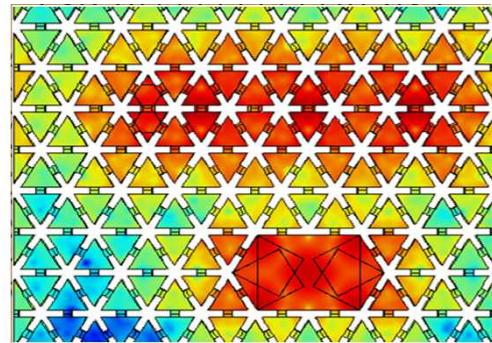
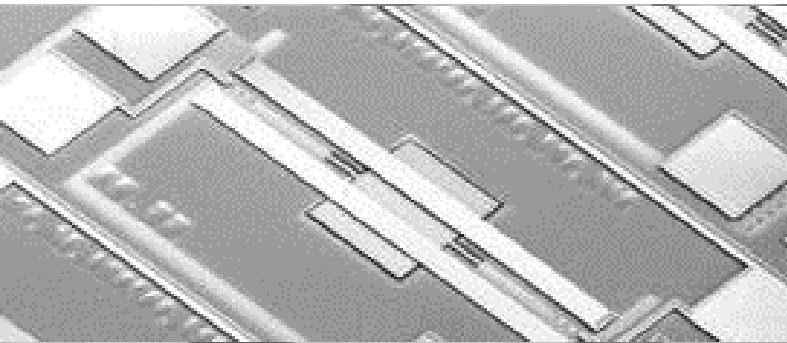


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# Chip Scale Phonon-Based Scalable Quantum Computing

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# Quantum Computing Basics

- ***Classical Computer:***

- Memory made up of **bits**,
- Each **bit** represents either a **1** or **0**.
- A classical computer with **n** bits can be in **ONLY 1 of  $2^n$**  possible states.
- **e.g. 2 bits:**  $(0,1)$  and  $(0,1) \rightarrow 2^n: (0,0)$  **OR**  $(0,1)$ , **OR**  $(1,0)$ , **OR**  $(1,1)$

- ***Quantum Computer:***

- Maintains a sequence of **qubits**.
- A single **qubit** can represent a **1**, **0**, or **ANY quantum superposition** of **1** and **0**.
- a quantum computer with **n qubits** can be in an arbitrary superposition of up to  **$2^n$**  different states simultaneously
- **e.g. 2 bits:**  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle$  and  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow 2^n: a|00\rangle + b|01\rangle + c|10\rangle + d|11\rangle$ ; **with**  $|a|^2 + |b|^2 + |c|^2 + |d|^2 = 1$

- ***Advantages of “large scale” Quantum Computing:***

- Fast factorization of large integers  $\rightarrow$  **Cryptography**
- Simulation of **quantum** many body systems



# Quantum Computing Basics

- ***Requirements of Quantum Computing:***

- Coherently Superpose or “**Entangle**” a large number of qubits
- Ability to address each qubit independently “**local control**”
- Fast gates “**operations**” before qubits decohere

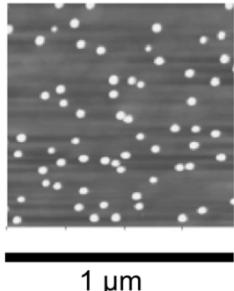
- ***Types of Qubits:***

- “**Stationary**” qubits, i.e. trapped/not in motion → “**easy**” to encode information on, but “**hard**” to communicate it!
  - Trapped atoms
  - Trapped ions
  - Josephson Junctions
  - Quantum dots
  - Defect atoms (donor/acceptor) in a strained matrix
  - Nitrogen vacancies in Diamond
- “**Flying**” qubits, i.e. in motion by default → “**hard**” to encode information on, but “**easy**” to communicate it!
  - Photons
  - Phonons?
  - Polaritons?
  - Plasmons?
  - Magnons?...etc

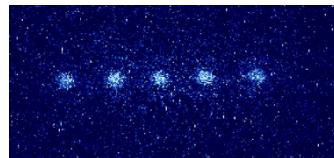


# Challenges facing Scalable Quantum Computing

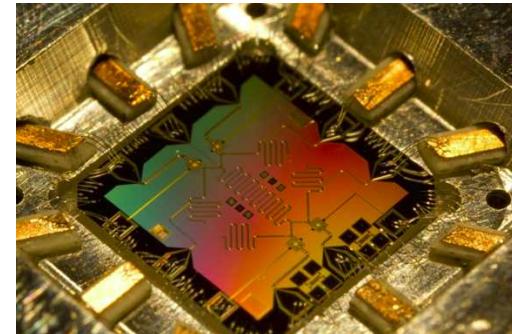
## Inhomogeneity



## Spectral Crowding



## Stringent Fabrication Demands



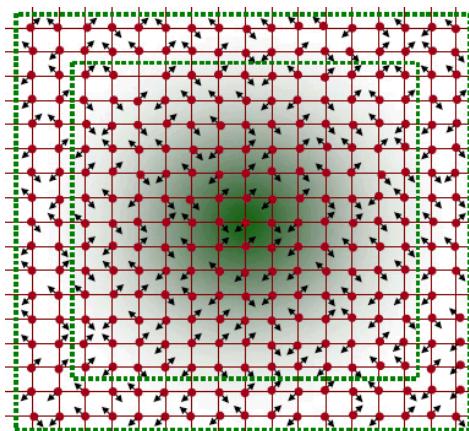
AFM image of self-assembled InGaAs QDs before capping layer  
Courtesy Bingyang Zhang, Stanford

Ions in a linear chain and example spectral lines  
Courtesy Francisco Benito, SNL

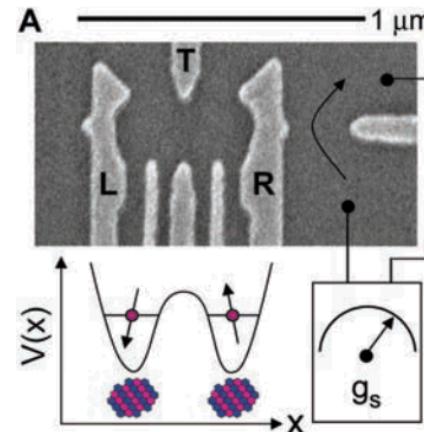
Superconducting chip with four qubits  
Photo by Erik Lucero, UCSB,  
Featured in BBC News

## Decoherence

Liu, Yao,  
and Sham,  
*NJP* (2007)



## Local Interactions

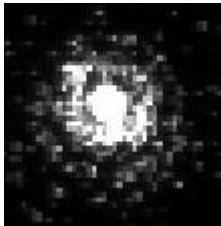


Petta, et al.  
*Science* (2005)



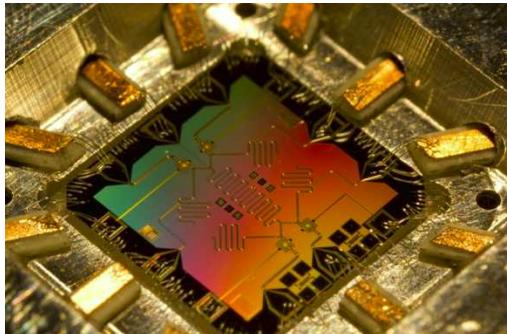
# If We Could Create The Perfect Qubit

## Homogeneity



Single Atoms

## Isolated Transitions



Ability to control interactions  
via quantum transducers

Sun, *et al. Phys Rev A* (2006)  
Mariantoni *et al. Nat. Phys.* (2011)

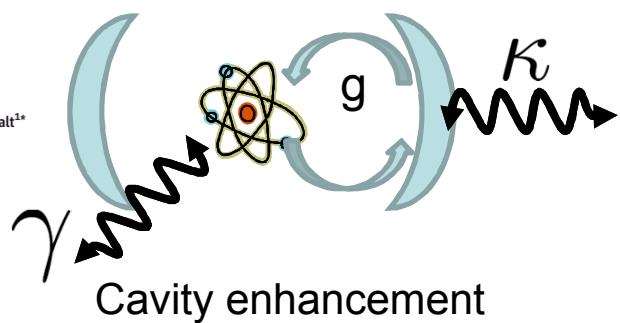
## Coherence

Room-Temperature Quantum Bit  
Storage Exceeding 39 Minutes  
Using Ionized Donors in Silicon-28

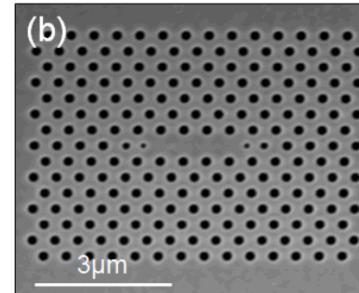
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## Strong controlled Interactions



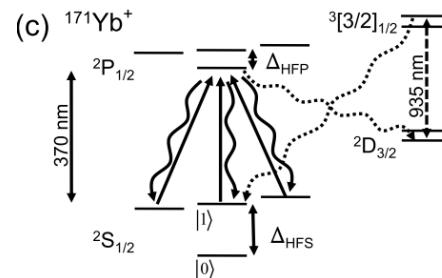
## Relax Fabrication Demands



Radulaski *et al. Optics Express* (2013)

Within current fab abilities  
Little impact on qubit perform.  
Can be fabricated in mass

## Reliable Measurement



Noek *et al. Optics Lett.* (2013)



# The “Phoniton” Qubit

**Phonon based quantum computing , “*The Phoniton*”, has the ability to provide most, if not all, of the favorable qubit attributes:**

**Phoniton Qubit = Sound-Matter quasi particle**

II

*Phononic  
Crystal Cavity*

+

*Phonon*

+

*single acceptor  
atom*

II

*Homogeneity*

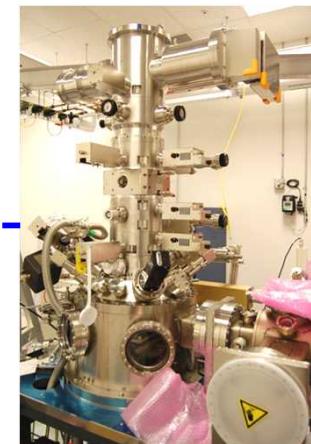
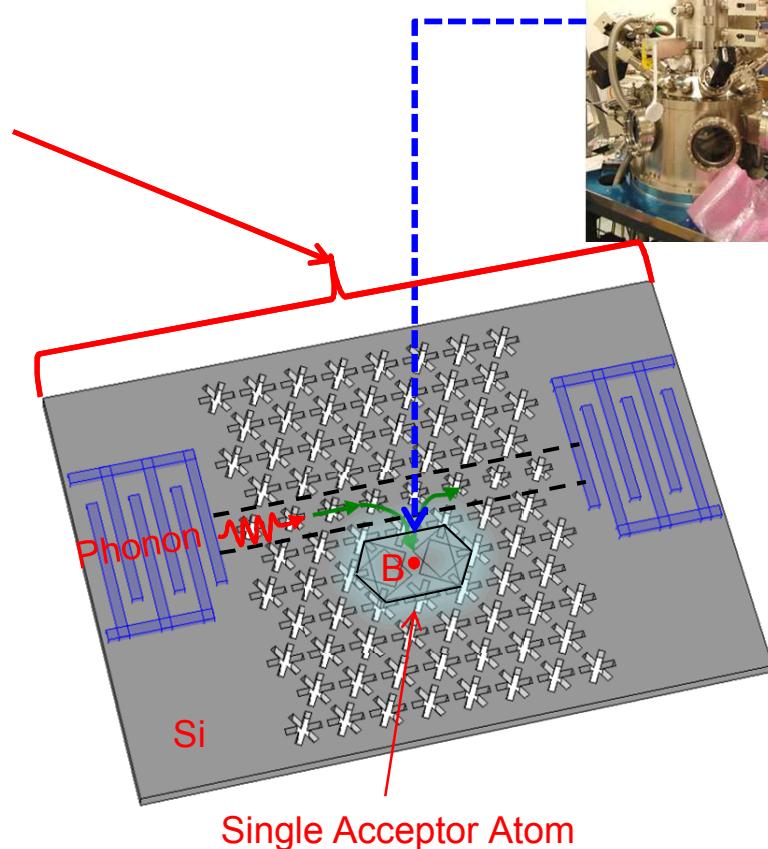
*Isolated Transitions*

*Fabrication Demands*

*Strong Interactions*

*Coherence*

*Reliable Measurement*

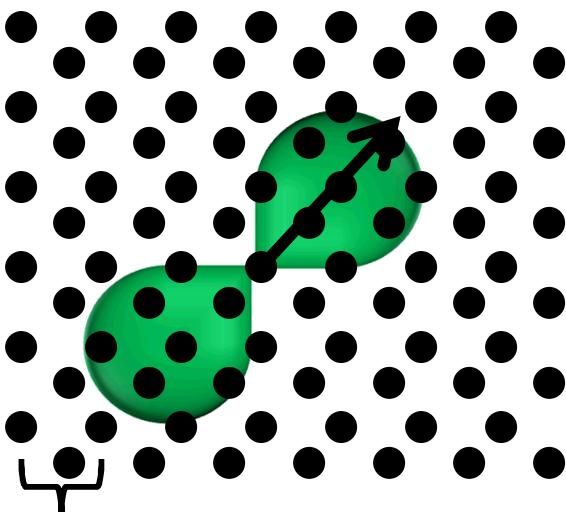




# The memory Qubit

*Acceptor-bound hole spin system: hydrogenic wavefunction inside semiconductors*

Bohr radius  $\approx 1.3$  nm



lattice spacing = 0.54 nm

III	IV	V	VI
B	C	N	O
Al	Si	P	S
Ga	Ge	As	Se
In	Sn	Sb	Te

Impurity Potential

$$U(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{-e^2}{4\pi\epsilon r}$$

Hydrogen Effective Mass Equation

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m^*} \nabla^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon r} \right) F(\mathbf{r}) = EF(\mathbf{r})$$

$m^*$  = effective hole mass ( $0.46 m_0$ )

$\epsilon$  = Relative Permittivity (11.7)

*Homogeneity*

*Coherence*

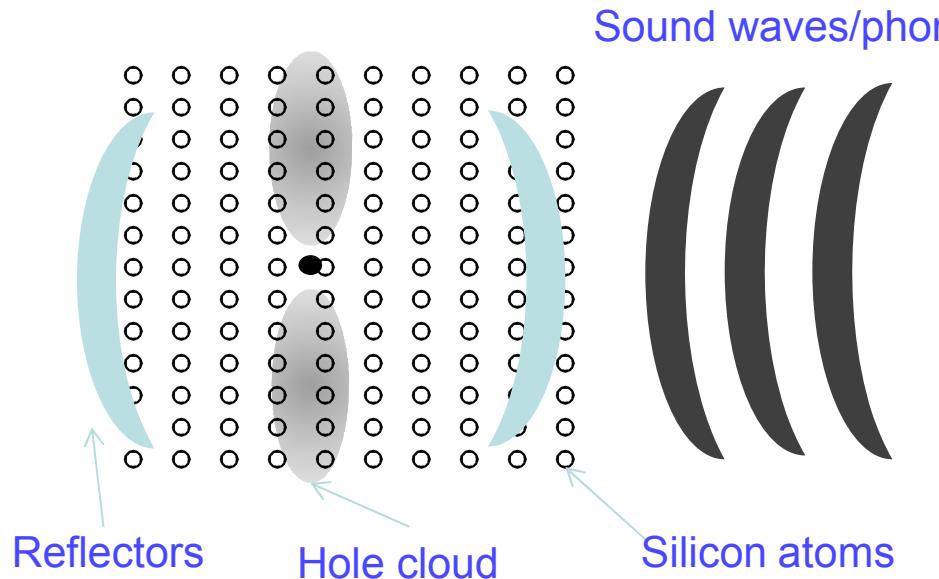
**Room-Temperature Quantum Bit  
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# Coupling a phonon to an acceptor spin

arXiv:1208.1776v1 [cond-mat.mes-hall] 8 Aug 2012  
**On-chip quantum phonodynamics**  
Rusko Ruskov and Charles Tahan

Makes use of spin-orbit interaction  
(Larger for holes)



Add boundary conditions via a cavity  
with mode volume  $V$

$$H_g \approx \hbar g_{\mathbf{q},\sigma}^{s',s} \left( \sigma_{s',s}^+ b_{\mathbf{q},\sigma} + \sigma_{s',s}^- b_{\mathbf{q},\sigma}^\dagger \right)$$

Coupling strength

Pauli spin operators

$$H_{e,ph}^{ac}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{ij} \hat{D}_{ij} \hat{\varepsilon}_{ij}(\mathbf{r})$$

Deformation potential  
operator

Strain  
tensor  
component

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial r_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial r_i} \right)$$

Quantized mechanical displacement:

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{q},\sigma} (\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{q},\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) b_{\mathbf{q},\sigma} + \mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{q},\sigma}^*(\mathbf{r}) b_{\mathbf{q},\sigma}^\dagger)$$

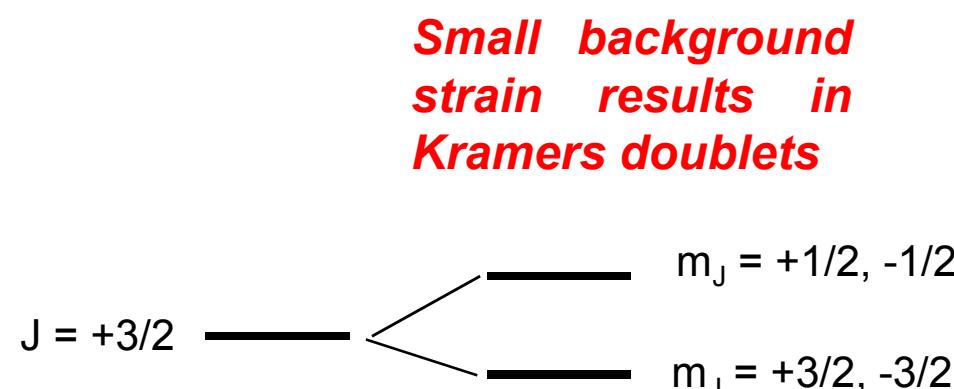
$b_{\mathbf{q},\sigma}^\dagger$  creates phonon in mode  $\mathbf{q}, \sigma$   
with energy  $\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q},\sigma}$

*Familiar Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian*

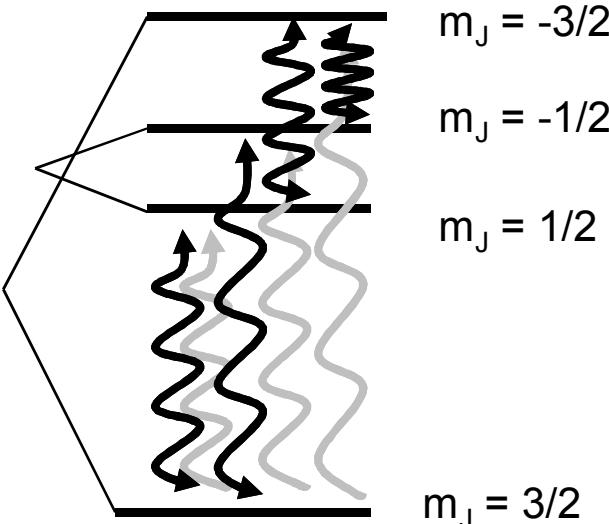
Phonon annihilation and creation operators

# Energy level scheme of acceptor B-atom in a PnC cavity

*Small background strain due to the placement results in Kramers doublets. An applied DC magnetic field results in further splitting and removes degeneracy.*



**Large magnetic field (1-3 T) splits Kramers doublets**



**Coupling is via deformation of crystal (phonon) is allowed (compound orbital)**

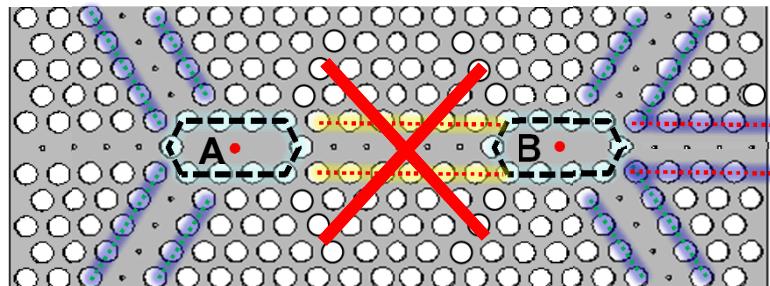
**Homogeneity**

**Reliable Measurement**

**10's of GHz  
All microwave transitions allowed**

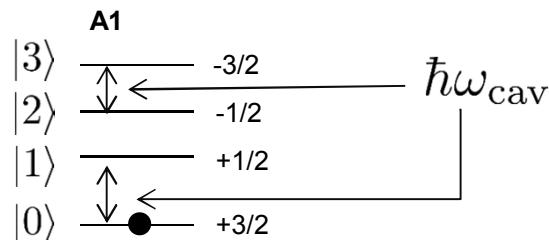


# Entanglement Scheme

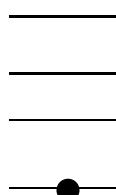


$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= |\psi\rangle_a \otimes |\psi\rangle_b \\ &= |0\rangle_a |0\rangle_b \end{aligned}$$

Initialize to  $|0\rangle$  state

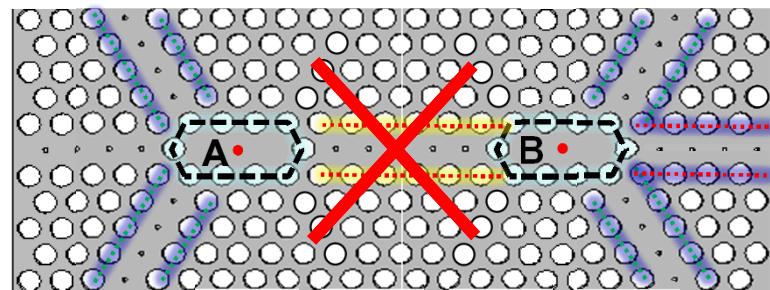


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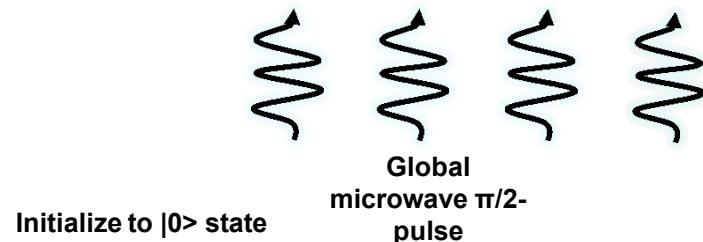




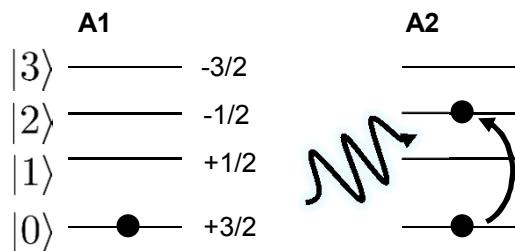
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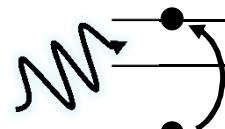
$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|0\rangle_a + |2\rangle_a) \otimes (|0\rangle_b + |2\rangle_b)$$



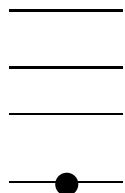
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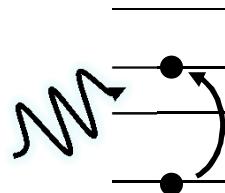
A2



B1

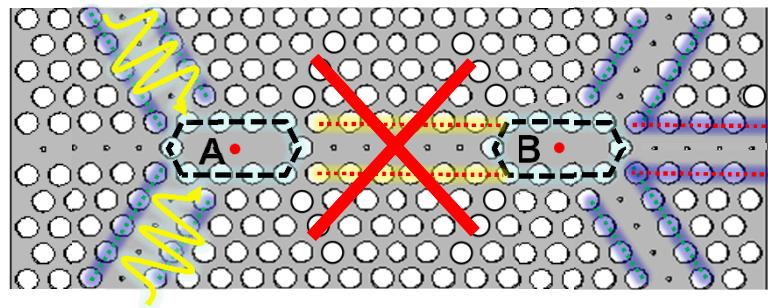


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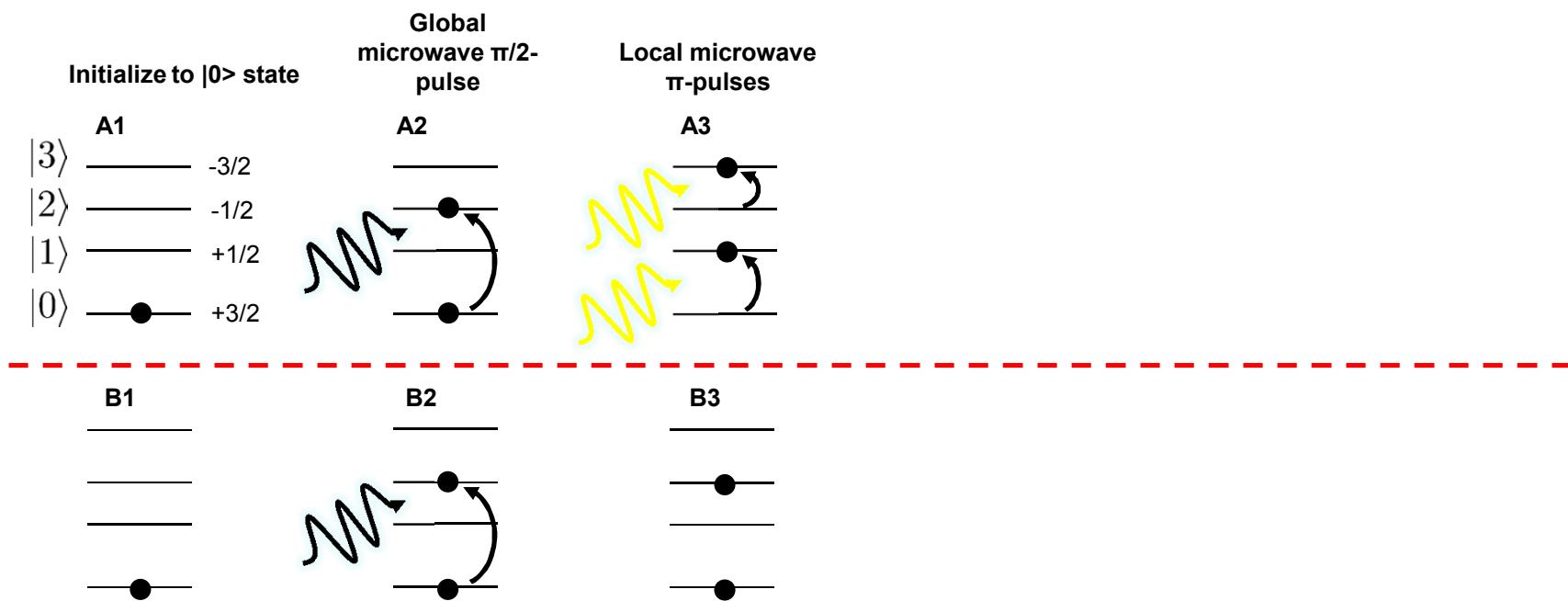




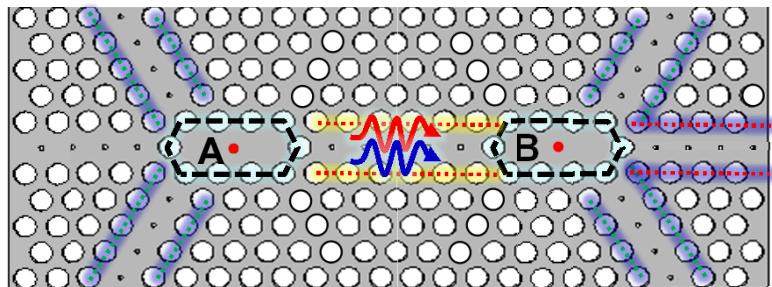
# Entanglement Scheme



$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|1\rangle_a + |3\rangle_a) \otimes (|0\rangle_b + |2\rangle_b)$$



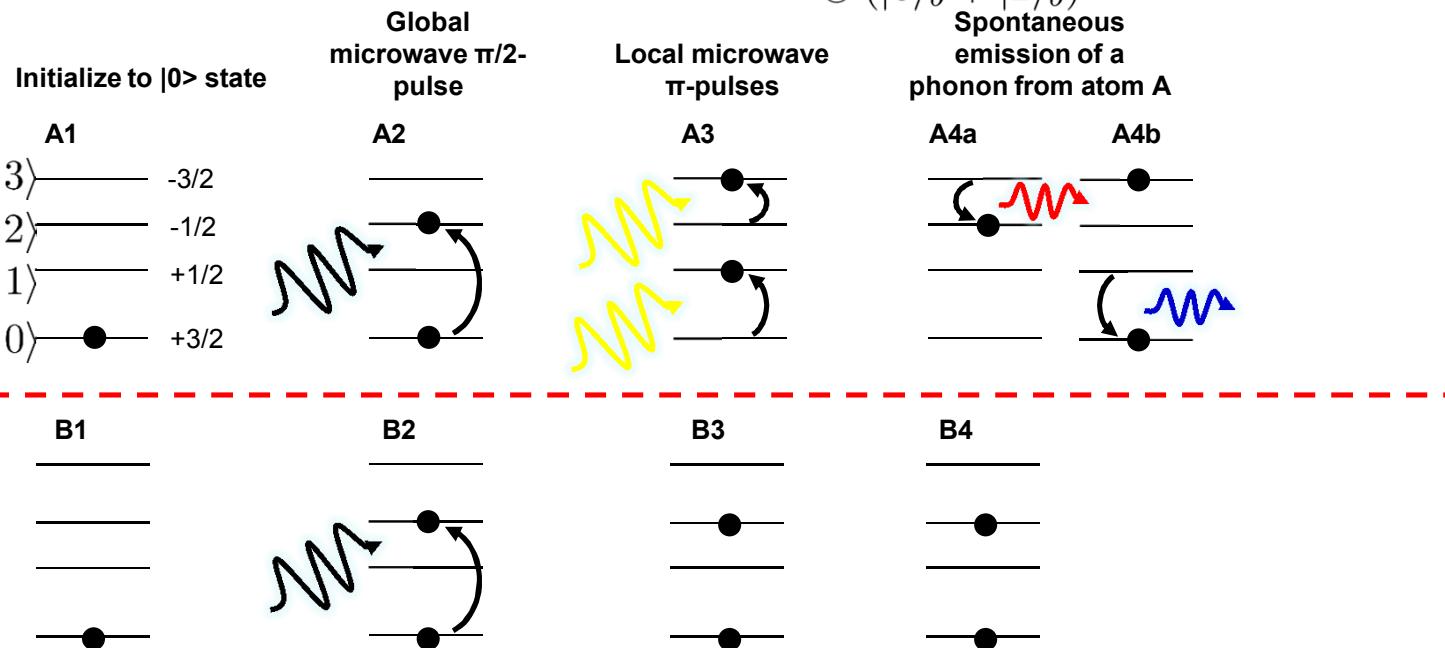
# Entanglement Scheme



$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1\rangle_a + |2\rangle_a) |r\rangle_{\text{ph}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle_a + |3\rangle_a) |b\rangle_{\text{ph}} \right) \otimes (|0\rangle_b + |2\rangle_b)$$

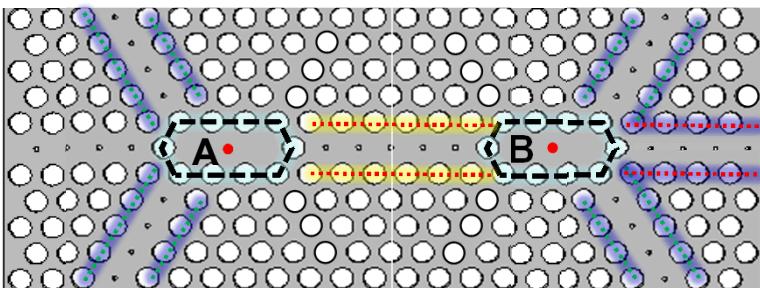
Spontaneous  
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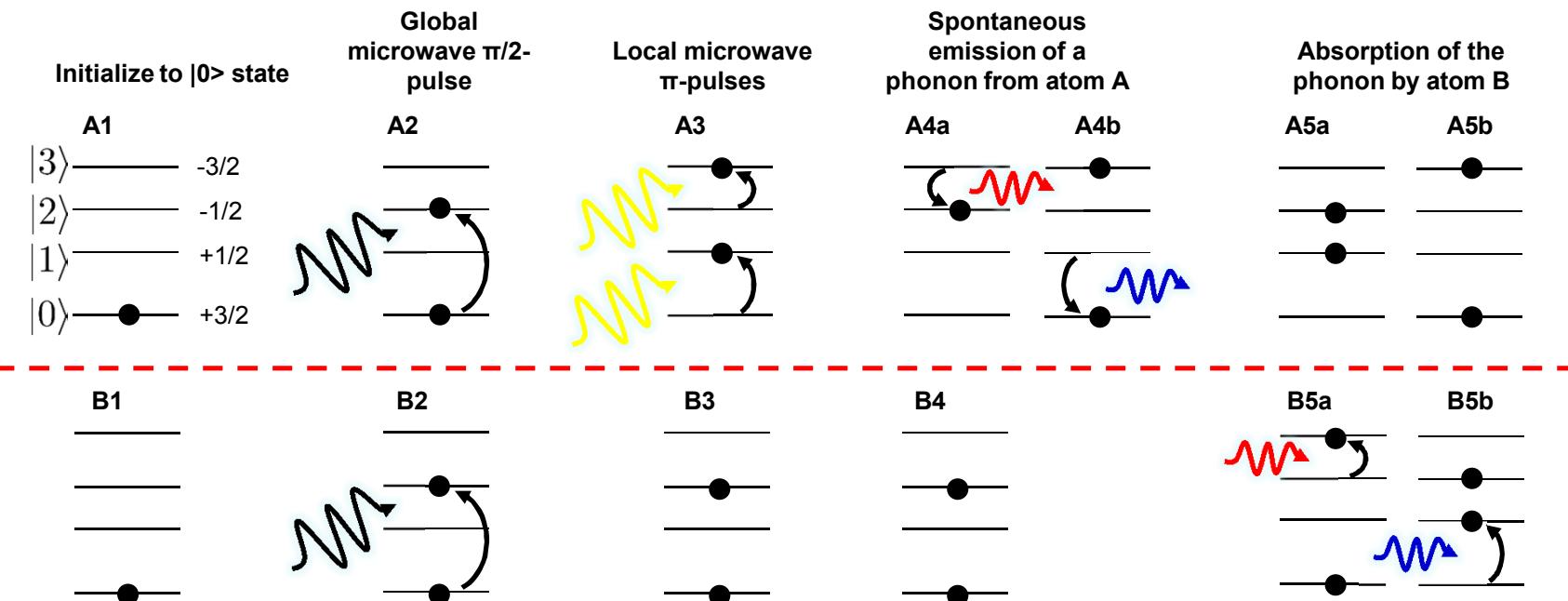
# Entanglement scheme



$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} ((|1\rangle_a + |2\rangle_a)(|0\rangle_b + |3\rangle_b) + (|0\rangle_a + |3\rangle_a)(|1\rangle_b + |2\rangle_b))$$

Switching to basis:  $\begin{cases} |x\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}(|0\rangle + |3\rangle) \\ |y\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}(|1\rangle + |2\rangle) \end{cases}$

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|y\rangle_a |x\rangle_b + |x\rangle_a |y\rangle_b)$$



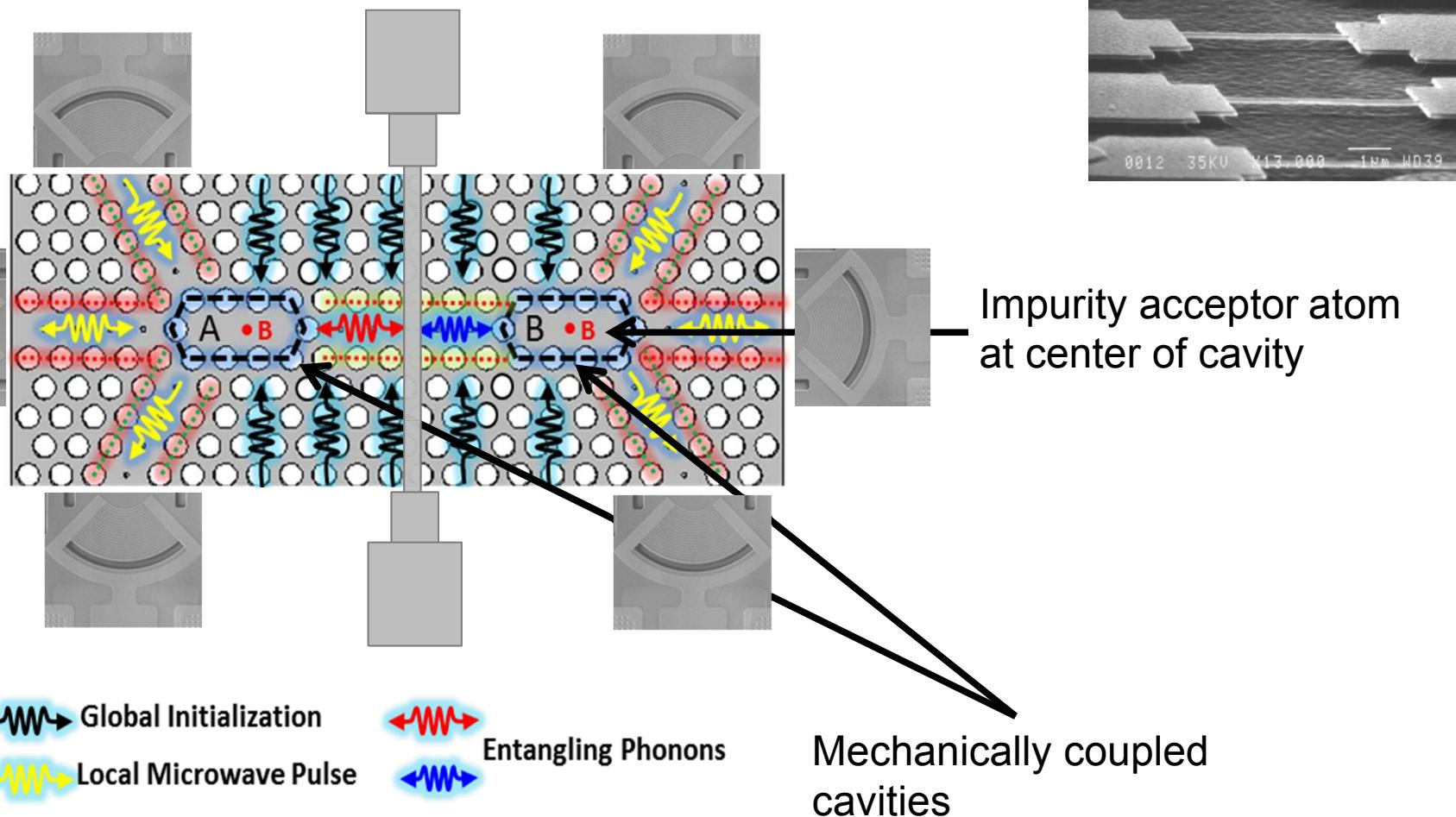


# Controlling Interactions and Local Qubit Control

MEMS based cantilever system for **MHz** waveguide control

Top View:

Focusing AlN transducers for local microwave pulses

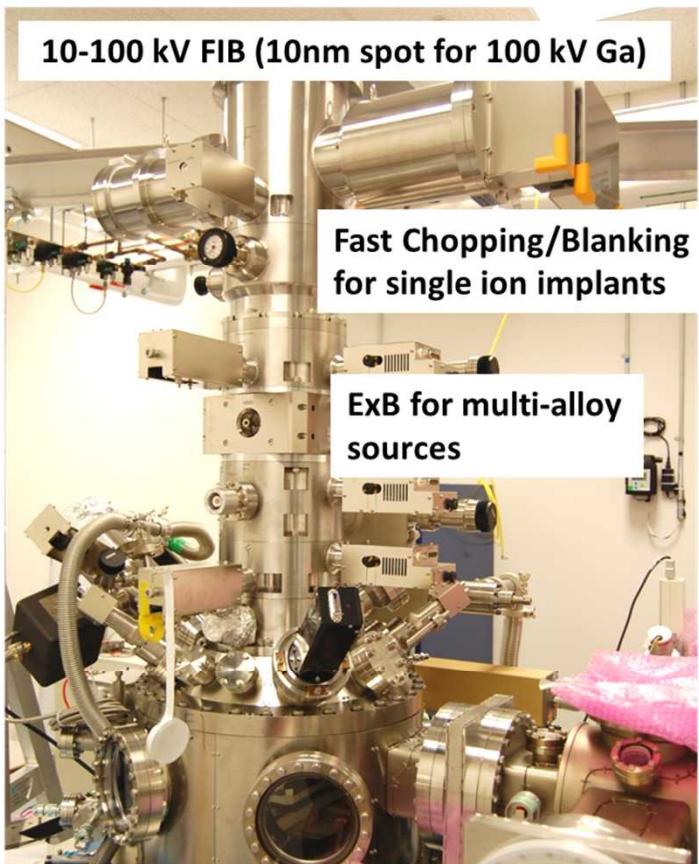




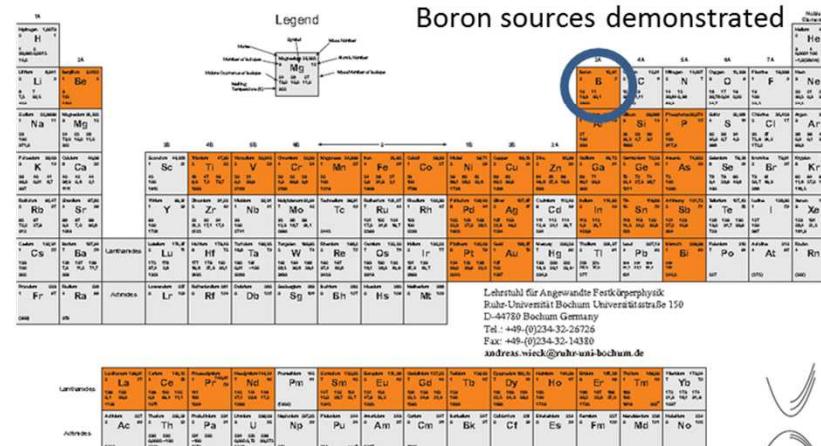
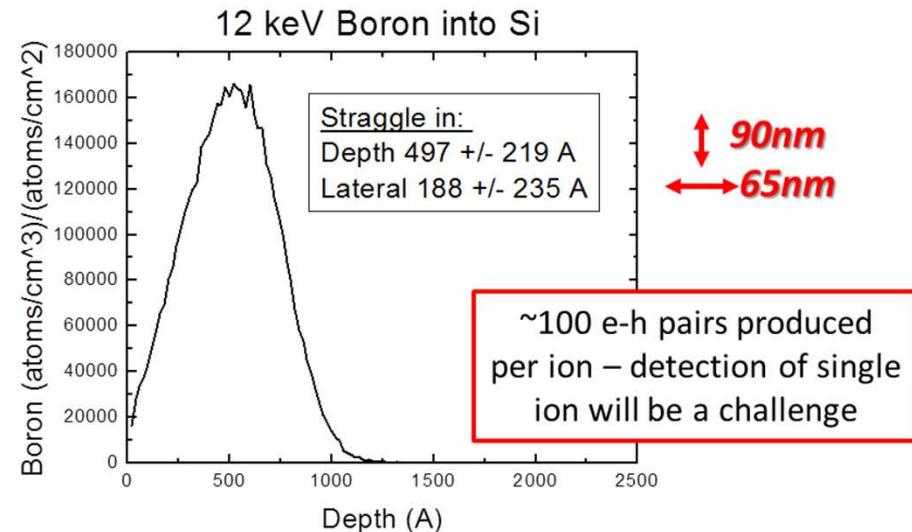
# Placement Straggle

## Single Boron Acceptor Implantation into Si

- Target a depth of 50 nm and determine the resulting straggle and ionization



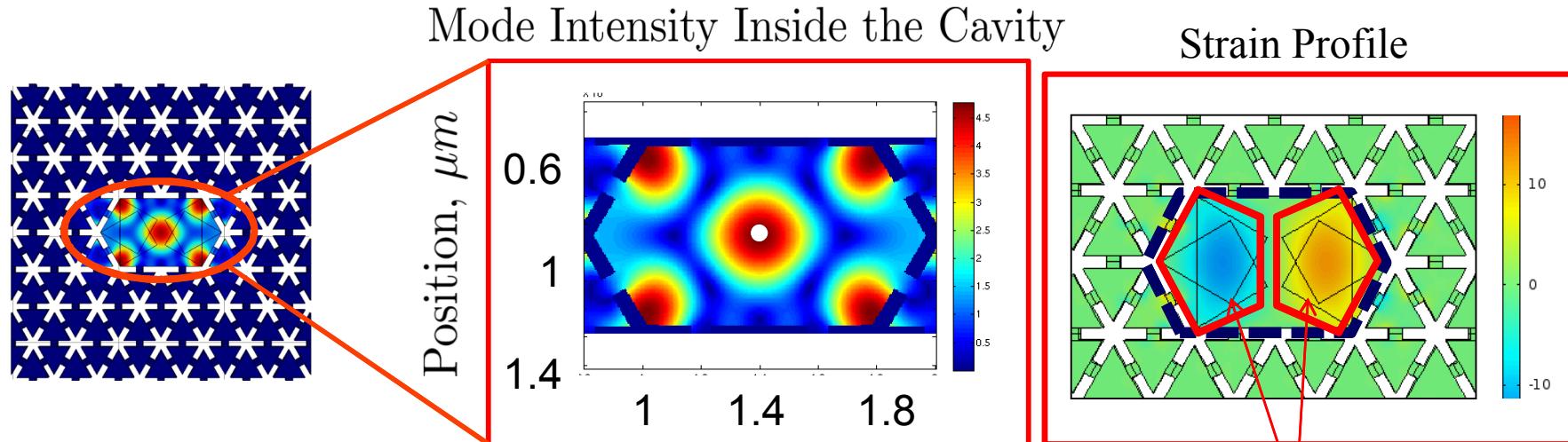
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and high resolution stage for accurate  
positioning



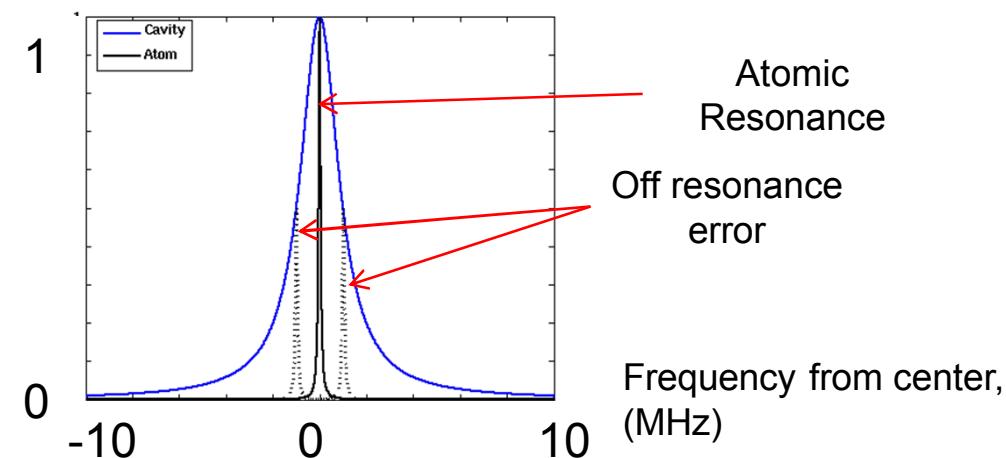
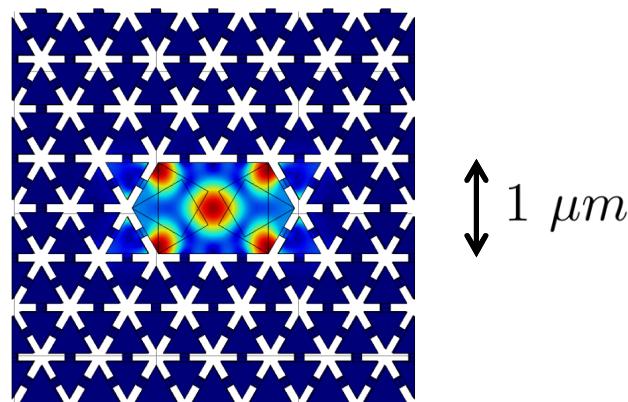
From Professor Weick Ruhr Uni Bochum

# Fabrication demands are low

## Placing an impurity in a cavity:

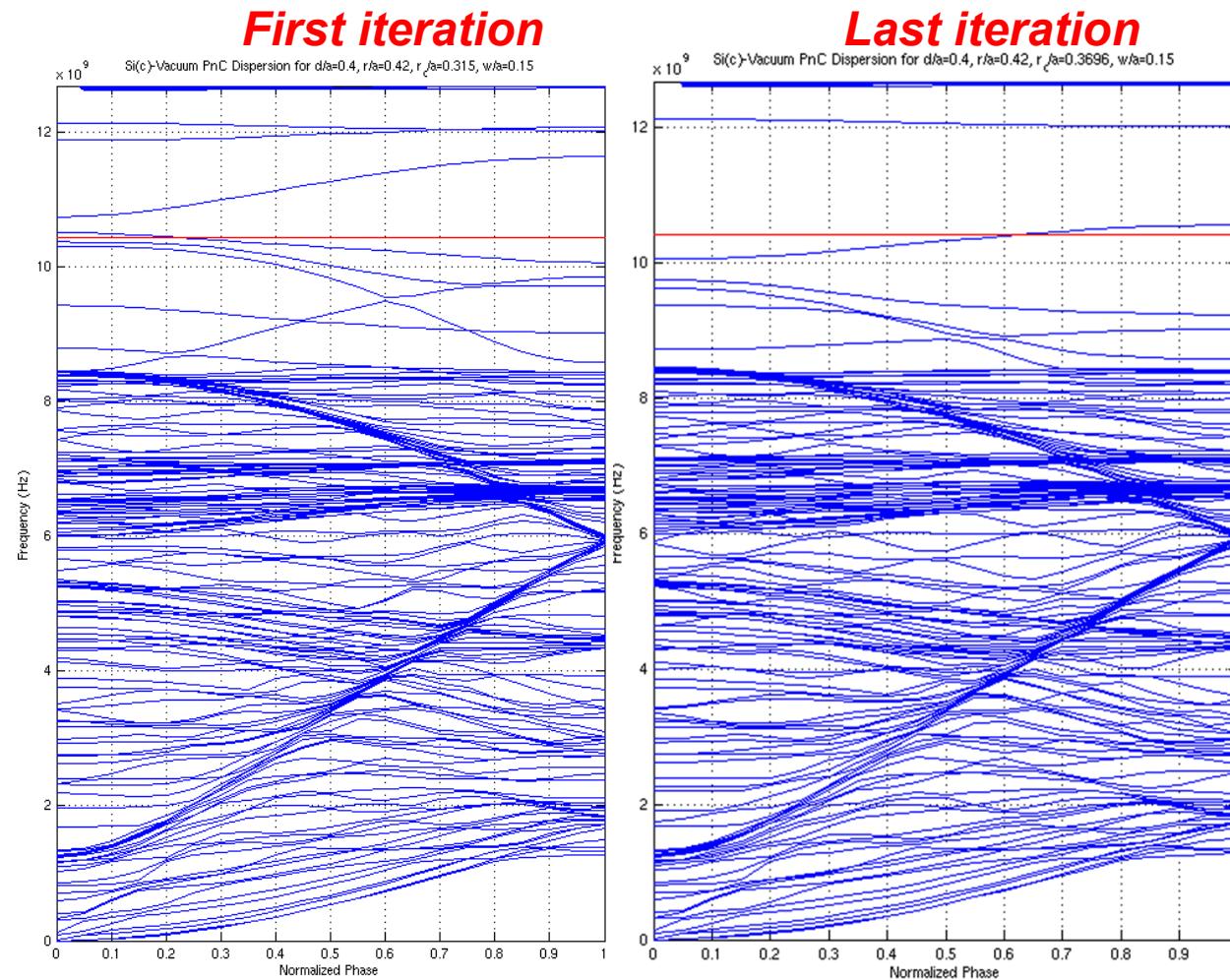
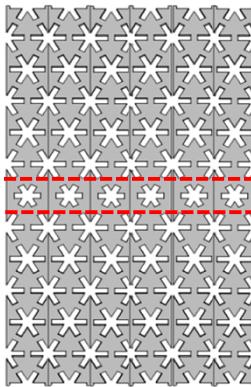


Crystal size not critical:



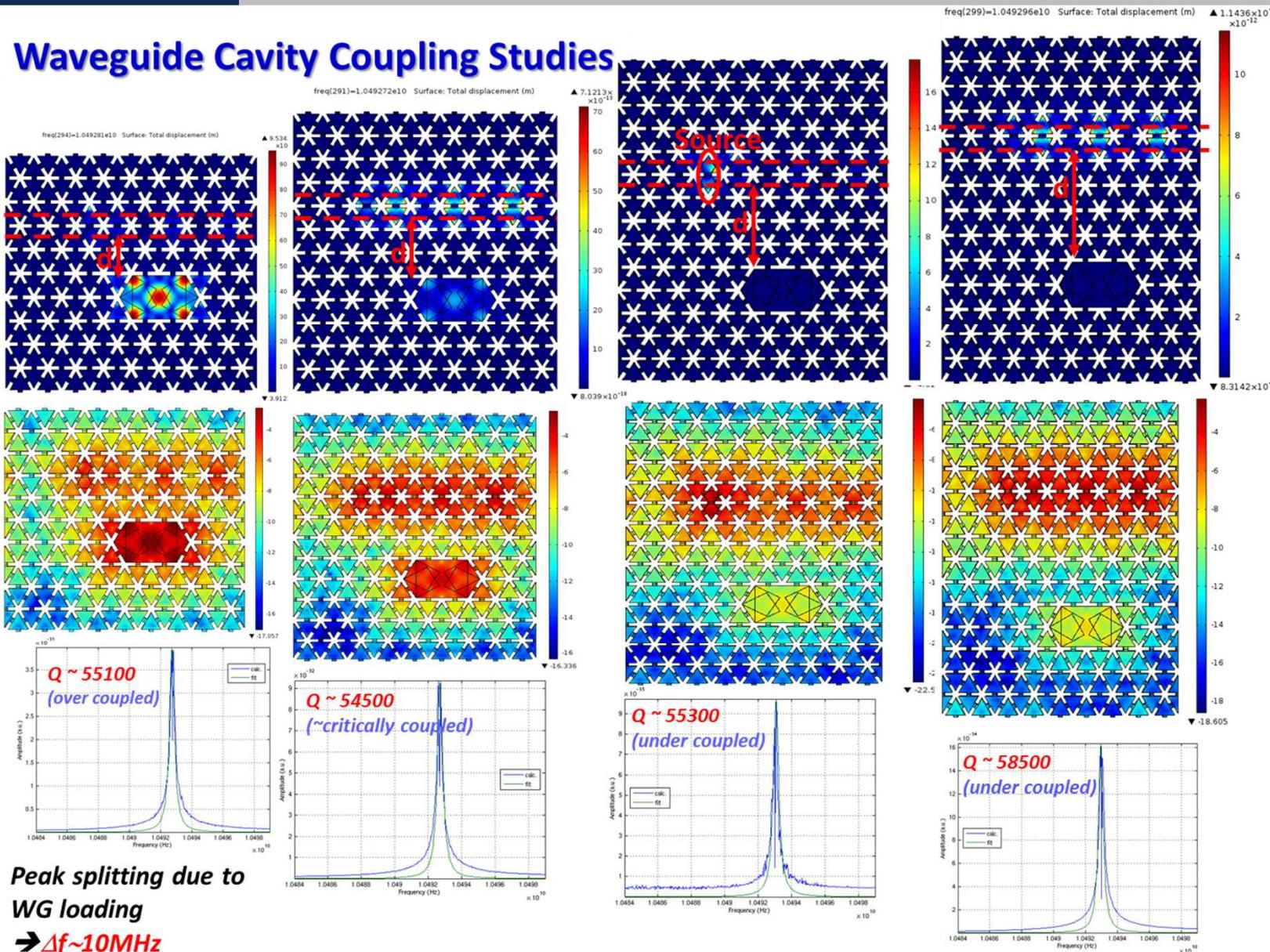
# Phonon Based Communication

- Optimize wave guide topology so that the waveguide cavity mode intercept
- Try to design single mode waveguide
- OR ensure a clean intercept with no competing modes



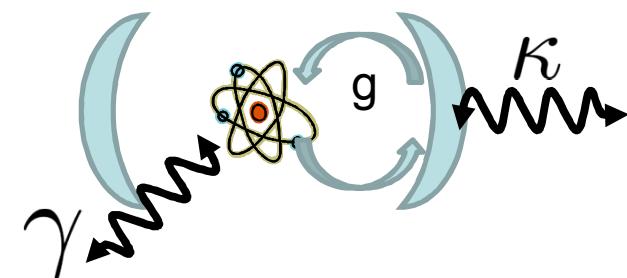
# Phonon Based Communication

## Waveguide Cavity Coupling Studies





# CQMD: Cavity Quantum Mechanical Dynamics



$$g \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}}$$

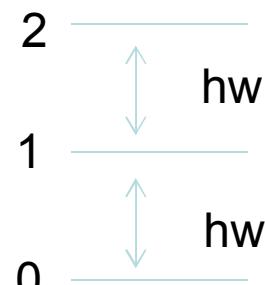
$$\kappa \propto \frac{1}{Q}$$

$$F = \frac{2|g|^2/\kappa}{n\gamma} \rightarrow F = \frac{3}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^3 \frac{Q}{V}$$

**Purcell Factor : 15-700**

**Enhanced Emission Rate/(2π)= 0.3 -20 MHz**

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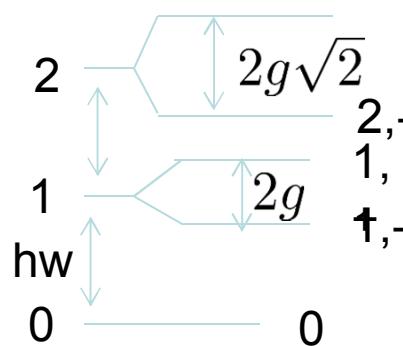


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Two level impurity

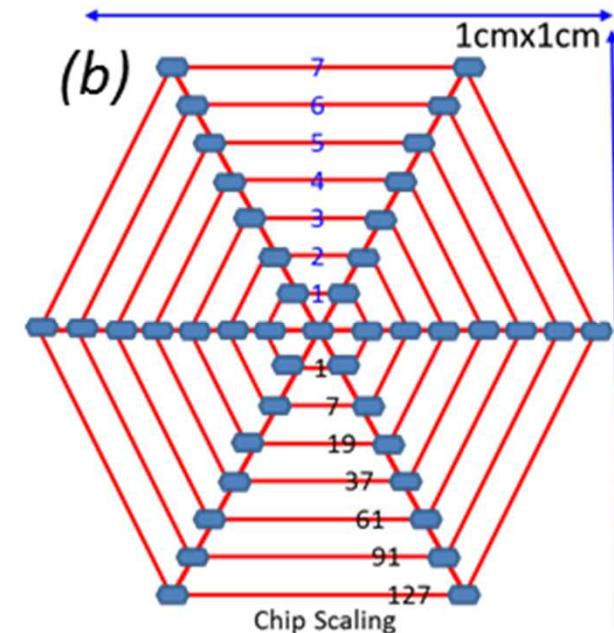
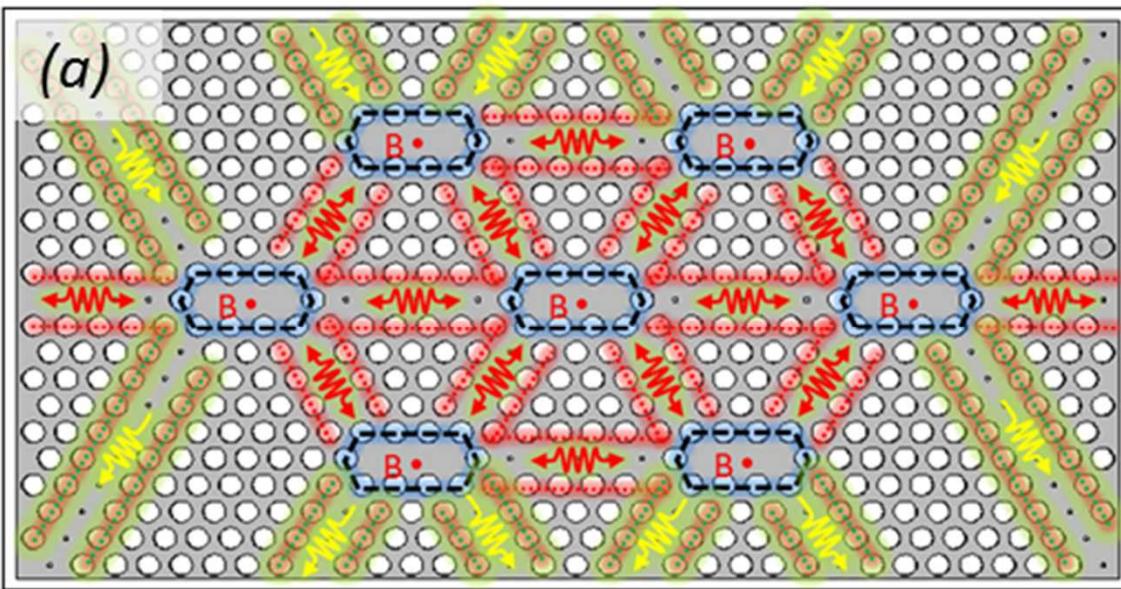
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Cavity modes

**Strong Controlled Interactions**

# Scale-up Schemes

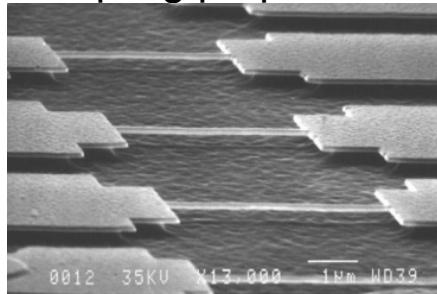


- (a) Schematic of possible system scale-up via coupled PnC cavities.
- (b) Estimated 127/cm<sup>2</sup> coupled qubits per PnC-chip assuming 100µm min separation between cavities.

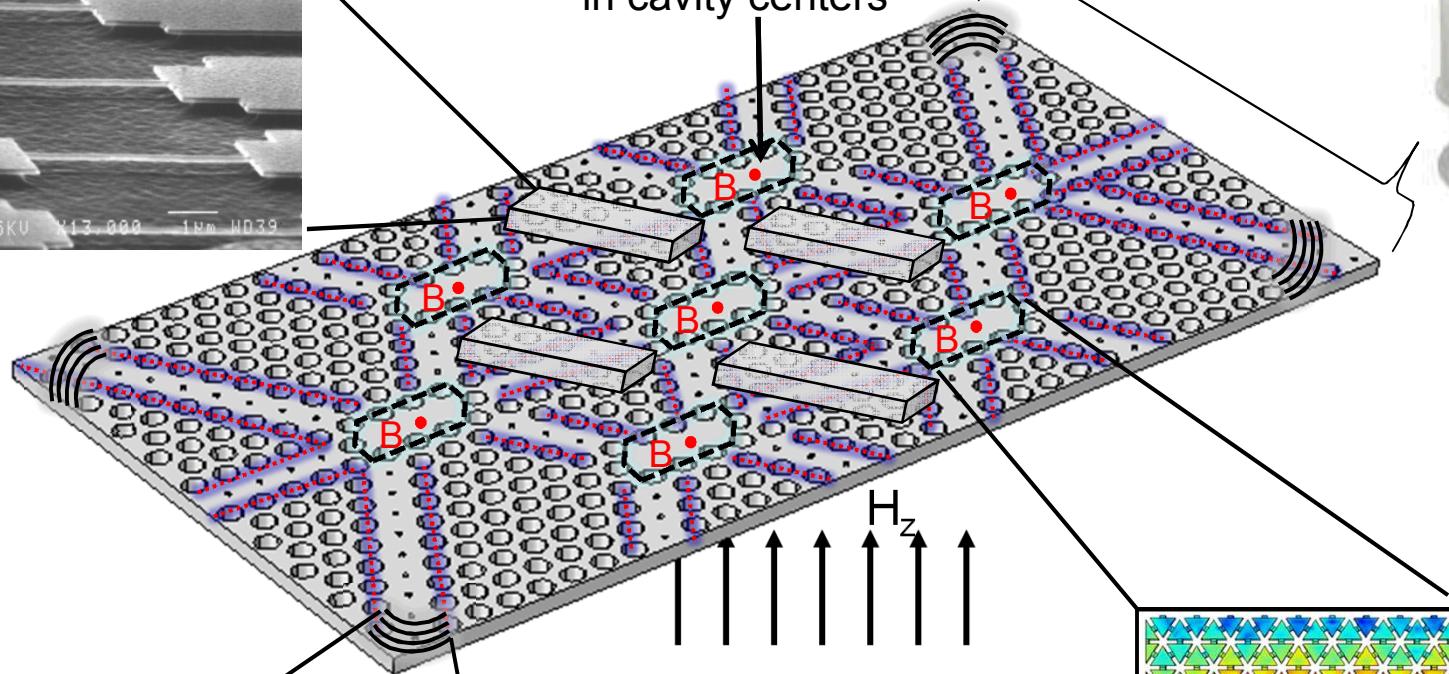


# The “Phoniton” Chip

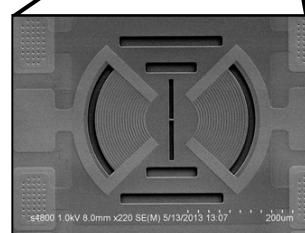
Metal beams over waveguides to alter coupling properties



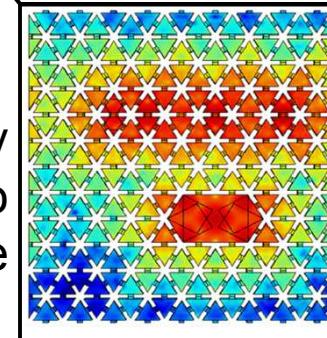
Acceptor impurities implanted in cavity centers



Focusing  
Transducers



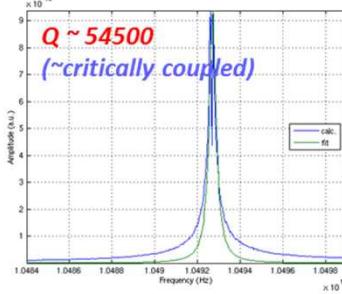
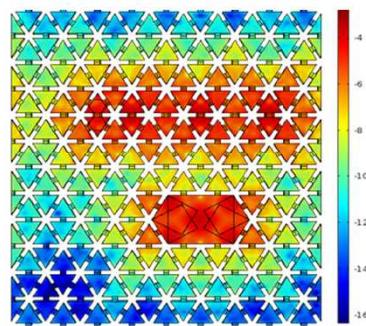
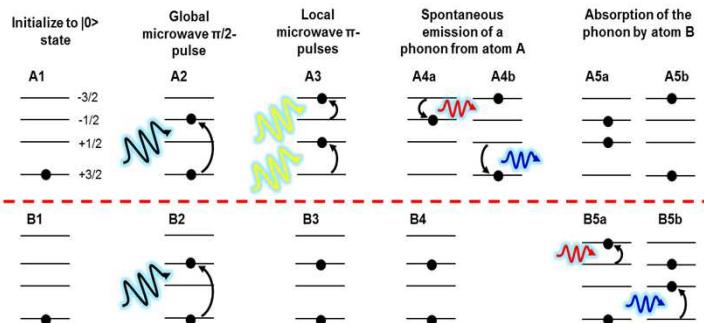
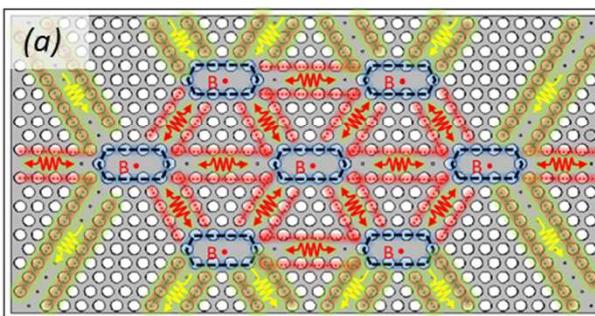
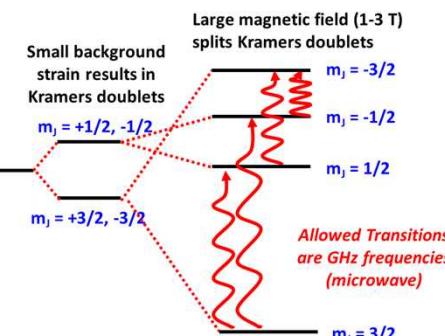
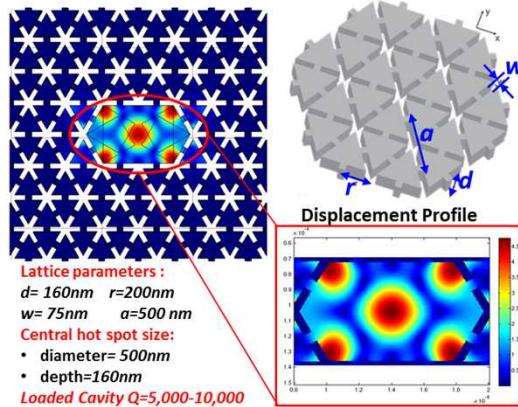
Phononic Crystal Cavity  
Critically Coupled to  
Waveguide





# Summary and Conclusion

Promising qubit system with low fabrication demands:



## Homogeneity

Atomic Levels

Local magnetic field tuning

## Isolated Transitions

MEMS cantilevers open and close waveguides

## Fabrication Demands

- 1) Silicon
- 2) Errors have minor effect

## Strong Interactions

Enhanced by the cavity

## Coherence

Acceptors

## Reliable Measurement

No cycling transition,  
Low loss in waveguide