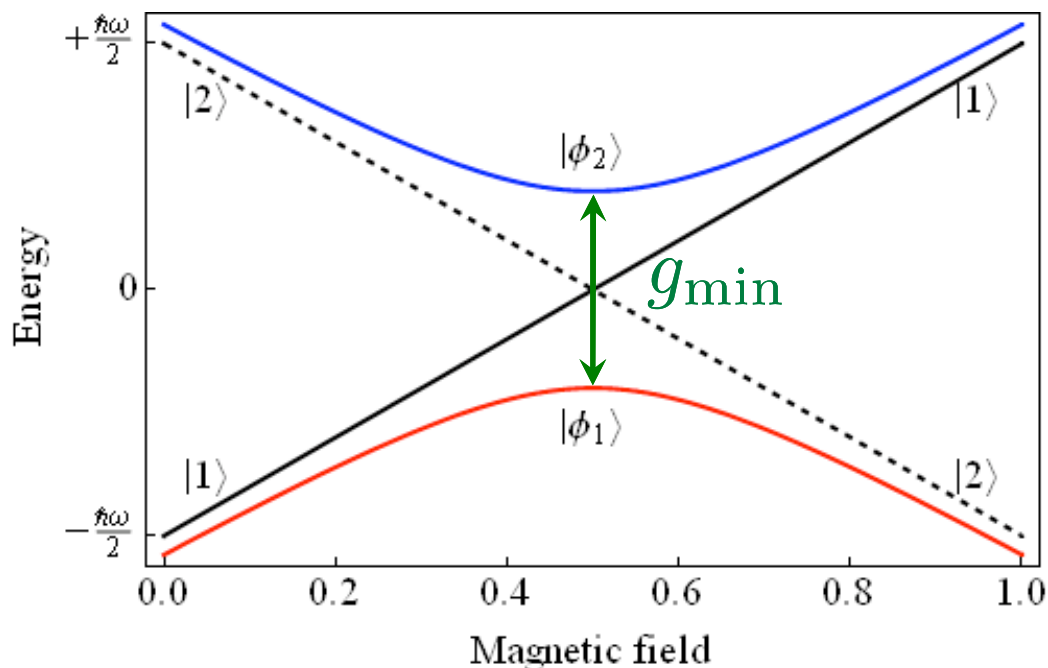


Adiabatic quantum physics

Adiabatic: Impassible [Greek: ἀ- ("not"), δια- ("through"), and βαίνειν ("to pass")].

Thermodynamic adiabatic process: No heat transfer into or out of system.

Quantum adiabatic process: No population transfer into or out of a specified energy eigenspace.



Adiabatic theorem: If the initial state is $|E(0)\rangle$ then in the limit as $T \rightarrow \infty$ the final state is $|E(1)\rangle$

Adiabatic approximation: If $T \gg \frac{|\langle E_1 | \dot{H} | E_0 \rangle|_{\max}}{g_{\min}^2}$, then the evolution is adiabatic with high probability.

Adiabatic quantum computing

Slow down, and the answer will come

1. Digitize states into qubits.
2. Digitize *Hamiltonian* into a finite set of interactions.

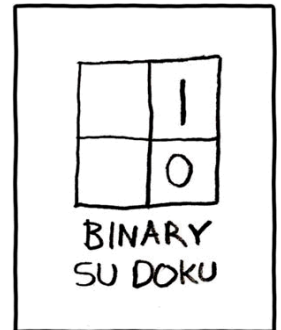
$$H\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) = \left(1 - \frac{t}{T}\right) H_0 + \frac{t}{T} H_1$$

$$H = \sum_i \alpha_i K_i$$

3. Load problem into final Hamiltonian of an adiabatic evolution; it's ground state is the output of the program!

Example: Quadratic Unconstrained Binary Optimization (QUBO)

$$\min_{x \in \{-1, 1\}} f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i x_i + \sum_{i,j=1}^n J_{ij} x_i x_j$$



$$H_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^x$$

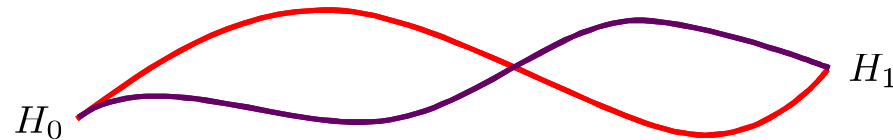
$$H_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i \sigma_i^z + \sum_{i,j=1}^n J_{ij} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z$$

Challenge: This is “NP-hard.” Does the gap shrink exponentially with n ?

Quantum Computer, Heal Thyself!

Adiabatic physics may suppress dominant errors

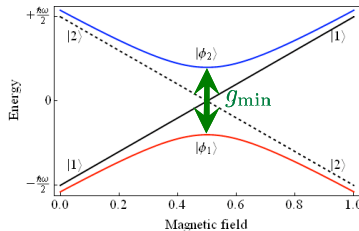
1. Robust to control errors



“Let your path wander, but arrive at your destination.”



2. Relaxation suppressed by the energy gap



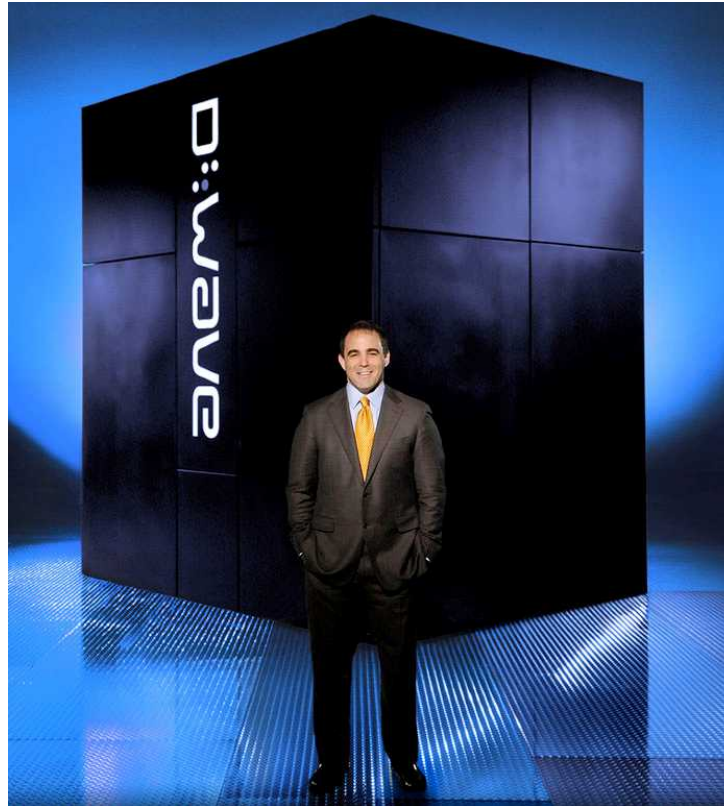
$$p_{\text{relax}} \sim e^{-g/kT}$$

3. Dephasing in the instantaneous energy eigenbasis is irrelevant.

$$|E_0(t)\rangle = e^{i\theta} |E_0(t)\rangle$$

But does it work?

Inquiring minds want to know



$\times 10^7$

Sandia “Grand Challenge” project objectives: (2010-2013)

Build and test quantumness/robustness of two-qubit adiabatic quantum computers for QUBO using

1. (AMO) Neutral atoms trapped by a microfabricated optical-trap array, and
2. (CMP) Electrons trapped by semiconductor nanostructures

and for these technologies

3. Evaluate the potential for general-purpose fault-tolerant adiabatic quantum computation architectures through design & simulation.

New labs constructed:



*Optical atom trapping
& control lab*



*Cryogenic materials &
electronics measurement lab*

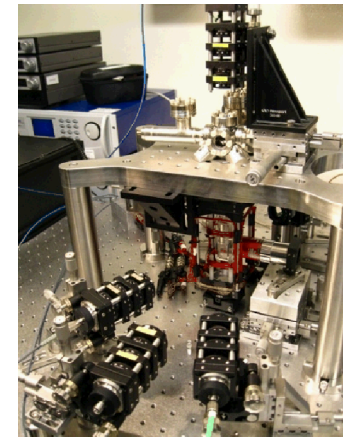
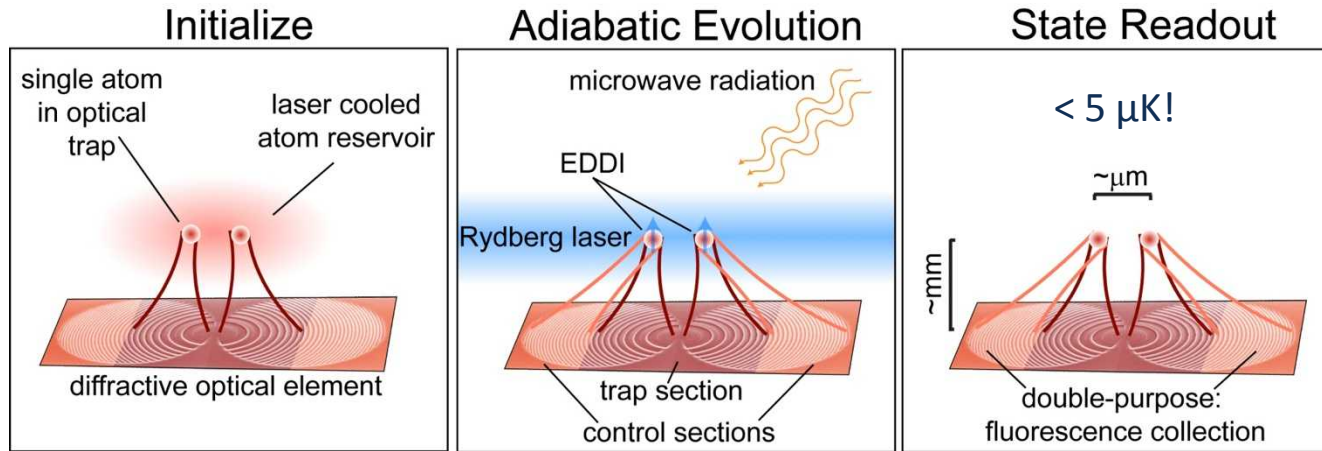


*Atomic-precision
lithography lab*

Trapping & controlling cesium

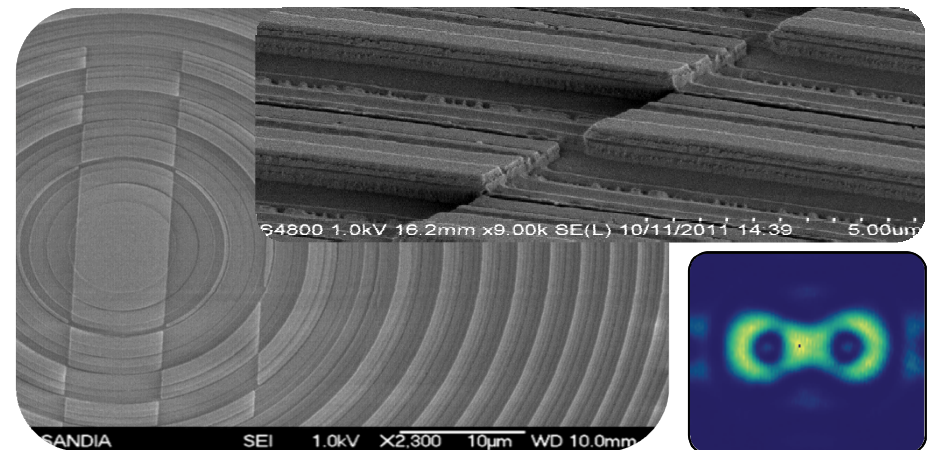
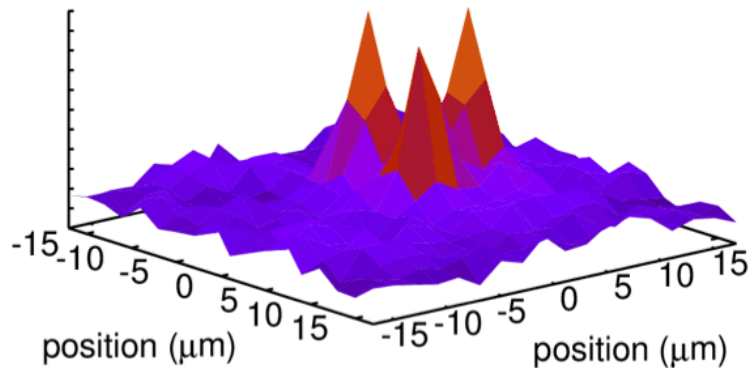
Sandia-fabricated diffractive optics

- Fabricated & used **world-first diffractive optical elements** for trapping and controlling individual atoms.



DOE test platform

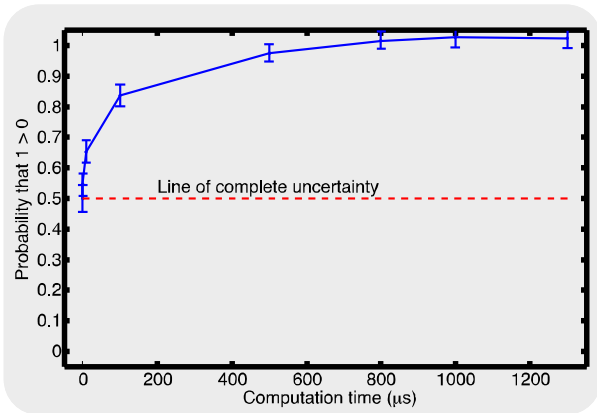
single atoms in 3-spot trap



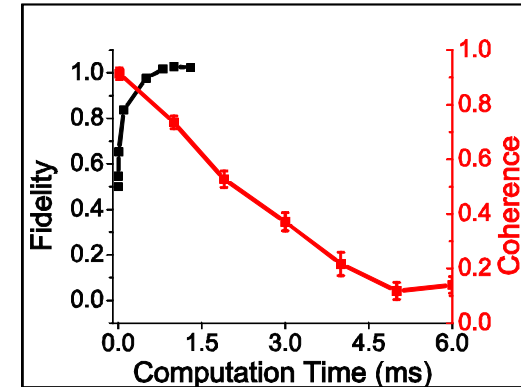
Evidence of robustness

Validating claims...for one qubit

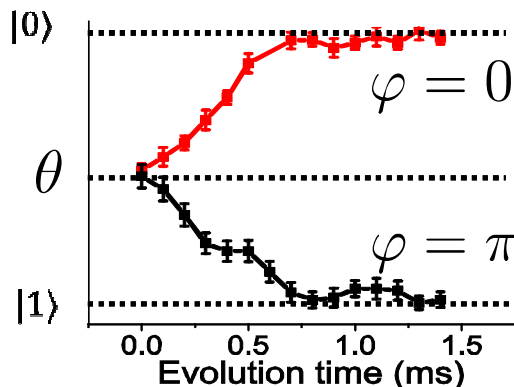
- Built **Sandia's first functioning one-qubit quantum computer.**
 - Inaugural calculation: **"1 is greater than 0 ... with high probability."**



$$\sigma_x \rightarrow \sigma_x + 27\sigma_z$$



- Demonstrated excited-state adiabatic evolution: Behavior is quantum, not relaxation.

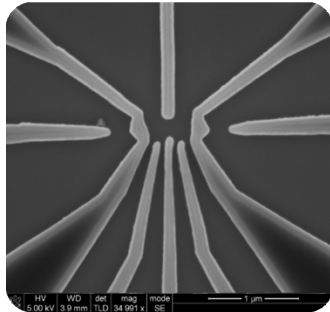


$$|\psi_0\rangle = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$

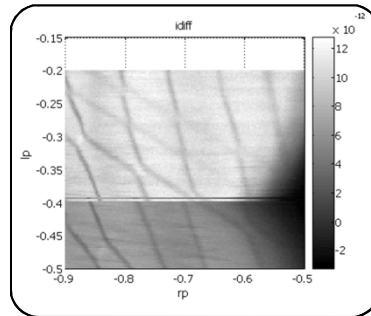
Quantum-dot qubits

Not adiabatic yet, but have promise of integration

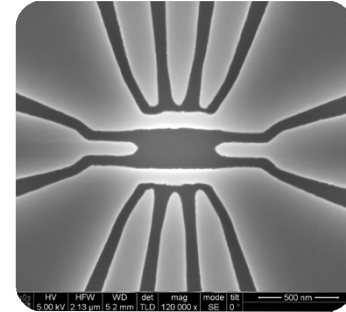
- Invented **world-first semiconductor adiabatic charge qubit**.
 - Built one- and two-qubit silicon quantum dot devices realizing the idea.



One-qubit device



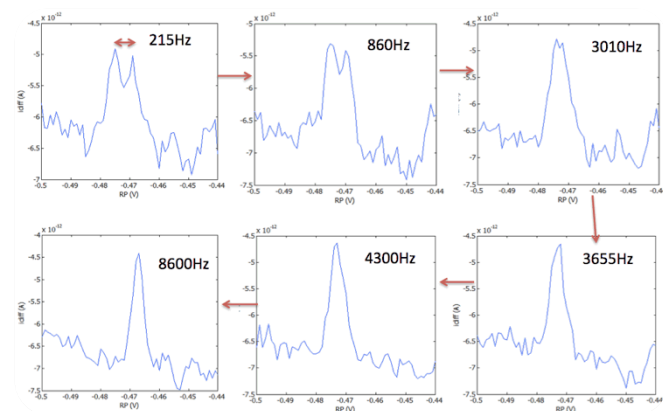
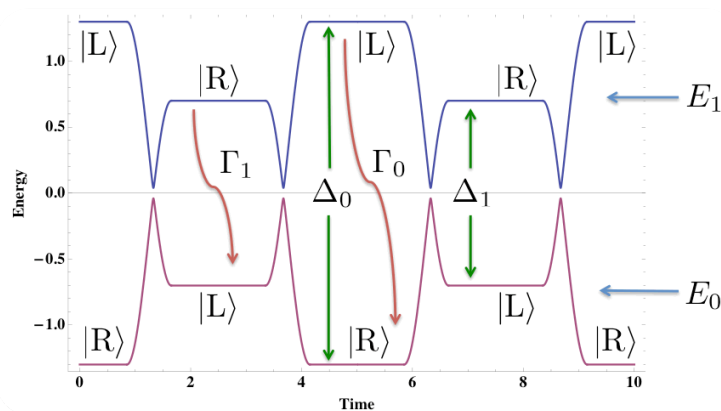
Single-electron occupancy



Two-qubit device

- Si devices
- 100 mK.

- Invented **world-first benchmarking test for “quantumness” of adiabatic qubits**.
 - Used the test to measure charge qubit relaxation times
 - Switching speed currently too slow to prove adiabaticity



Atomic-precision lithography

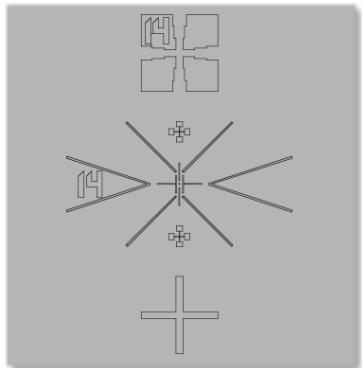
There's no more room at the bottom

☑ Start w clean
Si(001)

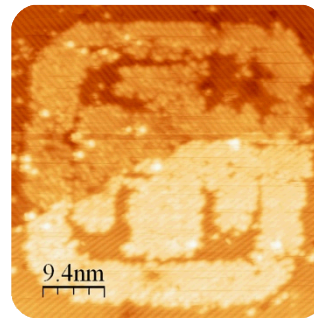
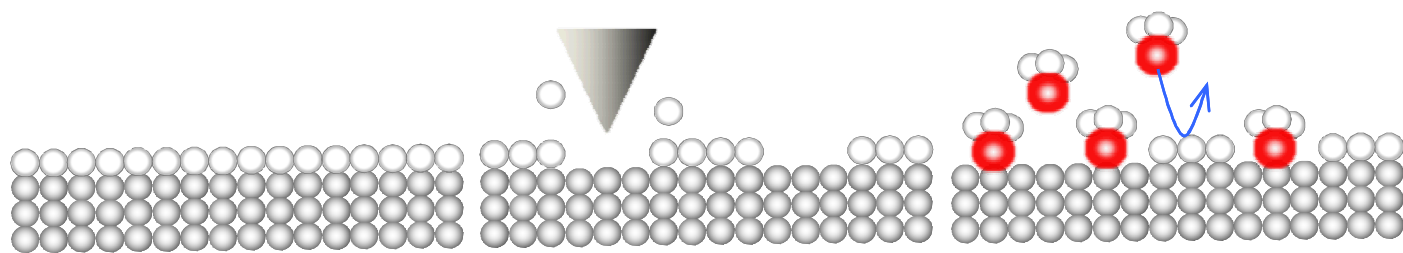
☑ Adsorb H resist
Self-limiting 1 monolayer

☑ Pattern w STM
Atomic-precision

☑ Adsorb PH_3

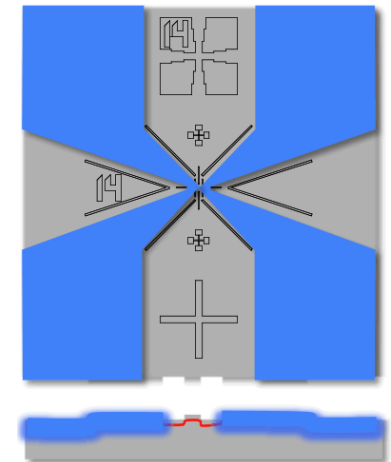


Etched alignment marks



Al depo+liftoff

0.7 nm features!



☑ Incorporate P
-Anneal $\rightarrow$ Si-P swap
-H resist constrains P

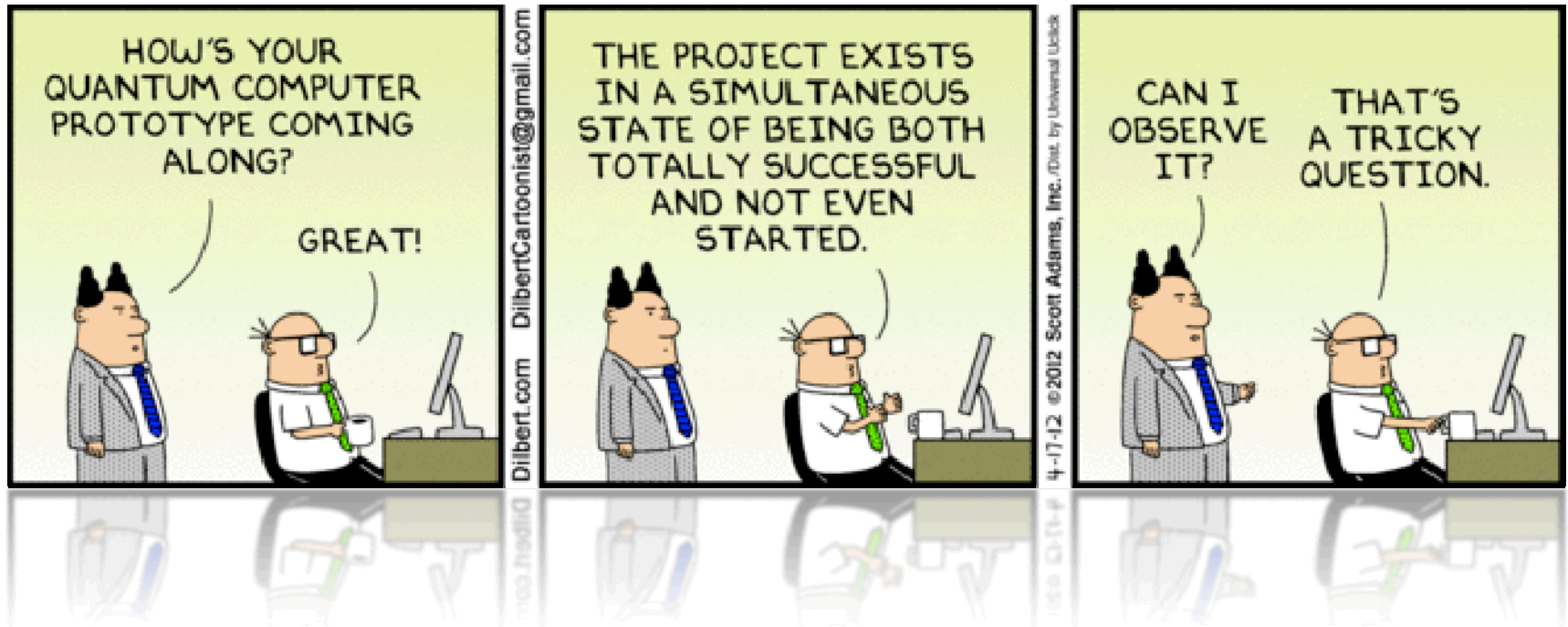
☑ Desorb H
anneal

☑ Bury P in Si

☑ Add contacts

A new era

A quantum leap in our mastery of information

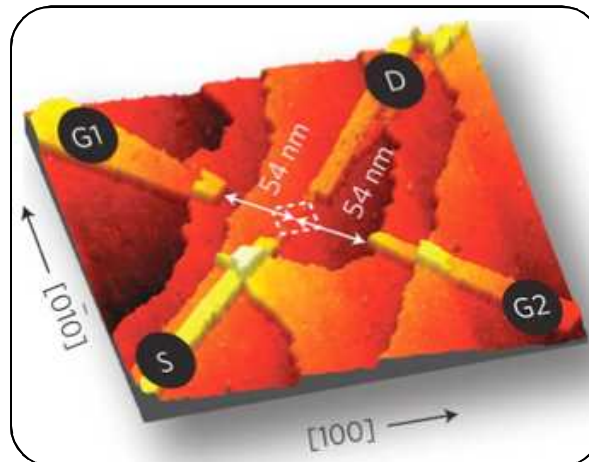
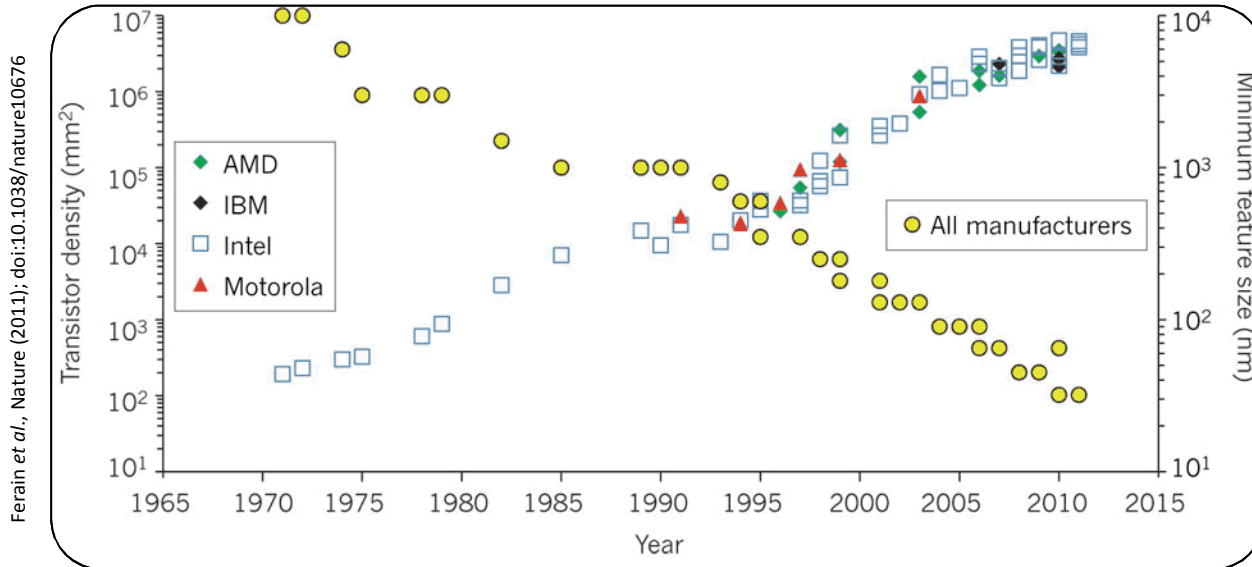


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Backup slides

Single-electron bits

The ultimate limit of electronic computing



A single-atom transistor

Fuechsle *et al.*, Nature Nanotechnology (2012);
doi:10.1038/nnano.2012.21

Quantum information software

Quantum error correction expels decoherence!

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle|0\rangle|0\rangle + |1\rangle|1\rangle|0\rangle)$$

Checks:

✓ First 2 bits the same?

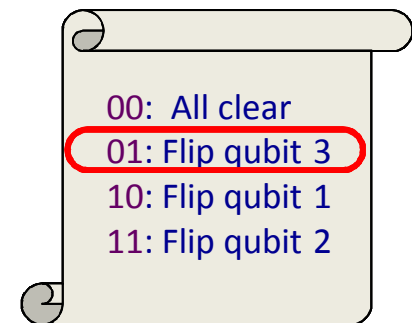
✗ Second 2 bits the same?

Syndrome:

0

1

Diagnosis:



The neutral-atom qubit

It's not just fine—it's hyperfine!

Group → 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
↓ Period

One electron outside closed shell
 $^{133}\text{Cs}: 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^6 5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^6 6s^1$

1	2																
1 H																	2 He
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba		72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
87 Fr	88 Ra		104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Fl	115 Uup	116 Lv	117 Uus	118 Uuo

Lanthanides

57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
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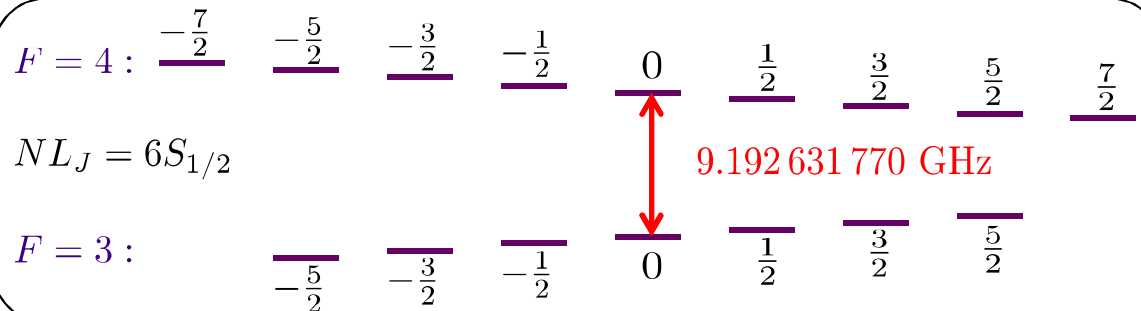
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Fine structure

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}}_{\text{el}} = \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{el}} + \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\text{el}} \quad S_{\text{el}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hyperfine structure

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}} = \hat{\mathbf{J}}_{\text{el}} + \hat{\mathbf{I}}_{\text{nuc}} \quad I_{\text{nuc}} = \frac{7}{2}$$



QUBO with cesium atoms

Interactions controlled by lasers and microwaves

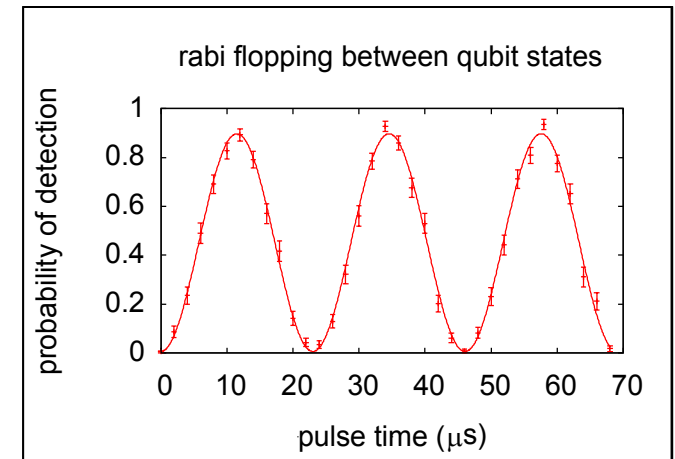
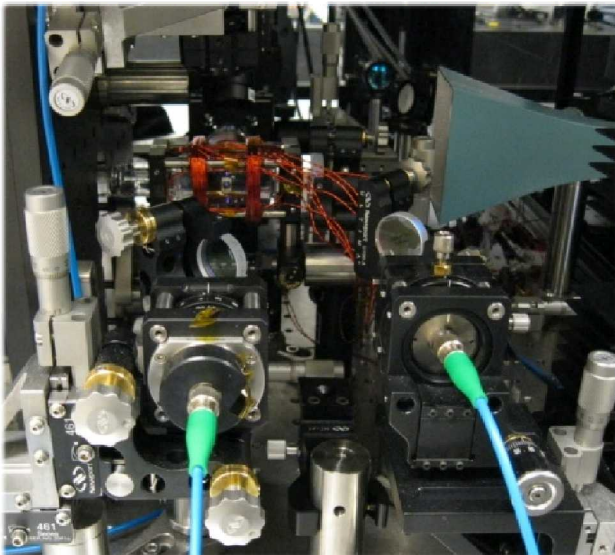
$(6S_{1/2}, F = 4) \mapsto |0\rangle$



$\omega_{\mu w} \approx 9.2 \text{ GHz}$

$$H = \frac{\hbar}{2} \omega_{\mu w} \sigma_x$$

$(6S_{1/2}, F = 3) \mapsto |1\rangle$



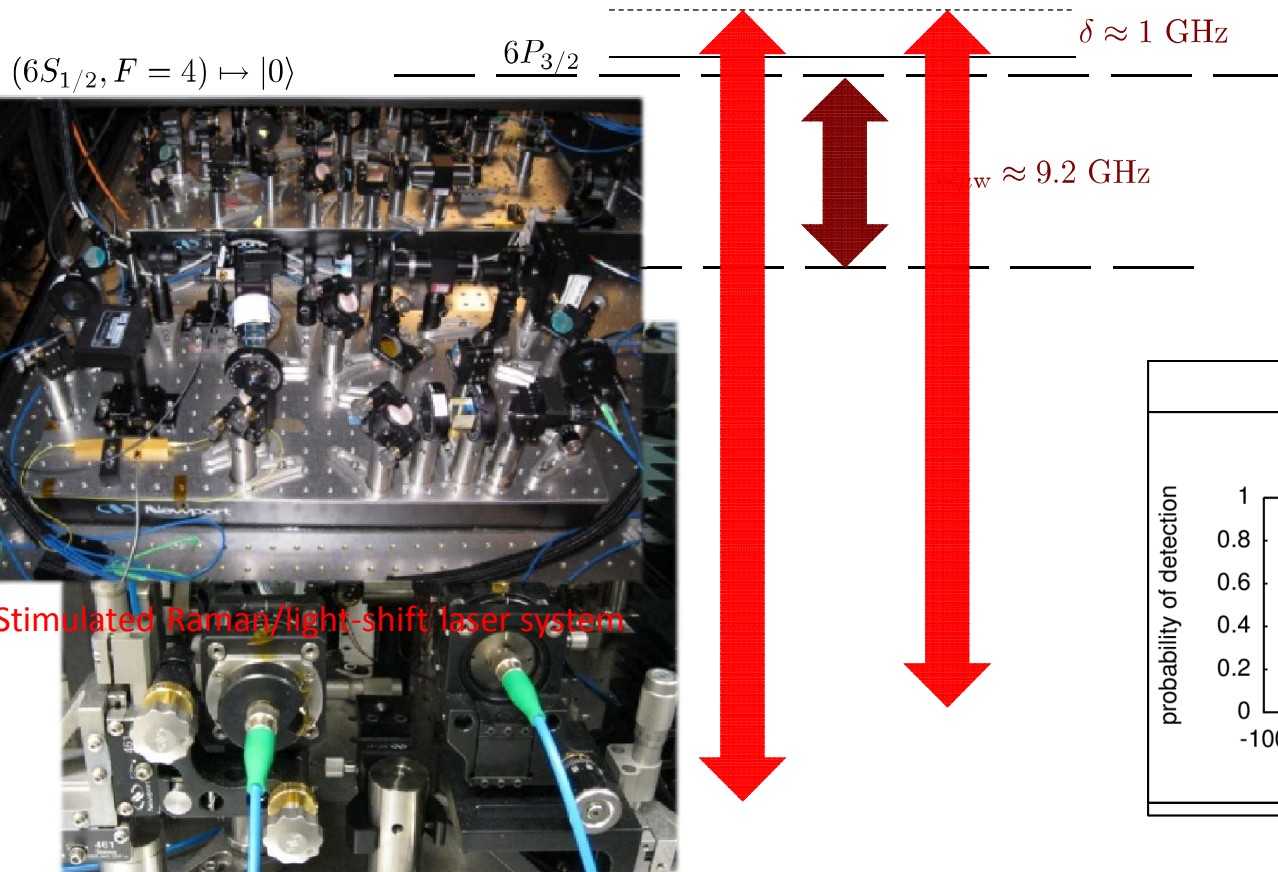
Actual data

QUBO with cesium atoms

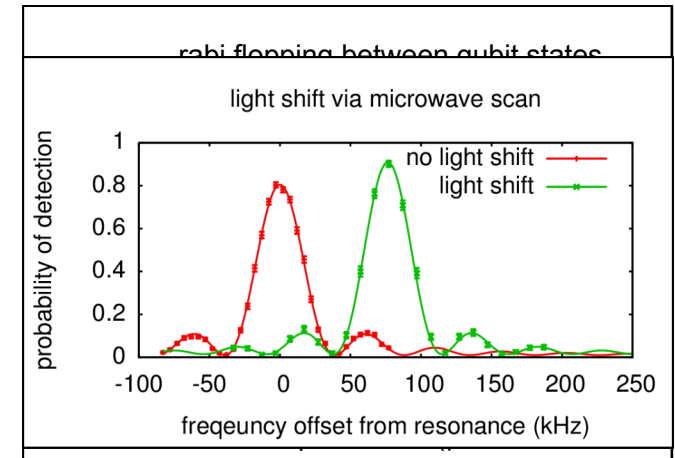
Interactions controlled by lasers and microwaves

$$\lambda \approx 852 \text{ nm}$$

$$\omega \approx 100 \text{ kHz}$$



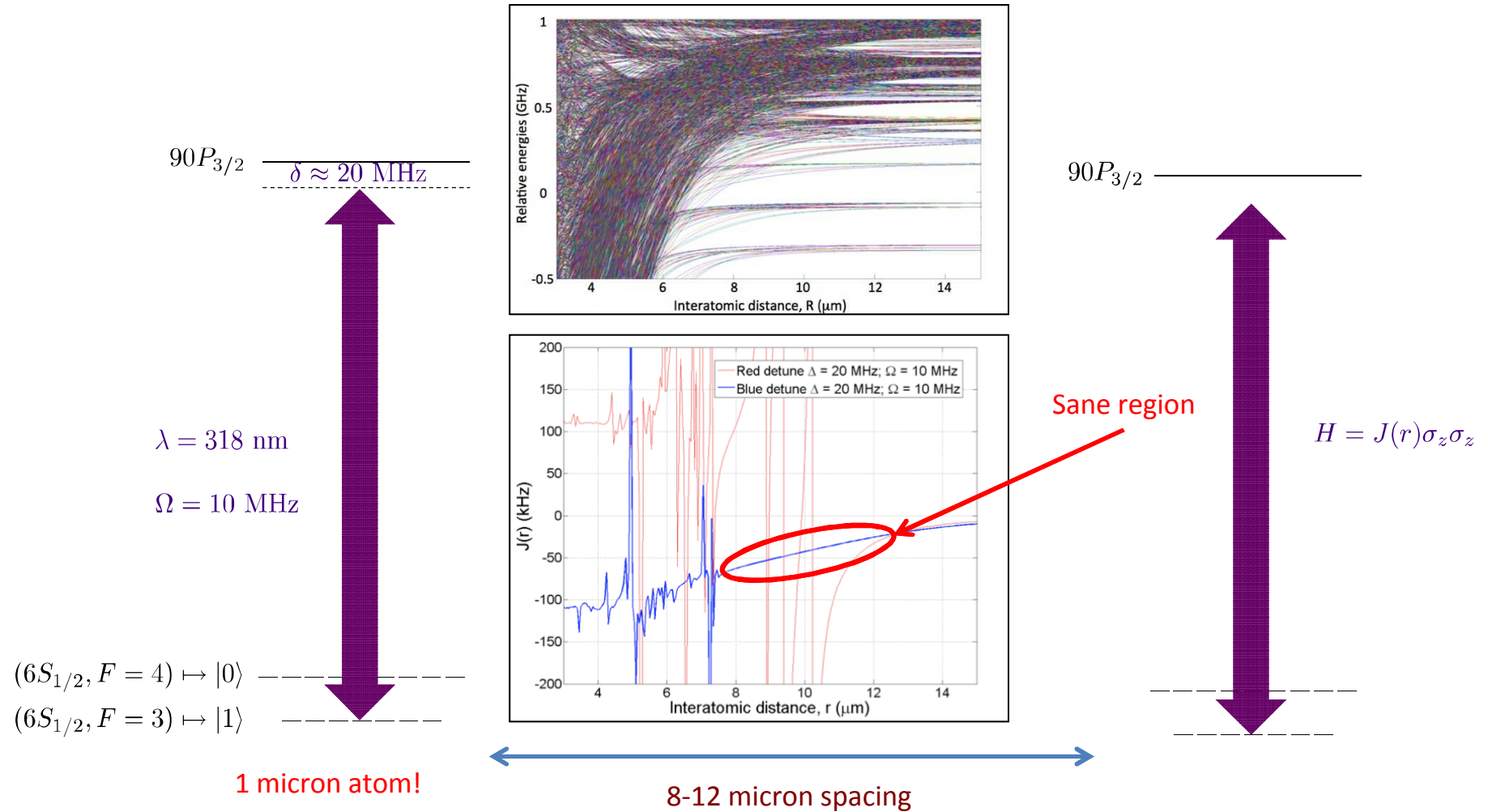
$$H = \frac{\hbar}{2} \omega_{\mu w} \sigma_x$$



Actual data

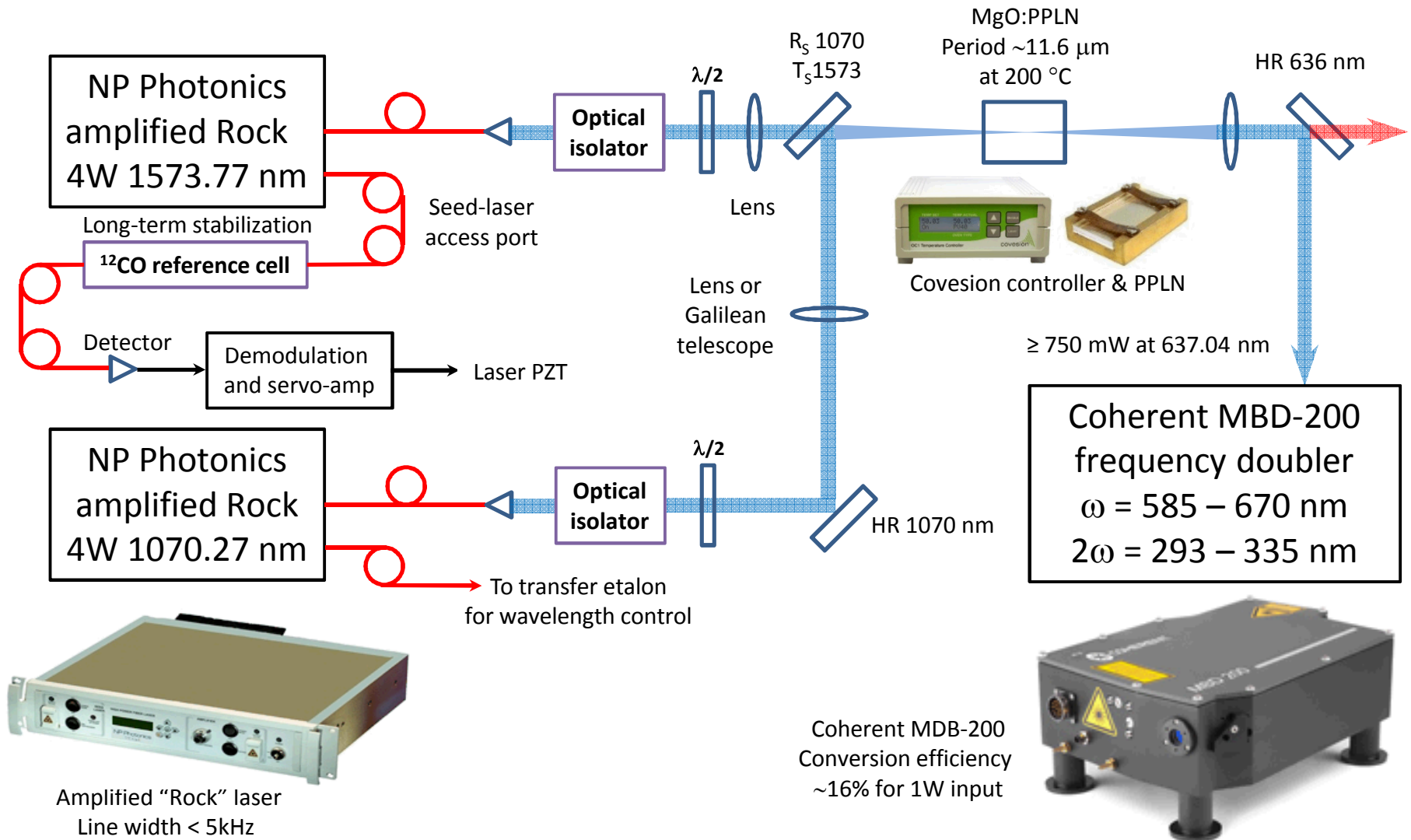
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The Rydberg blockade



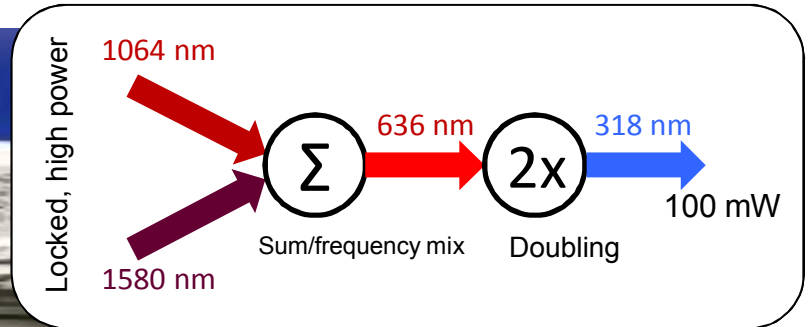
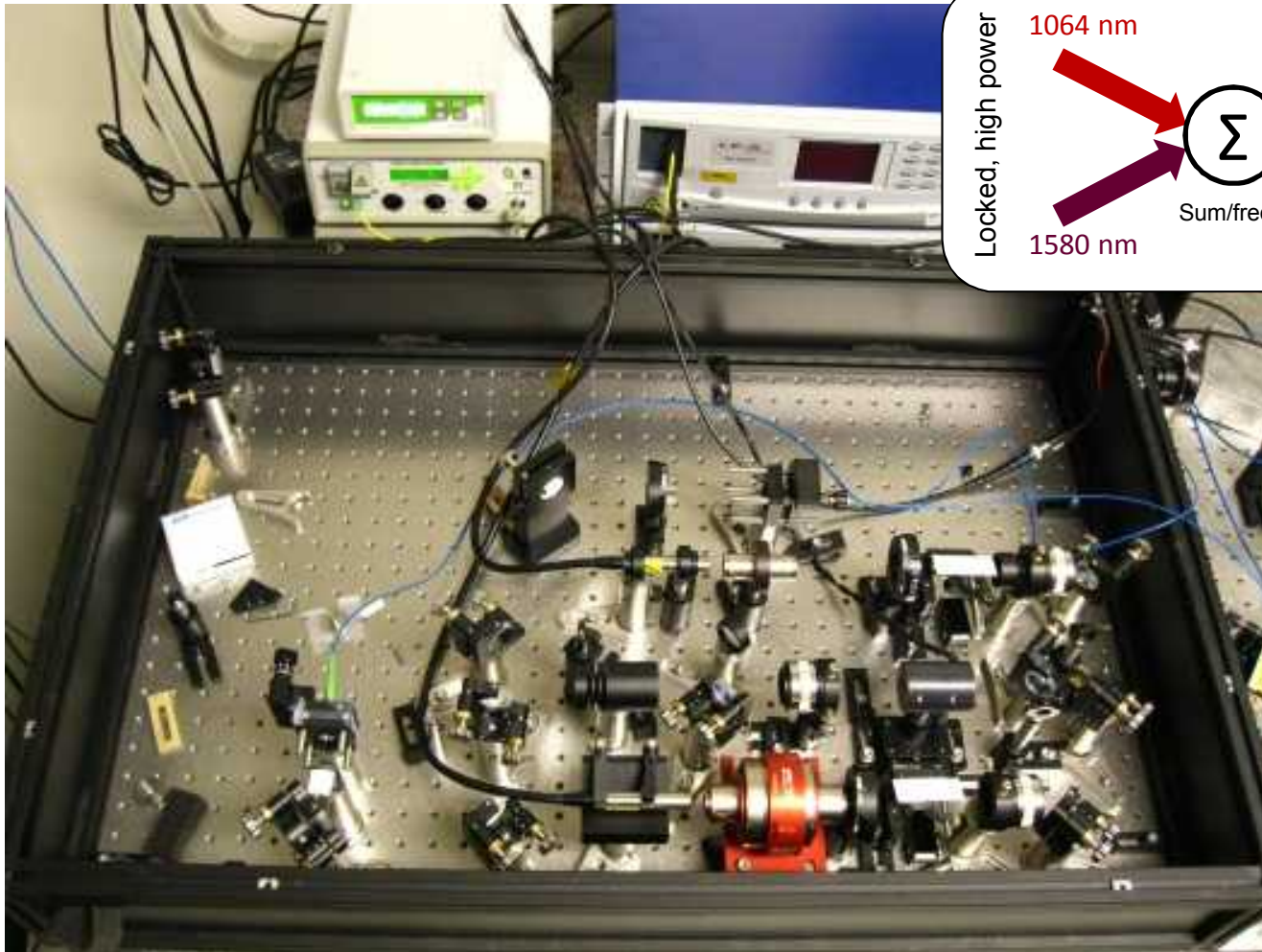
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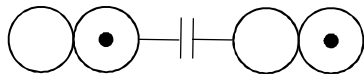
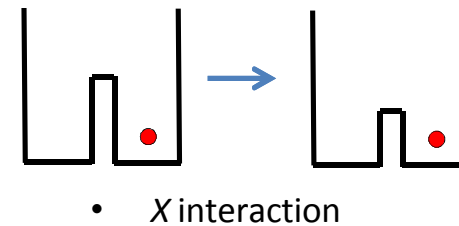
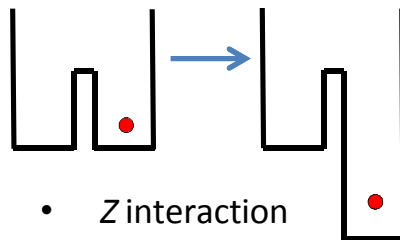
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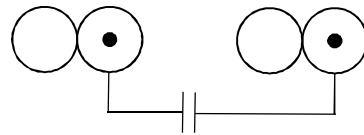


The silicon charge qubit

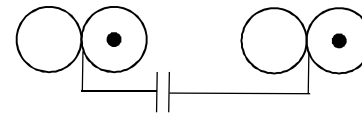
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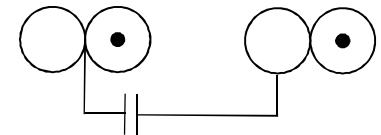
ZZ interaction



-ZZ interaction



XX interaction



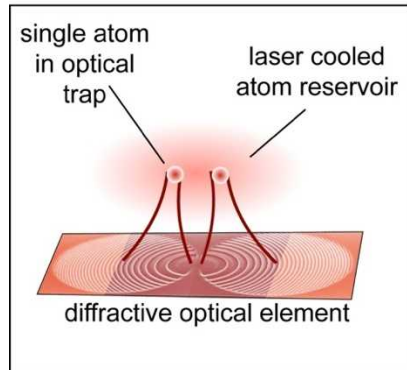
XZ interaction

QUBO with ^{133}Cs

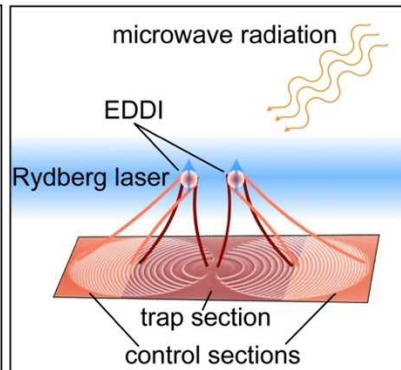
Spinoff optics technology

Cs level structure

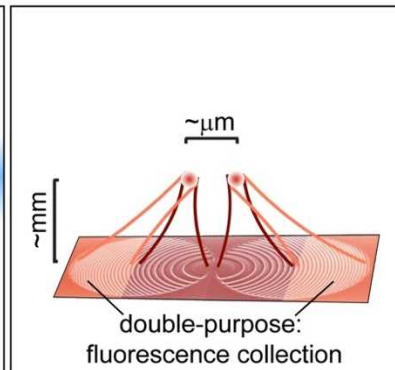
Initialize



Adiabatic Evolution

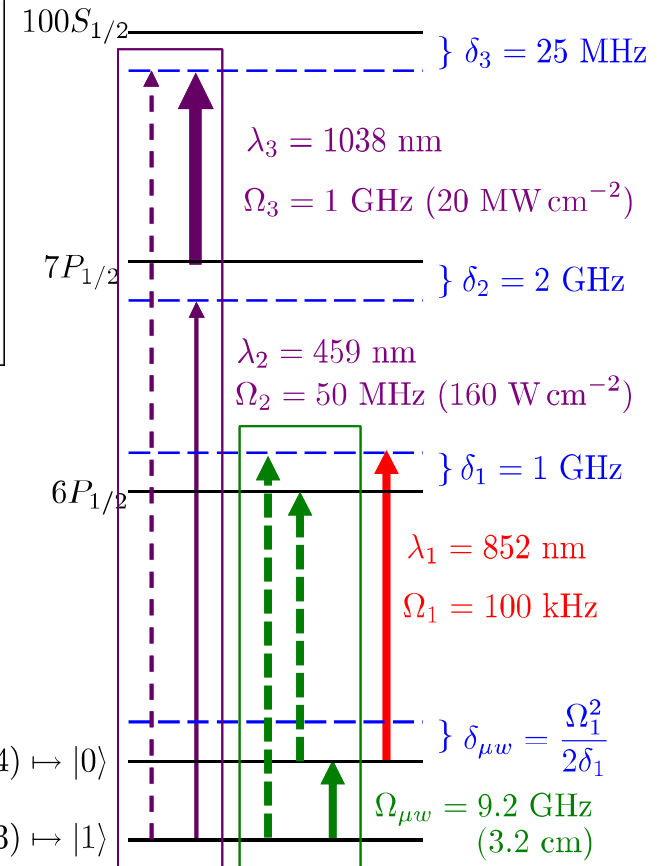


State Readout



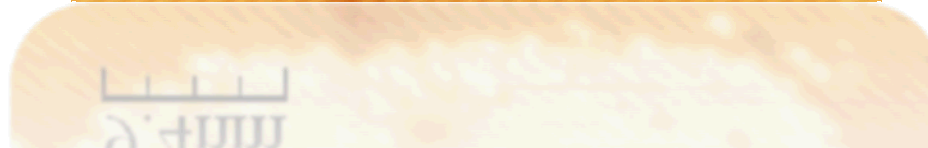
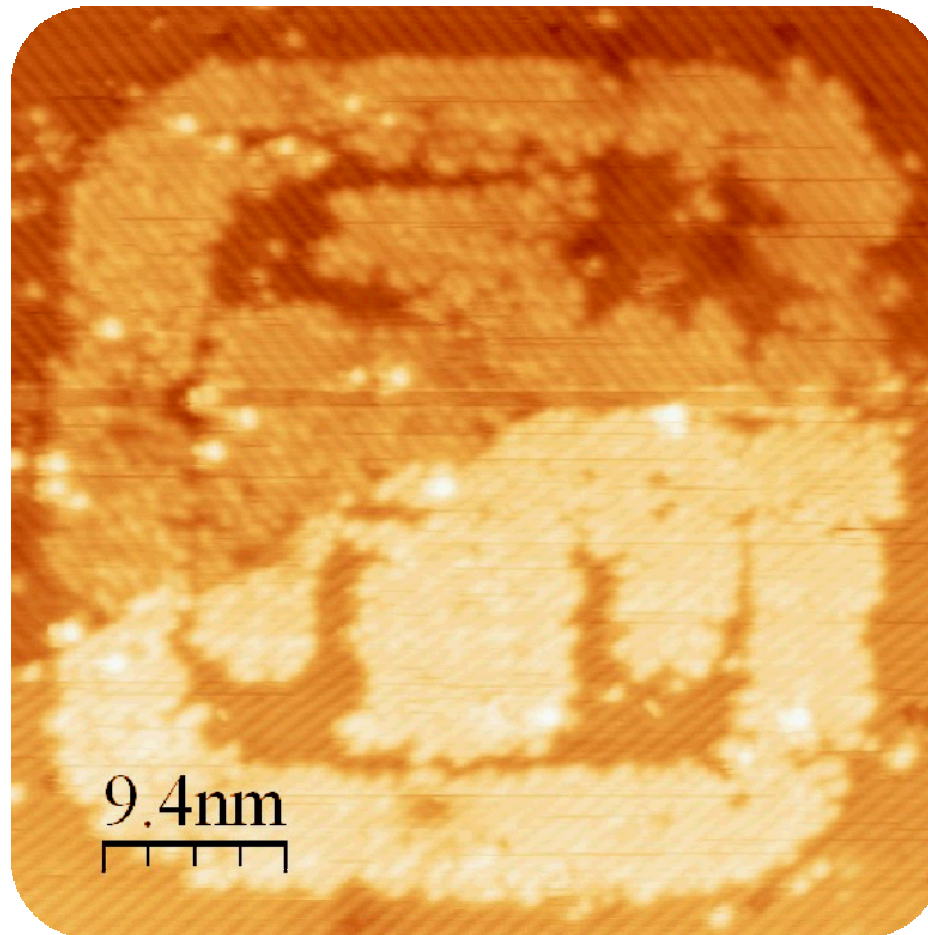
$$H = \frac{\hbar}{2} \left[\sum_i \Omega_{\mu w}^{(i)}(s) \sigma_x^{(i)} + \sum_i \delta_{\mu w}^{(i)}(s) \sigma_z^{(i)} + \sum_{ij} \frac{\Omega^{(i)} \Omega^{(j)}}{8 \delta_2(s)^3} \frac{(1 \pm \sigma_z^{(i)})}{2} \frac{(1 \pm \sigma_z^{(j)})}{2} \right]$$

Microwaves/
two-photon
Raman
Light shifts
Rydberg interactions



The Sandia nanologo

Atom-sized features



Results: Atomic-precision lithography Sandia National Laboratories

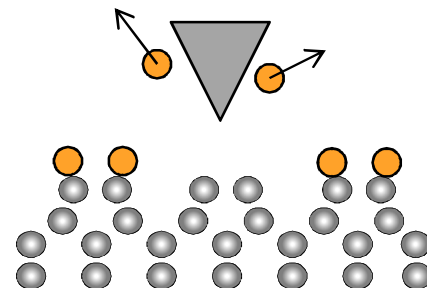
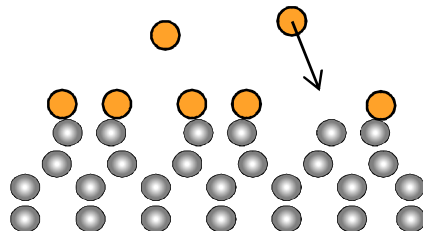
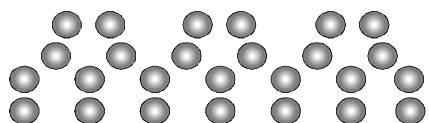
0.7 nm lithography

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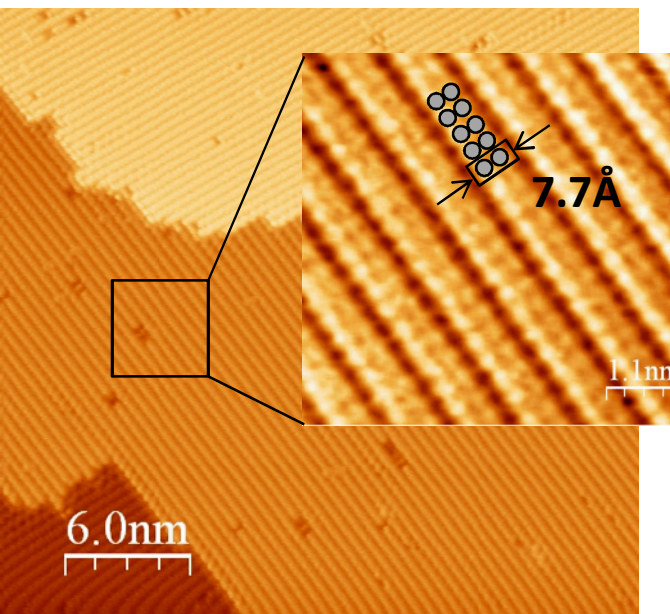
2. Low-defect H resist layers

3. Atomic-precision windows in resist

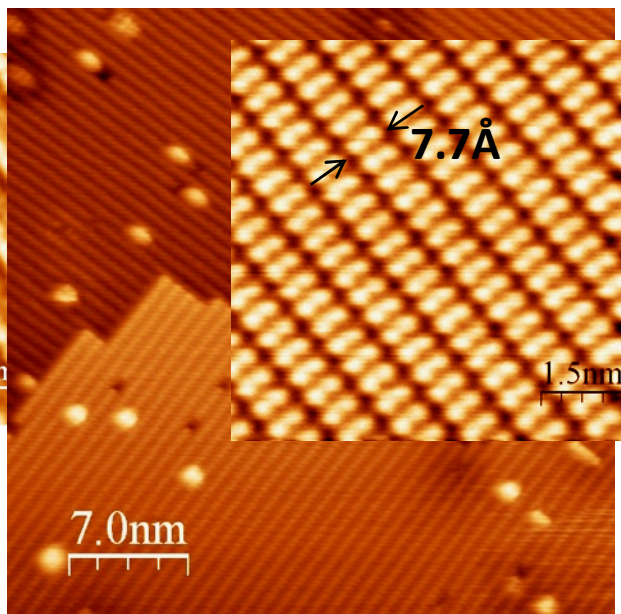
Side views



Top views



Si(100)-2x1



Si(100)-2x1-monohydride

