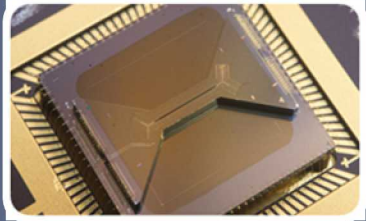


# Surface ion traps for quantum computing

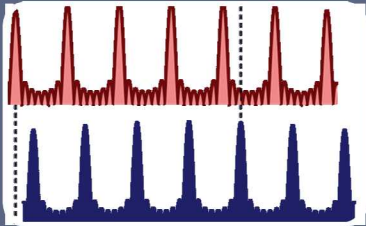
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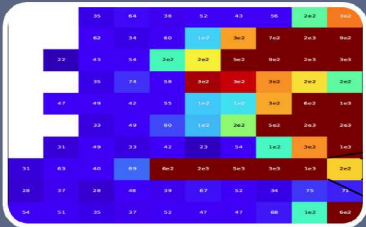
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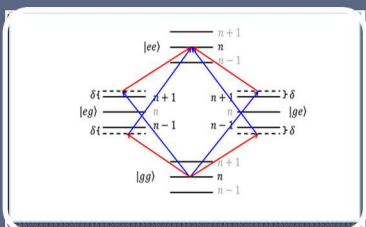
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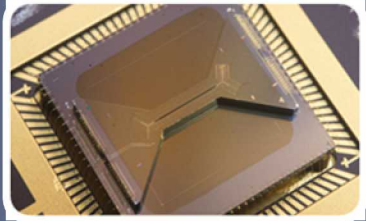


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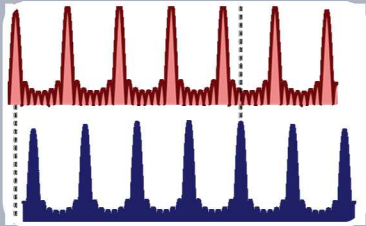


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Future directions

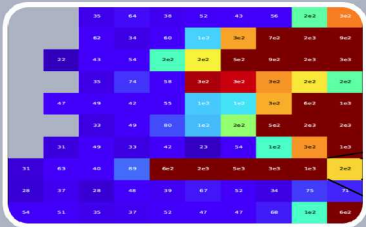
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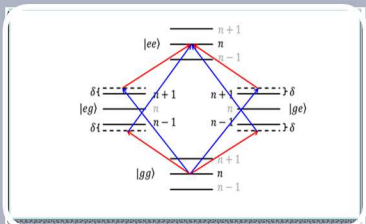
## Ion trapology



## Classical characterization



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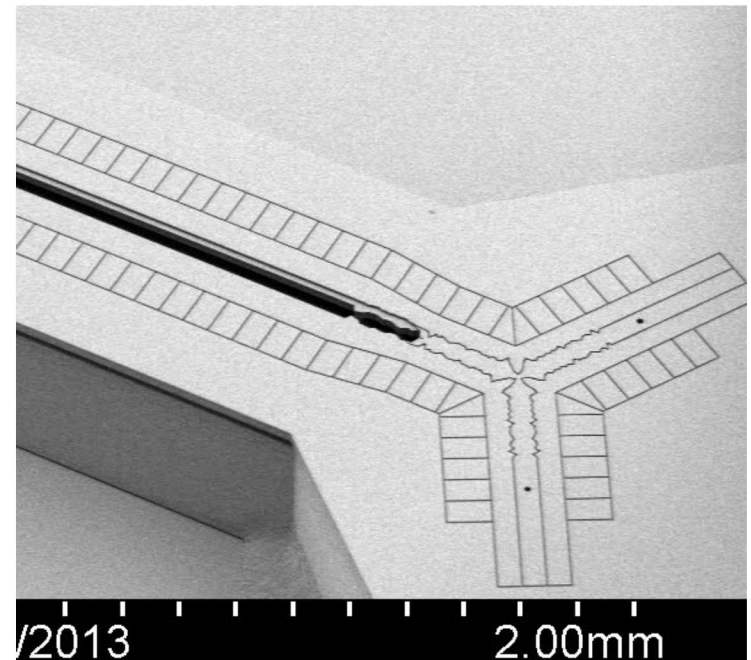
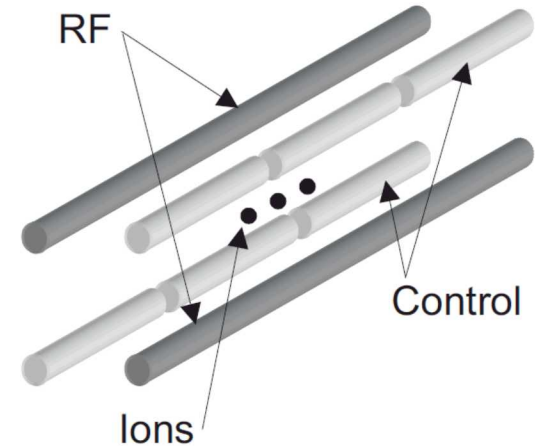
# Advantages/Challenges vs 3D

## Advantages

- More manufacturable (“scalable”)
- Consistent geometry -> consistent behavior
- Greater field control (more electrodes)
- 2D geometry
- Integration of other technologies (waveguides, detectors, filters...)
- Laser access

## Challenges

- Low depth (ion lifetime), anharmonicities in potential
- Proximity to surface (charging, heating)
- Delicate (dust, voltage)
- Capacitance





# Capabilities & Requirements

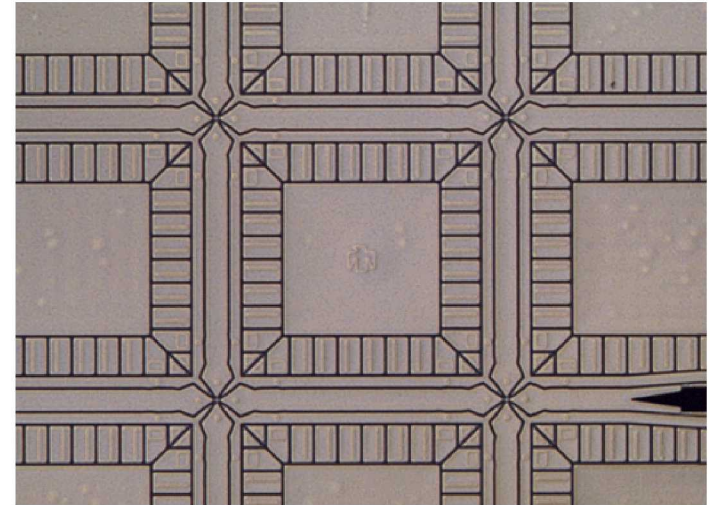
## Essential capabilities

- Store ions for long periods of time (hours)
- Move ions to achieve 2D connectivity
- Support high fidelity operations
- Uniform performance

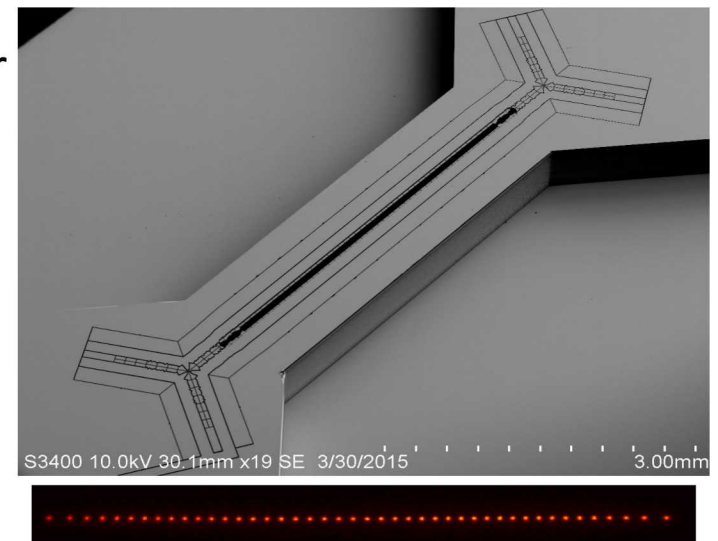
## Derived requirements

- Voltage breakdown  $>300$  V @  $\sim 50$  MHz
- Backside loading hole
- Multi-level lead routing for accessing interior electrodes
- Standardization [lithographically defined electrodes]
- Overhung electrodes
- High optical access [high NA delivery and collection optics]

Quantum CCD



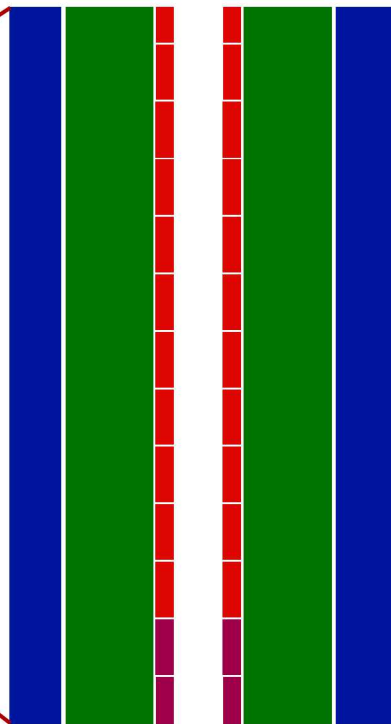
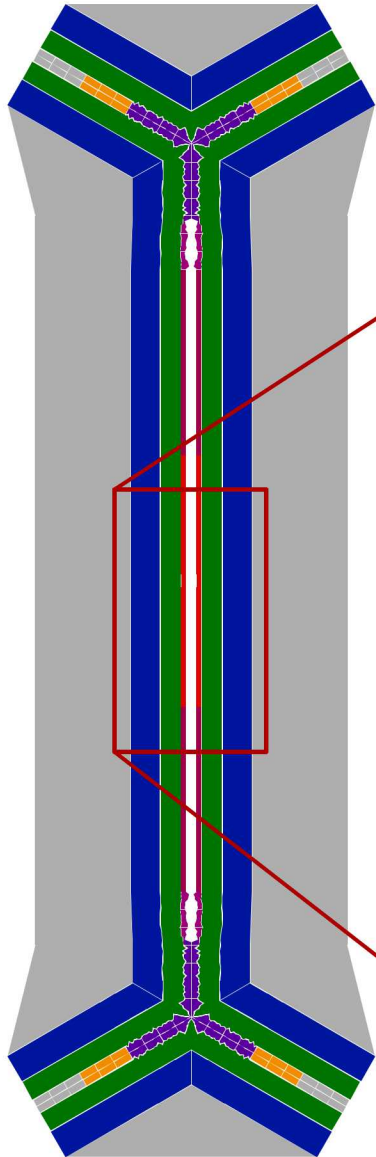
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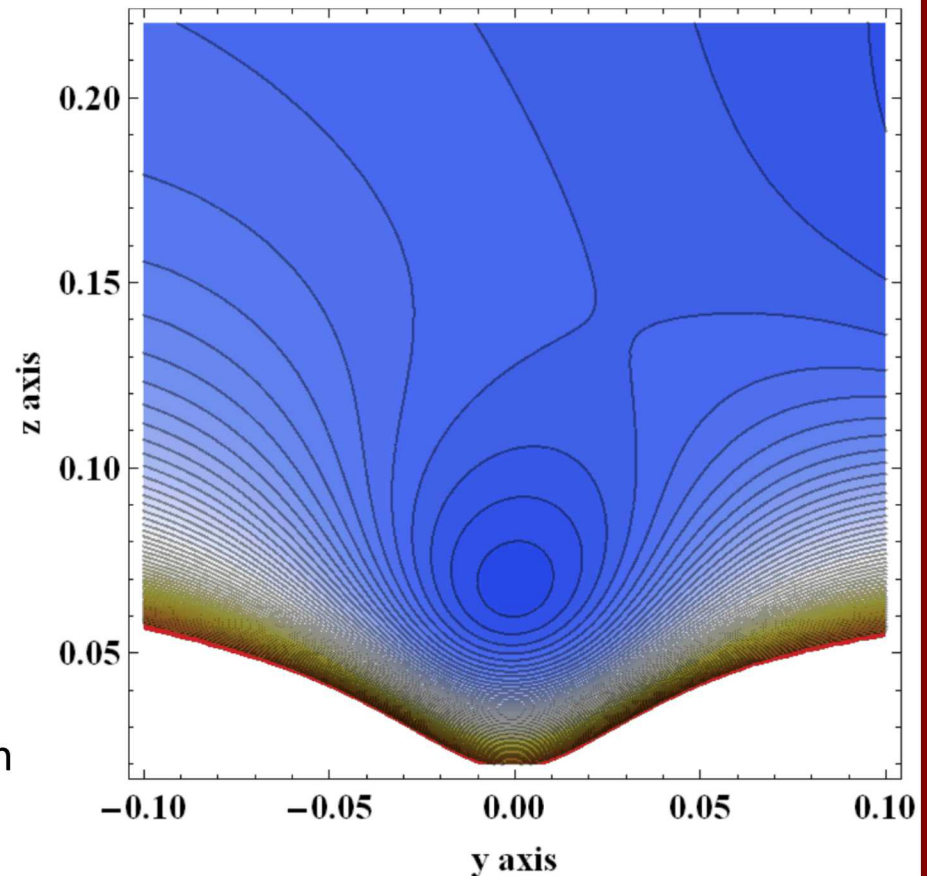
# Voltage application

## Trapping potential

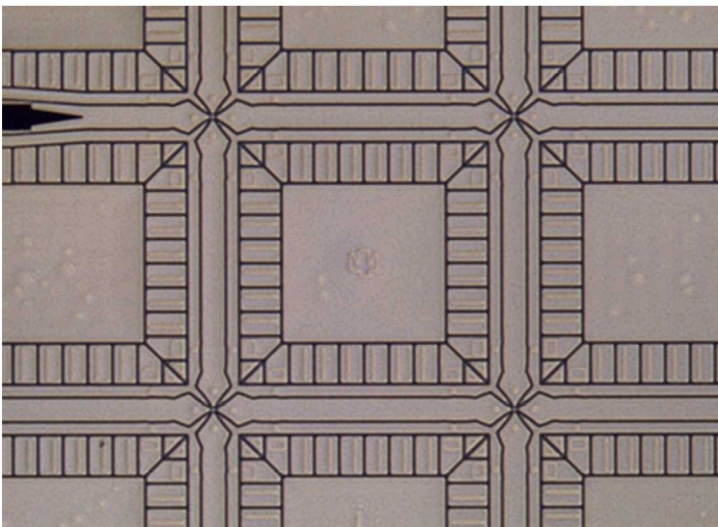
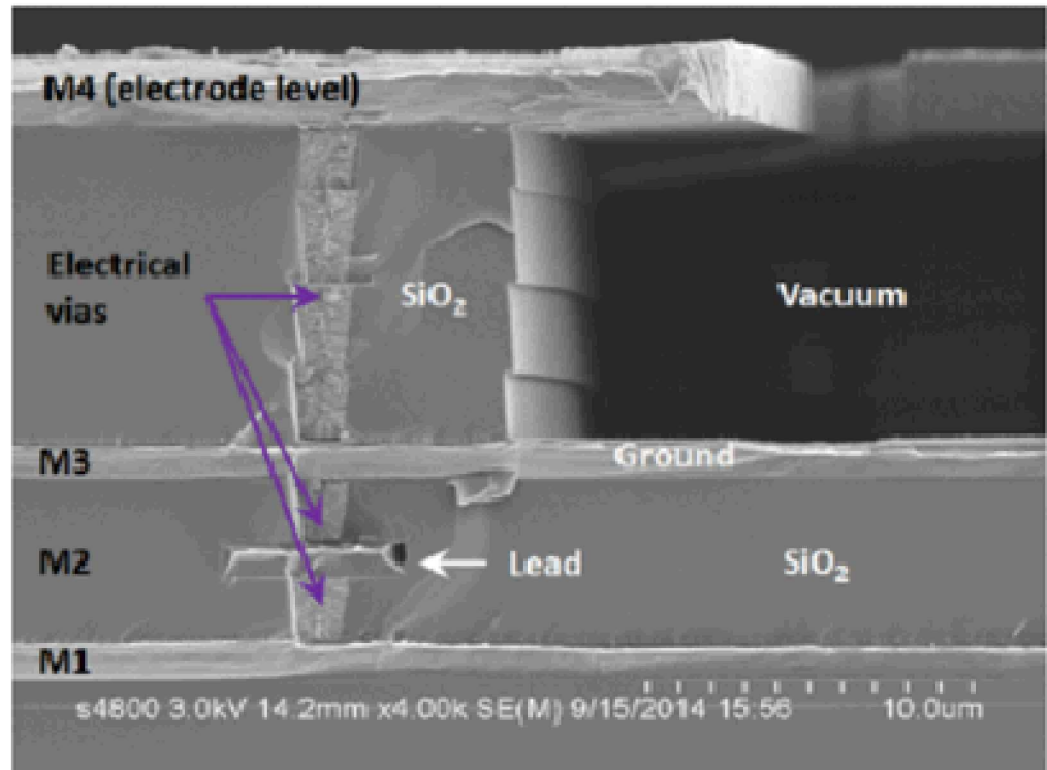
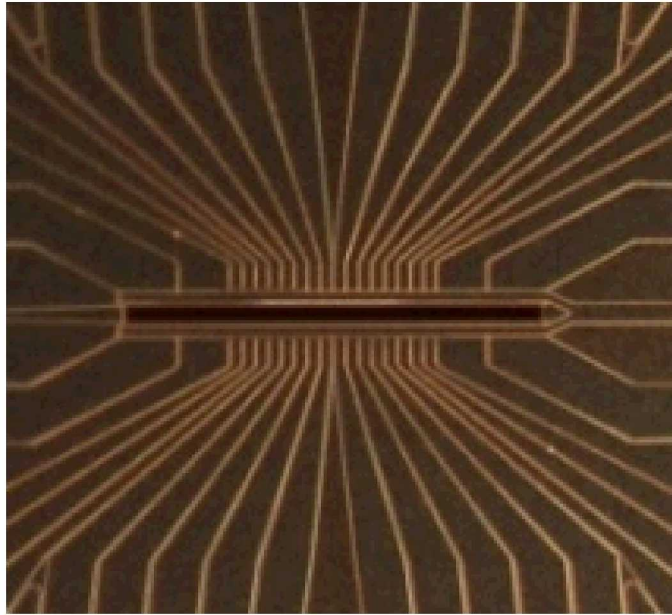
- Axial frequency: 500 kHz [ $<5$  V]
- Radial frequency: 2.8 MHz, 3.1 MHz [250 V<sub>r</sub>f @ 40 MHz]



- 70  $\mu$ m electrode pitch
- 70  $\mu$ m ion height

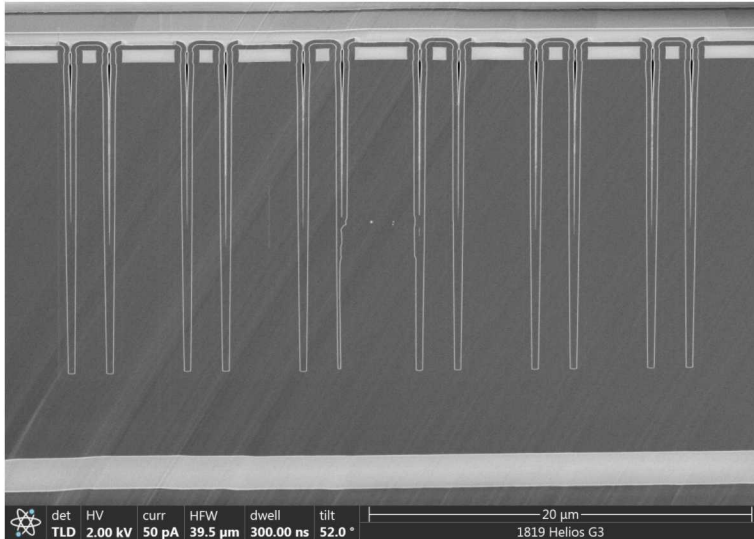


# Multi-layer metallization





# Trench capacitors & Loading holes



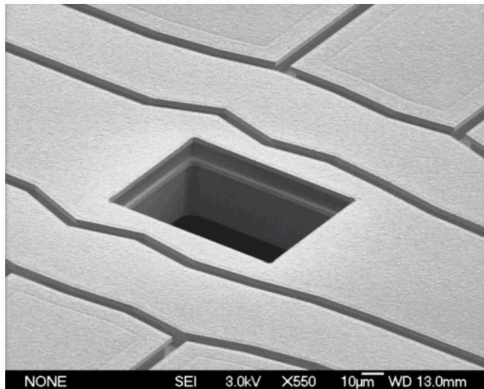
## Interposer (current)

- 20V max voltage
- 1nF capacitance

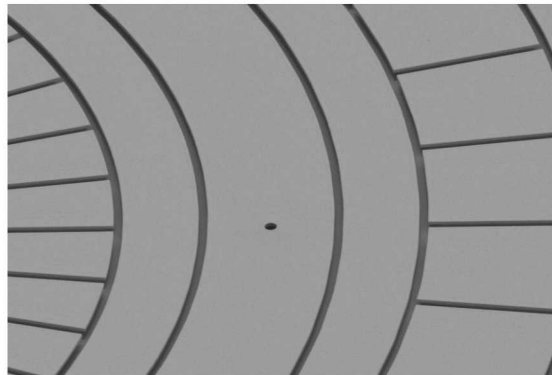
## On chip (future)

- 15V max voltage
- 200pF capacitance (but low inductance)
- Up to 200 capacitors can be located within the isthmus

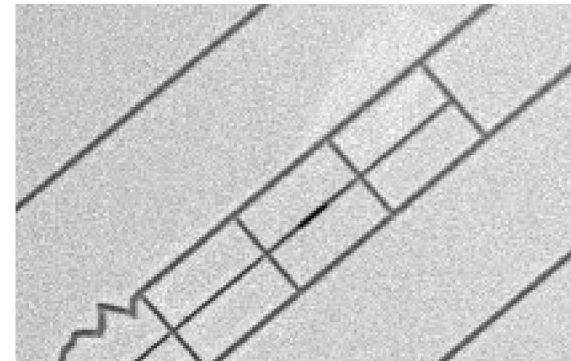
50μm×80μm  
*modulation necessary*



10μm hole  
*still perturbs the field*

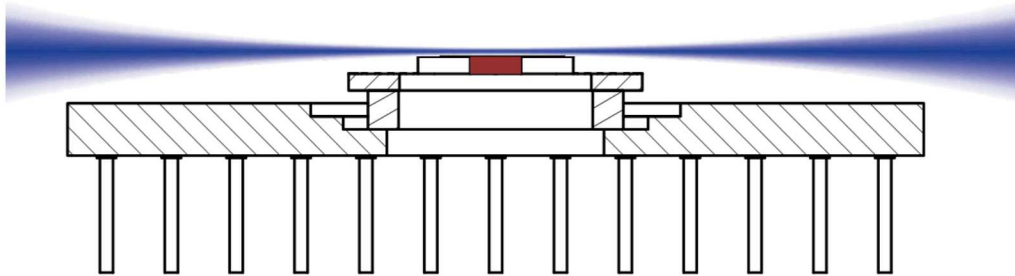


3μm×20μm

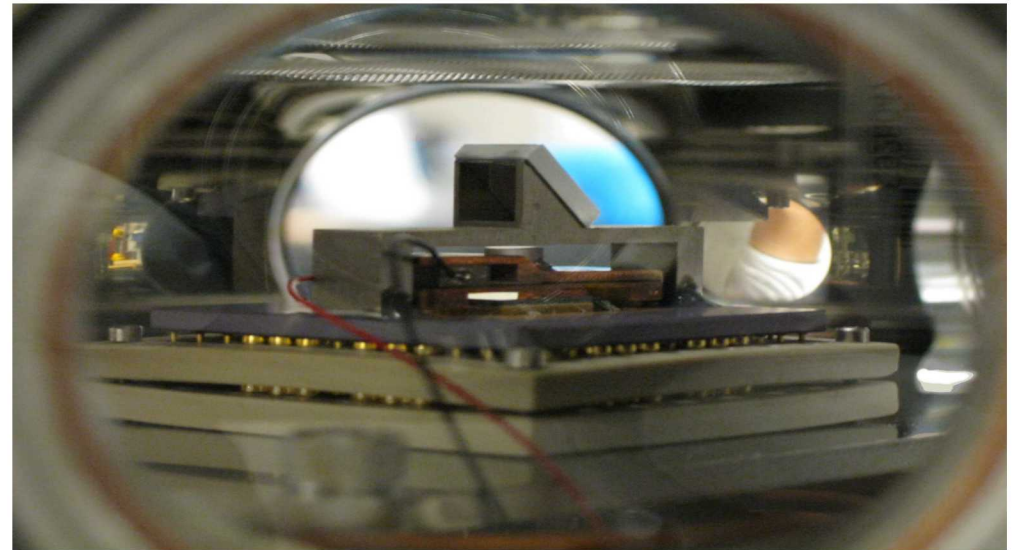
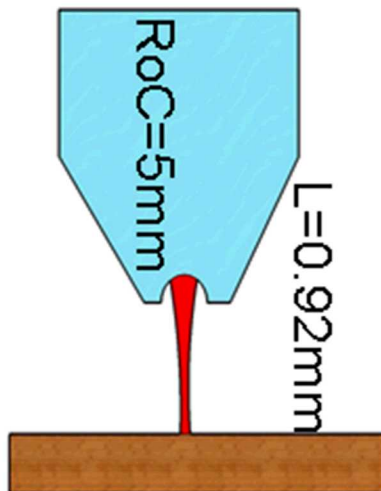
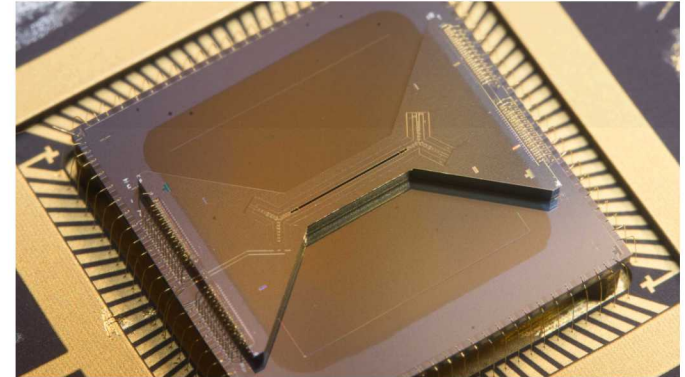




# Optical access & integrated optics

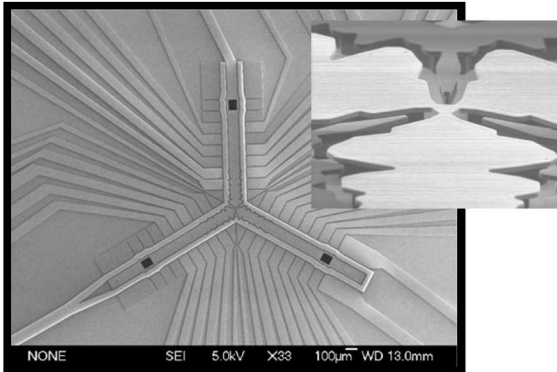


Can accommodate  $4/2 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$  beam waist (369 nm)

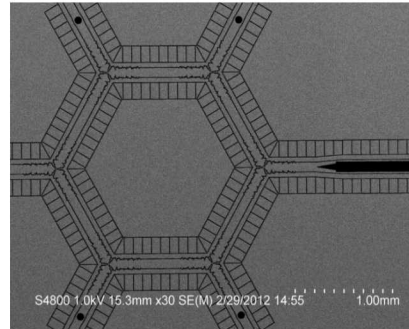


# Some of Sandia's Traps

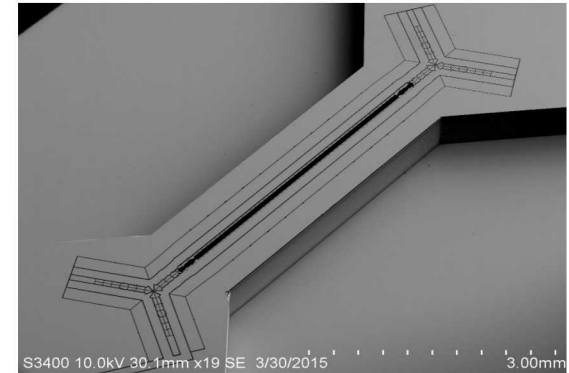
Y-junction traps



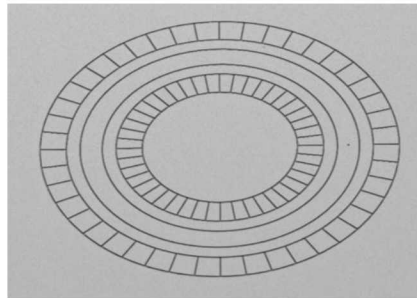
Circulator trap



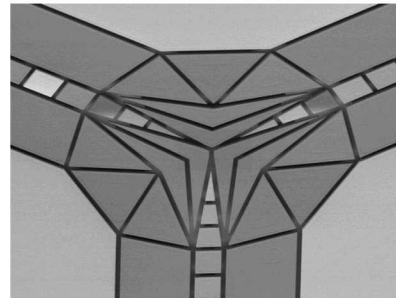
High Optical Access (HOA) trap



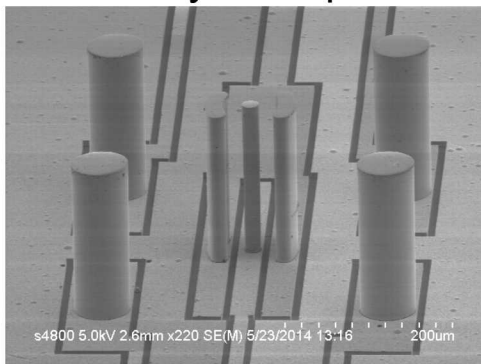
Ring trap:



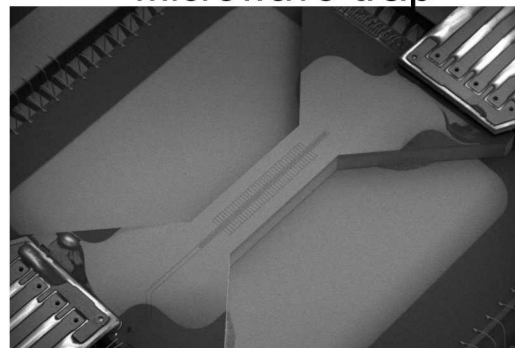
: Switchable RF trap



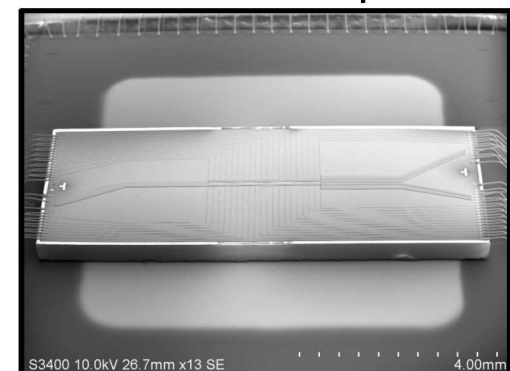
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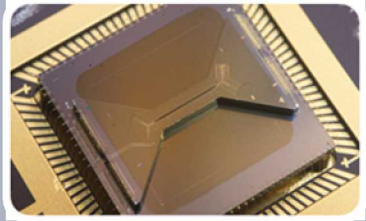
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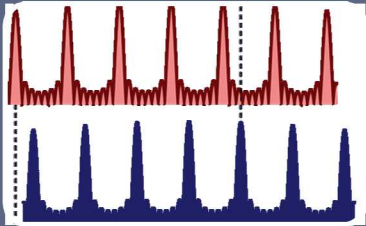
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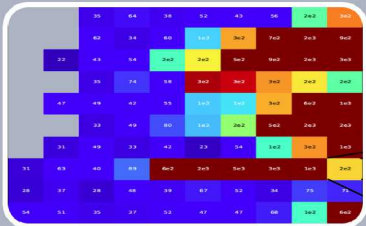
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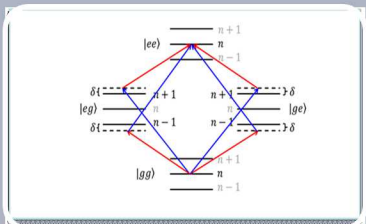
## Ion trapology



## Classical characterization



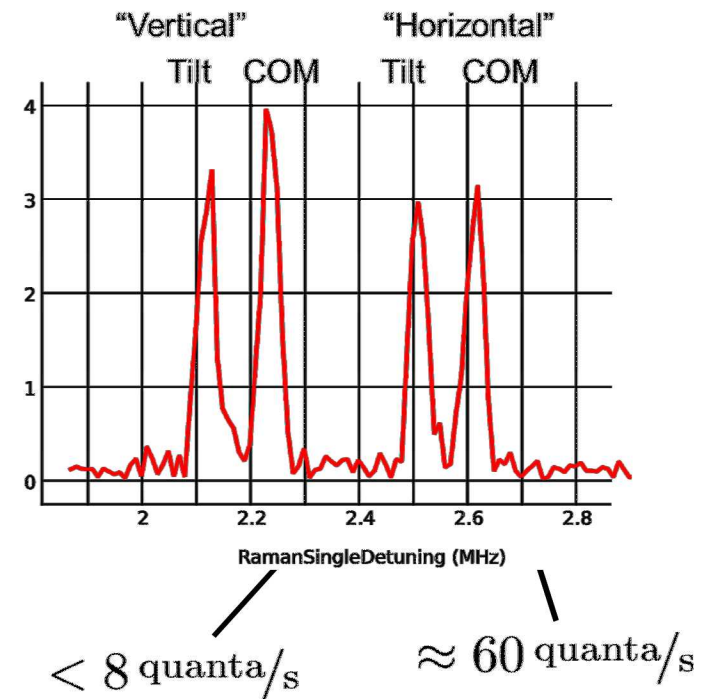
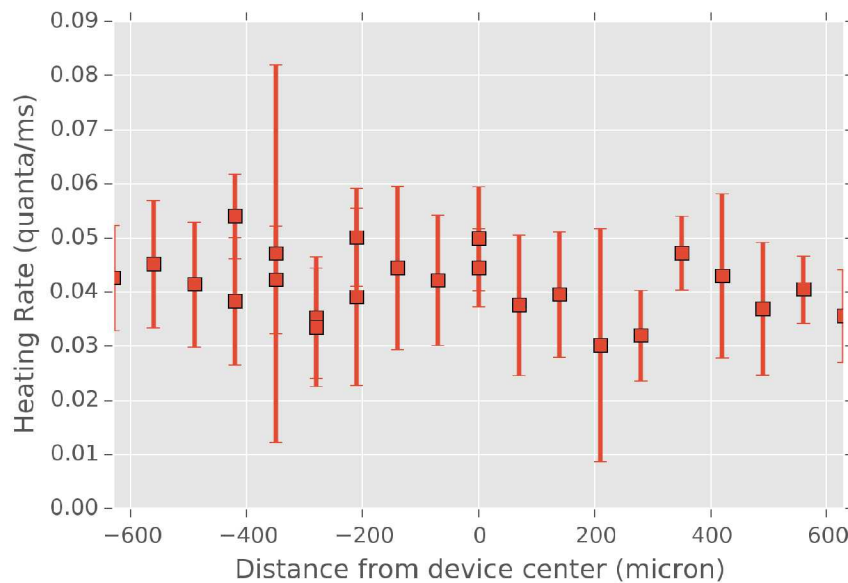
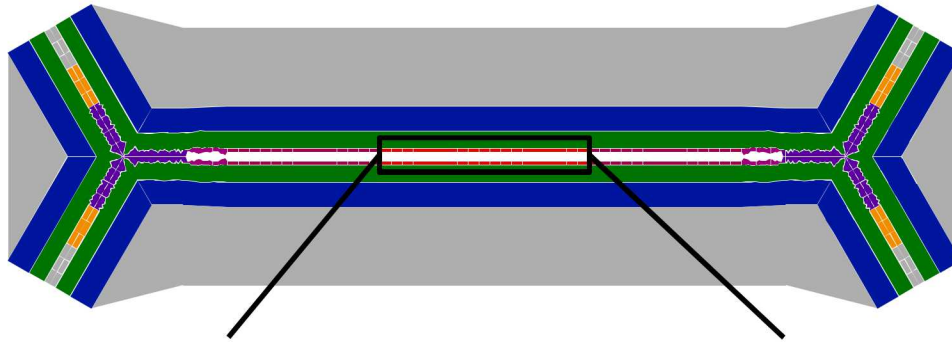
## Quantum characterization



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# Classical characterization

## Heating

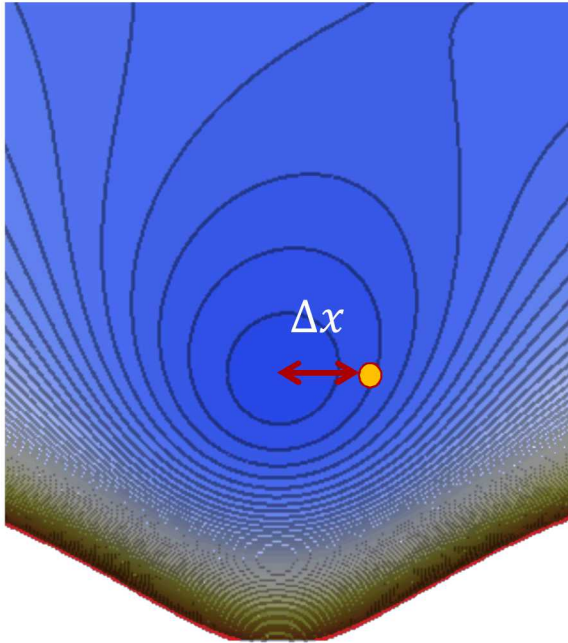


- Heating rate 40 q/s on average,  $^{171}\text{Yb}^+$ , Trap frequency 2.8 MHz, RF drive at 50 MHz
- Heating rate in HOA-2 is low and uniform along the length of the quantum section



# Classical characterization

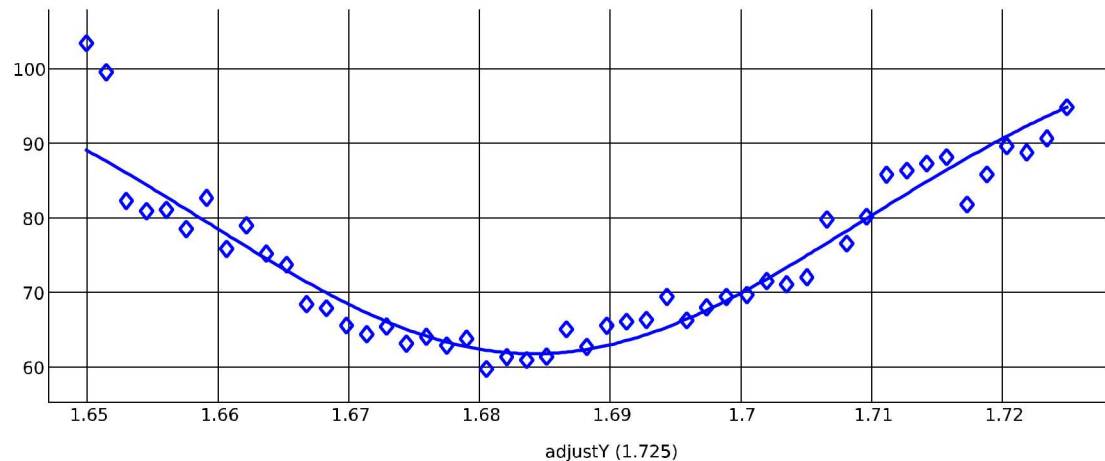
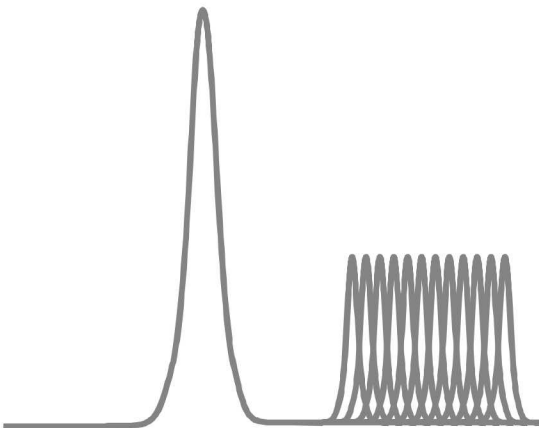
## Background electric field



- Goal is to eliminate offset from RF null

$$x(t) = [A \cos(\omega t) + \Delta x] \left(1 + \frac{q}{2} \cos(\Omega t)\right)$$

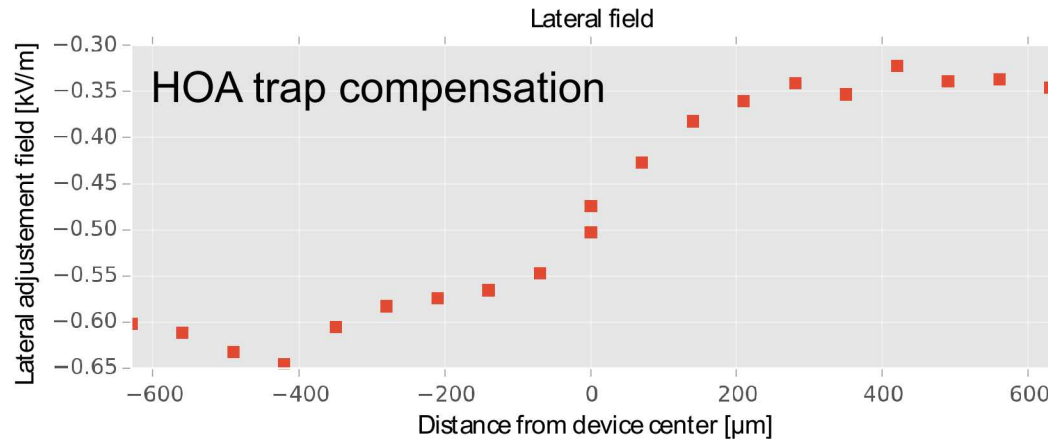
- Measure transition strength of Raman beams applied at drive frequency (lateral direction)
- Tickle ion motion with chirped pulses at drive frequency, minimize fluorescence



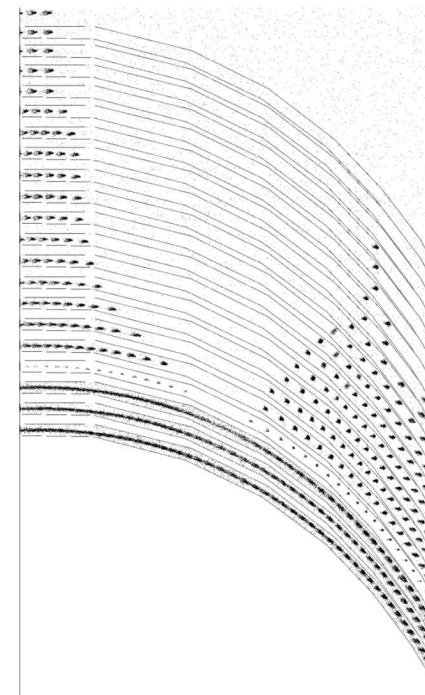
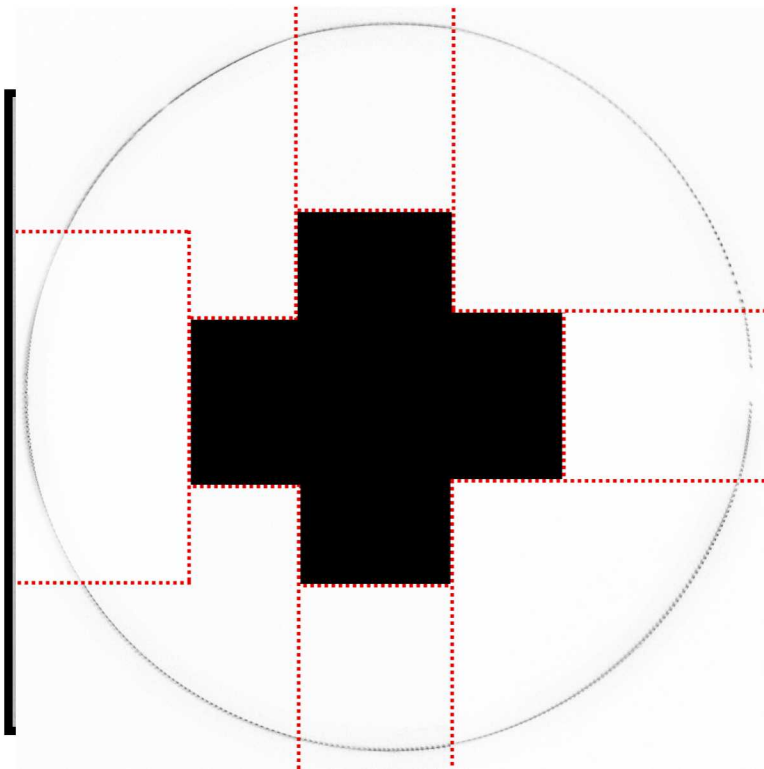
# Classical characterization

## Background electric field

Linear trap



Ring trap



correction

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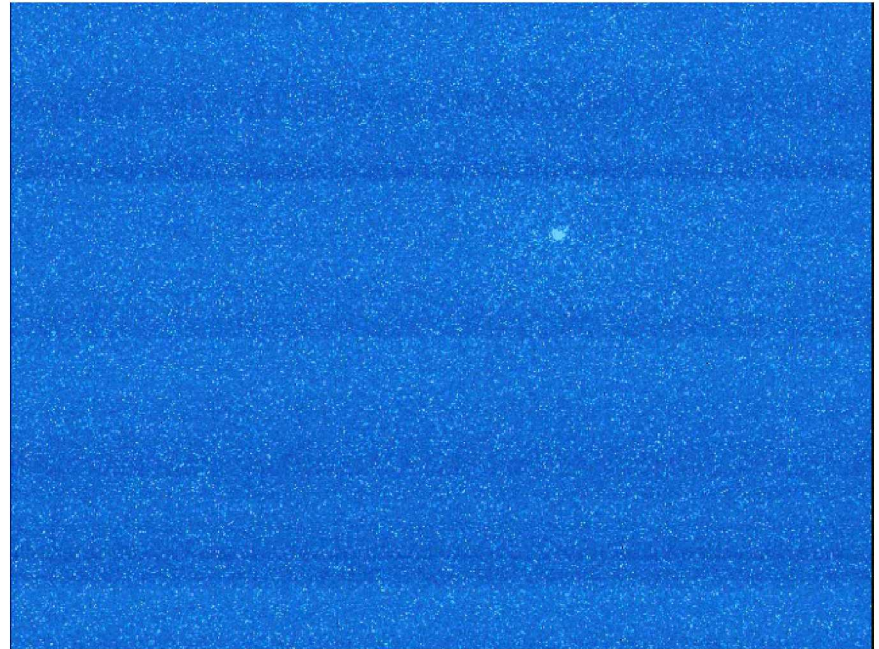
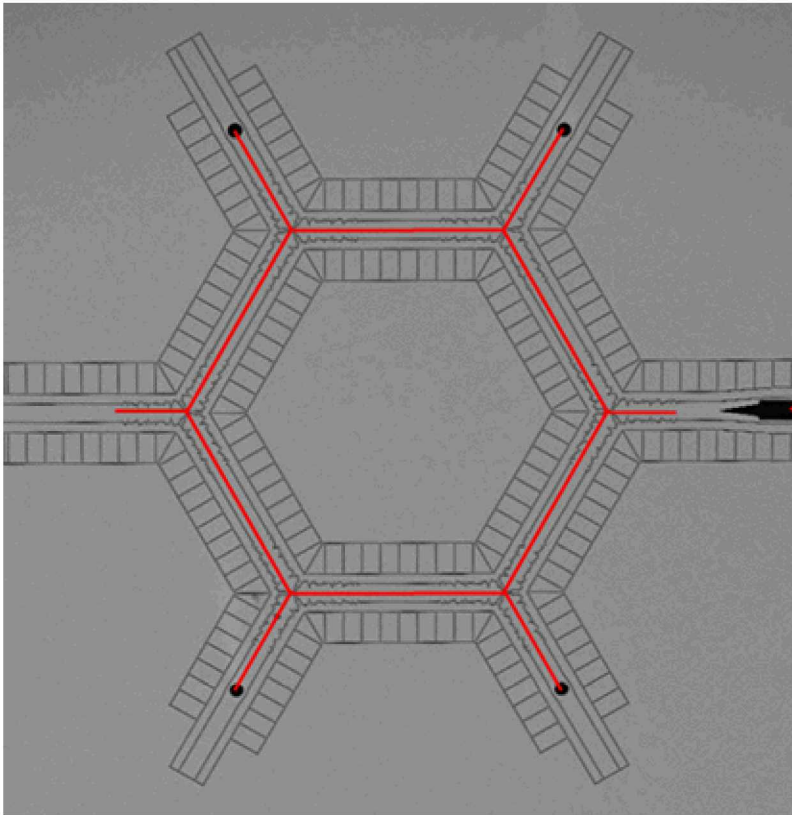


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# *Classical characterization*

## Shuttling and swapping

- Co-wired junction and linear sections, transported ions around device
- Same voltage solution at junctions





# *Classical characterization* Applications

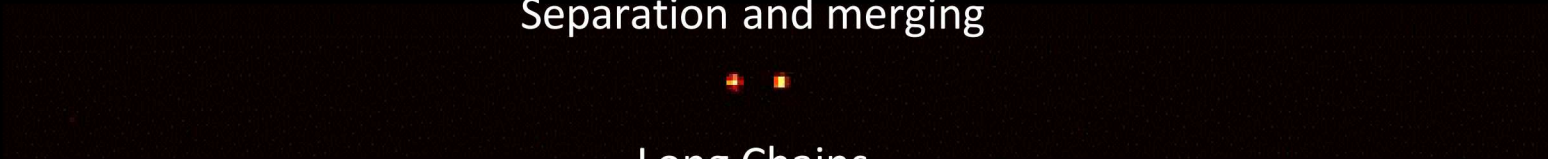
Controlled rotation



Combined rotation and translation

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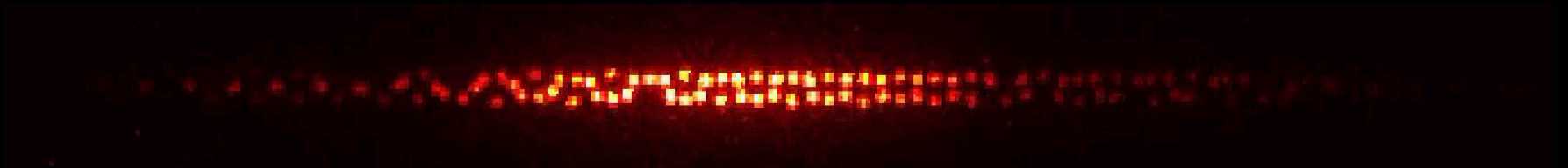
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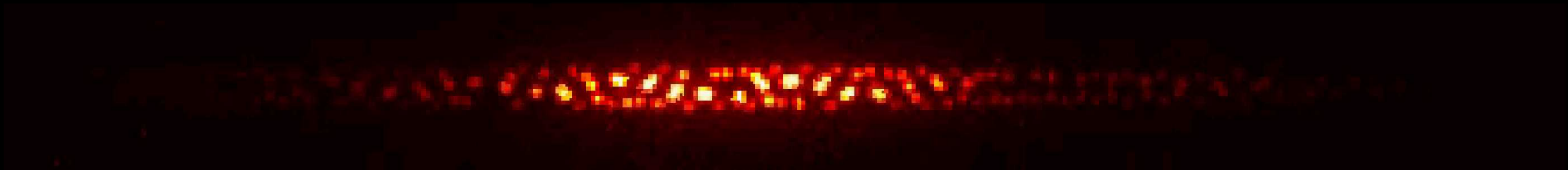
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Compression of chains

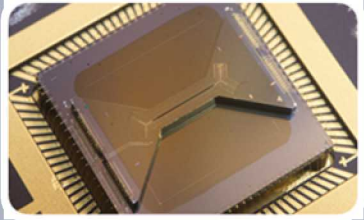


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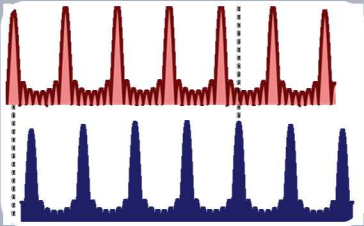




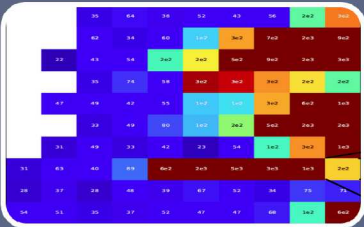
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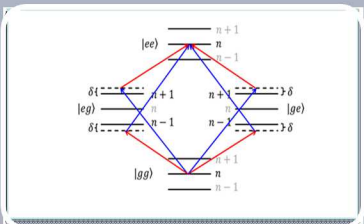
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# Quantum characterization

## Single qubit gates

- Process infidelity  $\approx$  diamond norm
  - This indicates that we have gotten rid of all systematic errors

**Below the threshold for fault-tolerant error correction!**

See P. Aliferis and A. W. Cross, Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 220502 (2007)

- Co-propagating gates have infidelity comparable to microwave gates, but diamond norm indicates some residual control errors
- Counter-propagating gates are noticeably worse, but are necessary for two-qubit gates
- Lower fidelity presumably results from anomalous heating and optical phase sensitivity

### Microwave Gates

Gate	Process Infidelity	1/2 $\diamond$ -Norm
$G_I$	$6.9(6) \times 10^{-5}$	$7.9(7) \times 10^{-5}$
$G_X$	$6.1(7) \times 10^{-5}$	$7.0(15) \times 10^{-5}$
$G_Y$	$7.2(7) \times 10^{-5}$	$8.1(15) \times 10^{-5}$

### Laser Gates

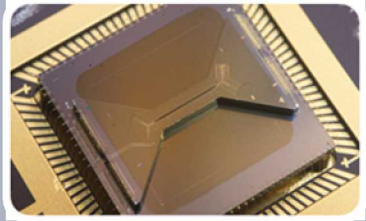
#### *co-propagating*

Gate	Process Infidelity	1/2 $\diamond$ -Norm
$G_I$	$1.17(7) \times 10^{-4}$	$5.3(2) \times 10^{-4}$
$G_X$	$5.0(7) \times 10^{-5}$	$3(6) \times 10^{-4}$
$G_Y$	$6.9(6) \times 10^{-5}$	$4(9) \times 10^{-4}$

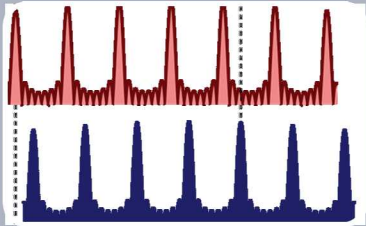
#### *counter-propagating*

Gate	Process Infidelity	1/2 $\diamond$ -Norm
$G_I$	$11.1(6) \times 10^{-4}$	$22.8(1) \times 10^{-4}$
$G_X$	$4.0(4) \times 10^{-4}$	$13.2(6) \times 10^{-4}$
$G_Y$	$4.1(4) \times 10^{-4}$	$8.4(8) \times 10^{-4}$

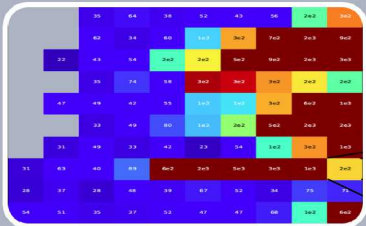
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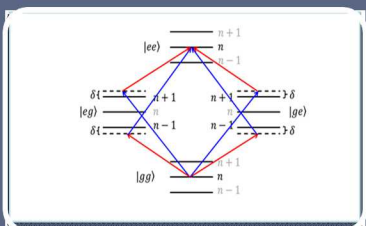
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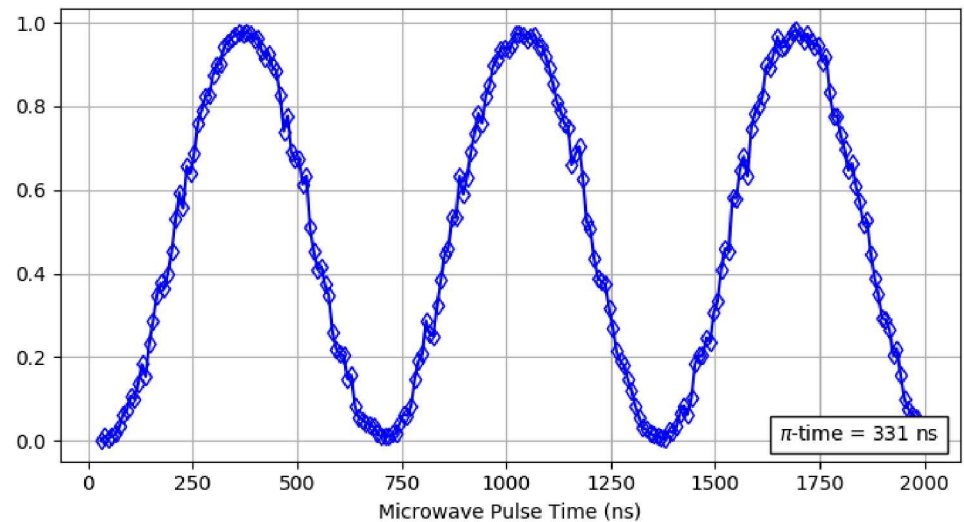
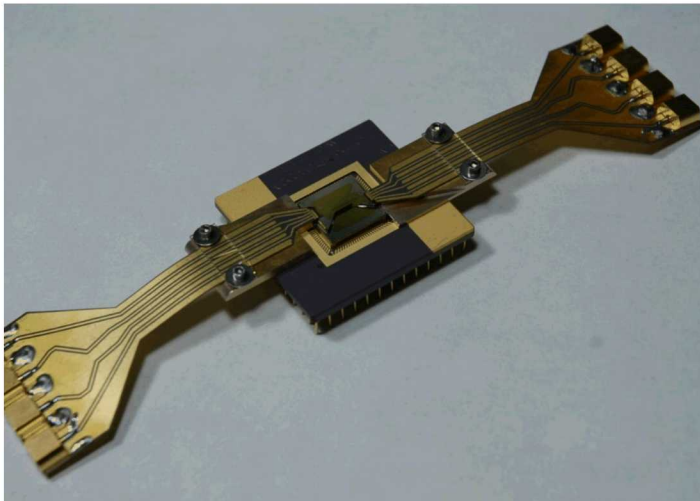
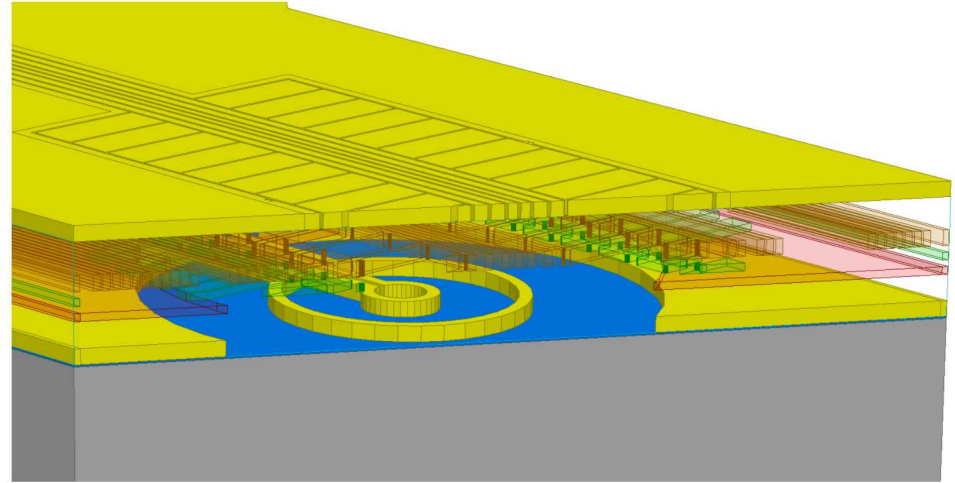
## Microwave trap

### Benefits:

- Microwave radiation is easier to control and cheaper to implement than lasers
- Low power for Rabi oscillations (330 ns for -2 dB at device)
- Near field allows to generate microwave gradient fields

### Challenges:

- Microwave delivery (-17 dB loss chamber to dev)
- Dissipation, heating, thermal management





# Specialized devices & Future directions

## TICTOC optical clock

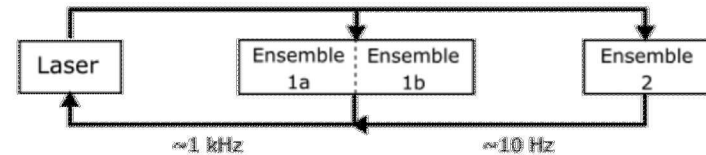
An atomic-photonic integrated clock to achieve

$$\sigma_y < 1 \times 10^{-14} / \tau^{1/2} \text{ for}$$

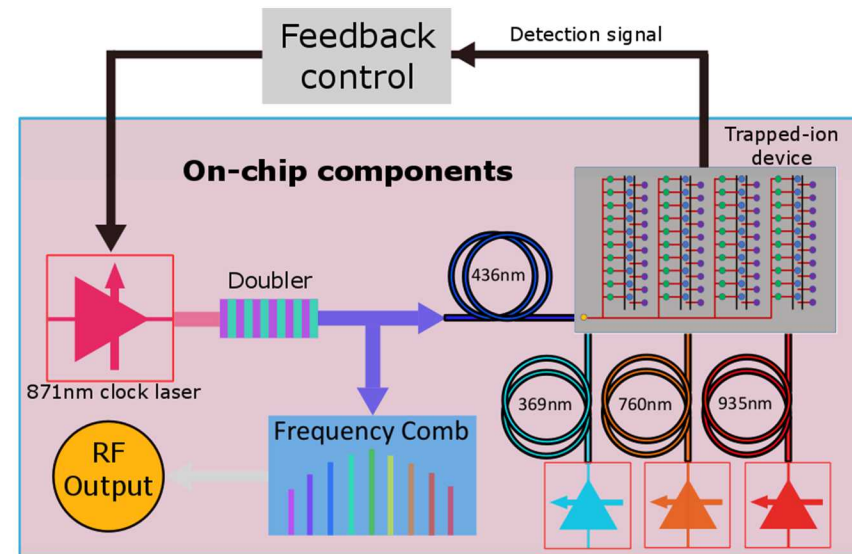
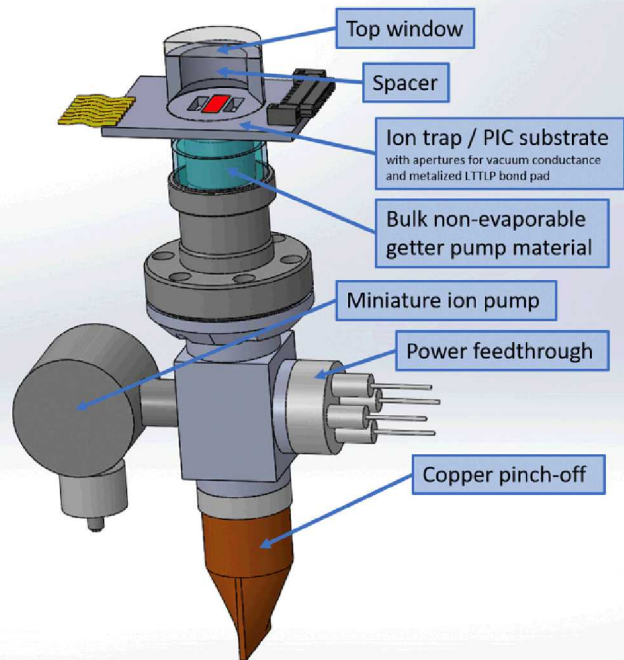
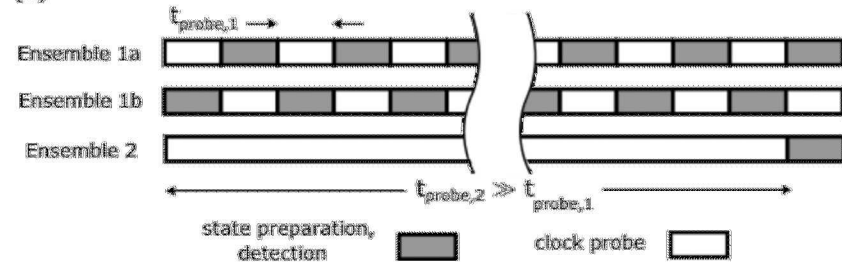
$$1 \text{ s} < \tau < 100,000 \text{ s}$$

in less than ½ liter

(a)



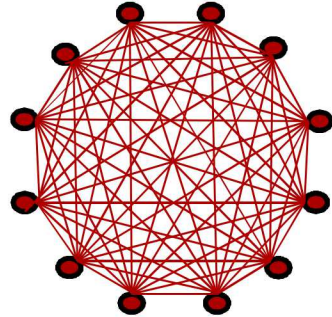
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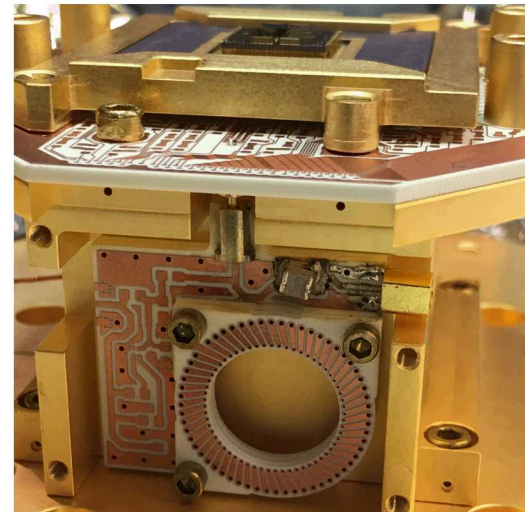
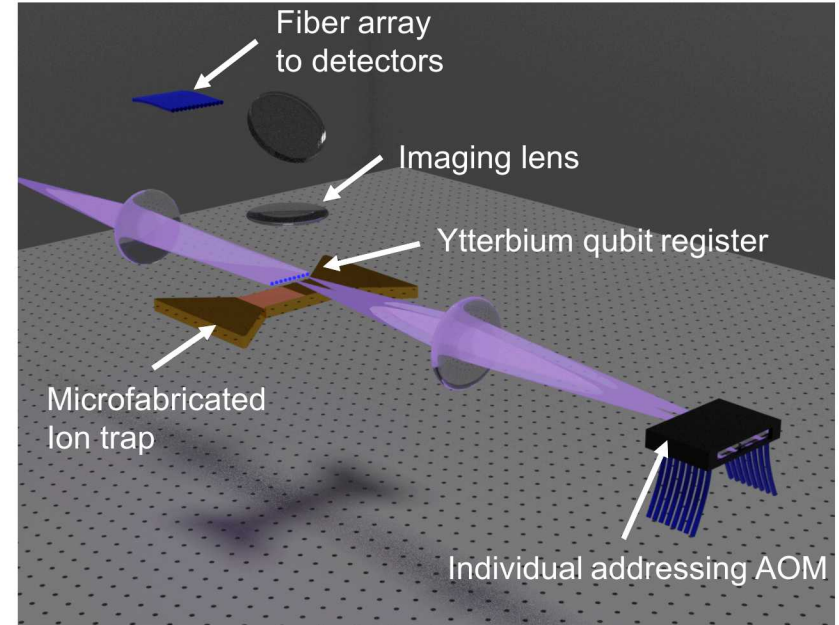
# Specialized devices & Future directions

## QSCOUT (QS Open User Testbed)

Trapped Ions:  
fully connected



- Single chain of 5 – 15 ytterbium qubits
- Stored in Sandia surface trap
- Individual addressing with 355nm Raman beams
- Full connectivity using radial vibrational modes
- Individual qubit detection via fiber array
- Addressing and detection supports up to 32 qubits





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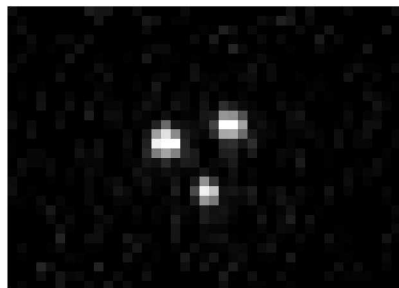
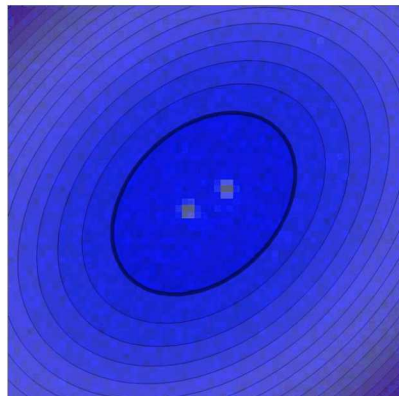
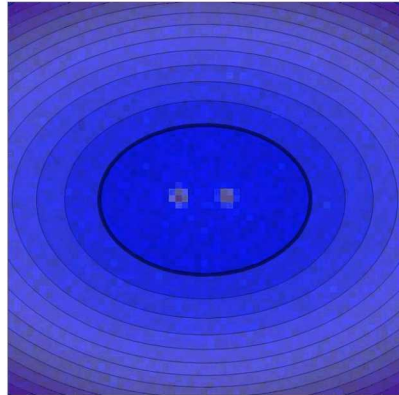


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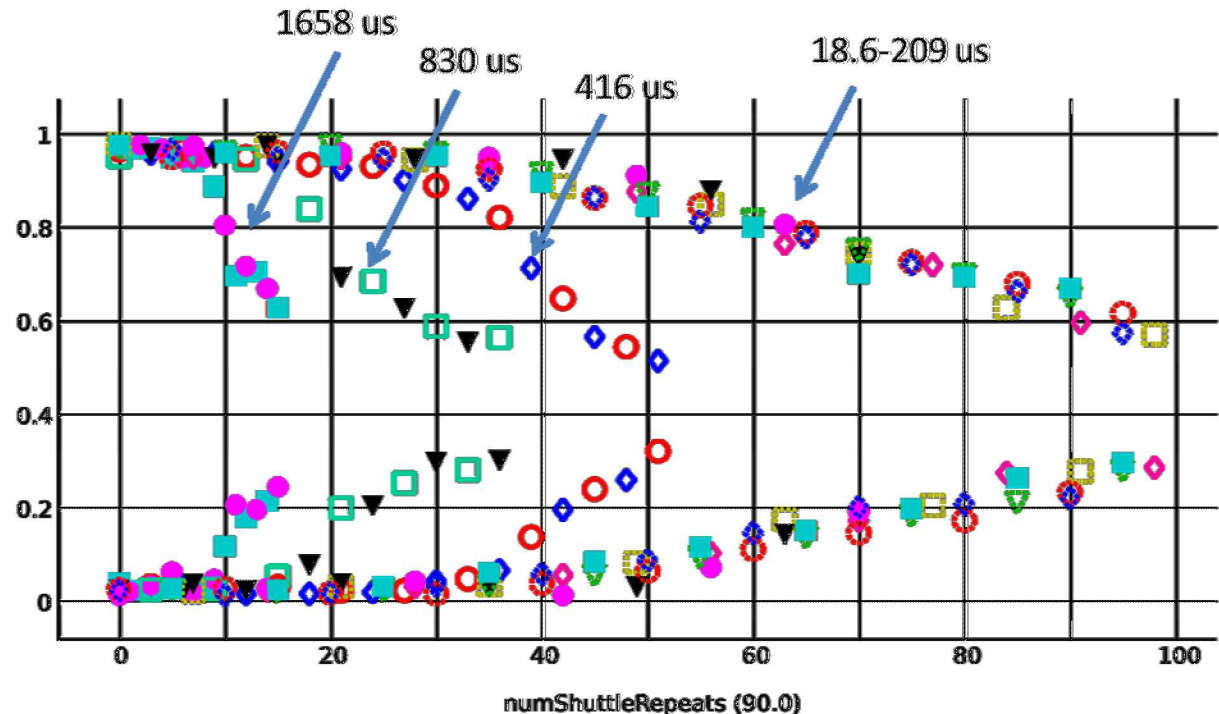


# Classical characterization

## Shuttling and swapping

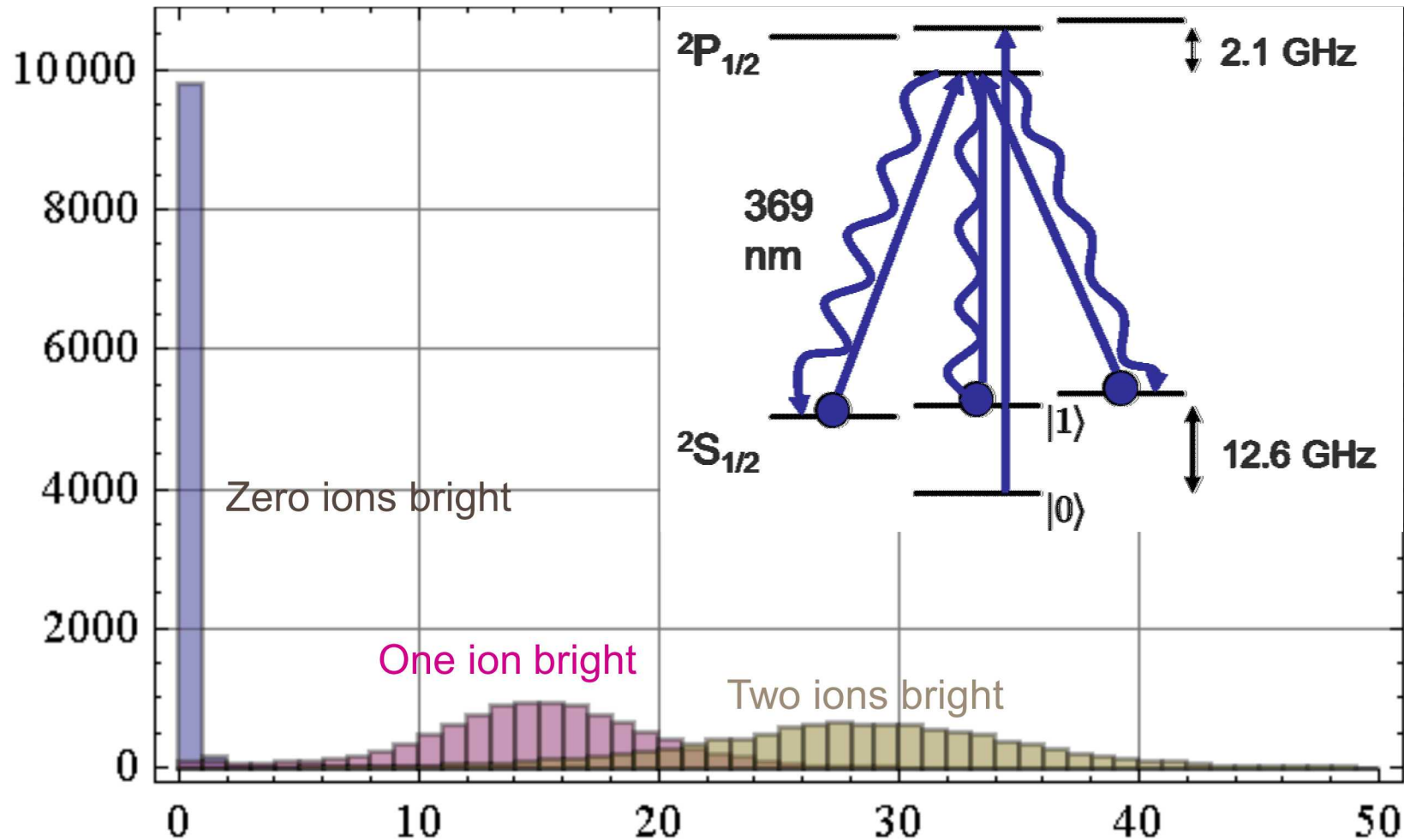


- Tag one ion with BB1 composite pulse
- Measure states on separate PMT's after rotation
  - In addition to declining success probability, fluorescence drops due to motional heating
  - Success probability drops for times  $< 18.6$  us

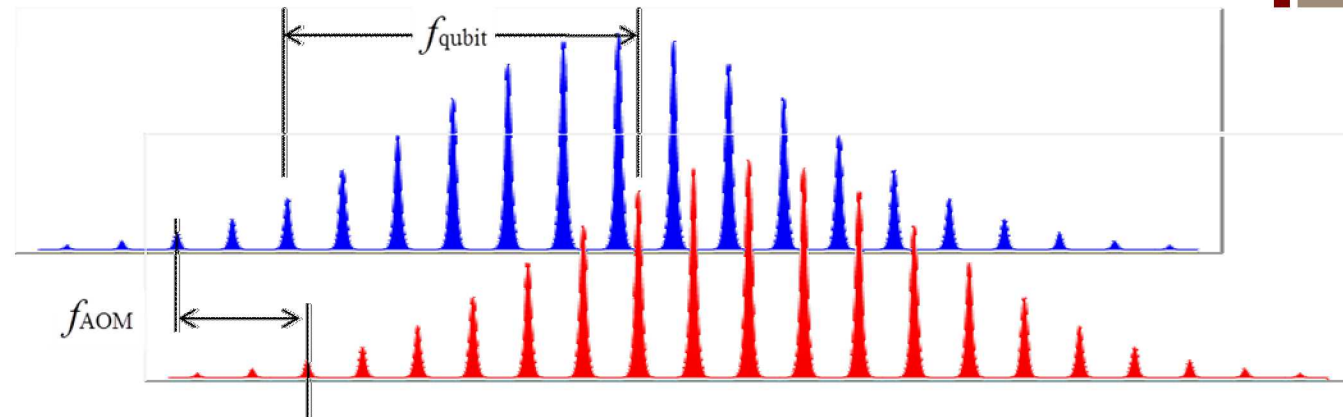
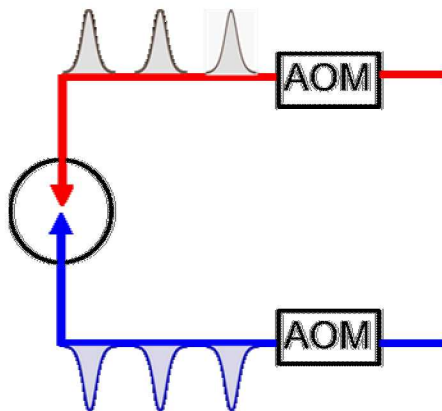
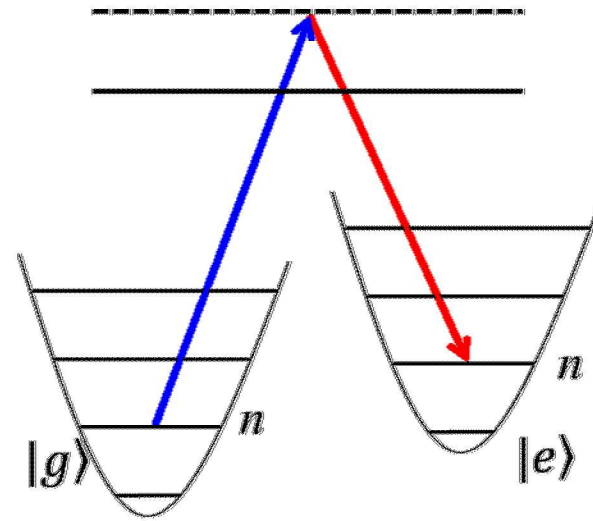
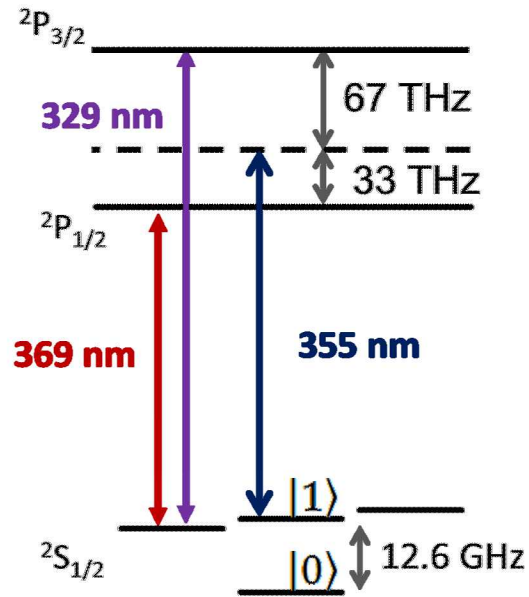




# Quantum characterization Ytterbium qubit



# Quantum characterization Ytterbium qubit



# Quantum characterization

## Gate Set Tomography (GST)

Desired “target” gates:

$G_i$  Idle (Identity)

$G_x$   $\pi/2$  rotation about  $x$ -axis

$G_y$   $\pi/2$  rotation about  $y$ -axis

- No calibration required
- Detailed debug information
- Efficiently measures performance characterizing fault-tolerance (diamond norm)
- Amplifies errors
- Detects non-Markovian noise
- Robin Blume-Kohout, SNL

Fiducials:

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$G_x$

$G_y$

$G_x \cdot G_x$

$G_x \cdot G_x \cdot G_x$

$G_y \cdot G_y \cdot G_y$

Germs:

$G_x$

$G_y$

$G_i$

$G_x \cdot G_y$

$G_x \cdot G_y \cdot G_i$

$G_x \cdot G_i \cdot G_y$

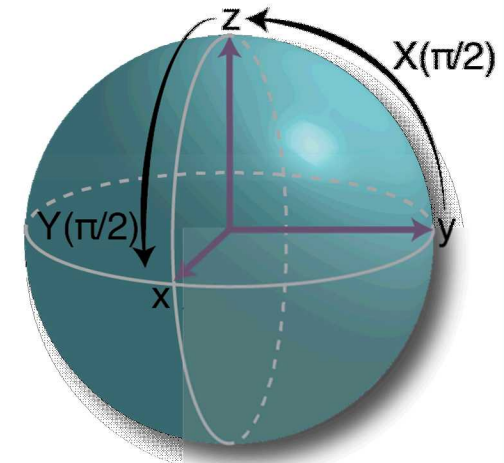
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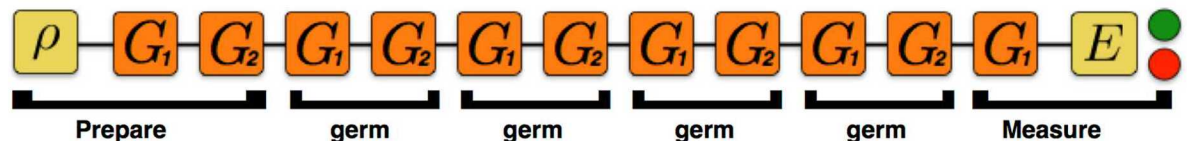
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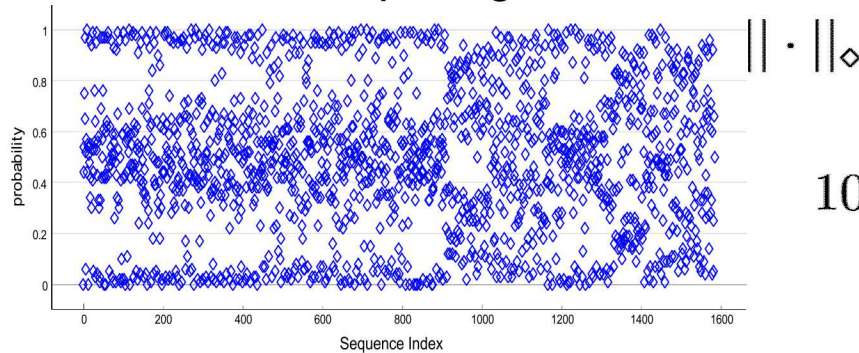
Single qubit BB1 compensated microwave gates on  $^{171}\text{Yb}^+$



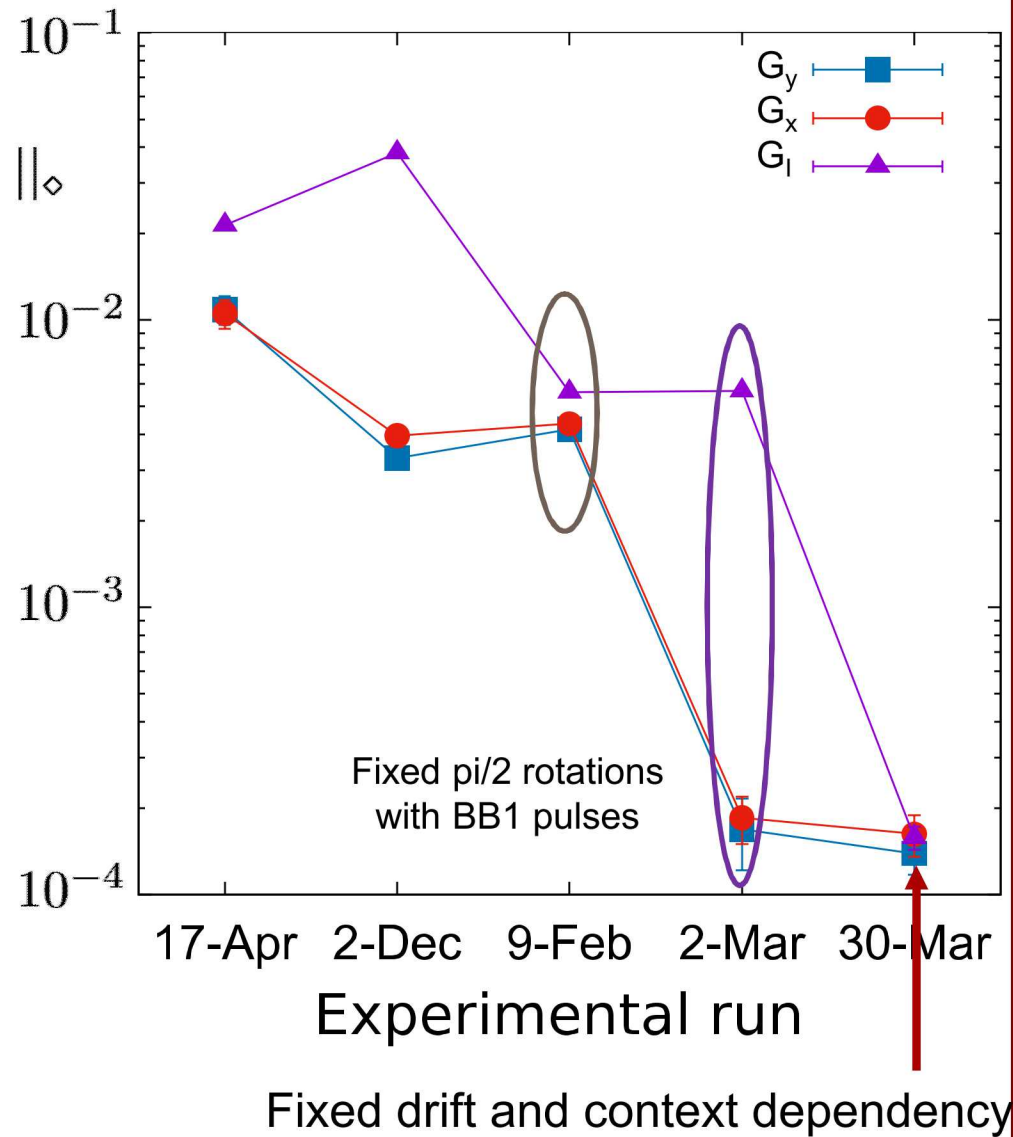
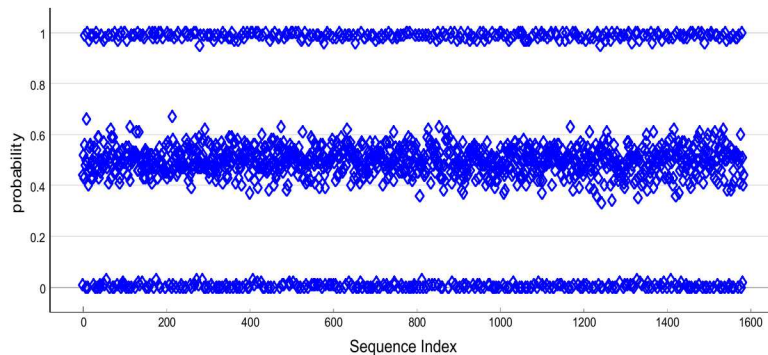
# Quantum characterization

## Microwave gates

Raw data poor gates



Raw data good gates





[illegible]

Finite turn-on time

Gapless pulse sequence

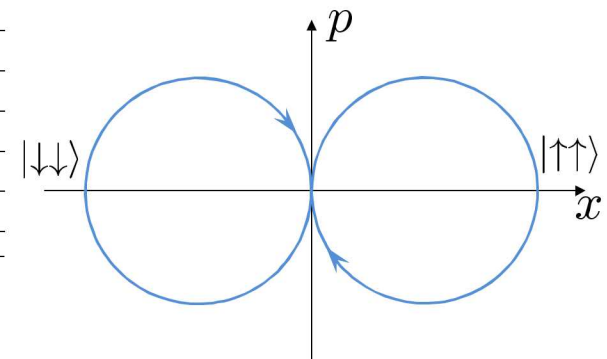
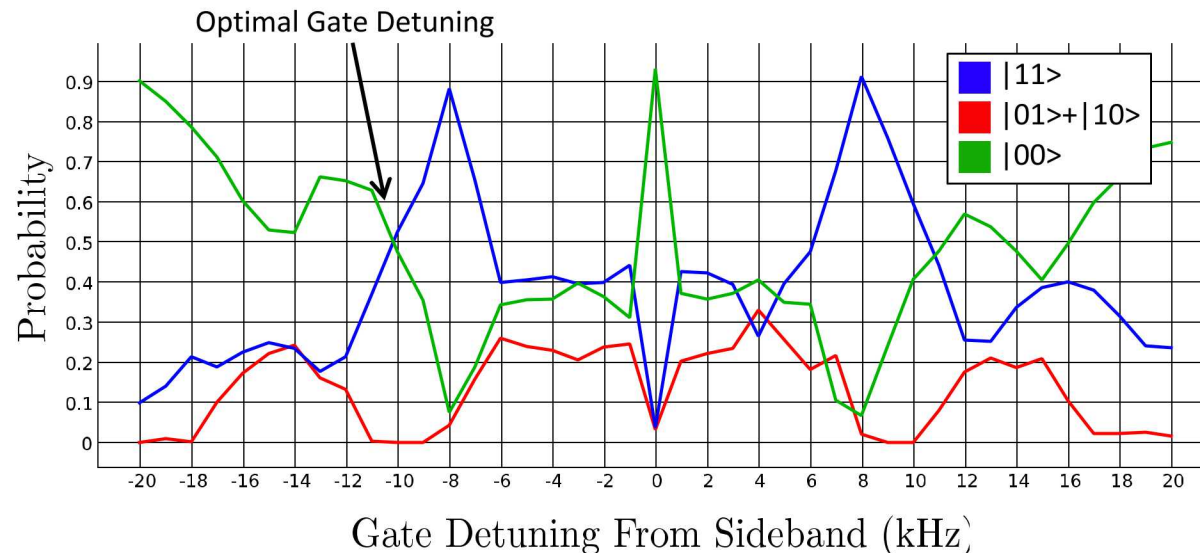
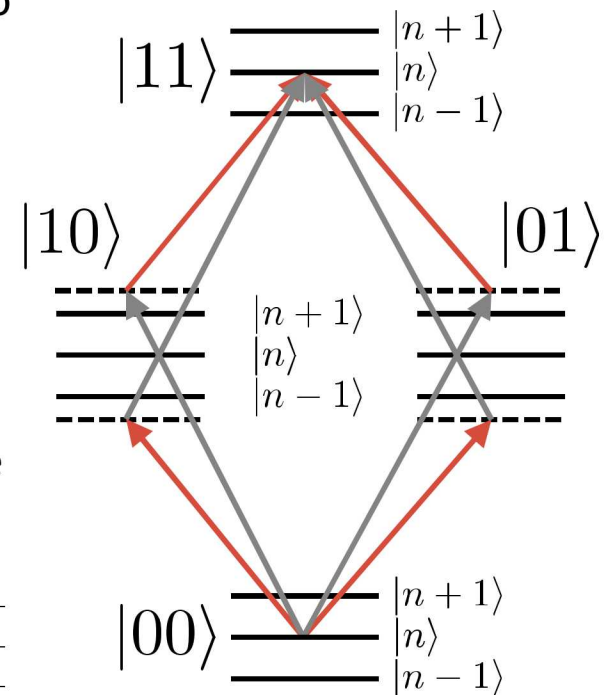
Diagram illustrating the Bloch sphere representation of a quantum state evolution. The process starts with a "prep" stage where two Bloch spheres have vertical arrows pointing down. This is followed by a "wait" stage where the spheres are labeled  $\hat{X}$  and  $\hat{Y}$ . The  $\hat{X}$  spheres have horizontal arrows pointing left, and the  $\hat{Y}$  spheres have horizontal arrows pointing right. A "small dephasing" operation is indicated by a blue arrow pointing from the  $\hat{X}$  spheres to the  $\hat{Y}$  spheres. To the right, a graph shows a curve passing through the origin, with red arrows indicating a shift from  $f$  to  $f - \delta$  and from  $f$  to  $f + \delta$ .

# Quantum characterization

## Two qubit gates

- Bichromatic entangling “Mølmer-Sørensen” gate
- Gate time and detuning from motional sidebands is set so that population in motionally (de-)excited states is zero corresponding to a closed loop in phase space
- Does not require ground state cooling
- Requires a number of extra calibrations
  - Rabi frequencies of red/blue detuned transitions matched
  - Ions need to be evenly illuminated
  - Phase of beat note needs to be calibrated and stable

$$|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle + |11\rangle$$



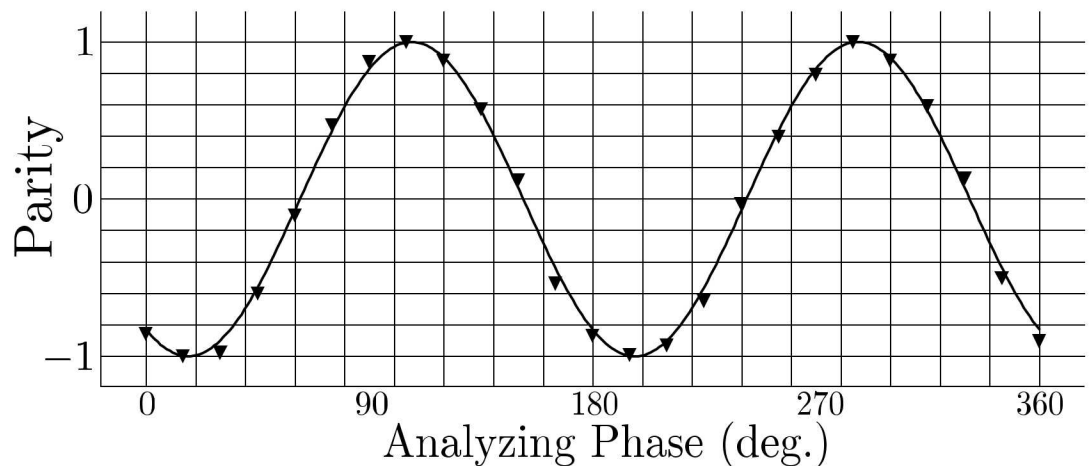
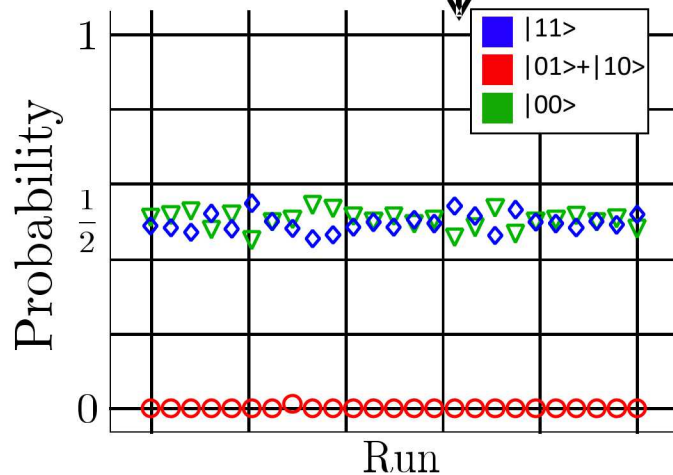
# Quantum characterization

## Two qubit gates

### Typical Approach: Entangled State Fidelity

- Entangled state fidelity determined by

$$\mathcal{F} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (P(|00\rangle) + P(|11\rangle))}_{\text{Probability plot}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} c}_{\text{Parity plot}}$$



- Repeated application of gate
- Measure average population of entangled state
- Apply gate followed by analyzing pulse of varying phase
- Measure the resulting contrast

# Quantum characterization

## Two qubit gates

### Typical Approach: Entangled State Fidelity

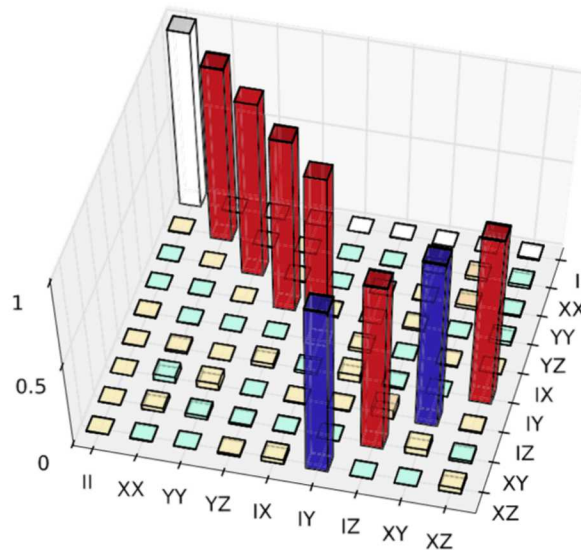
$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{2} (P(|00\rangle) + P(|11\rangle)) + \frac{1}{4}c \approx 0.995$$

### Two-Qubit GST

- Provides a true *process* fidelity
- Requires an extremely stable gate to take long GST measurements without constant recalibration

- Currently limited to the symmetric subspace

Gate	Process infidelity	$\frac{1}{2}$ Diamond norm
$G_I$	$1.6 \times 10^{-3} \pm 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$	$28 \times 10^{-3} \pm 7 \times 10^{-3}$
$G_{XX}$	$0.4 \times 10^{-3} \pm 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$27 \times 10^{-3} \pm 5 \times 10^{-3}$
$G_{YY}$	$0.1 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.9 \times 10^{-3}$	$26 \times 10^{-3} \pm 4 \times 10^{-3}$
$G_{MS}$	$4.2 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.6 \times 10^{-3}$	$38 \times 10^{-3} \pm 5 \times 10^{-3}$



$$F_{MS} = 0.9958(6)$$

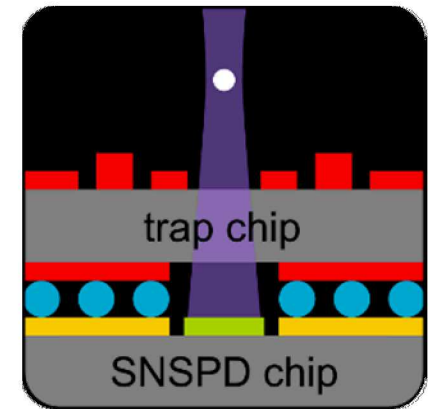
$$\frac{1}{2} \|G_{MS}\|_{\diamond} = 0.08(1)$$

95% confidence intervals

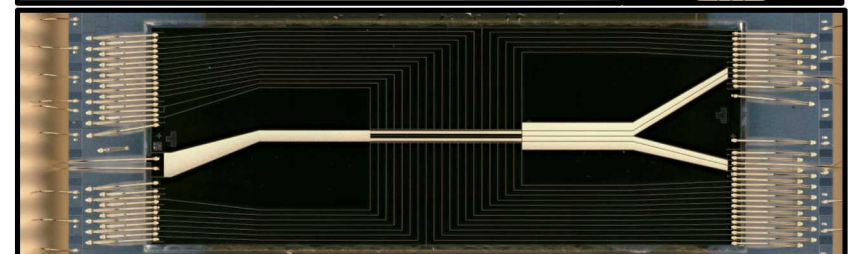
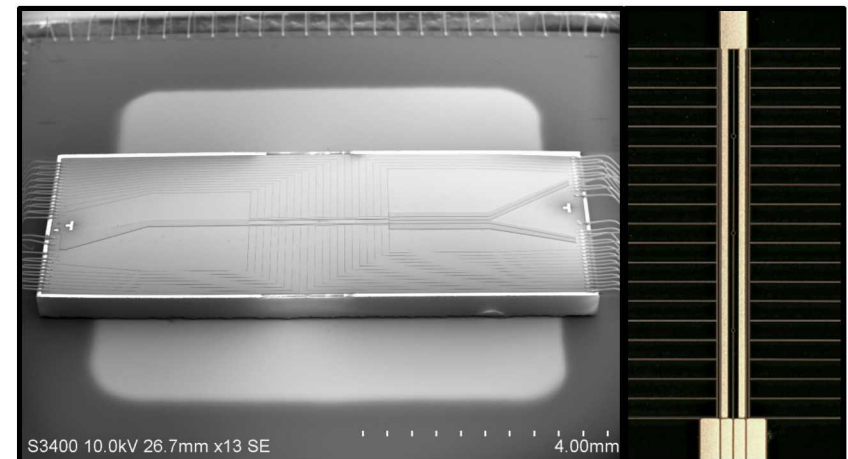
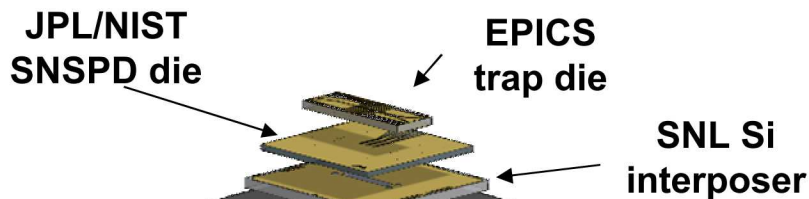
- Much more rigorous characterization
- Gate is stable for several hours



- Integrated Superconducting Nanowire Single-Photon Detector (SNSPD) detector and reflective backplane
  - Detector developed by JPL/NIST
- SNSPD provides higher photon detection ( $>80\%$  vs  $<30\%$ )
- Cavity-QED provides higher photon collection efficiency
- Strong coupling regime enables qubit measurement via fast cavity transmission
- Extra rf electrodes enable alignment of rf node with cavity modes



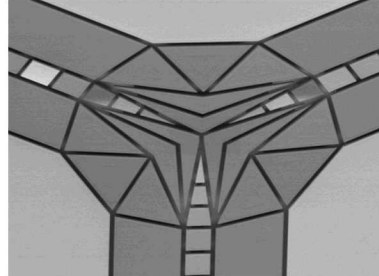
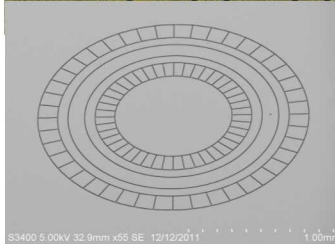
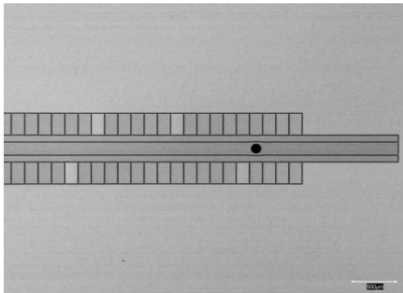
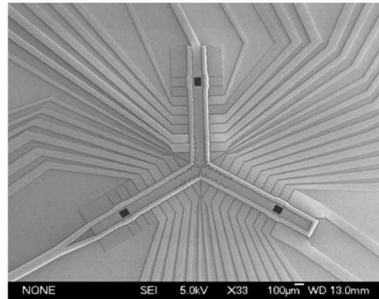
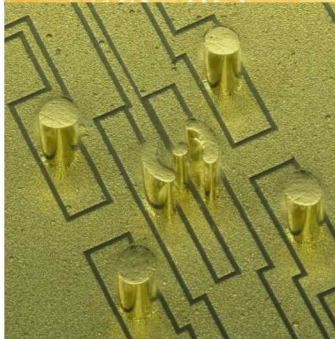
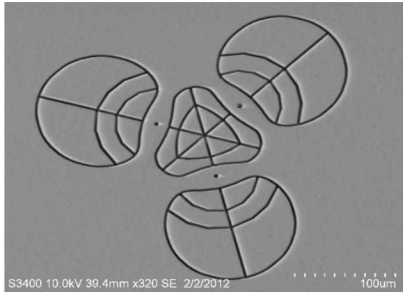
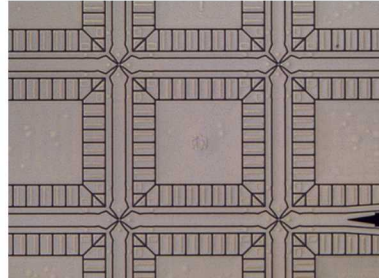
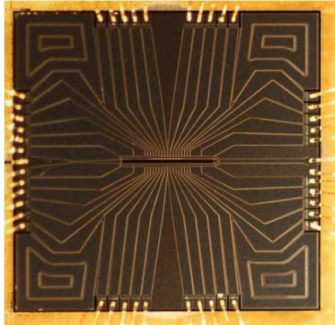
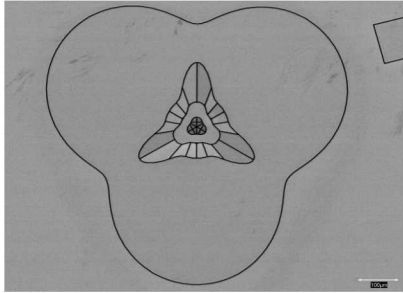
### Ion Trap Fabrication (Duke/SNL)



# Trap features

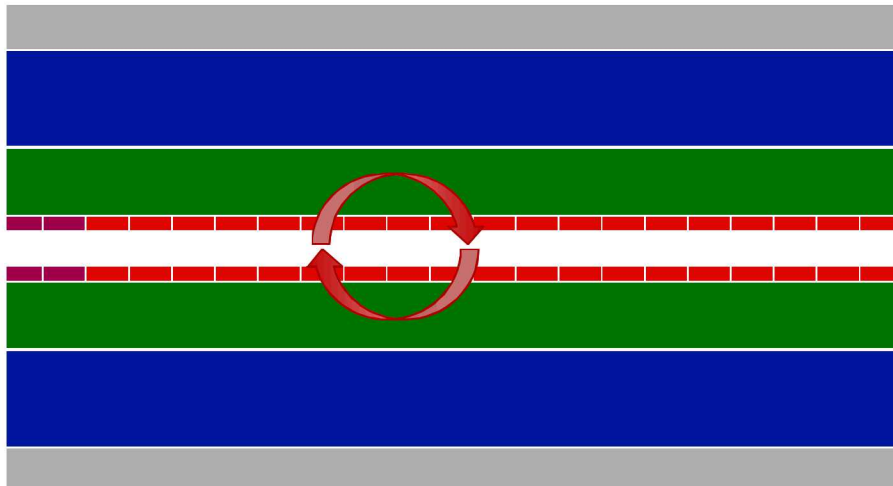
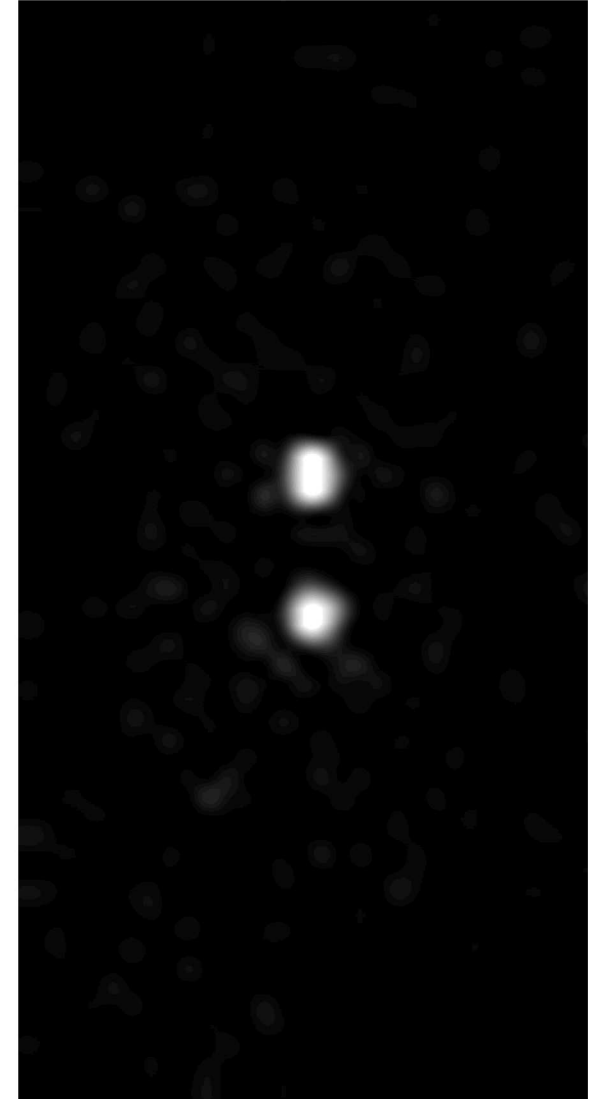
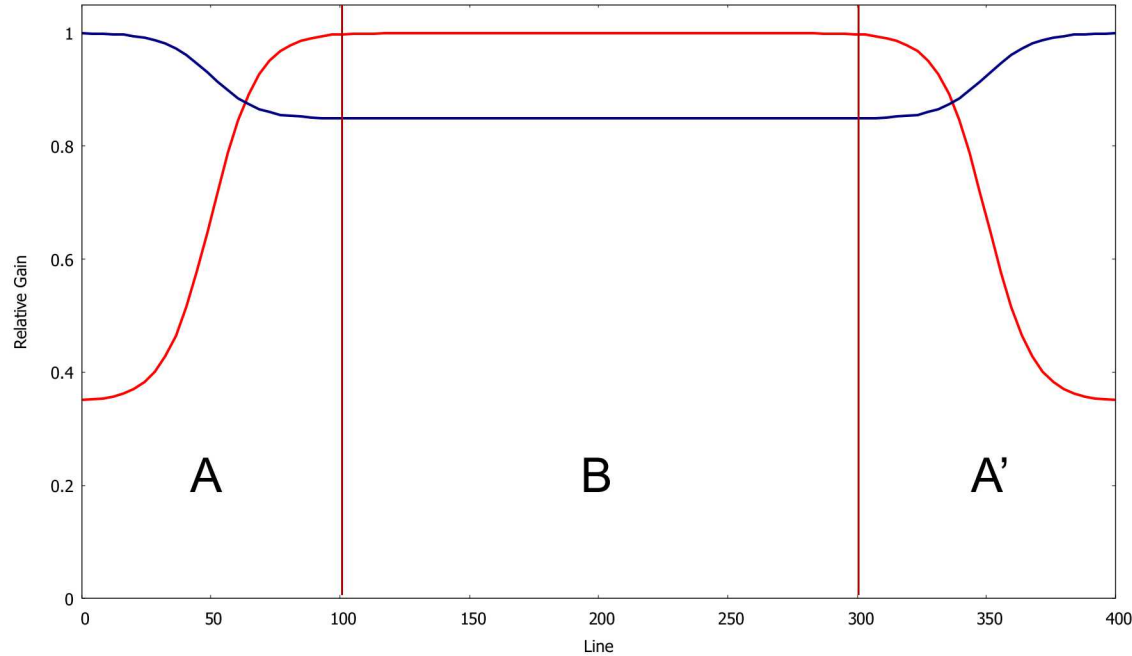
## Manufacturability, uniformity

- 12 institutions, 5 countries
- >100 devices delivered
- Quantum computing
- Quantum simulations
- Quantum communication
- Surface science
- Metrology



# Experimental characterization

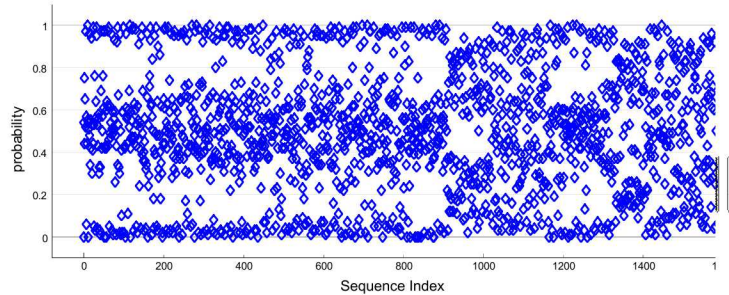
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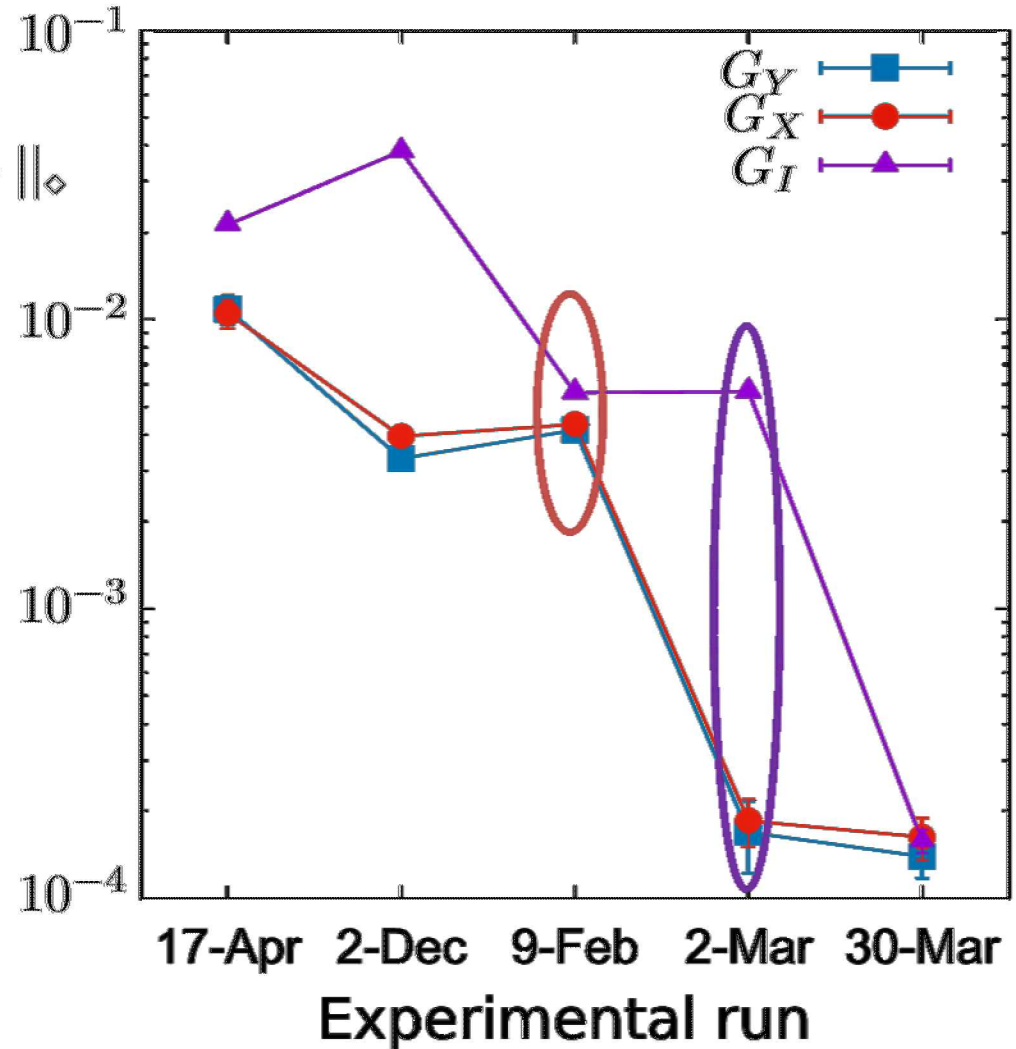
# Single qubit gates

## Microwave gates

Raw data poor gates



Gate	Rotn. axis	Angle
$G_I$	0.5252 -0.009 0.8506 -0.0244	$0.001699\pi$
$G_X$	$-3 \times 10^{-6}$ -1 $-3 \times 10^{-5}$ -0.009	$0.501308\pi$
$G_Y$	-0.2474 0.0001 0.9689 -0.0001	$0.501366\pi$

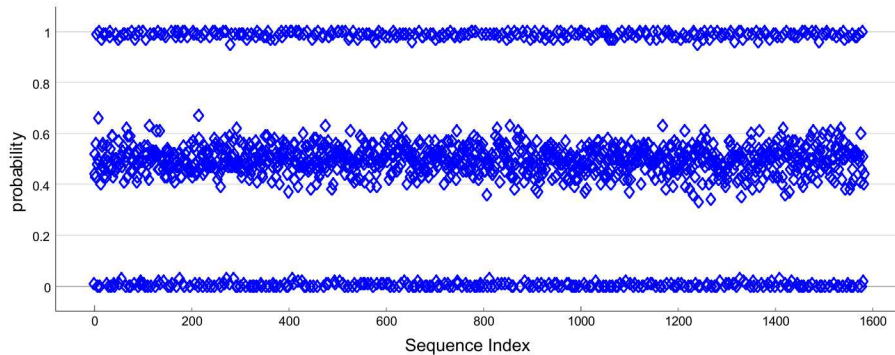




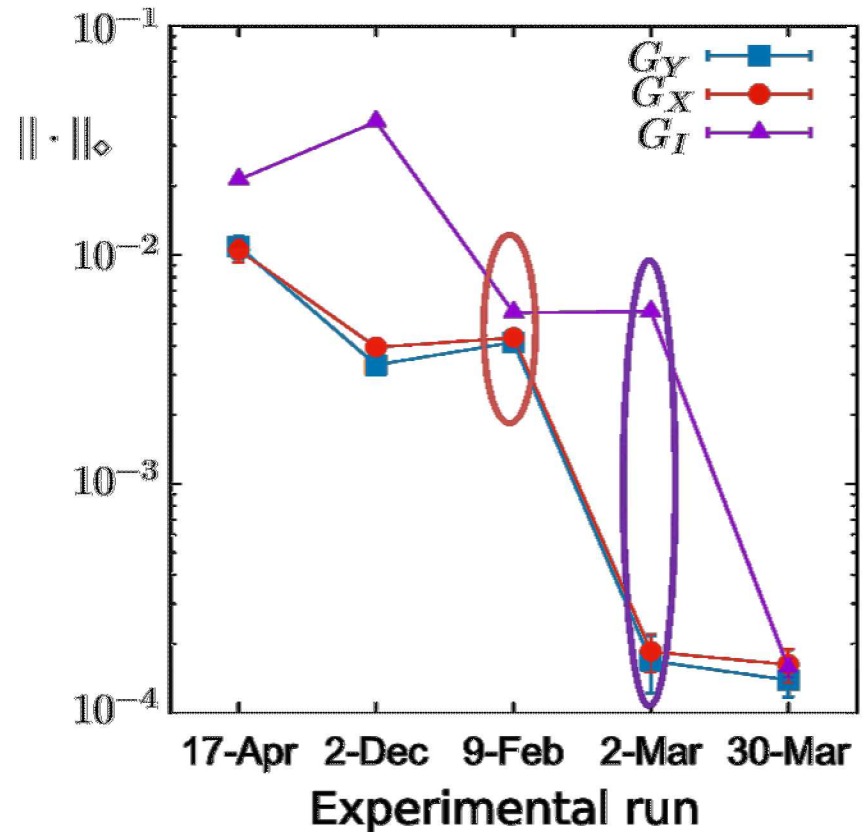
# Single qubit gates

## Microwave gates

Raw data good gates



Gate	Rotn. axis	Angle
$G_I$	-0.0035	$0.001769\pi$
	0.014	
	-0.9999	
	0.0006	
$G_X$	$-3 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.500007\pi$
	-1	
	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	
	0.0006	
$G_Y$	0.1104	$0.50001\pi$
	$4 \times 10^{-5}$	
	0.9939	
	0.0005	



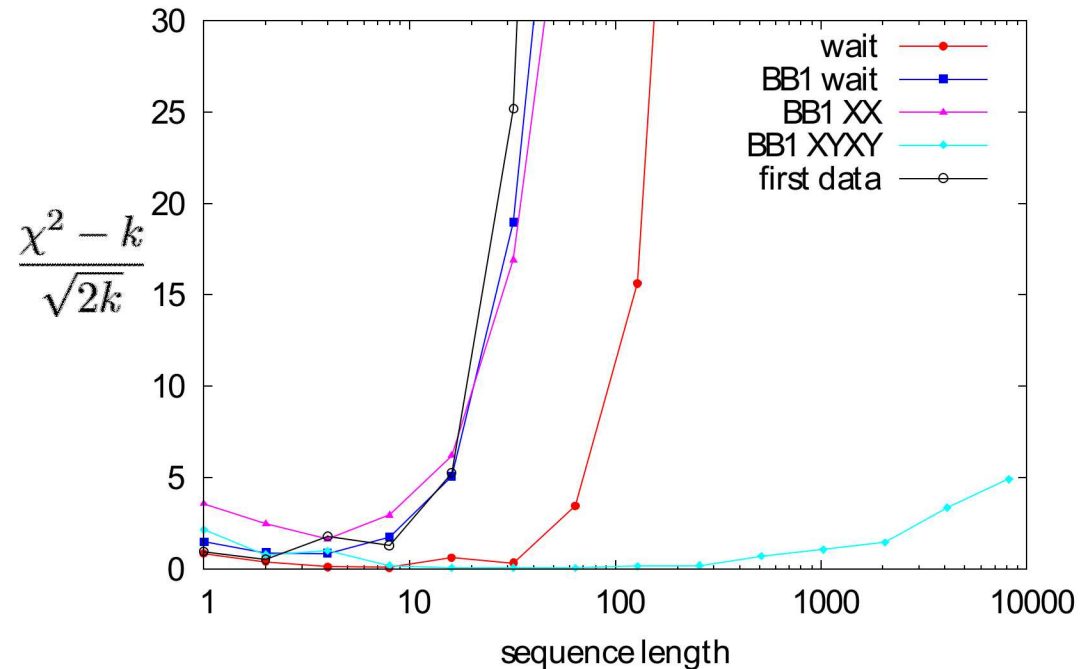
# Microwave error sources

- Time resolution:
  - Current time resolution is 5 ns
  - $\pi$ -times are  $45 \mu\text{s}$
  - ratio:  $10^{-4}$
  - Possible due to broadband pulses
- Coherence time:
  - $T_2^* = 1 \text{ s}$
  - longest pulse sequences 8192 : 1.66 s

# Single qubit gates

## Markovianity violation

- BB1 decoupled microwave gates with decoupled identity have very small non-Markovian noise
- BB1 dynamically compensated pulse sequences
- Decoupling sequence for identity gate
- Drift control for  $\pi$ -time and qubit frequency



Gate	Process Infidelity	$1/2 \diamond$ -Norm
$G_I$	$6.9(6) \times 10^{-5}$	$7.9(7) \times 10^{-5}$
$G_X$	$6.1(7) \times 10^{-5}$	$7.0(15) \times 10^{-5}$
$G_Y$	$7.2(7) \times 10^{-5}$	$8.1(15) \times 10^{-5}$

95% confidence intervals

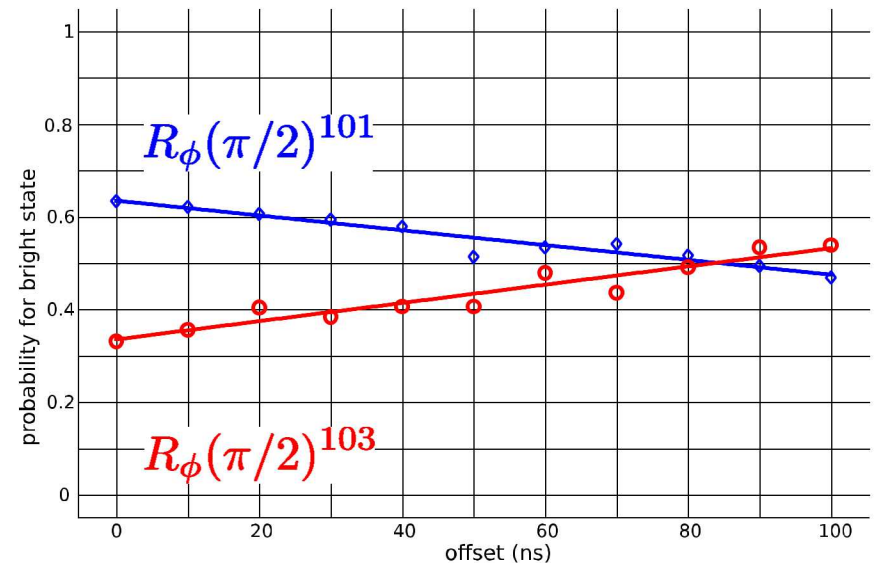
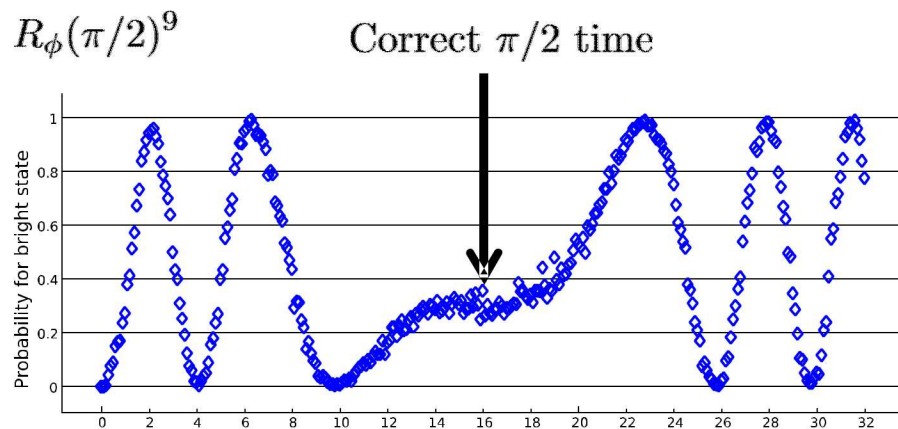
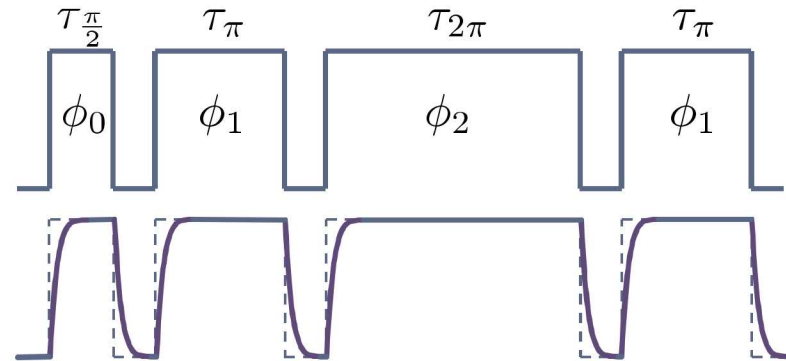


# Single qubit gates

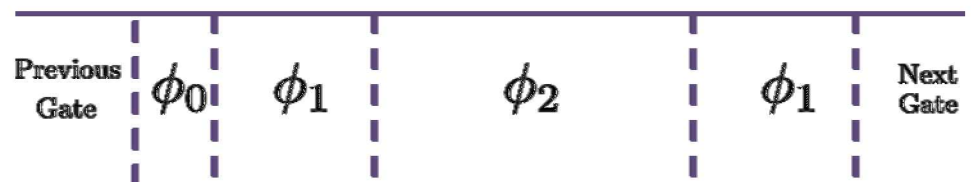
## Microwave broadband pulses

BB1 compensated pulse

Switching artifacts



Discontinuous phase updates are used in place of gaps. Solves issues related to finite turn-on time and allows for continuous feedback on the driving field power.



# Single qubit gates

## Laser based Raman gates



co-propagating beam geometry

- Motion independent
- No optical phase imprinted

- BB1 dynamically compensated pulse sequences

## GST results:

95% confidence intervals

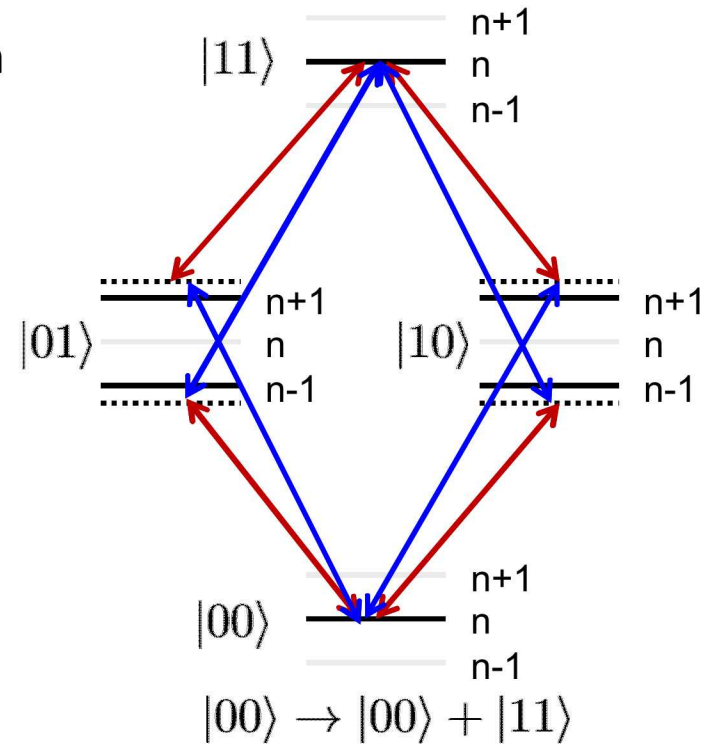
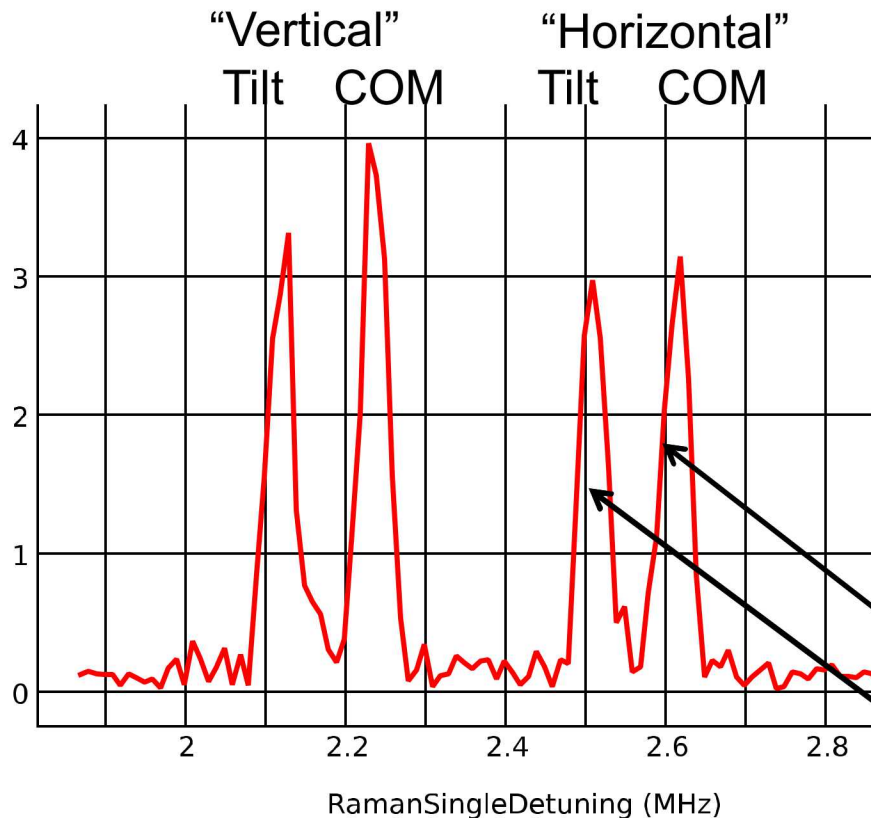
Gate	Conventional pulses		Gapless pulses	
	Process Infidelity	1/2 $\diamond$ -Norm	Process Infidelity	1/2 $\diamond$ -Norm
$G_I$	$0.05(2) \times 10^{-4}$	$12(1) \times 10^{-4}$	$1.1(1) \times 10^{-4}$	$5.3(2) \times 10^{-4}$
$G_X$	$1.3(1) \times 10^{-4}$	$4(2) \times 10^{-4}$	$0.5(1) \times 10^{-4}$	$2(6) \times 10^{-4}$
$G_Y$	$1.6(4) \times 10^{-4}$	$4(3) \times 10^{-4}$	$0.7(1) \times 10^{-4}$	$4(9) \times 10^{-4}$

Process Infidelity  $1.2 \times 10^{-4}$   
1/2  $\diamond$ -Norm  $4 \times 10^{-4}$

# Two qubit gates

## Mølmer-Sørensen gates

- Mølmer-Sørensen gates [1]
- All two-qubit gates implemented using Walsh compensation pulses [2]



Heating rates

$\approx 60 \text{ quanta/s}$

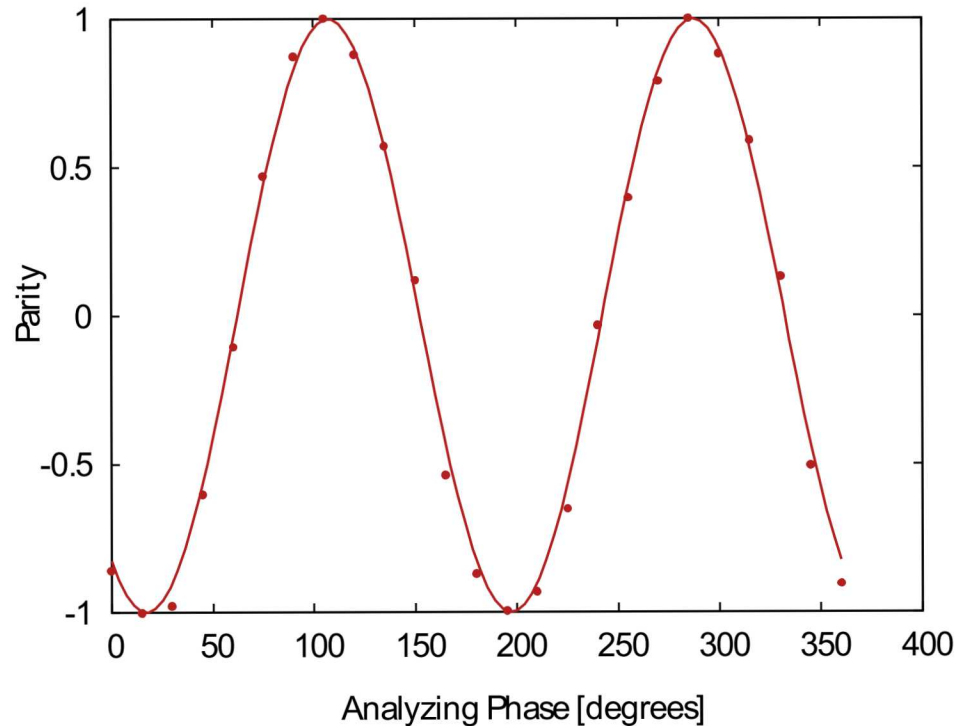
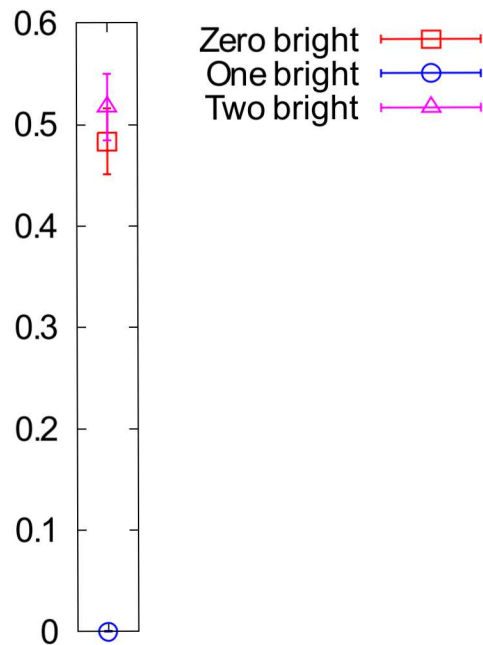
$< 8 \text{ quanta/s}$

[1] K. Mølmer, A. Sørensen, PRL 82, 1835 (1999)

[2] D. Hayes et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 020503 (2012)

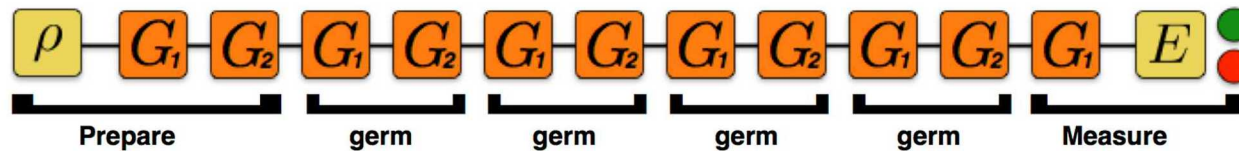


## Fidelity measurement using parity scan



$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{2}(P(|00\rangle) + P(|11\rangle)) + \frac{1}{4}c \approx 0.995$$

# Two qubit gates GST on symmetric subspace



Basic gates:  $G_I$

$$G_{XX} = G_X \otimes G_X$$

$$G_{YY} = G_Y \otimes G_Y$$

$$G_{MS}$$

Preparation Fiducials:

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$G_{XX}$

$G_{YY}$

$G_{MS}$

$G_{XX}G_{MS}$

$G_{YY}G_{MS}$

Germs:

$G_I$

$G_{XX}$

$G_{YY}$

$G_{MS}$

$G_I G_{XX}$

$G_I G_{YY}$

$G_I G_{MS}$

$G_{XX}G_{YY}$

$G_{XX}G_{MS}$

$G_{YY}G_{MS}$

$G_I G_I G_{XX}$

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Detection Fiducials:

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$G_{XX}$

$G_{YY}$

$G_{MS}$

$G_{XX}G_{MS}$

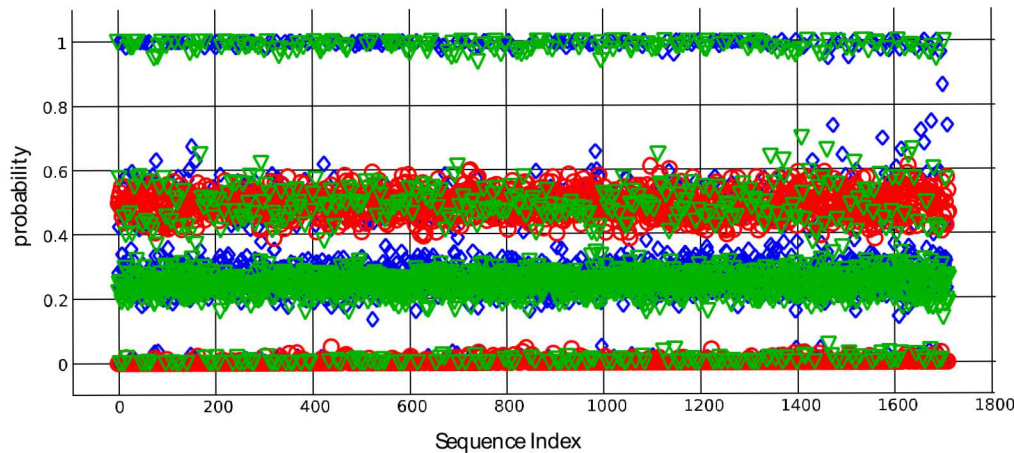
$G_{YY}G_{MS}$

$G_{XX}^3$

$G_{YY}^3$

$G_{YY}^2 G_{MS}$

# Two qubit gates GST data



Zero ions bright  
One ion bright  
Two ions bright

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95% confidence intervals

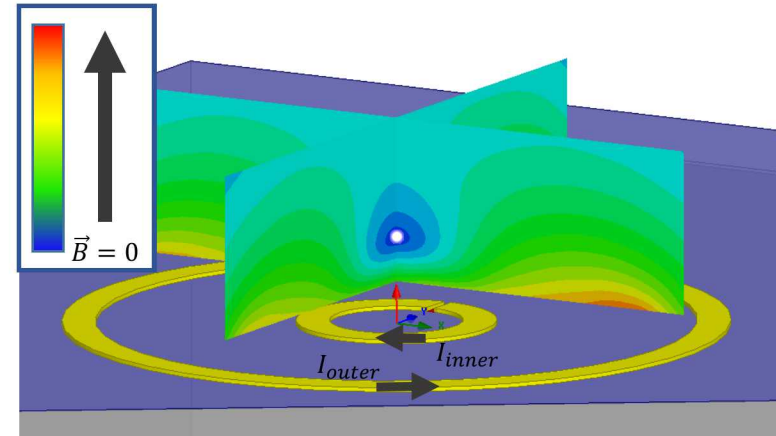
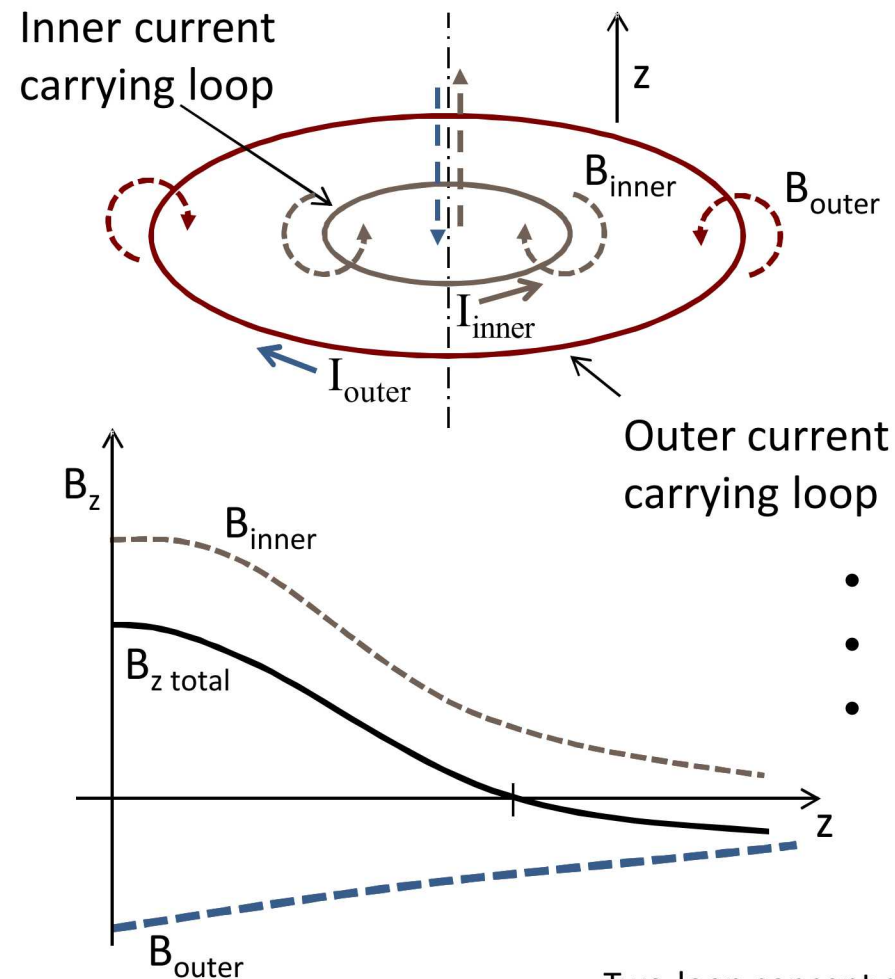
Process fidelity of two-qubit Mølmer-Sørensen gate > 99.5%



# Specialized devices & Future directions

## Microwave trap

### “Ideal” Two-Loop Design



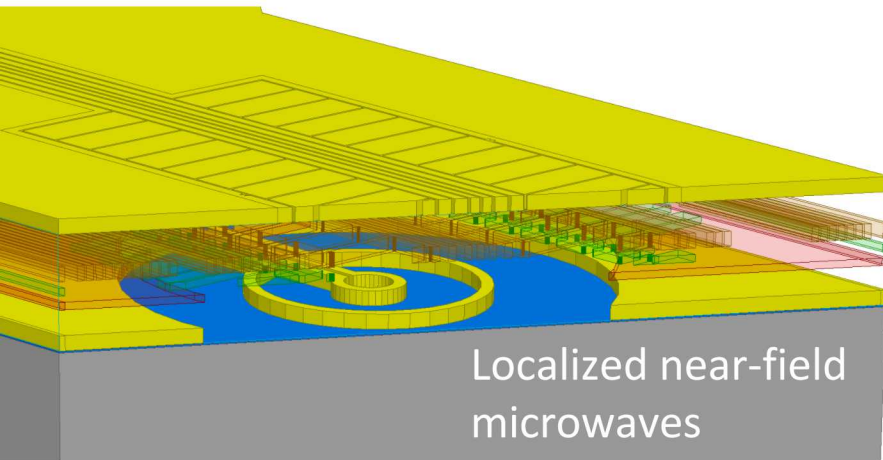
- x- and y- fields cancel along z-axis
- Generates uniform  $B_z$  and  $dB_z/dz$  with  $B=0$
- Location of null determined by geometry and ratio of currents

Two-loop concept developed at Sandia in 2012 (SAND2015-9513)

(C. Highstrete, S. M. Scott, J. D. Sterk, C. D. Nordquist, J. E. Stevens, C. P. Tigges, M. G. Blain)

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## Microwave trap

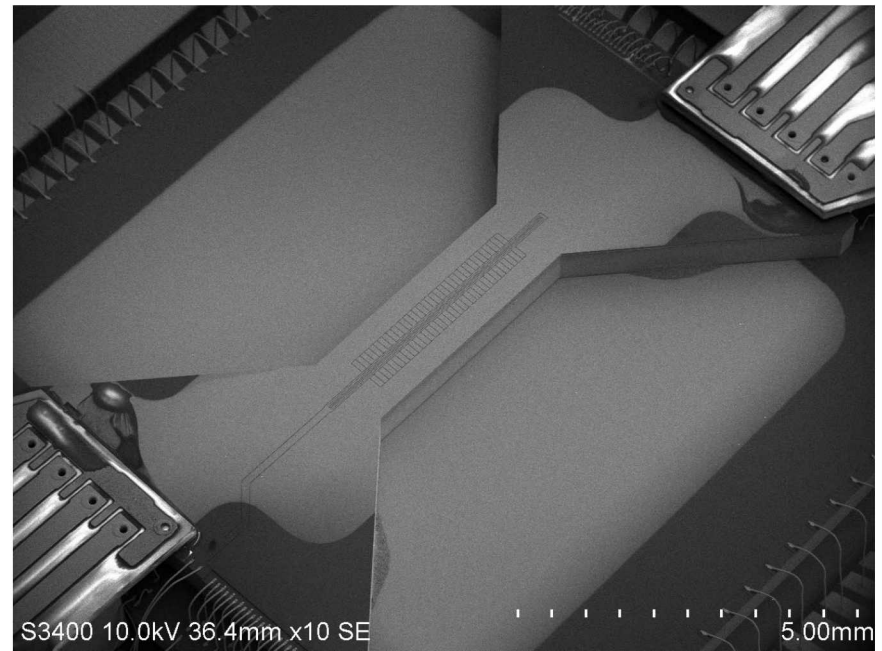
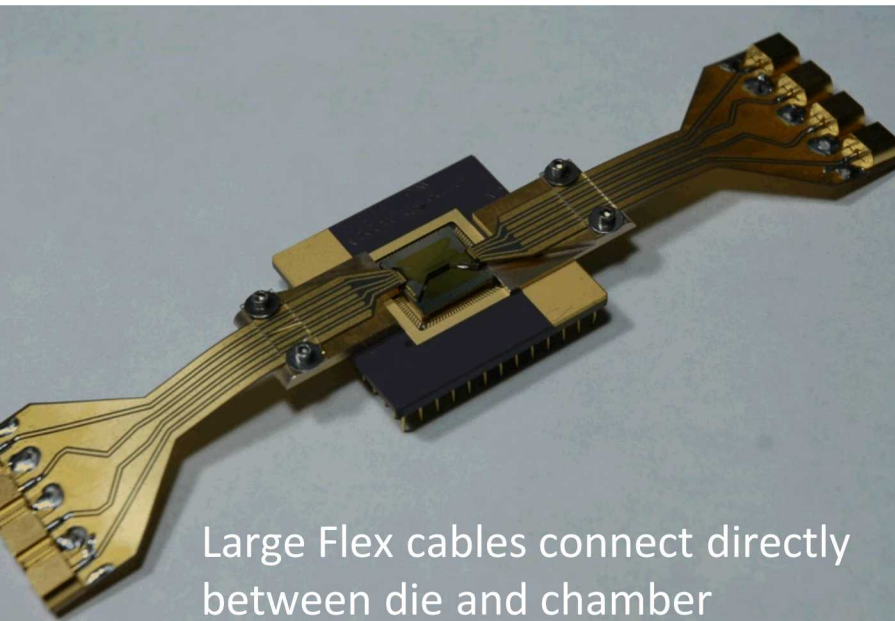


### Benefits:

- Microwave radiation is easier to control and cheaper to implement than lasers
- Low power for Rabi oscillations
- Near field allows to generate microwave gradient fields

### Challenges:

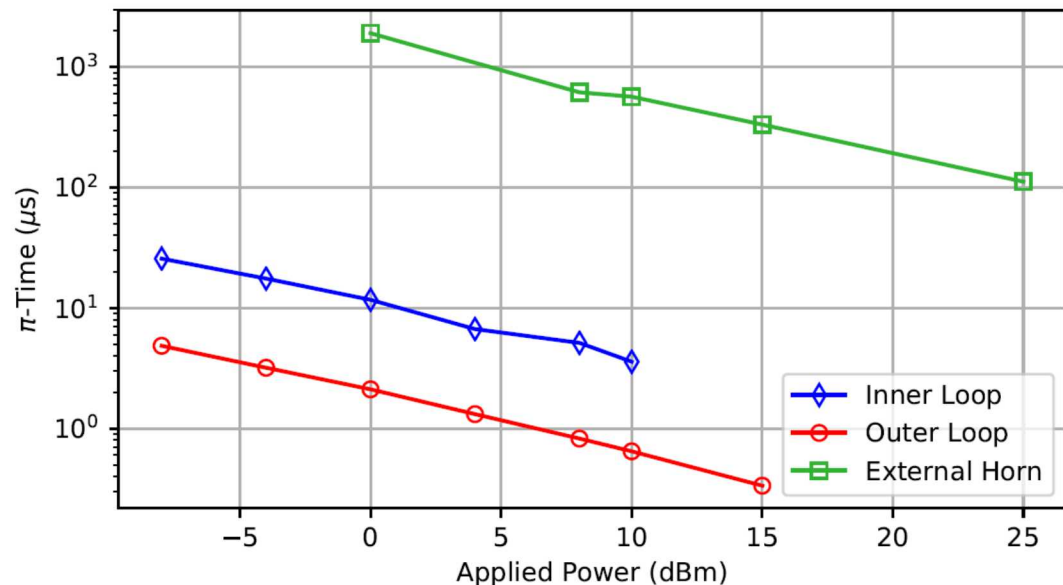
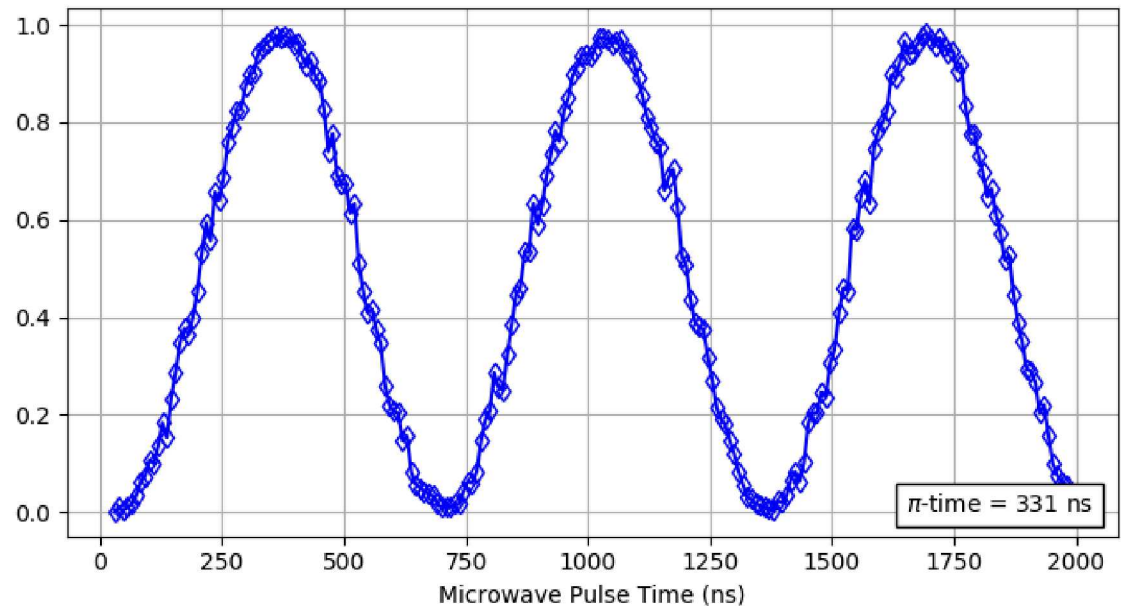
- Microwave delivery
- Dissipation, heating, thermal management



# Specialized devices & Future directions

## Microwave trap

- Losses between chamber and device  $\approx 17\text{dB}$
- Realized fast Rabi flopping 330ns with 15dBm at chamber, -2dBm at device
- Access to range of relevant  $\pi$ -times
- Will characterize gates as function of  $\pi$ -times.

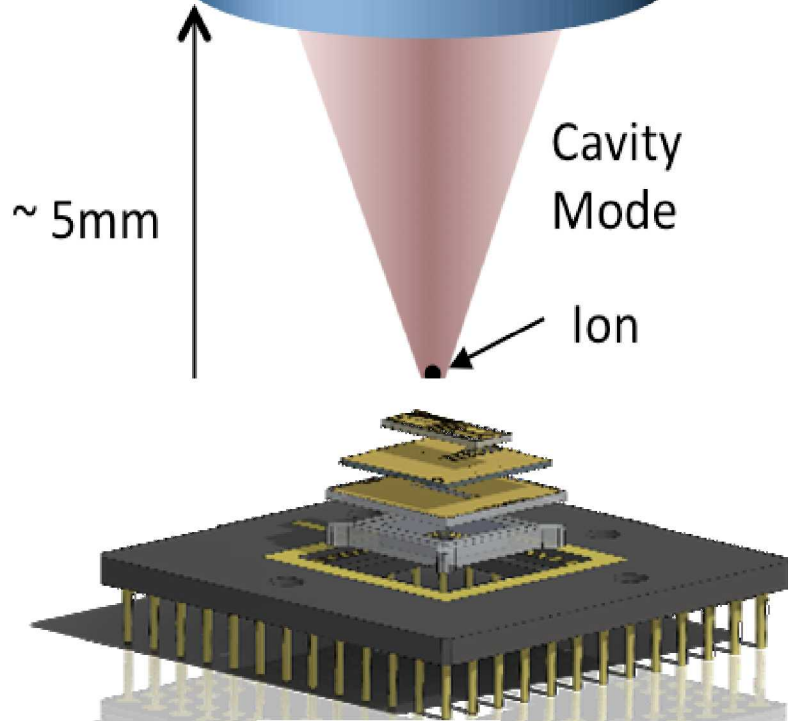




# EPICS Trap

Concave mirror

(a)



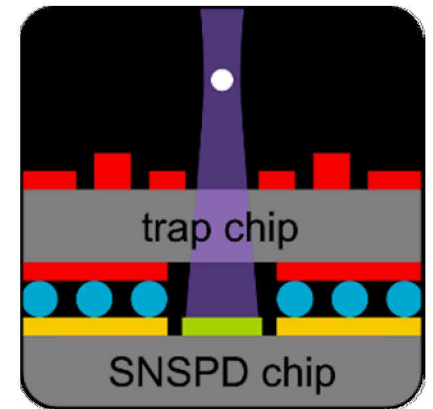
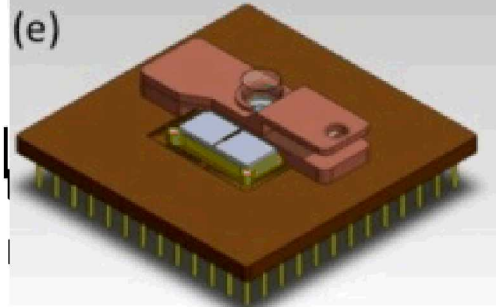
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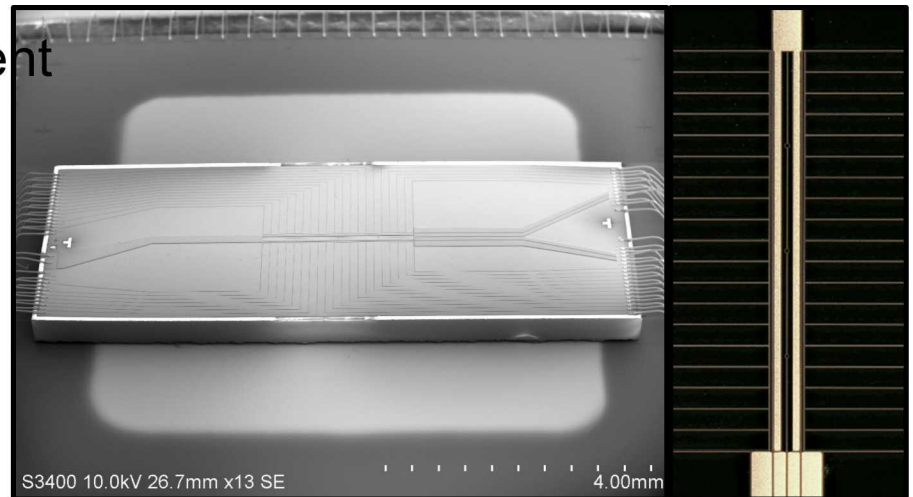
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