

Nuclear-driven electron spin rotations in a coupled silicon quantum dot and single donor system

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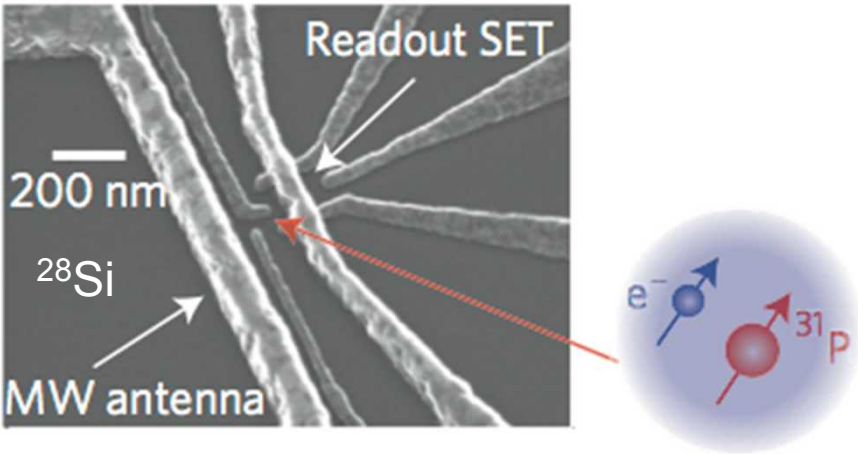
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Why silicon spin qubits?

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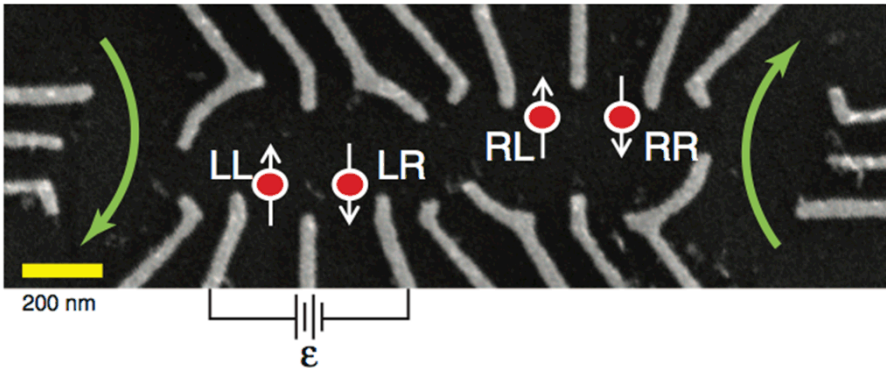
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Singlet-triplet spin qubit in GaAs:

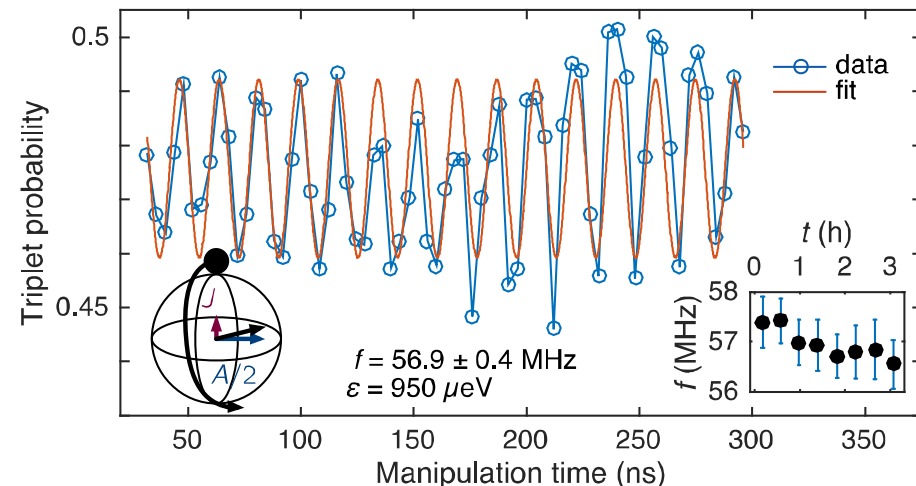
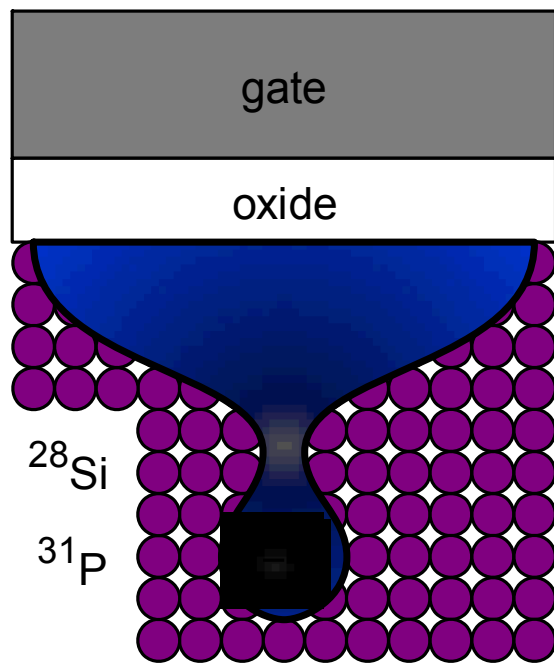
- All-electrical control
- Two-qubit gates possible

But they are not quite as high fidelity!

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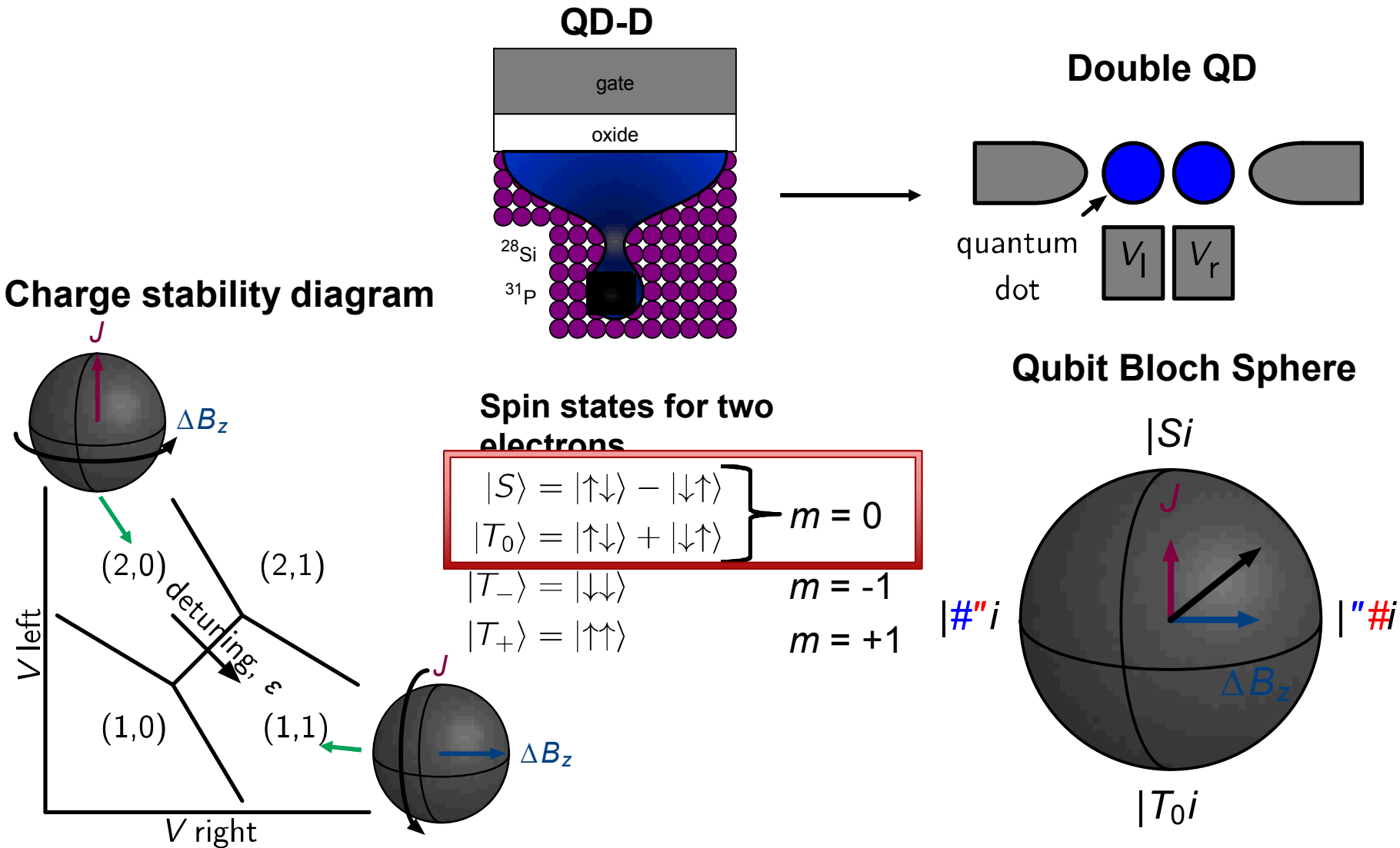
First *coherent* coupling between a quantum dot (QD) and a donor (D)



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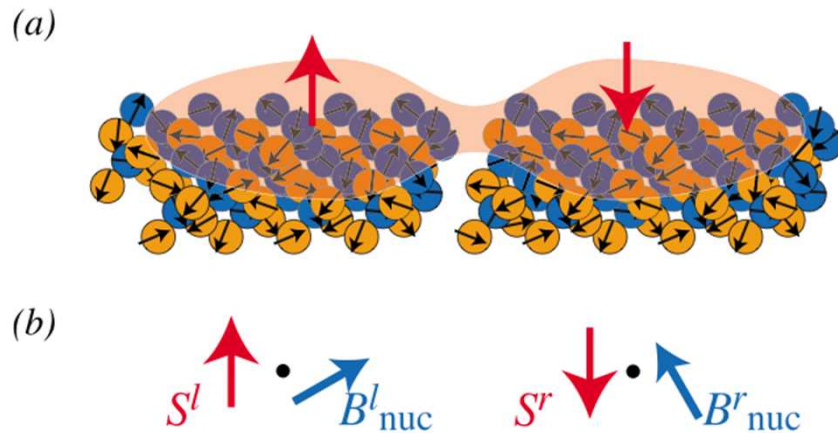
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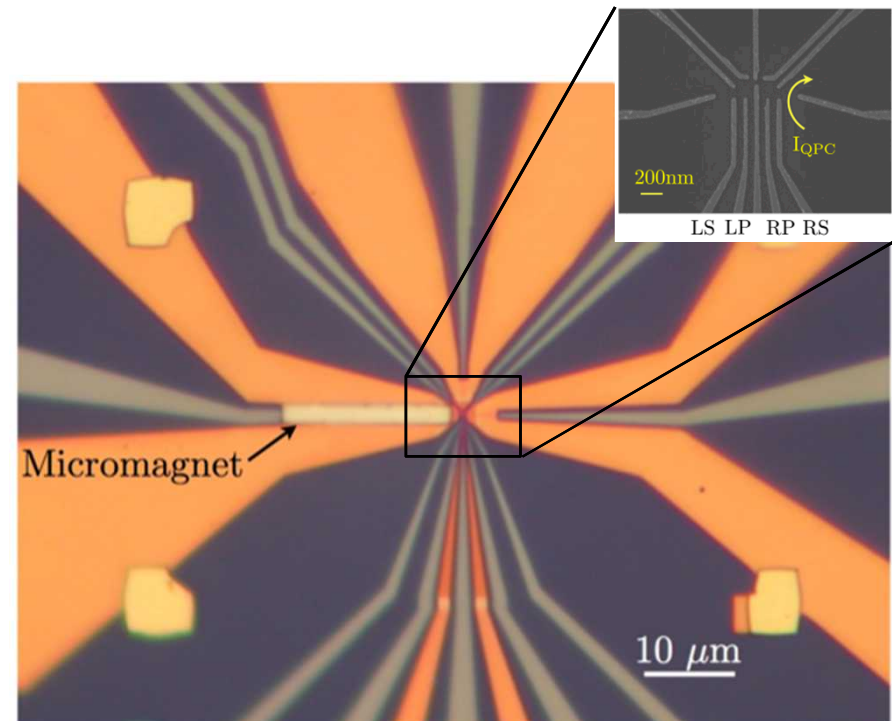
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Driving ΔB_z rotations in the singlet-triplet qubit

GaAs: nuclear field gradient



Si: micromagnets

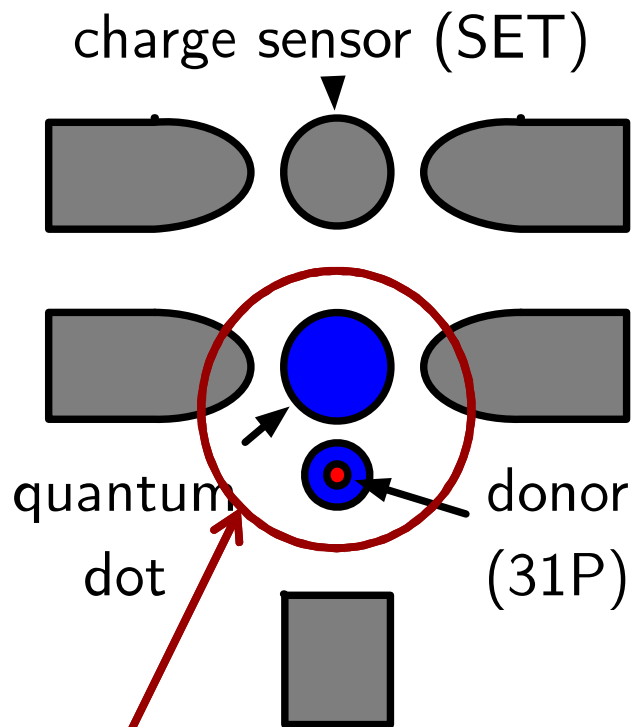


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New key idea: use contact hyperfine interaction with **single donor** to rotate the spin $\frac{A}{2} \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I}$

Hybrid QD-D singlet-triplet qubit



Double QD-like system!

For electron on donor:

$$\hat{H} = (g\mu_B/\hbar) \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{B}_{\text{ext}} + A \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I}$$

Singlet-Triplet Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{ST}} = J(\epsilon) \hat{\sigma}_z + \Delta B_Z(\epsilon) \hat{\sigma}_x$$

Advantages

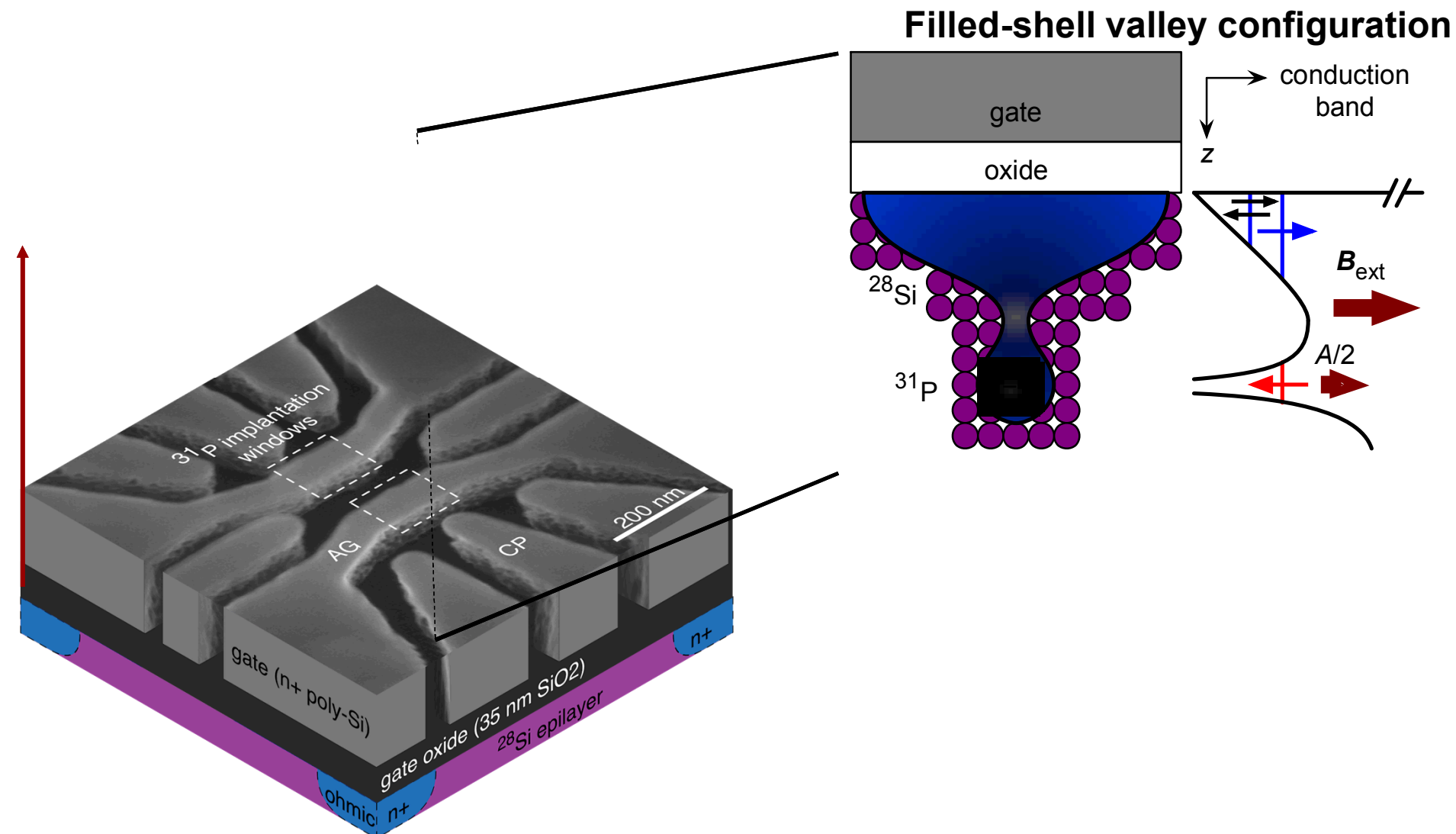
- **Fast and stable** rotation speed: Contact hyperfine interaction $A/2 = 57$ MHz gives **9 ns π rotation**.
- Compact design: No need for **nuclear field bath, spin-orbit int., micromagnet**. Just **one QD**.
- ST states: good probe of coherence between the QD and the D.
- Get a **nuclear spin** for free.

For details: N. Tobias Jacobson (next) and Andrew D. Baczewski (next-next)

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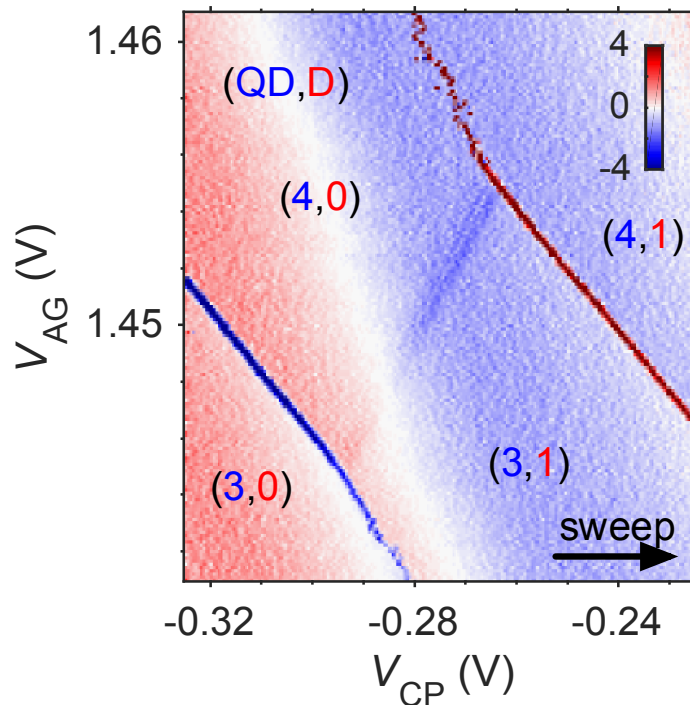


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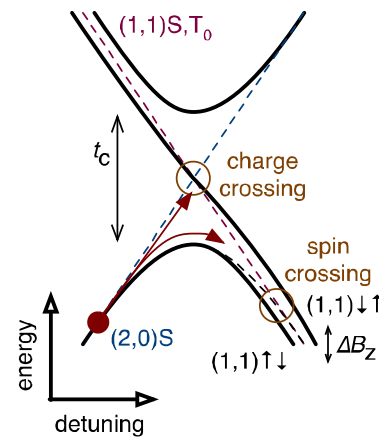
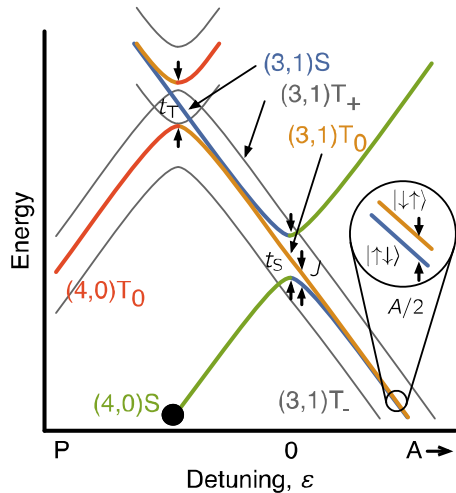
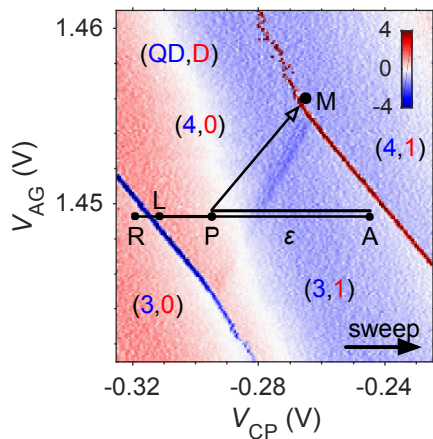
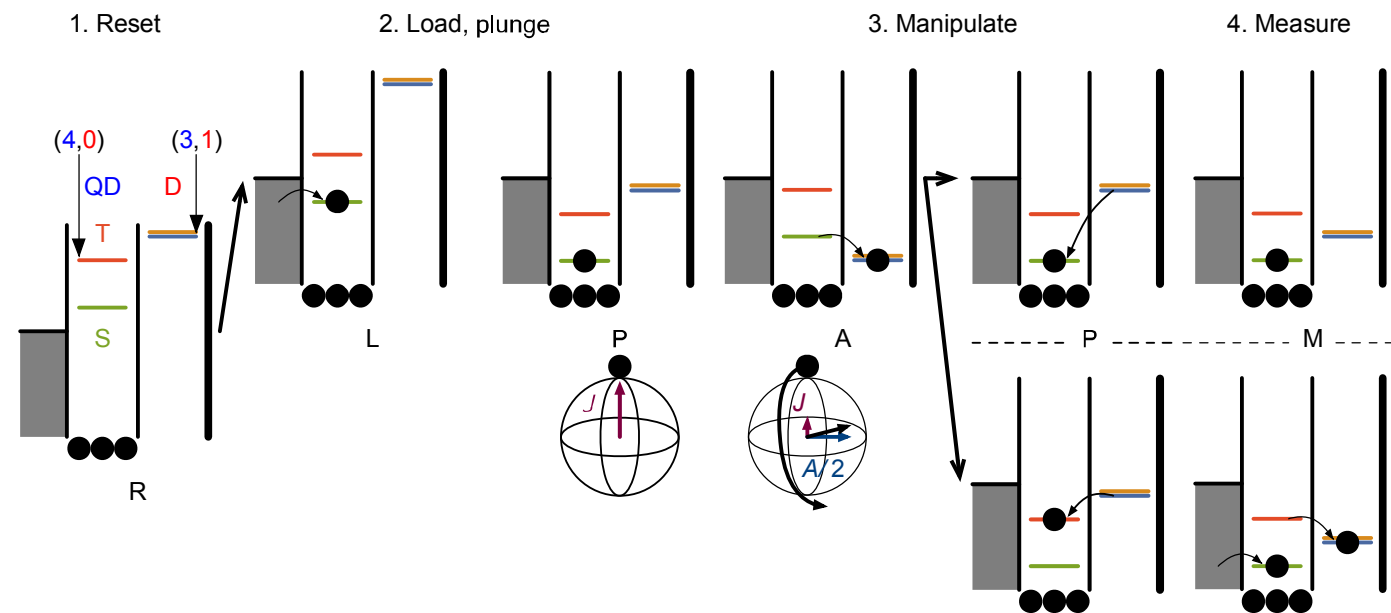
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Quantum dot-donor anti-crossing

Forms an effective $(2,0) \leftrightarrow (1,1)$ transition

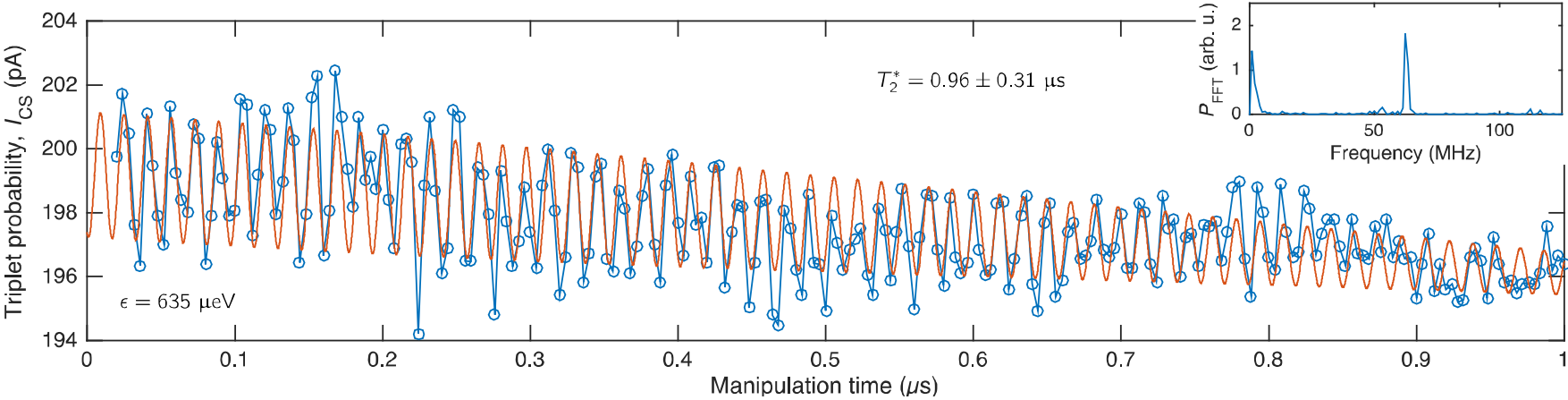
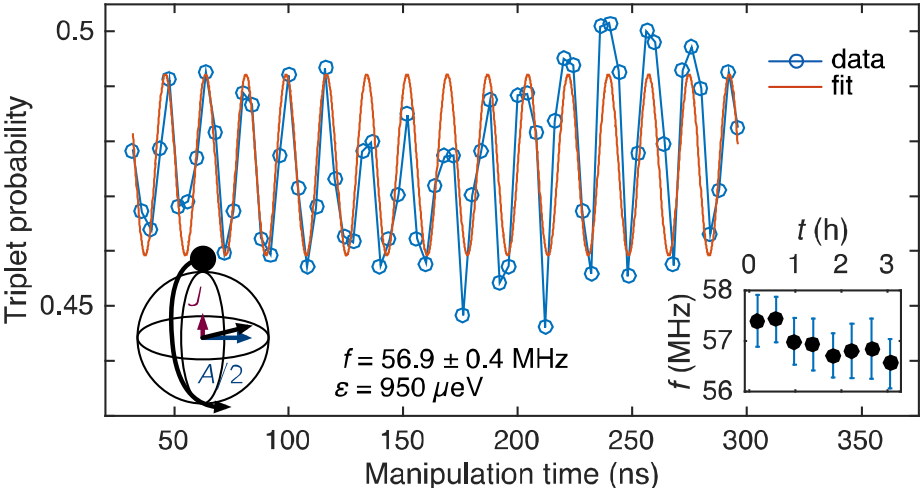


State manipulation

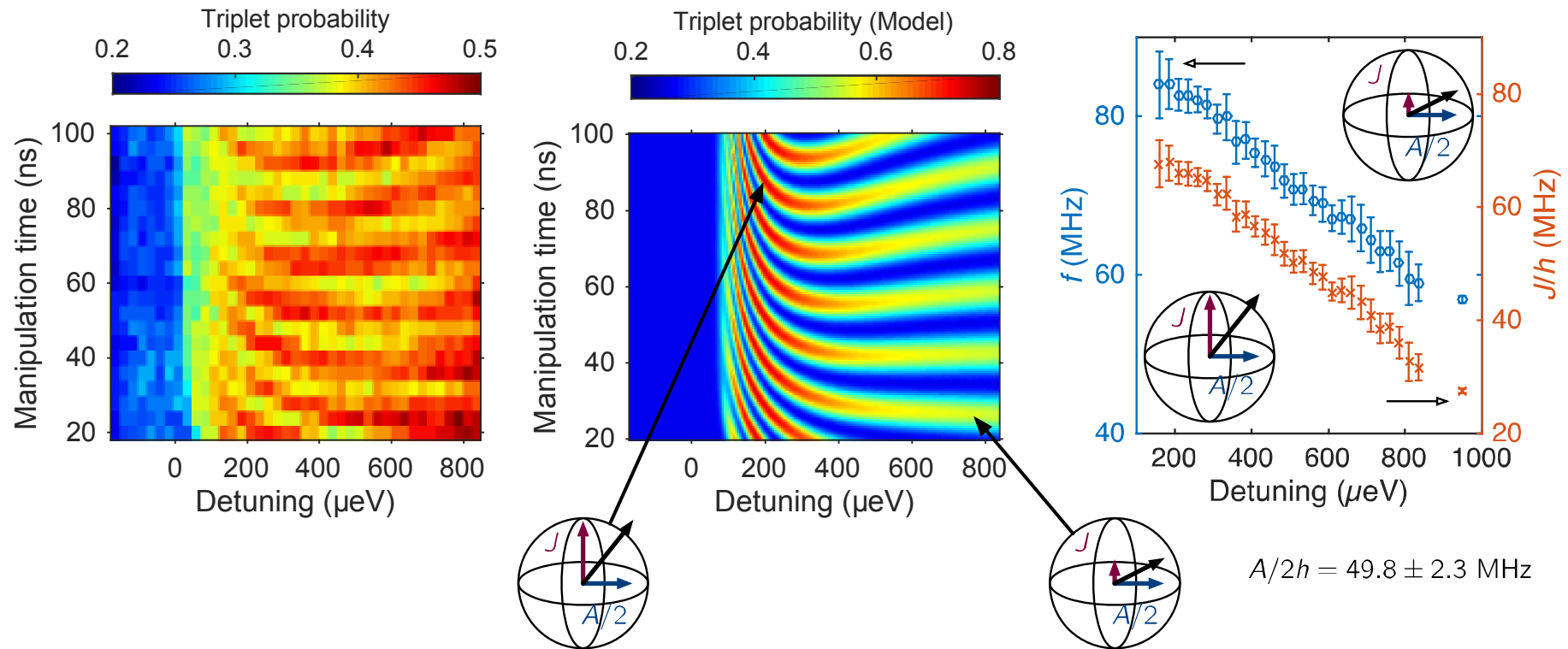


State manipulation

Singlet-triplet rotations driven by a single ^{31}P nucleus

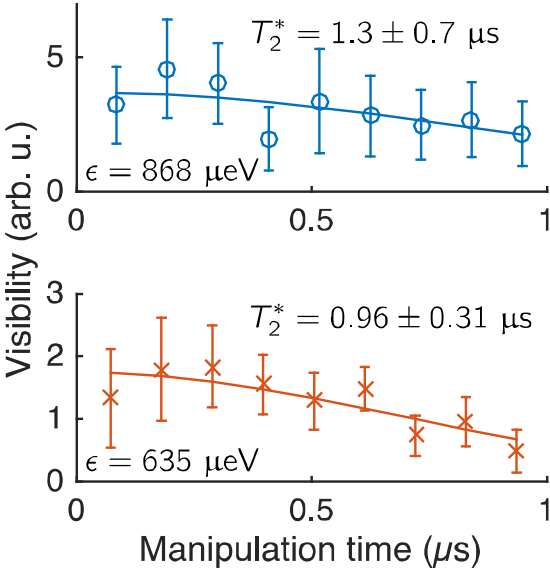


Detuning dependence of exchange interaction

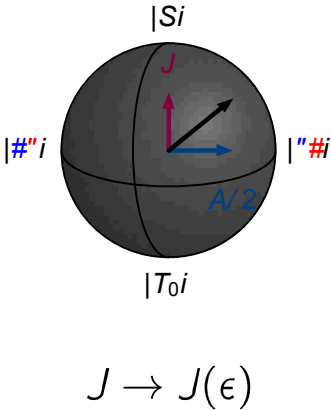
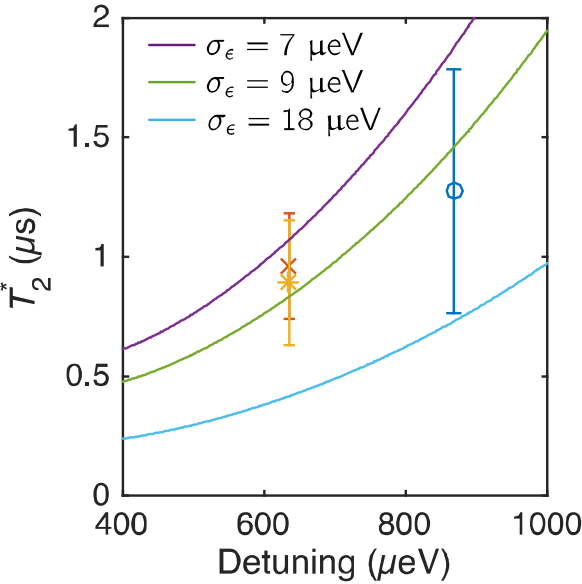


Coherence time and charge noise

Visibility decay



Coherence time vs detuning

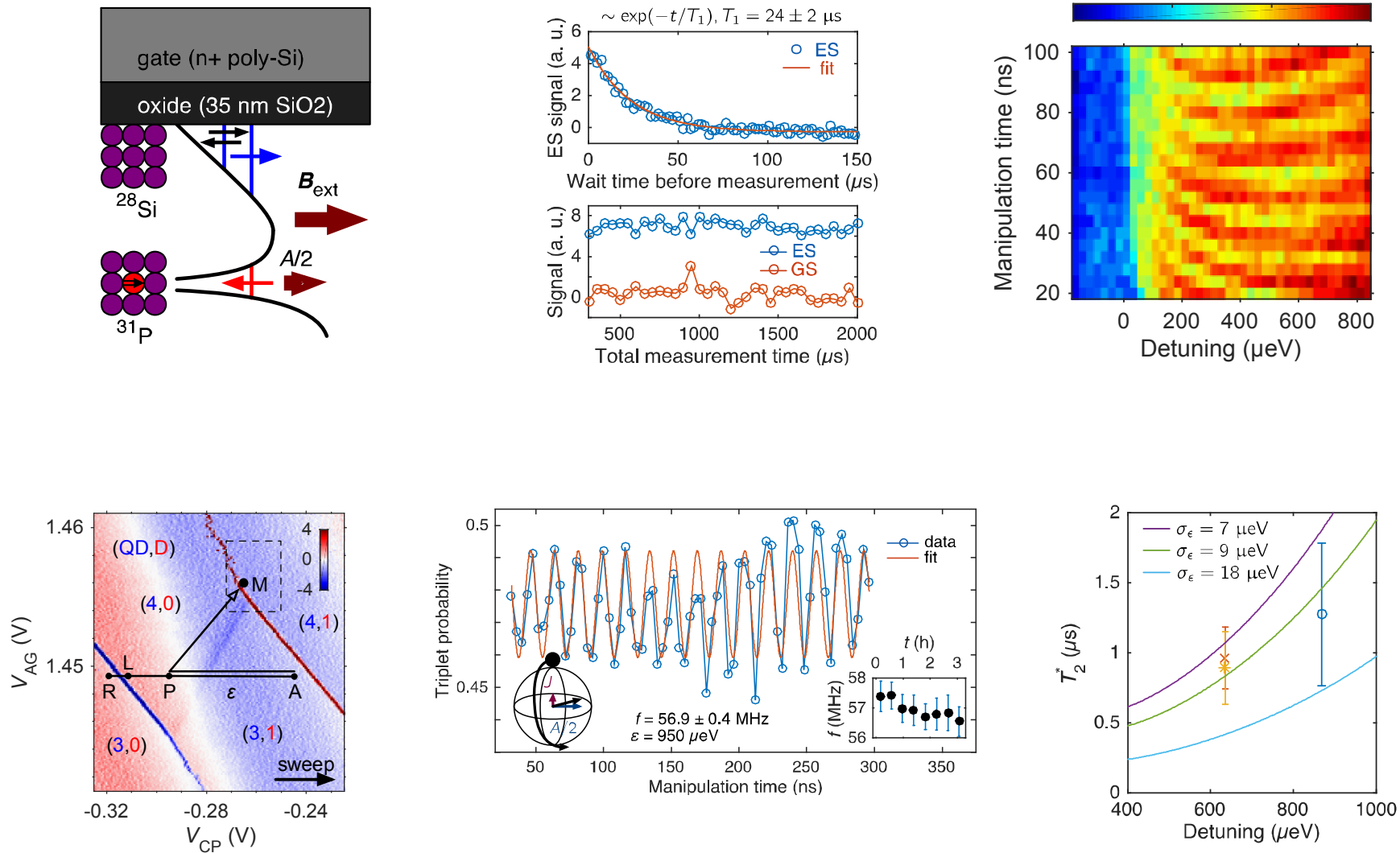


Charge-noise limited.
Possibly extended to $> 10 \mu\text{s}$

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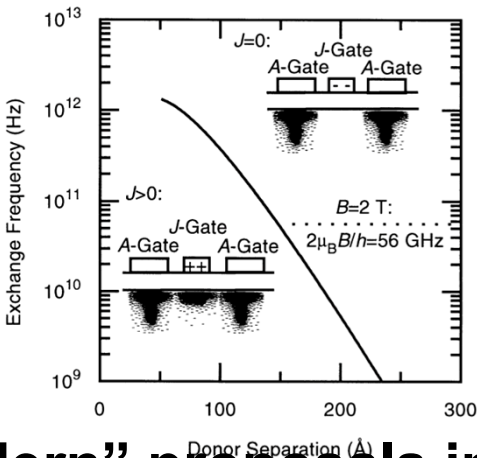
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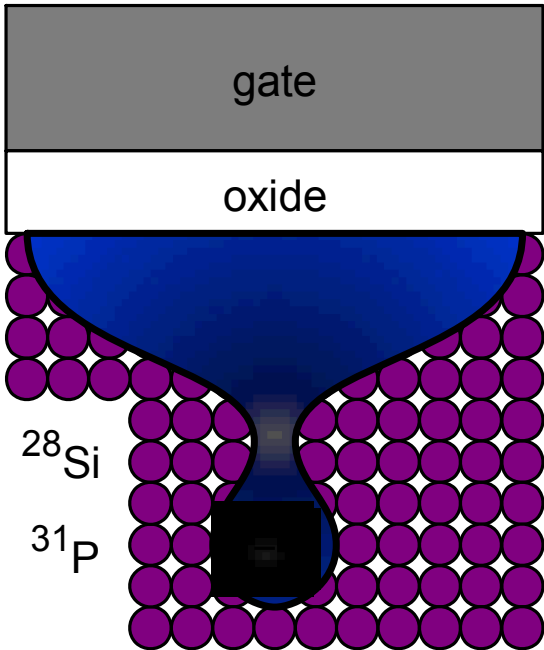
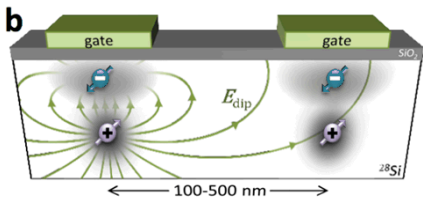
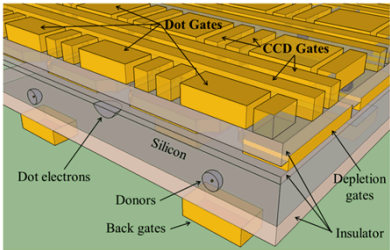
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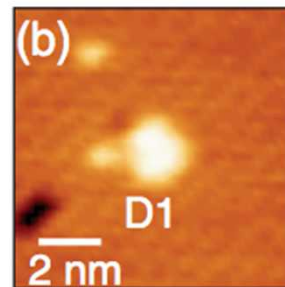
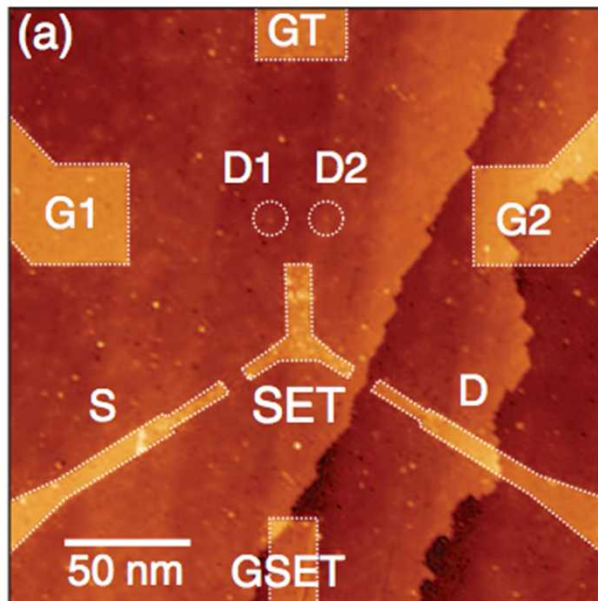
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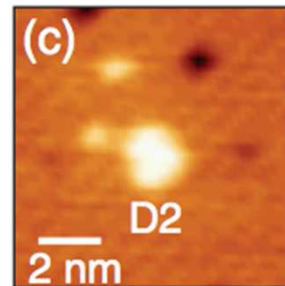
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Coupling donor qubits *directly* involves atomic-precision fabrication...



After incorporation:
1 donor

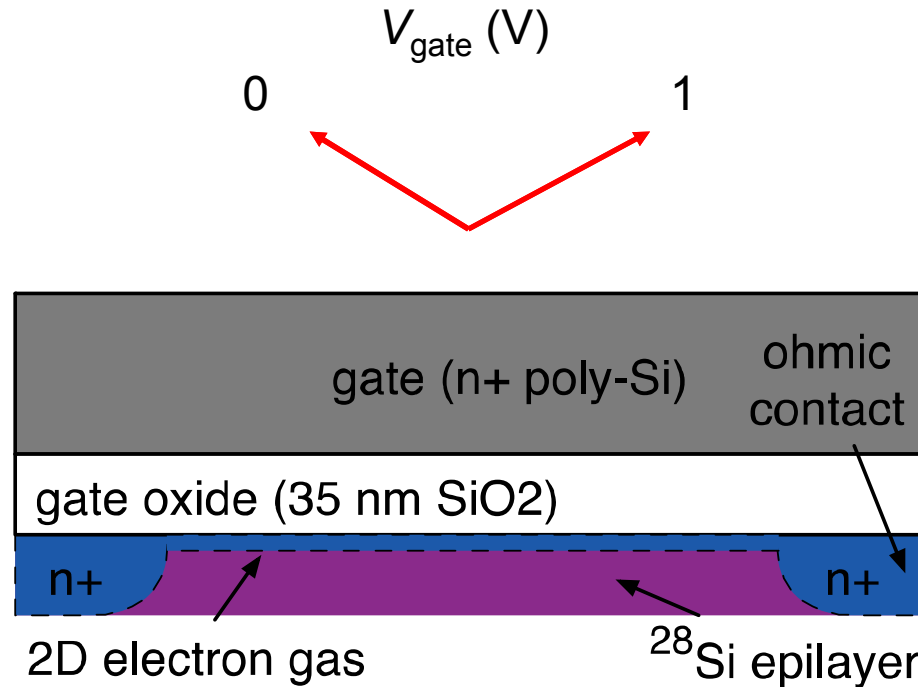


After incorporation:
0 donor

**Not yet mature
technology (fails
stochastically)**

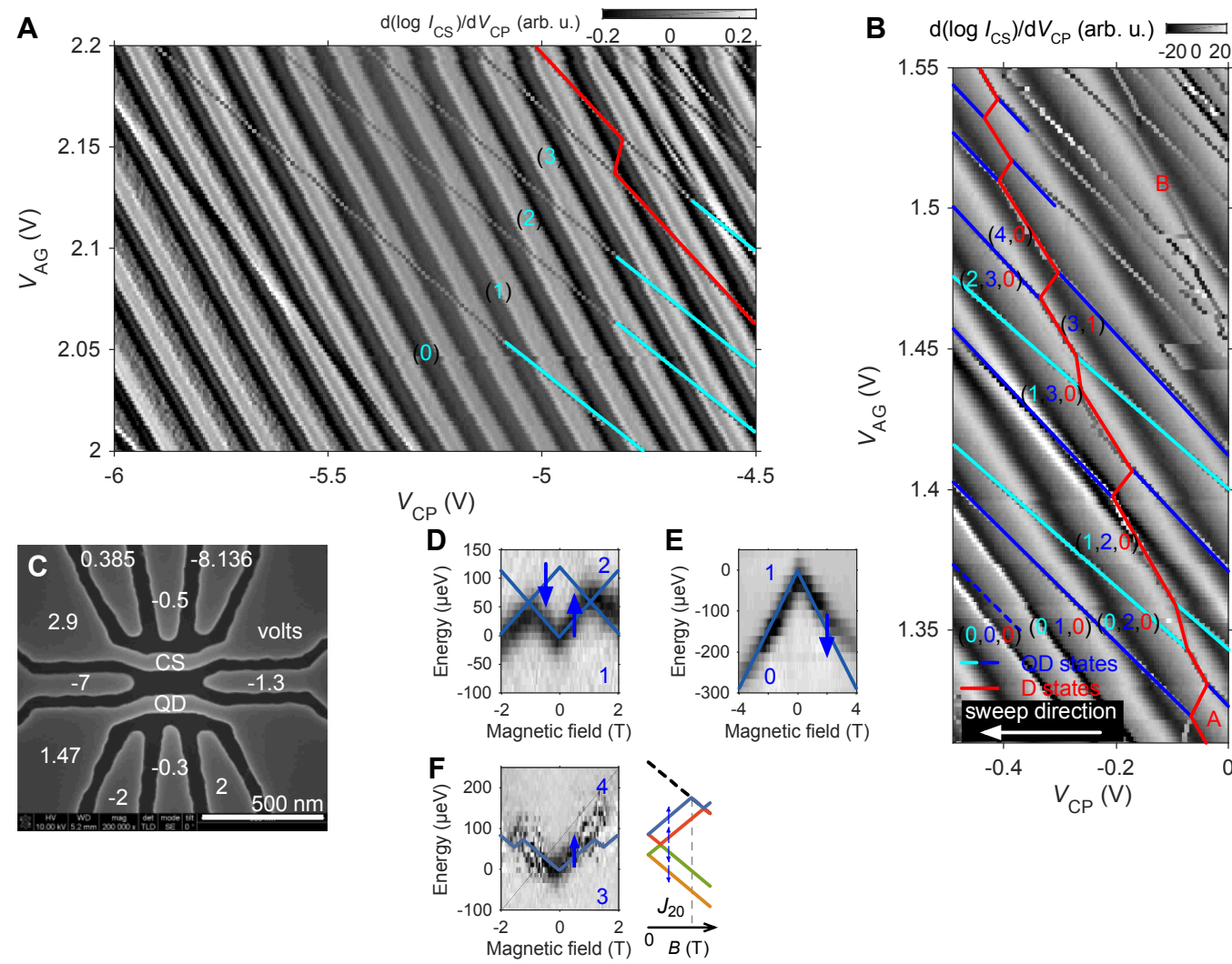
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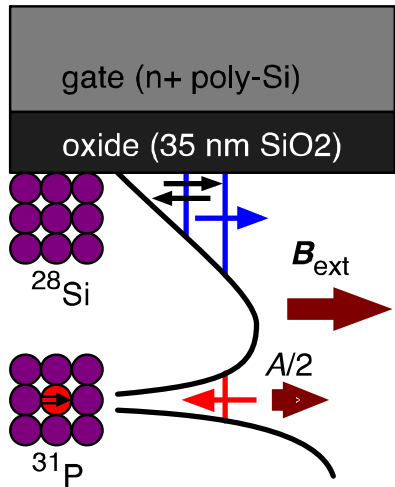
Based on
Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor (CMOS)
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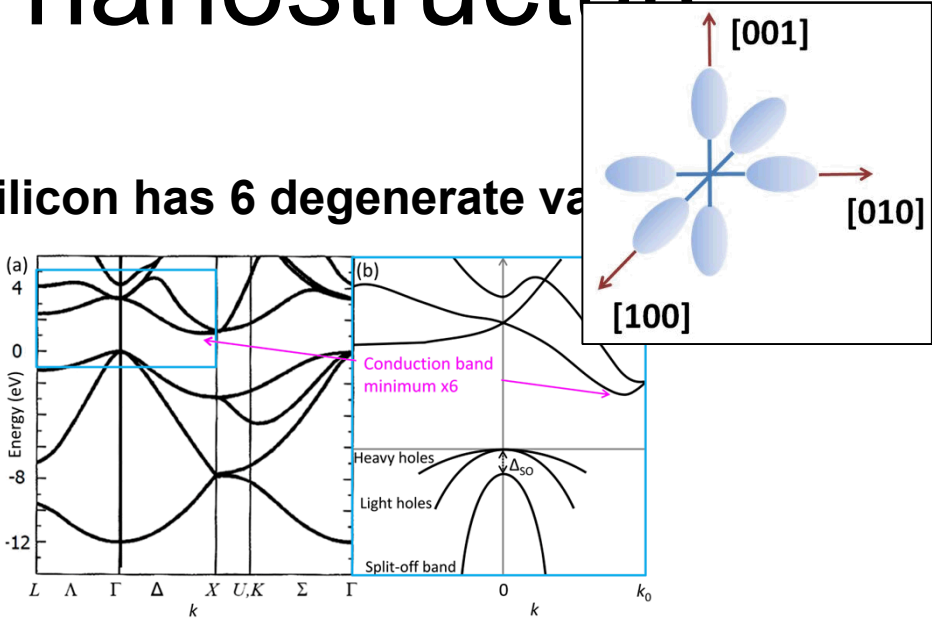


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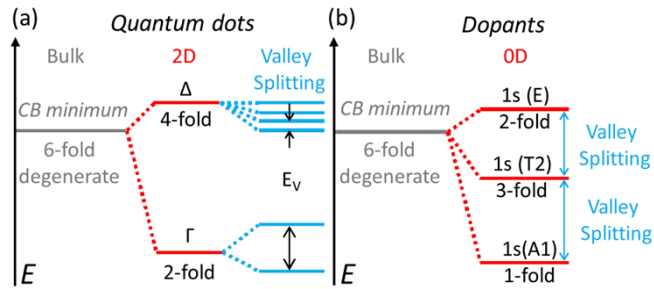
Filled-shell valley configuration



Silicon has 6 degenerate valence

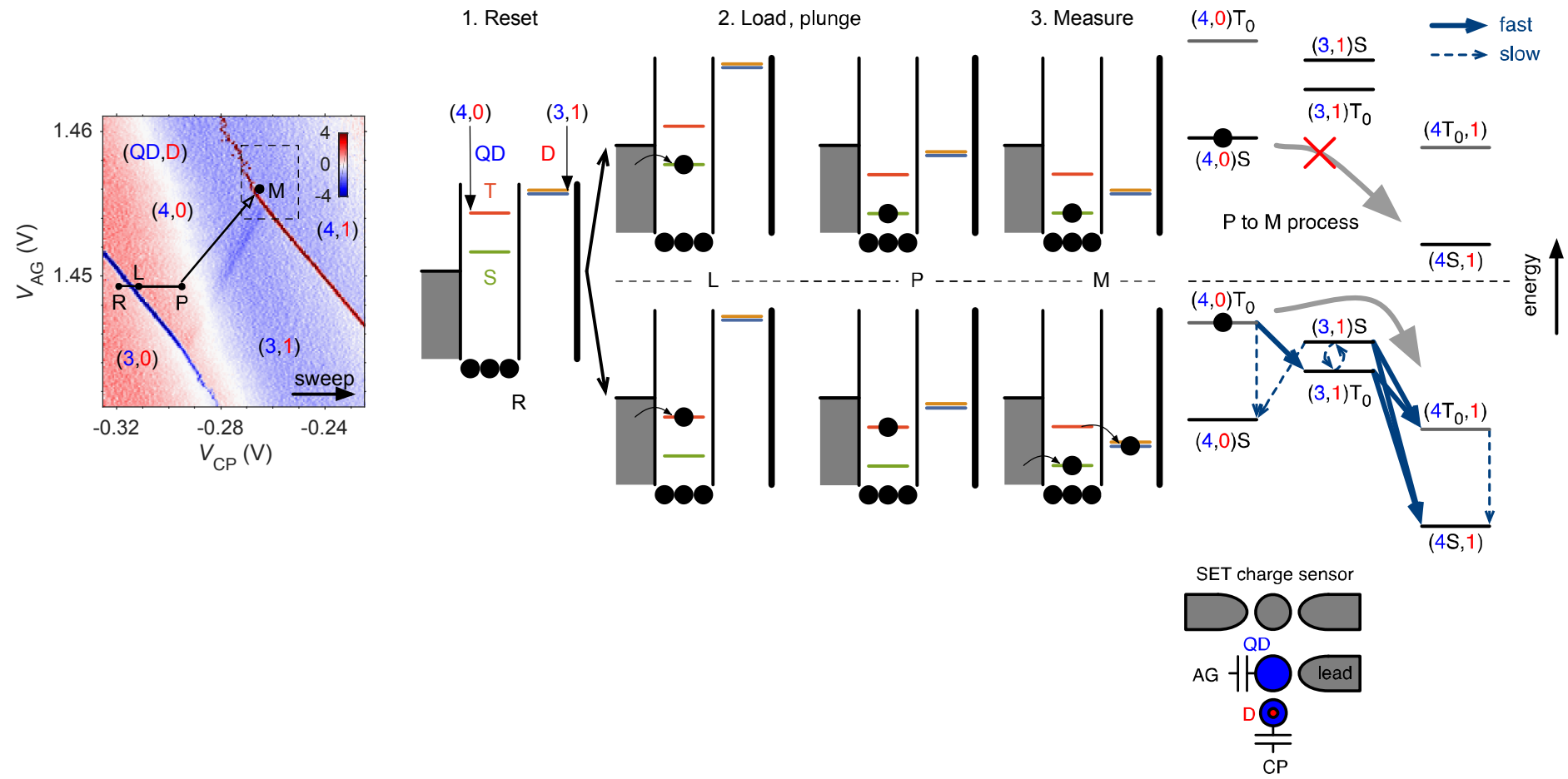


Valley degeneracy is lifted because of the strong confinement at the Si/SiO₂ interface

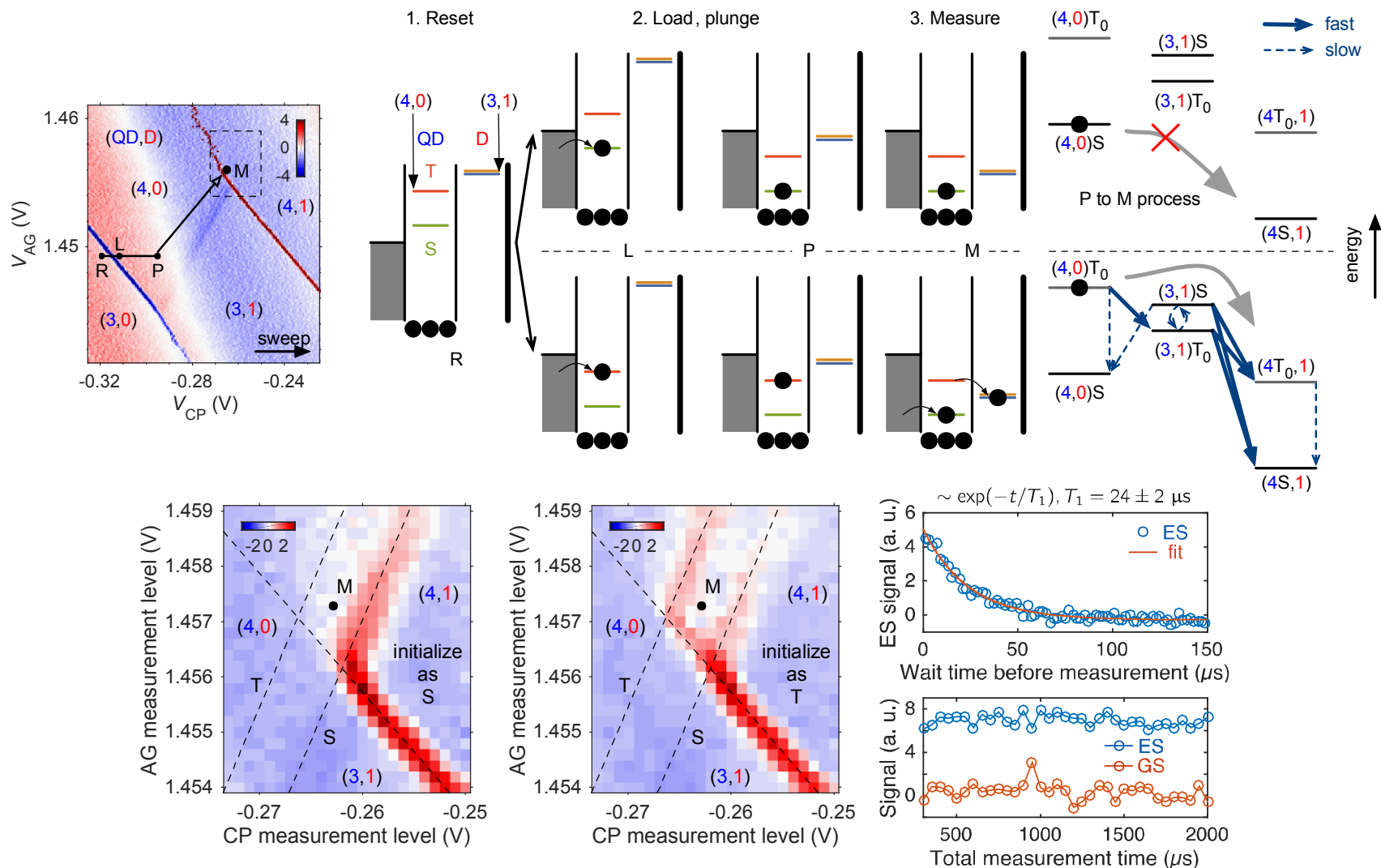


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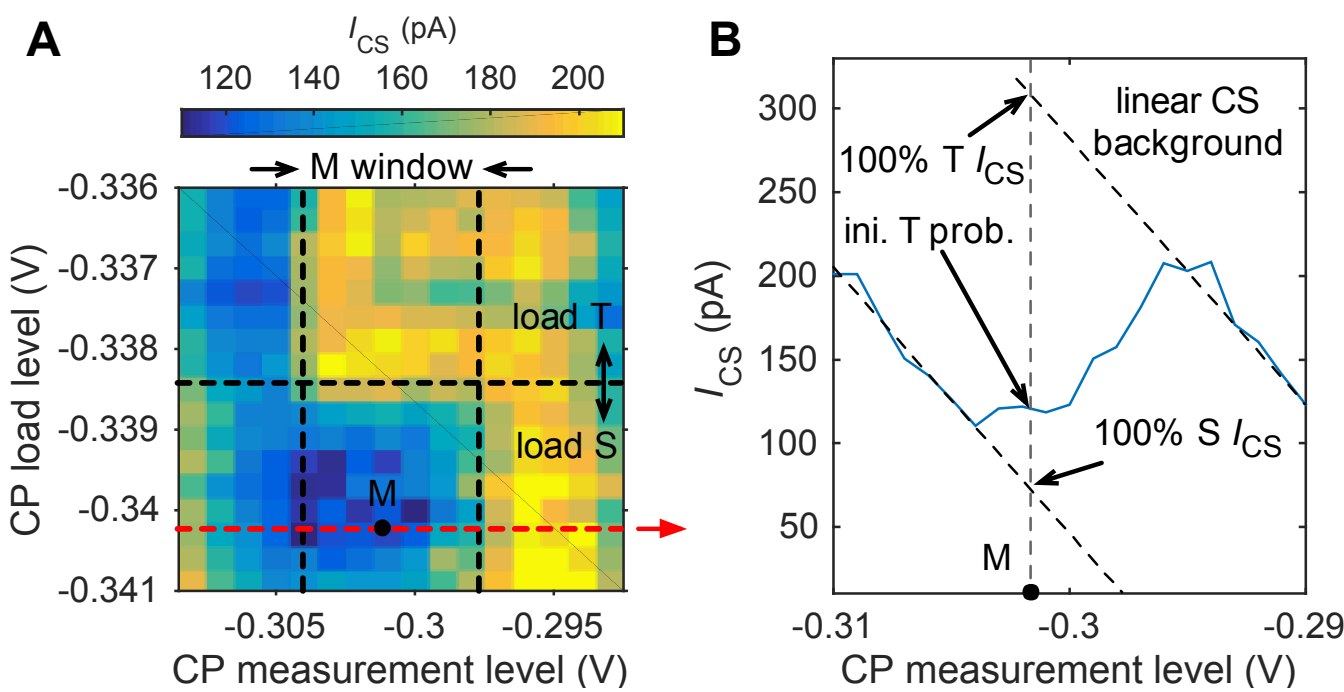


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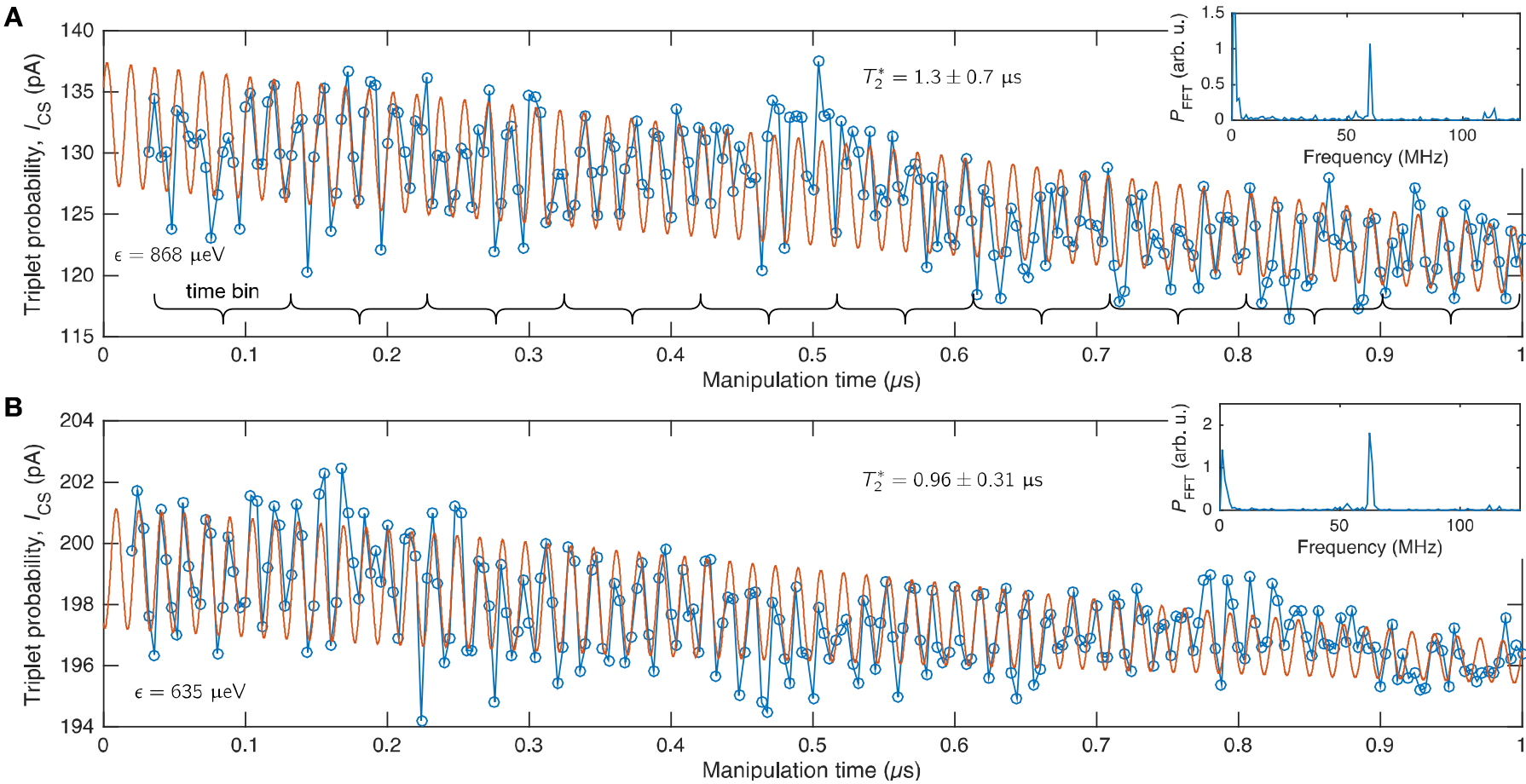


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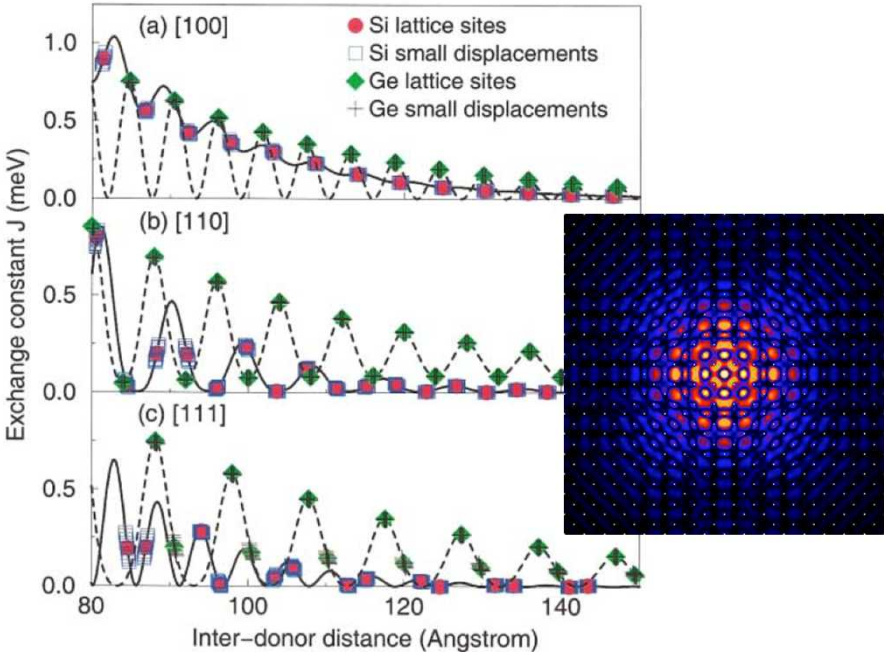


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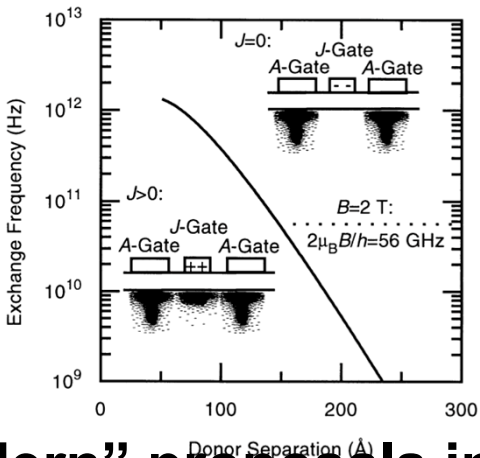


How to couple multiple donors?

Direct coupling is challenging

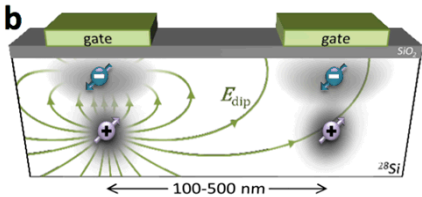
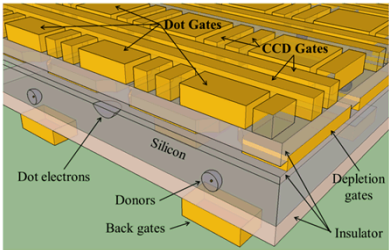


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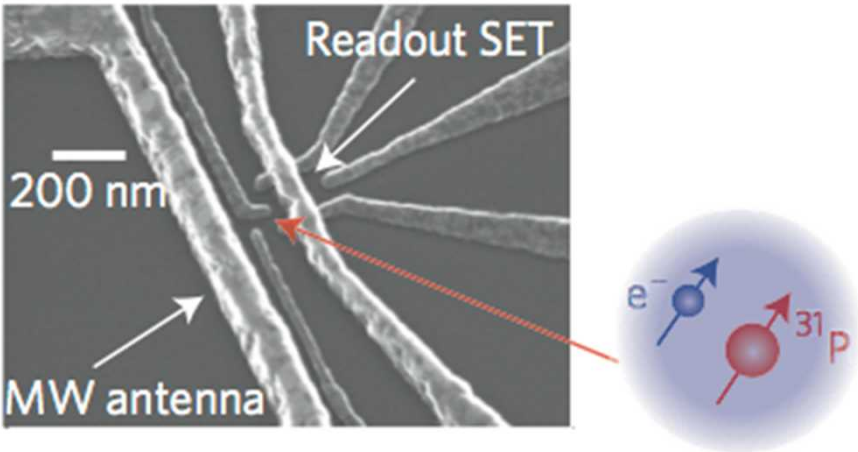
Small wave functions!
Exchange oscillations are strong.
Near-atomic precision fab. required!

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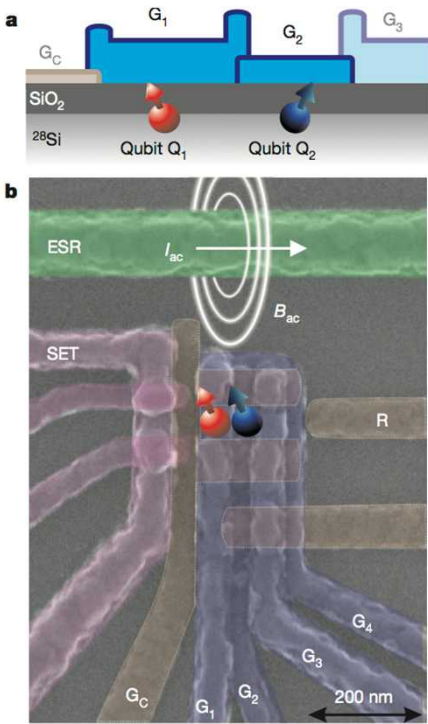
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