Colour centers in diamond

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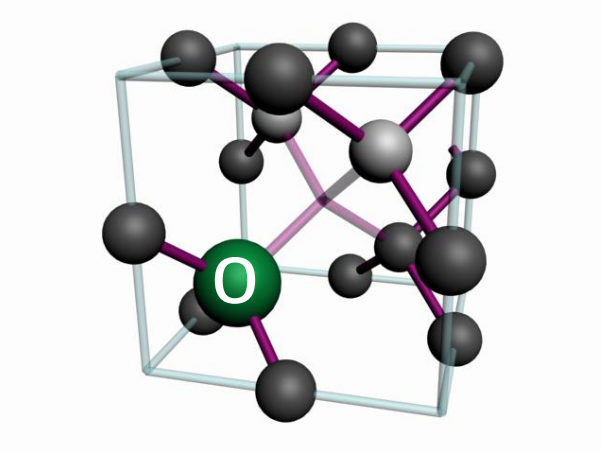
The dopants



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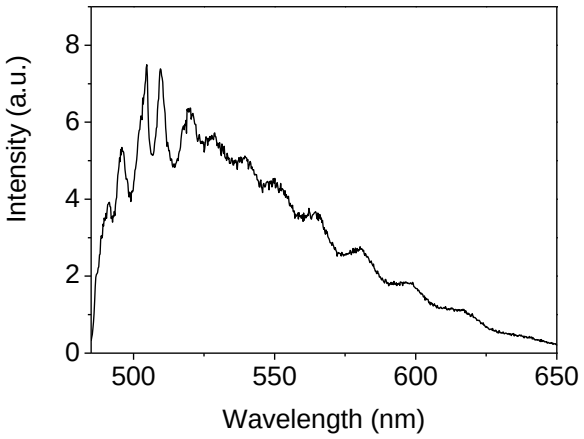

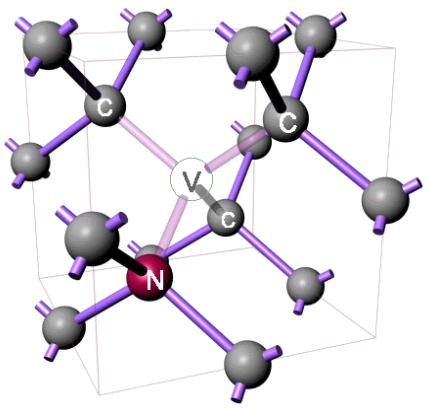

NV

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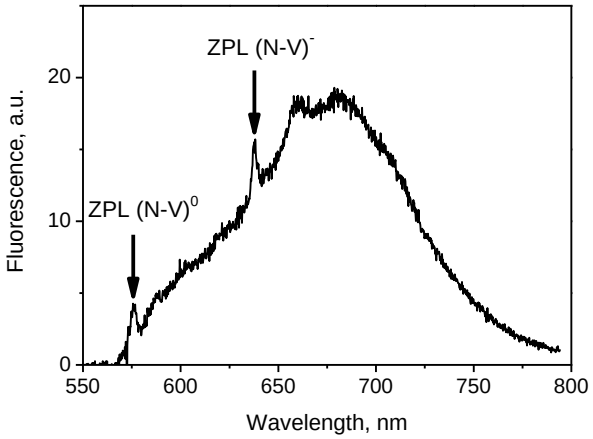

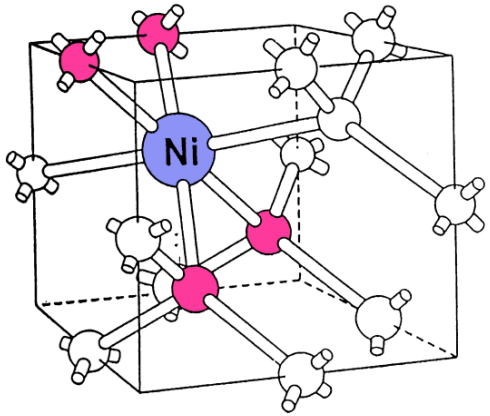

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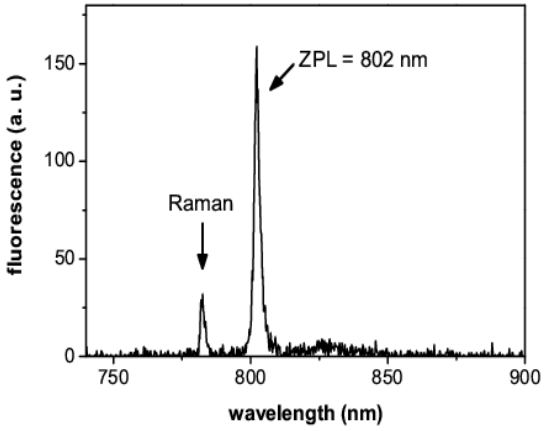
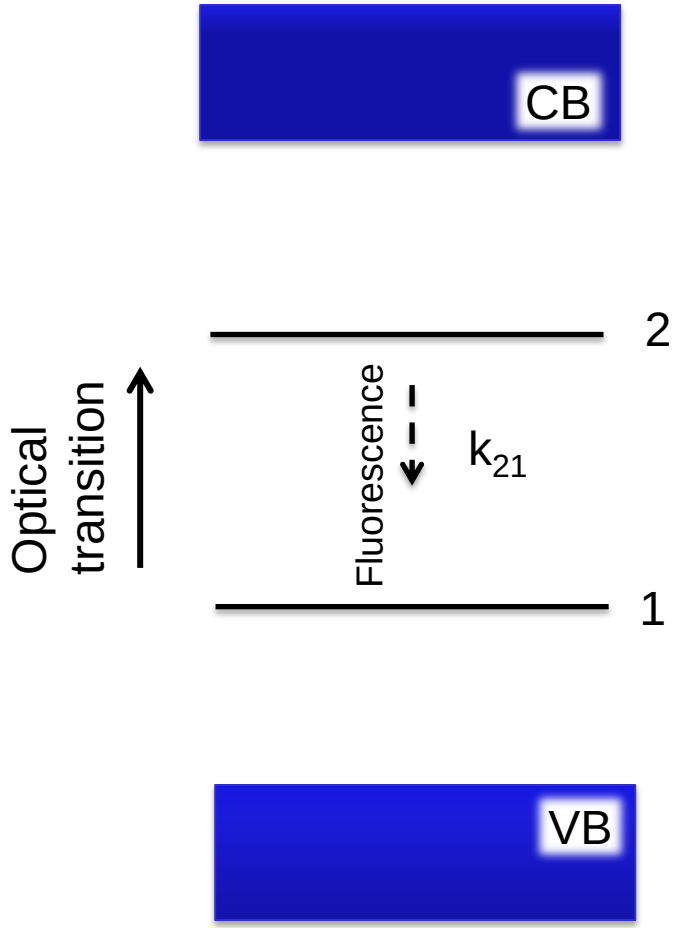
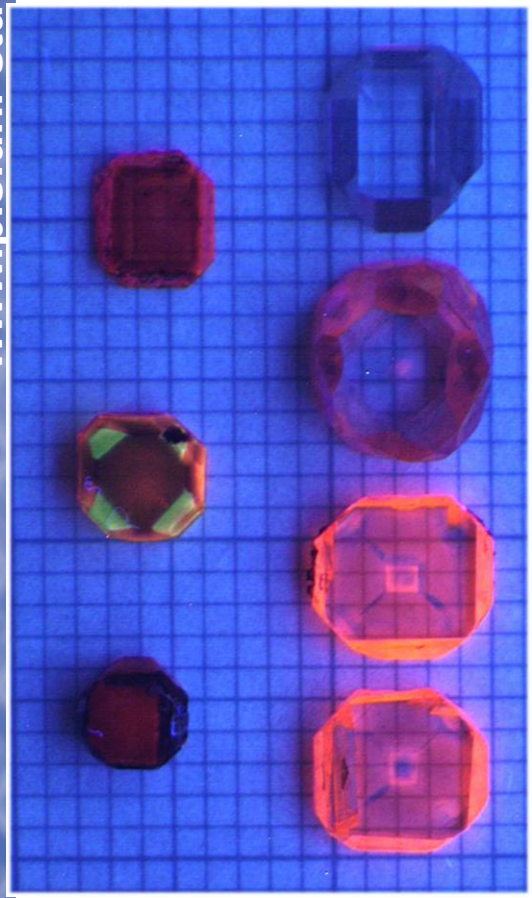
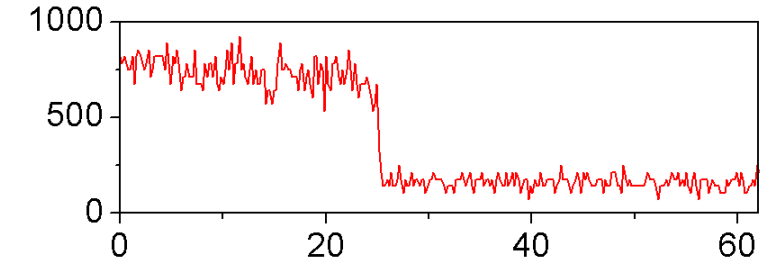


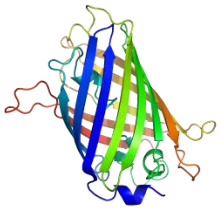
Level scheme of color centers



Shielding by the diamond lattice provides perfect photostability







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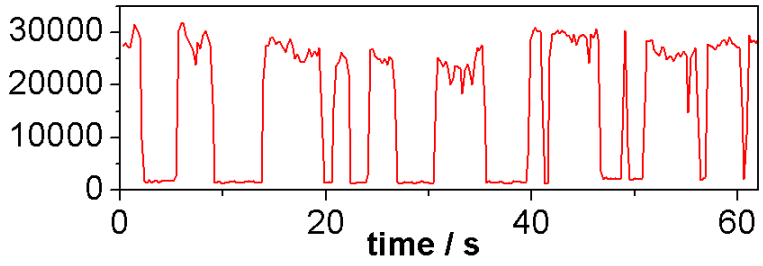

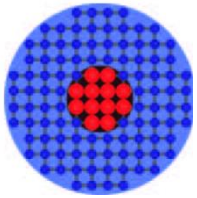

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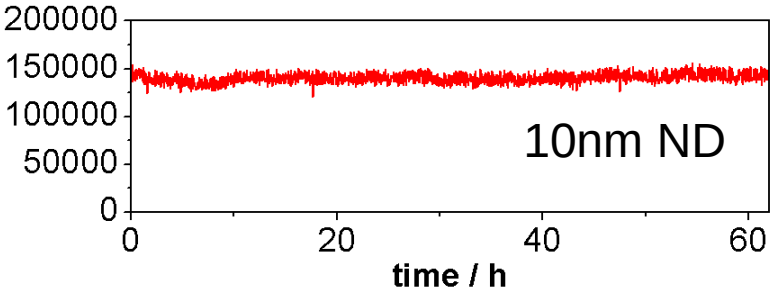
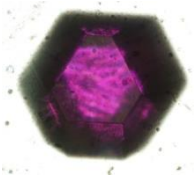
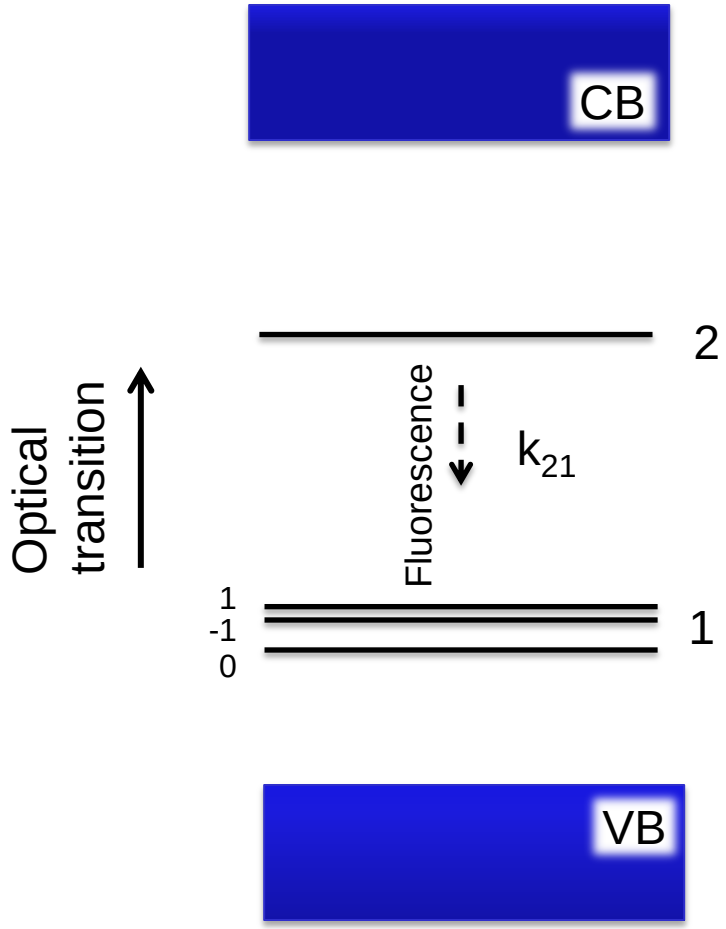




⇒ perfect stability

Level structure of color centers



Even electron spin states are resolvable

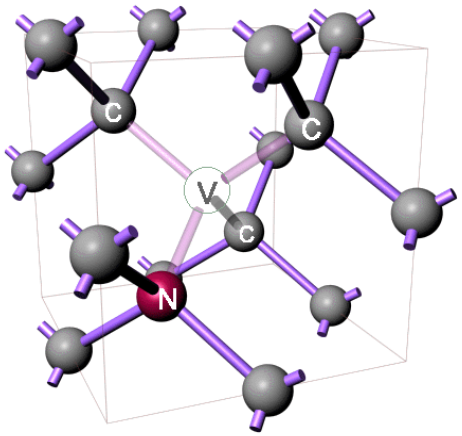
Defect behaves as a single atom, trapped in the diamond lattice

Level structure similar to trapped ions or atoms

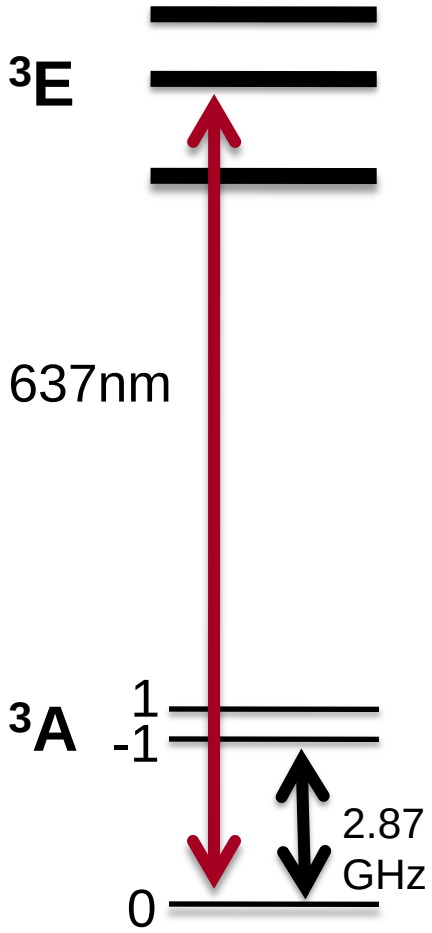
⇒ Diamond provides a solid state ion trap

⇒ Experimental power similar to trapped particles,
but much easier to transform into applications

The NV center



- Joint defect consisting of
  - Vacancy
  - Neighbouring substitutional N
- Negatively charged (NV^-)
- Six electron (= two hole) system



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- Optical detection of the spin state
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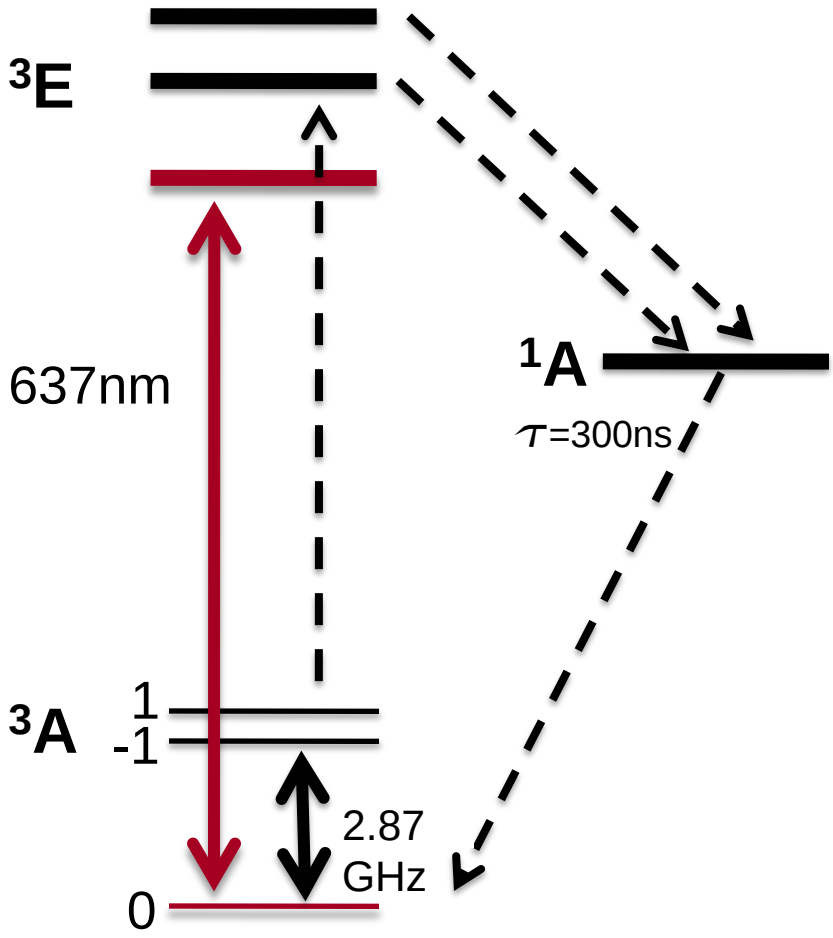

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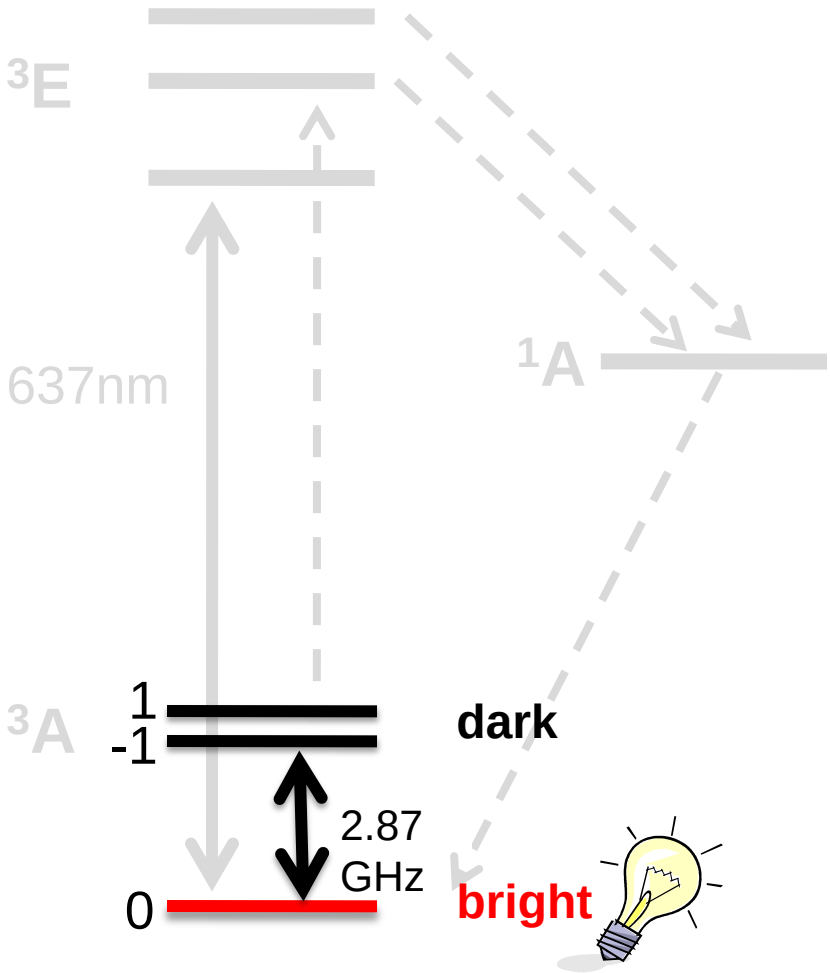


Experimental setup for optical spin readout

Confocal microscope
with microwave access

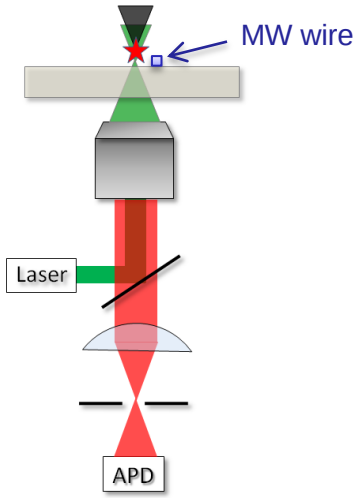
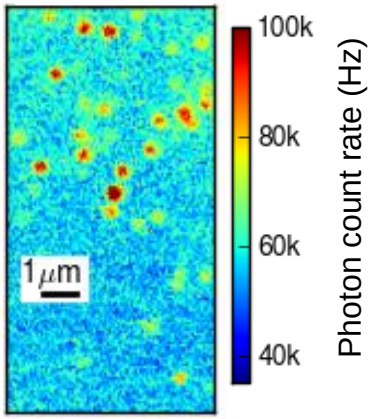
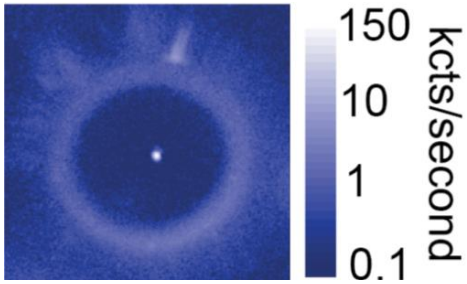


Image of implanted diamond



Wiring up NV centers



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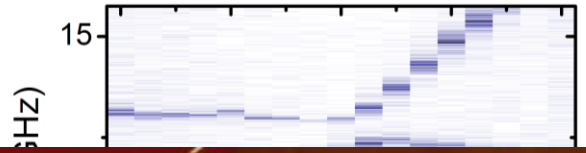

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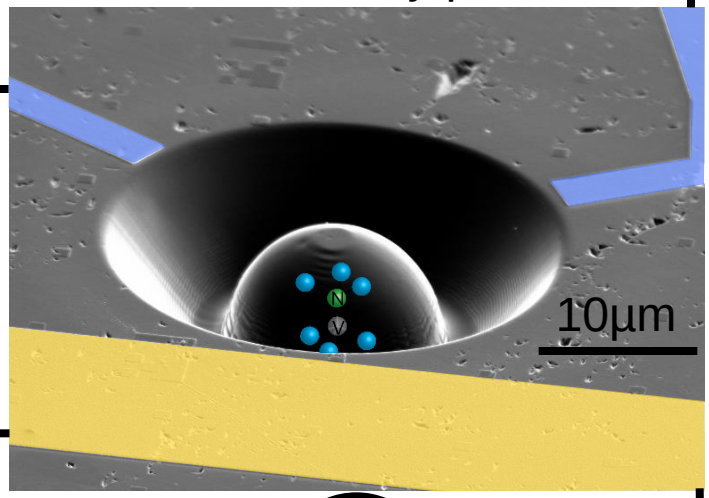
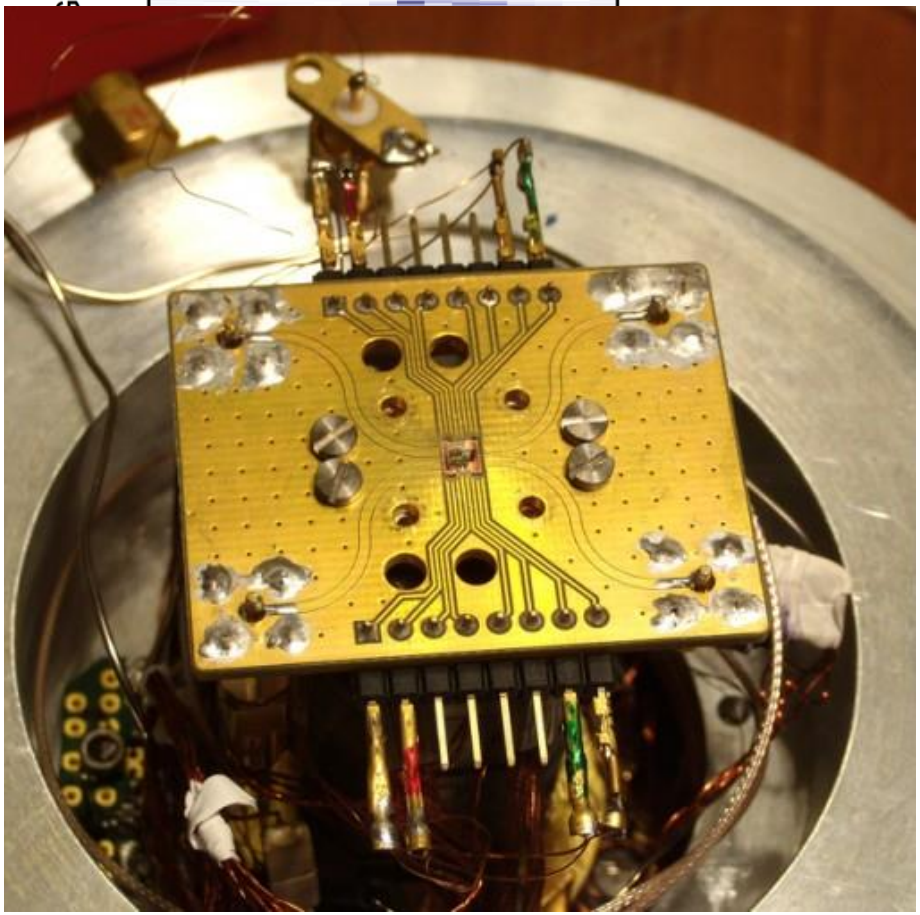
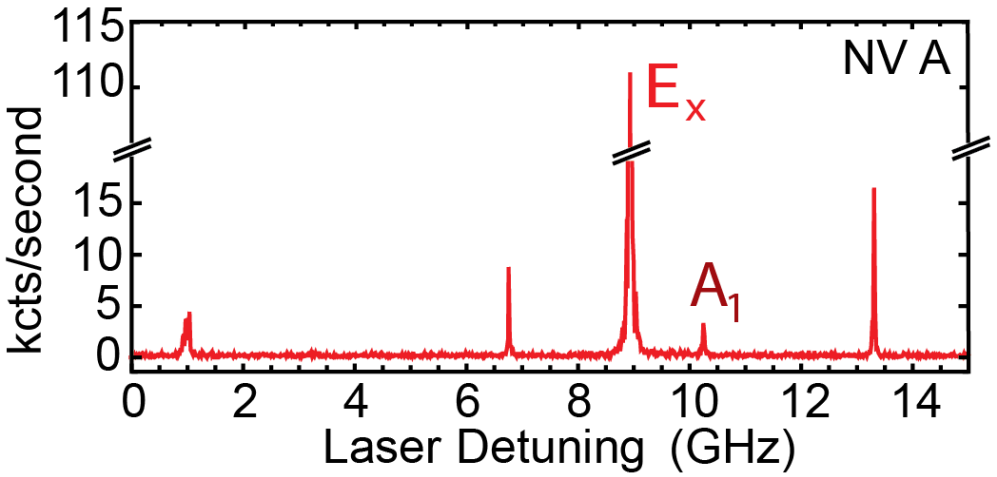
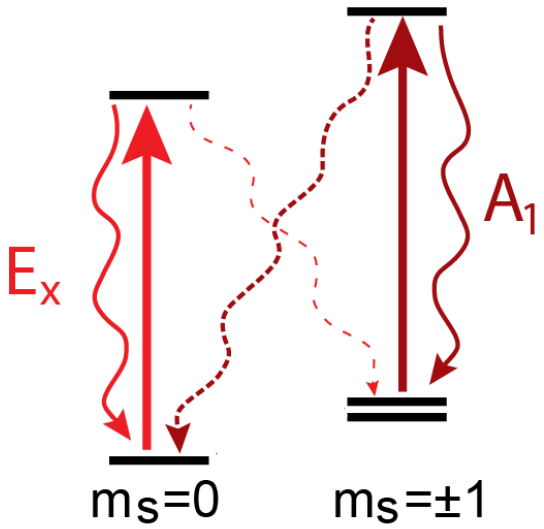




CVD diamonds grown by Element6

Spin-resolved optical excitation (T < 10K)





Early work by Stuttgart, Harvard, HP Labs

Initialization and readout by resonant excitation

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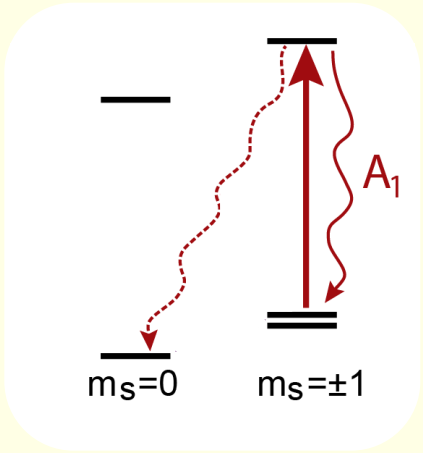
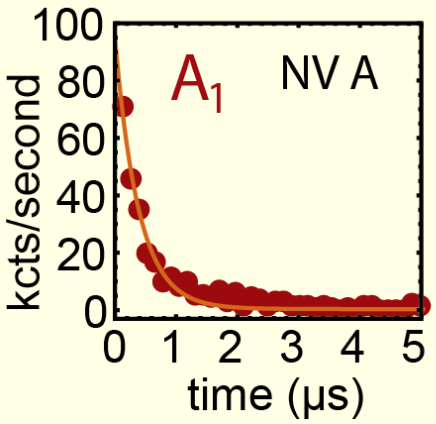
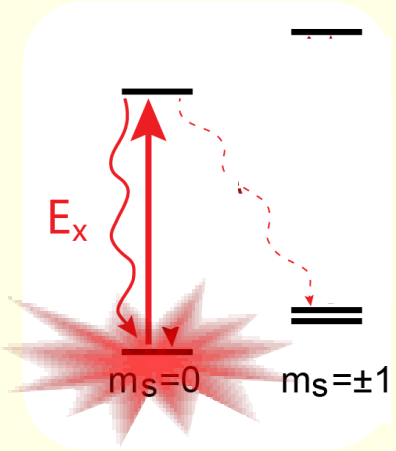
Initialization



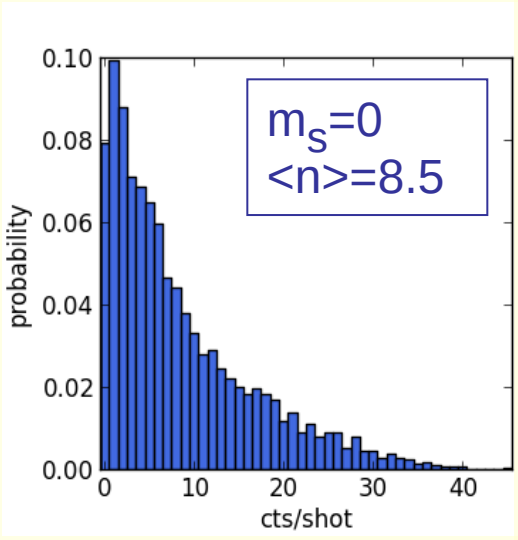


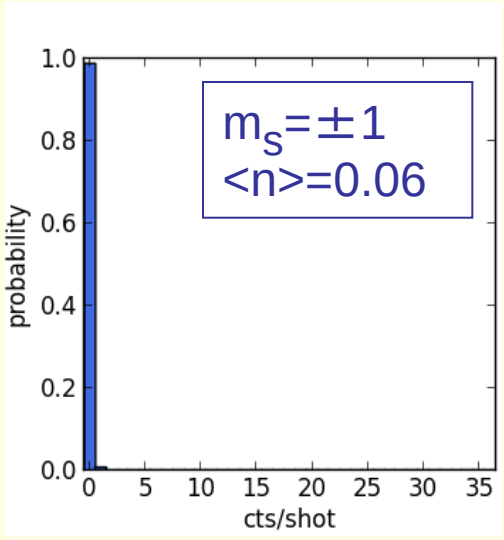
fidelity > 99.7%

Single-Shot Readout

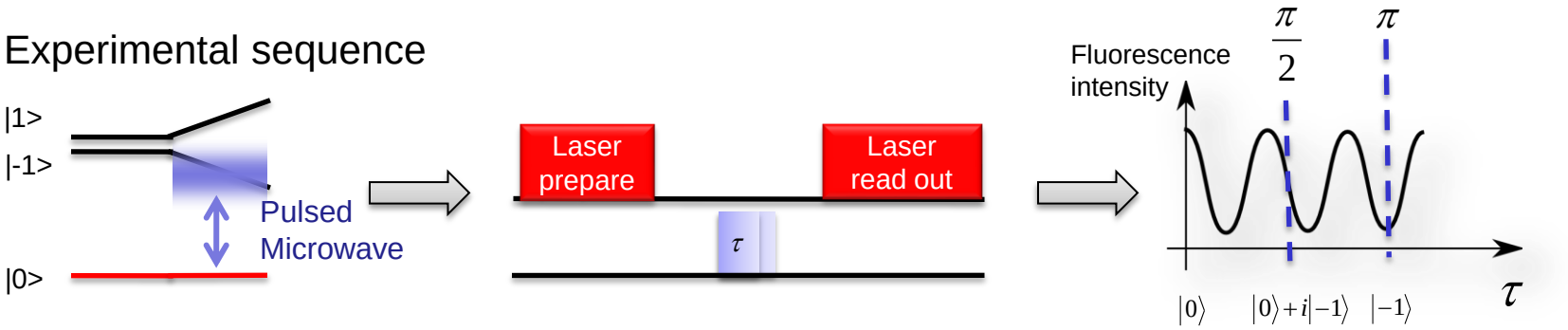


our best fidelity ≈ 98%





Manipulating a single spin



- Pulsed sequence consisting of
  laser cooling, spin manipulation and detection
- Signal is <1photon/repetition => many repetitions

⇒Similar to ion trap, but experimentally easier

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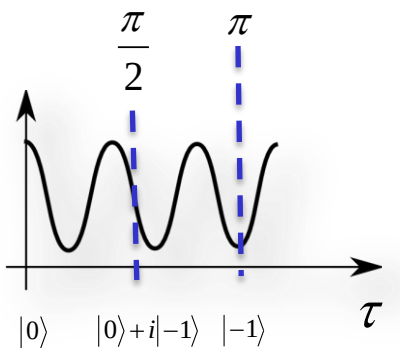
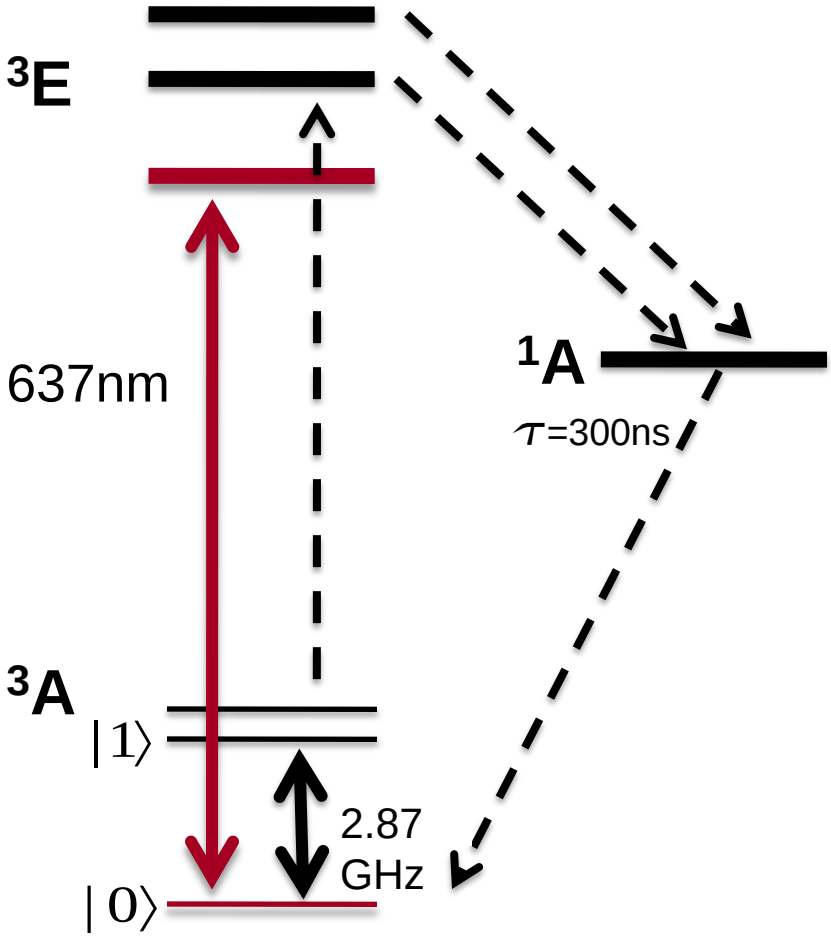
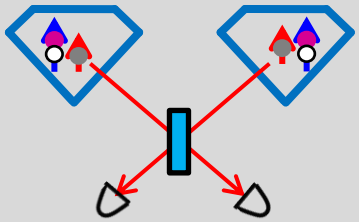
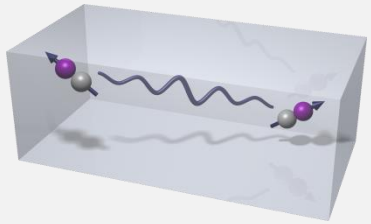
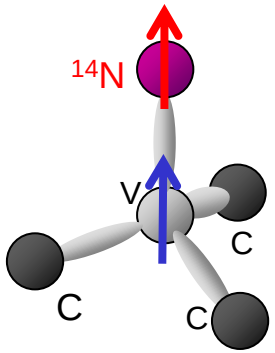
Single Qubit gates: Microwave pulses





Coupling NV centers

Photons	Magnetic Dipolar coupling	Use nuclear spin qubits
		
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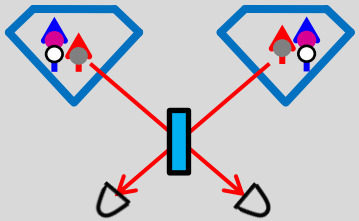

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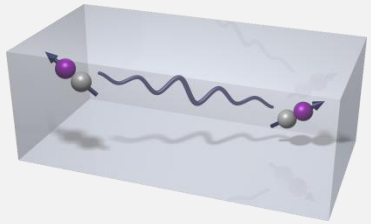
Magnetic Dipolar coupling



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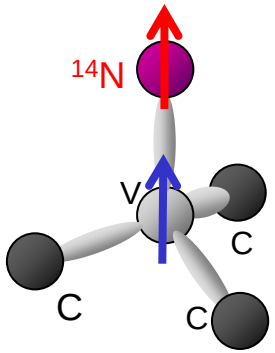
Use nuclear spin qubits



- Couple NV to surrounding nuclei
- Couple nuclei via NV
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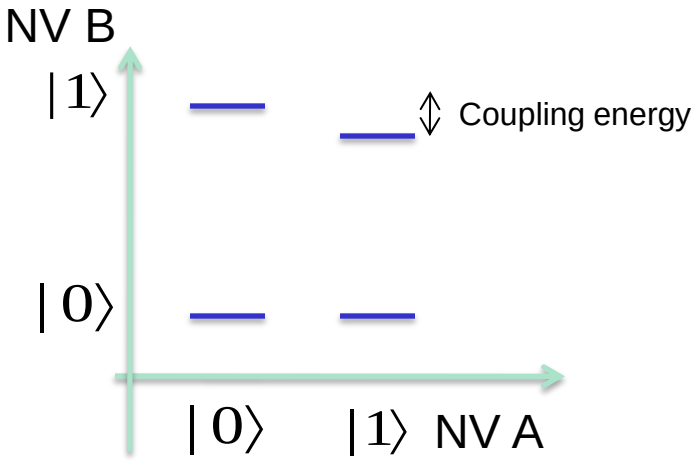
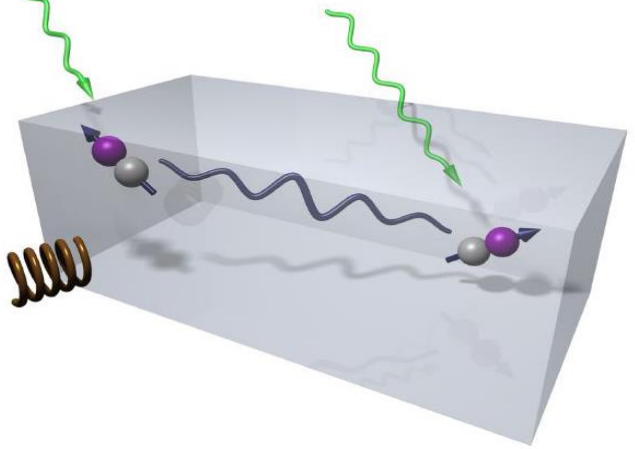
Coupling by dipolar interaction

ground state energy levels:



$$H = g\beta \mathbf{BS}_{A,B} + (\mathbf{S}\bar{D}\mathbf{S})_{A,B}$$



Idea:

$\Rightarrow$NV B feels the magnetic dipole of NV A

$\Rightarrow$ Depending on the state NV A, NV B has another resonance frequency

Nuclear spin Hamiltonian

Coupled spins

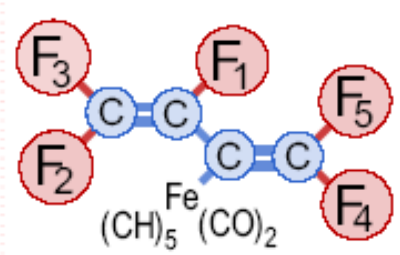
J>0: antiferro mag.

J<0: ferro-mag.

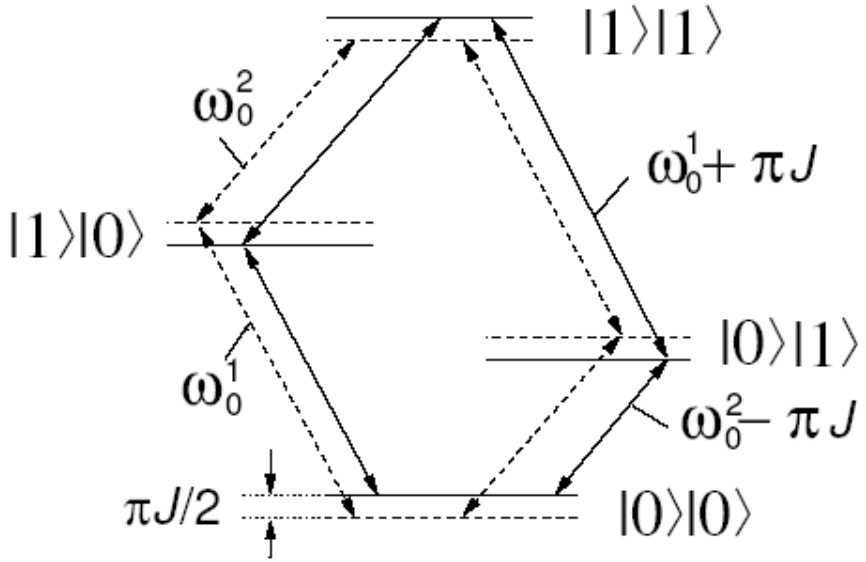
coupling term

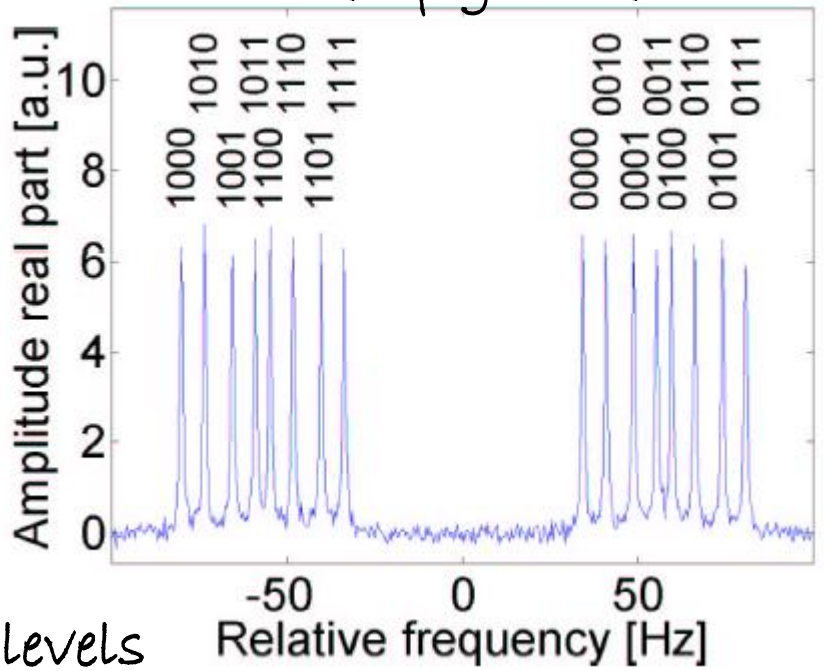
$$\mathcal{H}_J = \hbar \sum_{i<j}^{n} 2\pi J_{ij} I_z^i I_z^j$$

Typical values: *J* up to few 100 Hz



16 configurations

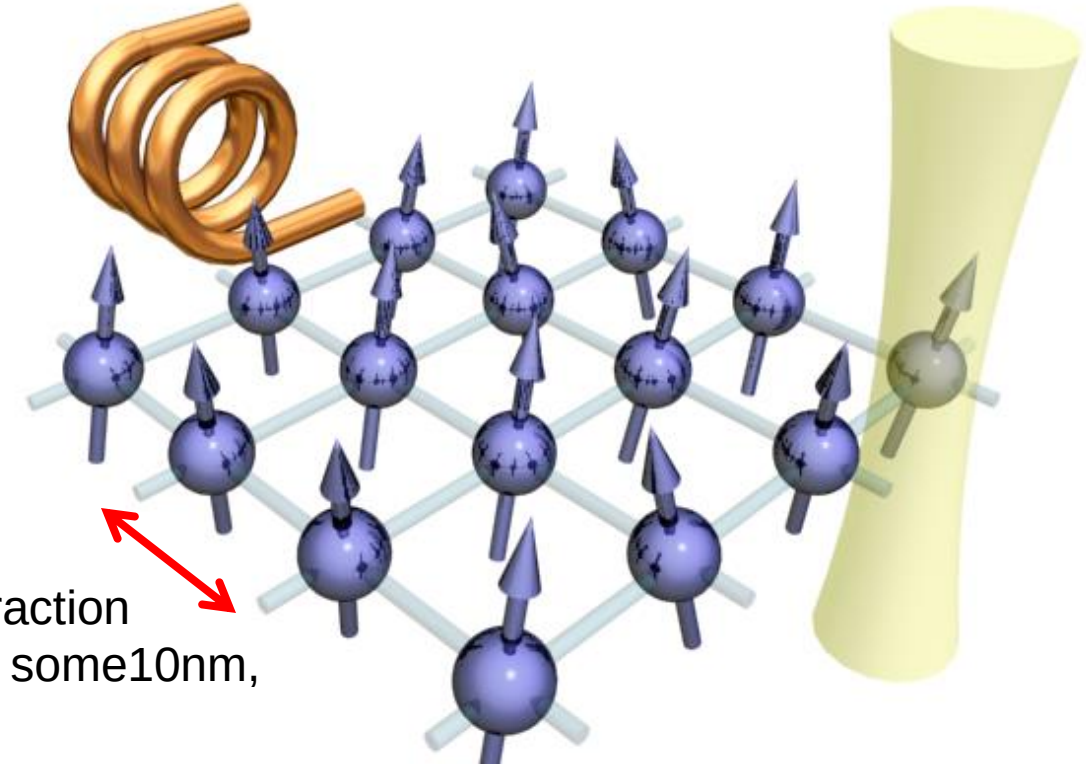




solid (dashed) lines are (un)coupled levels

Magnetic dipole coupled spin arrays

Single spin readout



Coherent interaction
Length scale ~ some10nm,

STED on NV: 10nm resolution (Hell et al. Nat. Phot. 2009)

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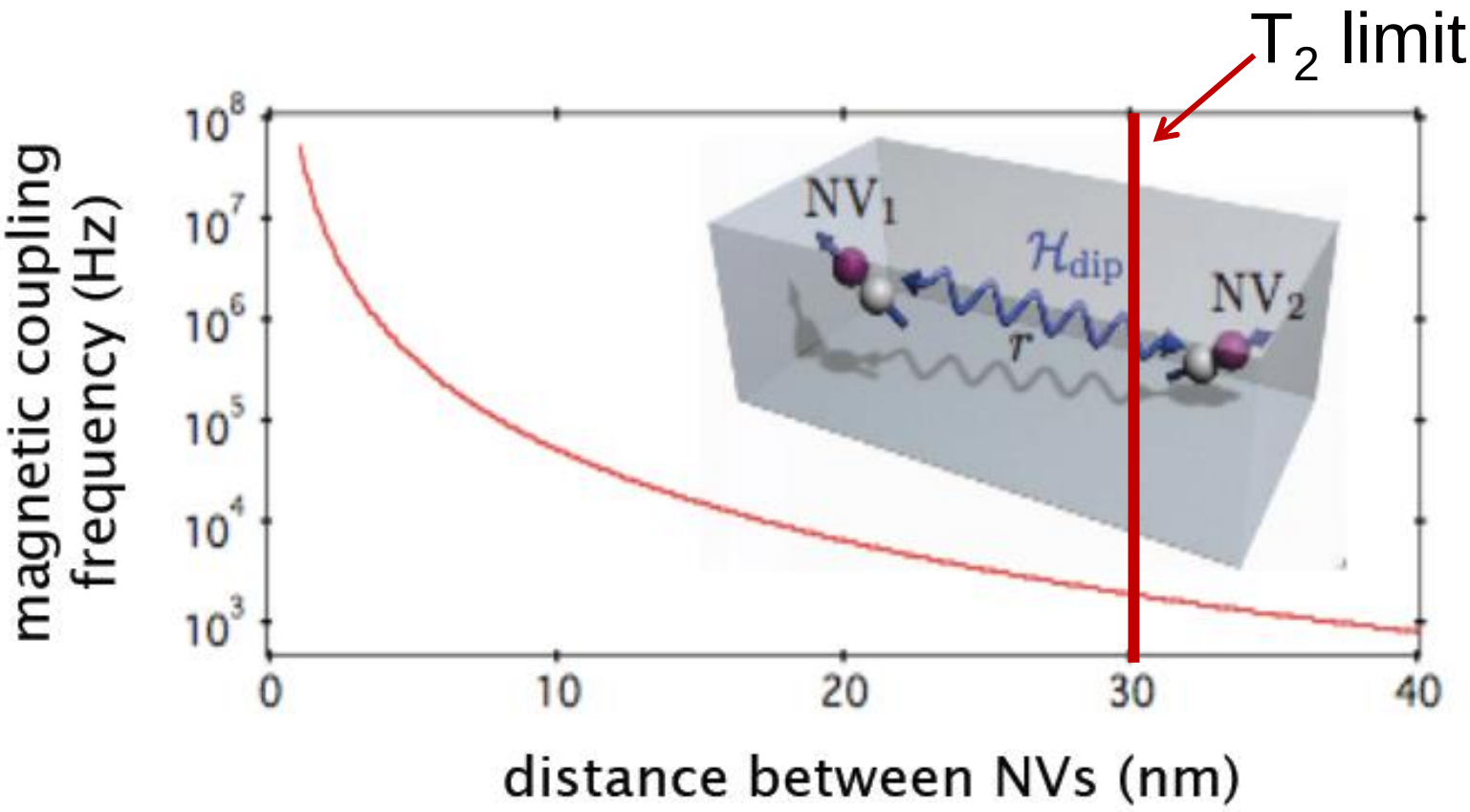
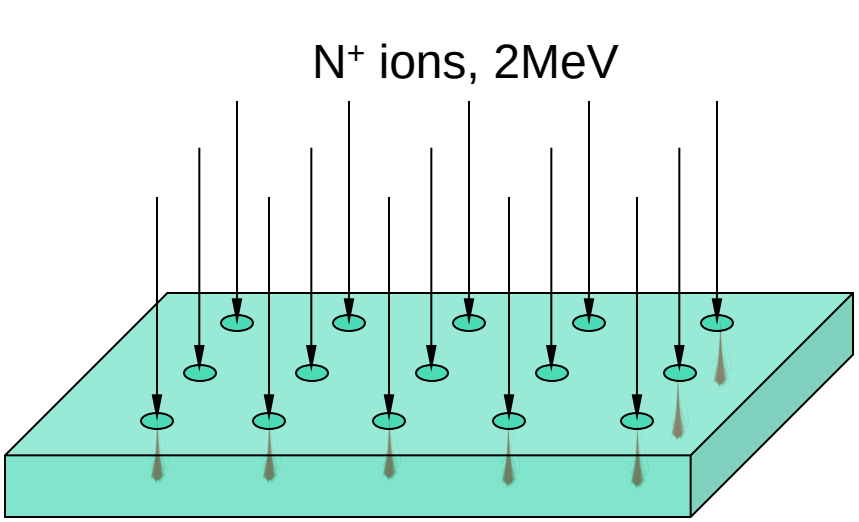
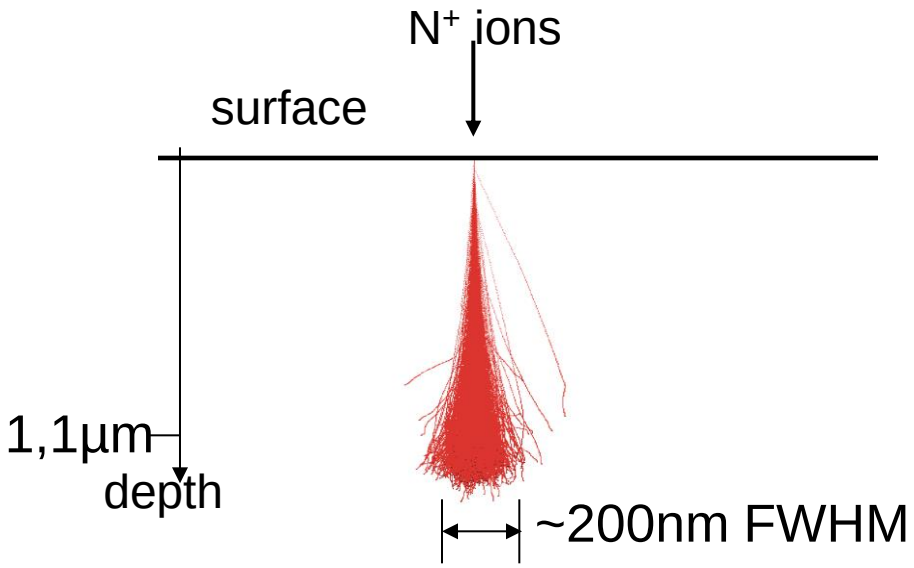


Take pure (CVD) diamond… *

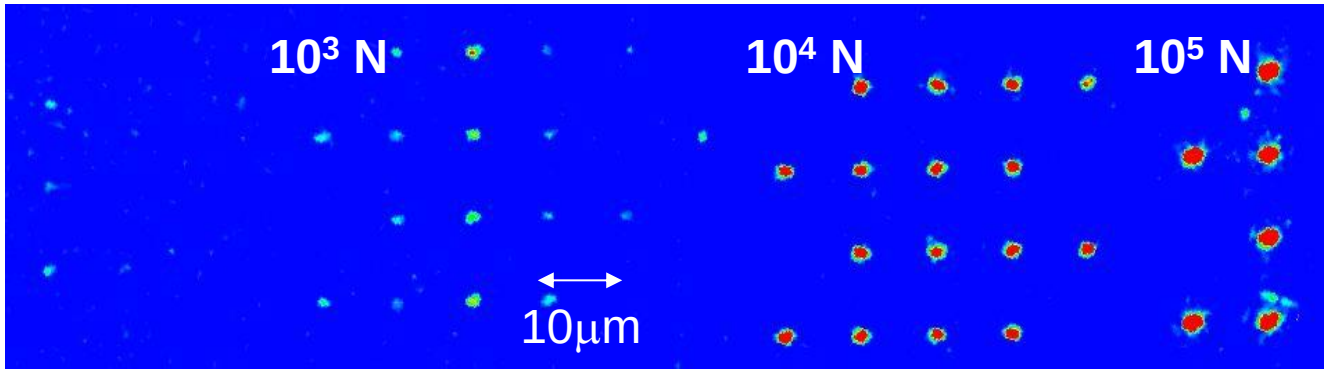
*Element Six Ltd., UK

..and implant nitrogen*! (*J.Meijer; S. Prawer)

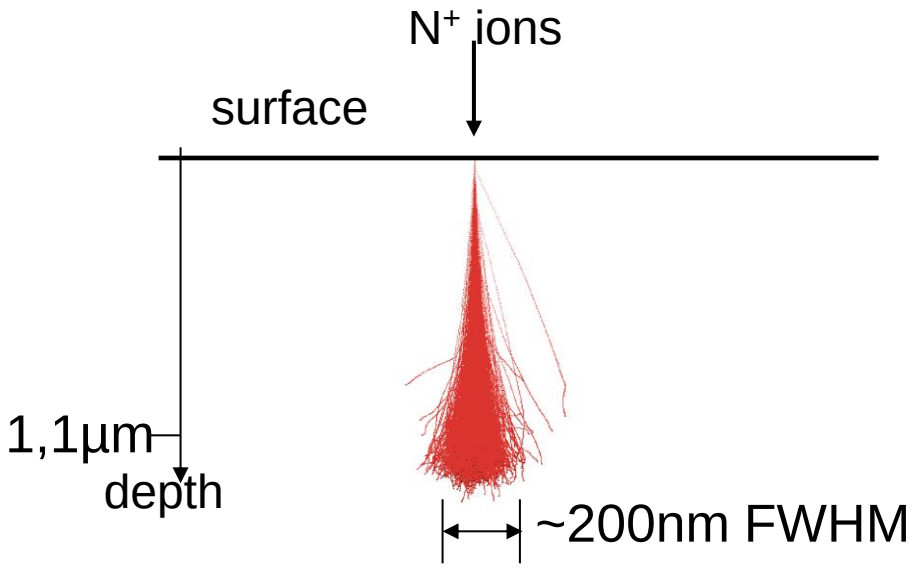




Annealing
at
900° C



Fundamental problem: Straggle



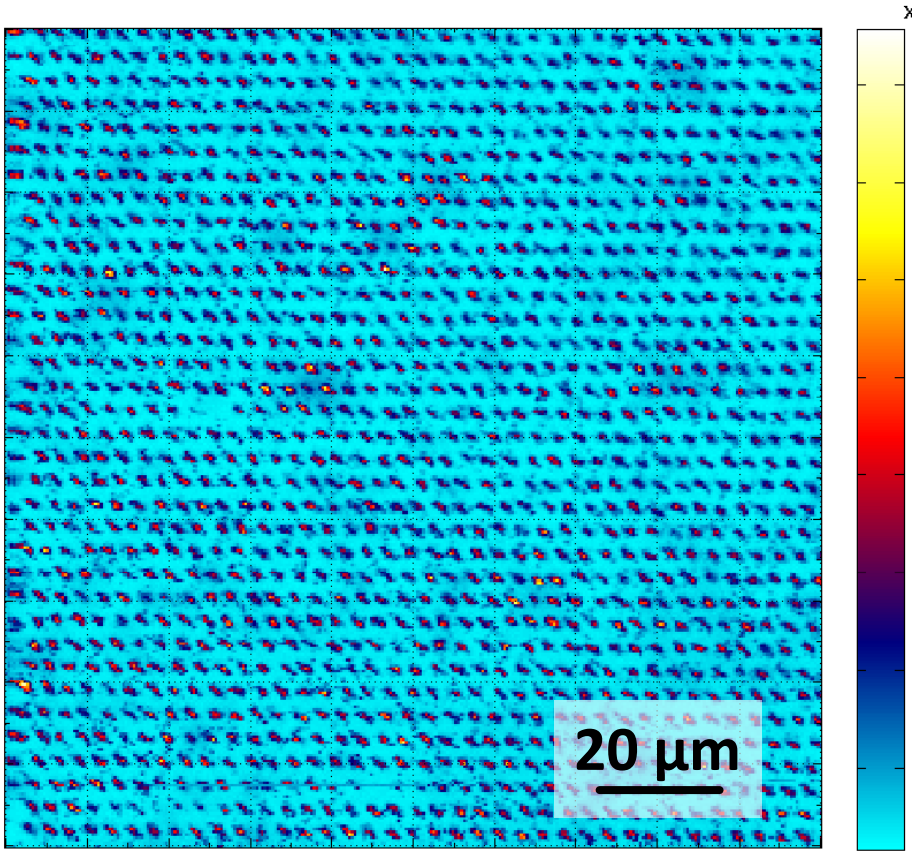
⇒Position is not controlled
⇒Straggle on the order of the implantation depth

⇒ Deep implant ←→ high distance between NVs
Shallow implant ← → bad T2 time due to surface

⇒ Solutions:
Shallow implant + Overgrowth
deep implant + extensive search

Writing Defect Dimers with 10 MeV μbeam implantation

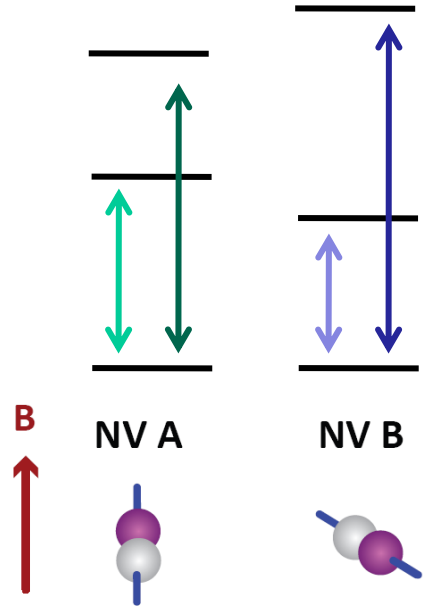
- Success chance 1% to have two coherently interacting dimers

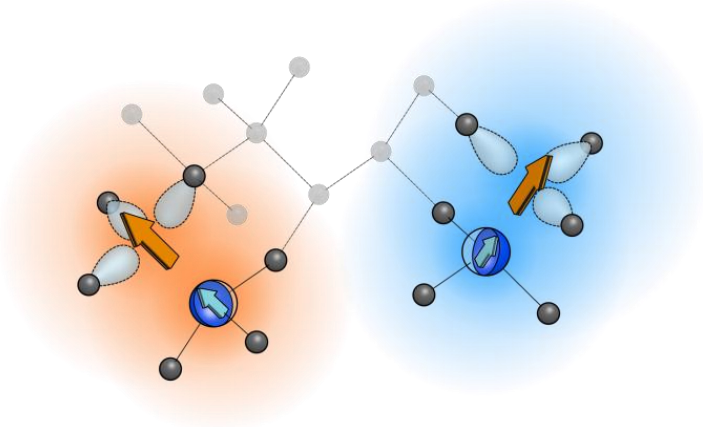


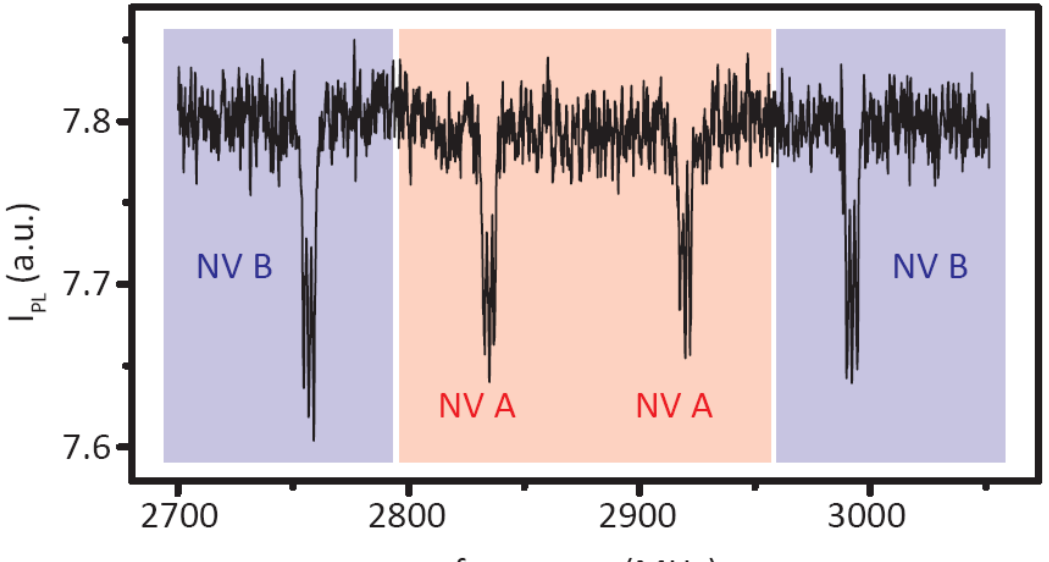
Two defect centers

Electron spin ground state:

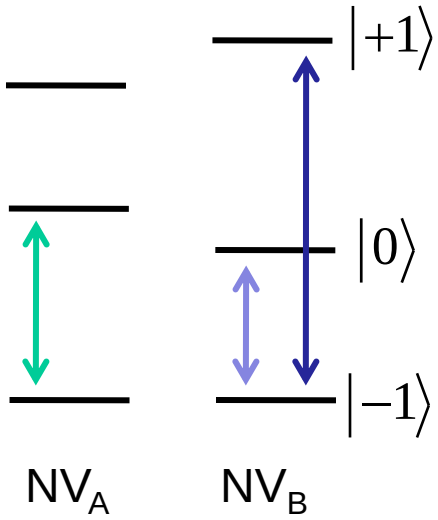
$$H = g\beta \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}_{A,B} + (\mathbf{S}\bar{D}\mathbf{S})_{A,B} + S_A \bar{T} S_B$$

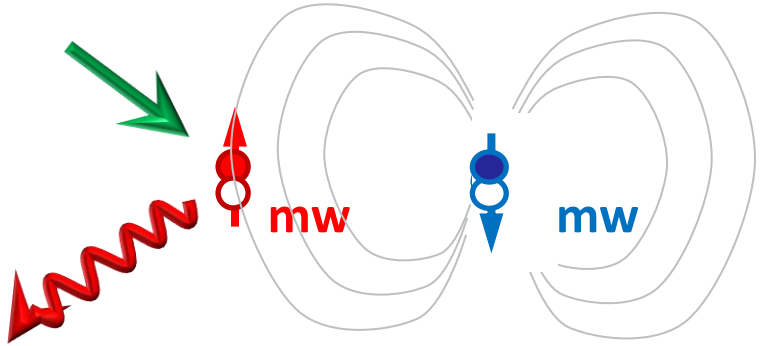




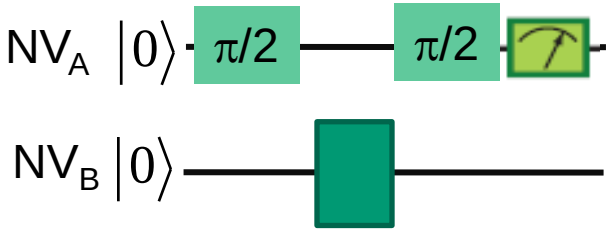


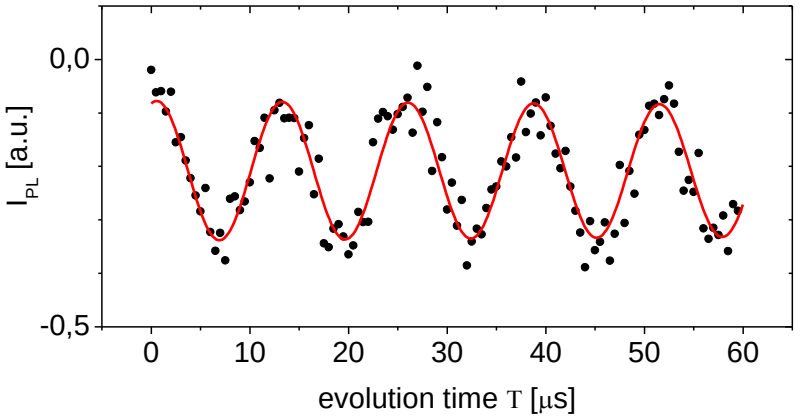
Dipolar coupling: Switching of Spin B





Ramsey fringe on NV_A



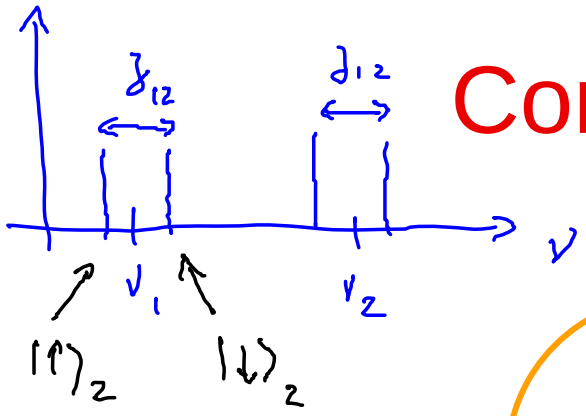


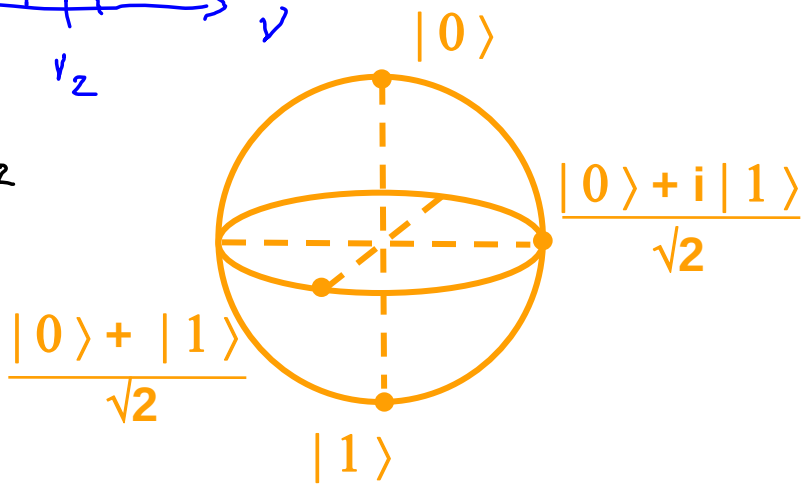
Initial state F≥85%

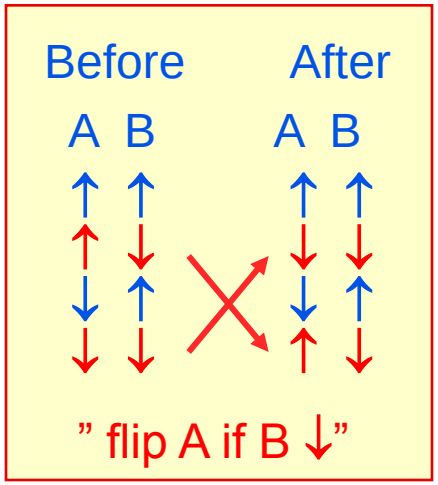
Switchable interaction! Coupling between defect: 0,5,10,20 kHz

Controlled-NOT in NMR

A target bit
B control bit



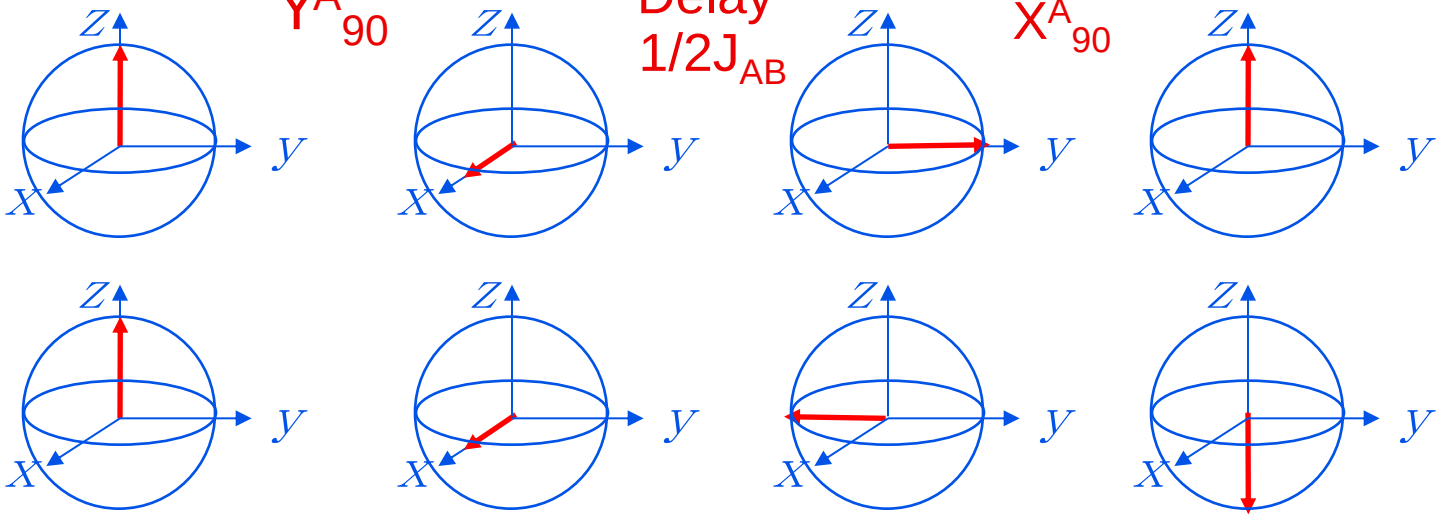




wait
Delay
$1/2J_{AB}$

Y^A_{90}

X^A_{90}

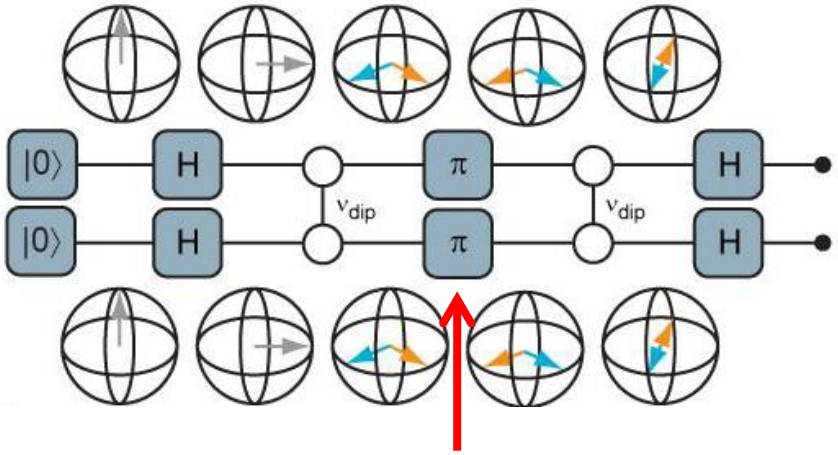


different rotation direction depending on control bit

time

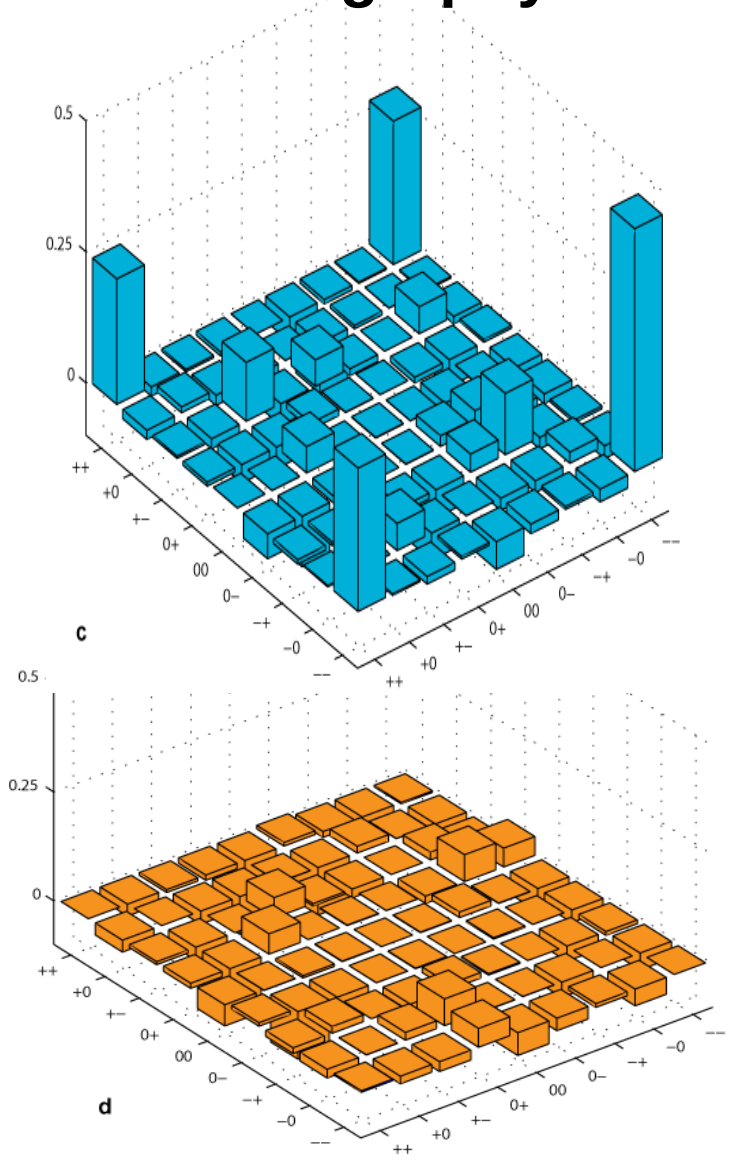
Bell state: Density matrix tomography

$$\Phi_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\,+\rangle + |-\,-\rangle)$$



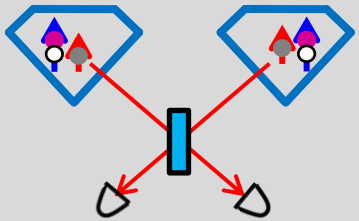
decoupling

Fidelity Φ+: 0.67
(theoretically: 0.9)



Coupling NV centers

Photons



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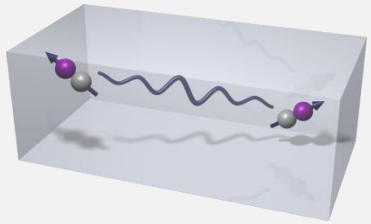
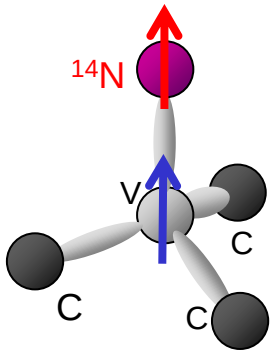


- Magnetic dipoles

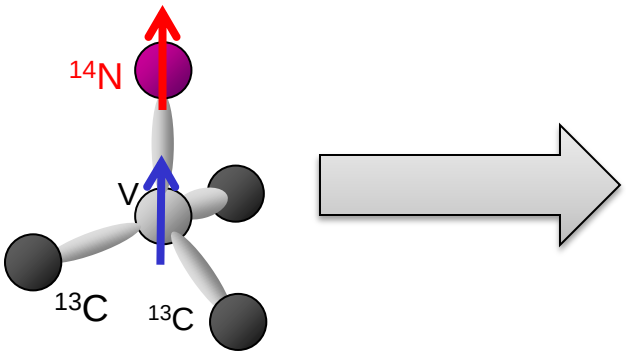
$$d_{coherent} \propto \sqrt[3]{T_2}$$

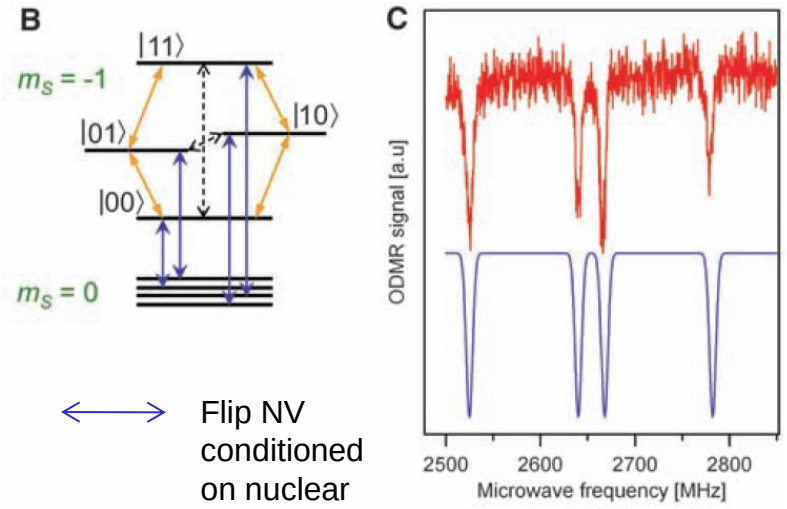
Use nuclear spin qubits



- Couple NV to surrounding nuclei
- Couple nuclei via NV
- Read out single nuclei

Coupling nearby ^{13}C nuclei



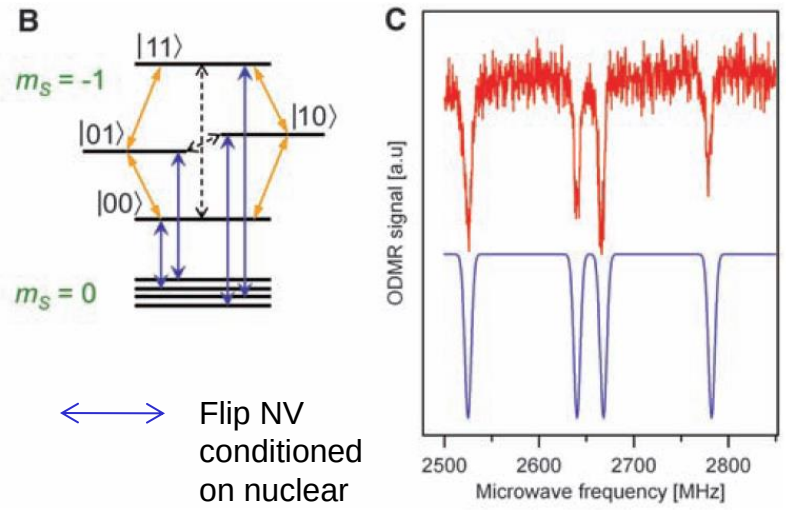


- ^{13}C nuclear spin creates magnetic field at NV
- CNOT gate is implemented by selective microwave transition
  (flip nucleus if other nucleus is in |0>)

⟷ Flip NV conditioned on nuclear state

⟷ Flip nuclei conditioned on NV and nuclear state

Creation of entangled states



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- Creation of entangled states possible
  $|00\rangle \mp |11\rangle$

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- Scaling up to four nuclear spins straightforward,

- Scaling to 10-20spins presumably possible

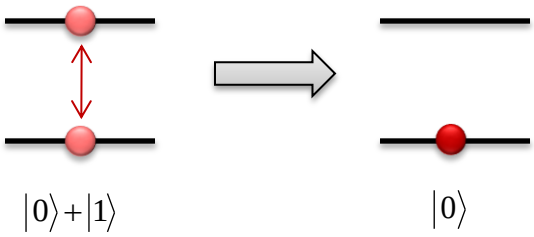
Different development: QND readout of nuclear spins

Readout of single quantum systems

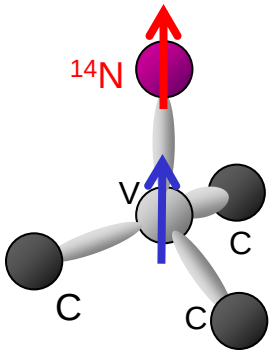
Standard readout
- <1 photon per run
- limited by photon shot noise (at best)
- Example: fluorescence detection of single NV

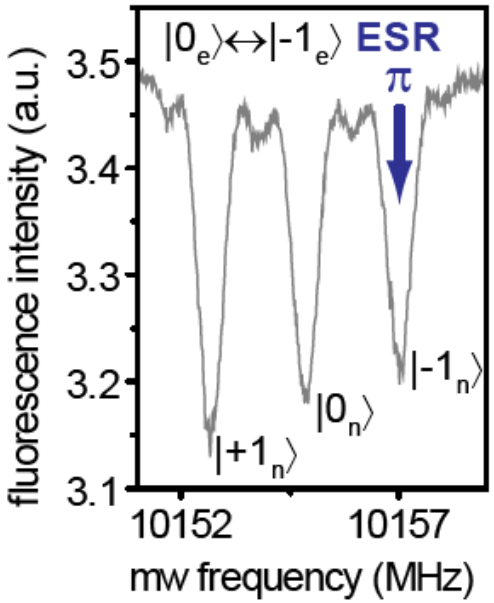
Single shot readout
- determine spin state in a single run but
- destroy the system or its quantum state
- (requires >1 photon per run)
- limited by quantum shot noise
- Example: Photon detection in Photomultiplier

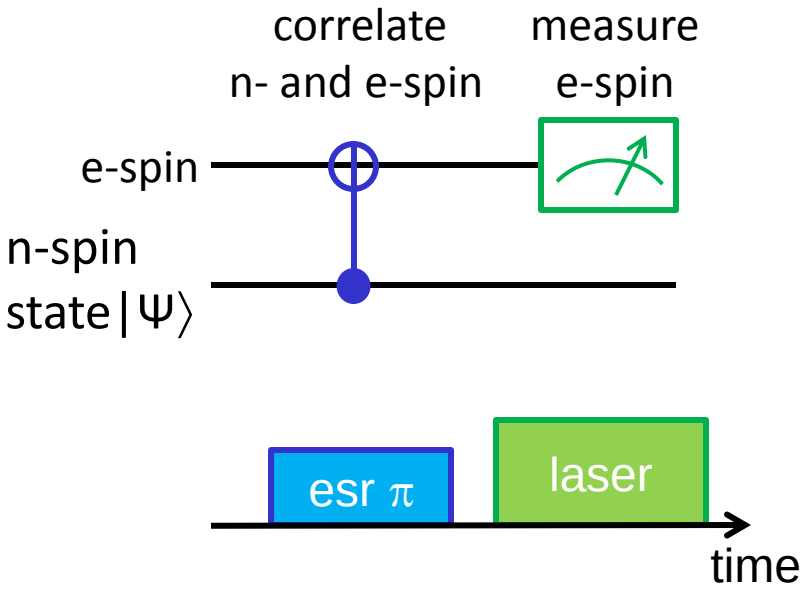
Quantum non demolition (QND) readout
- >1 photon per run
- **and preservation of the system and its spin state**
- Projective measurement
- Example: Microwave photons in cavity (Haroche)

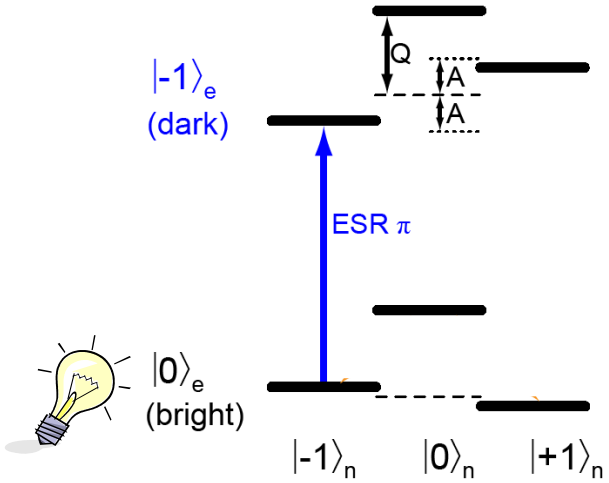


QND readout of a single nuclear spin



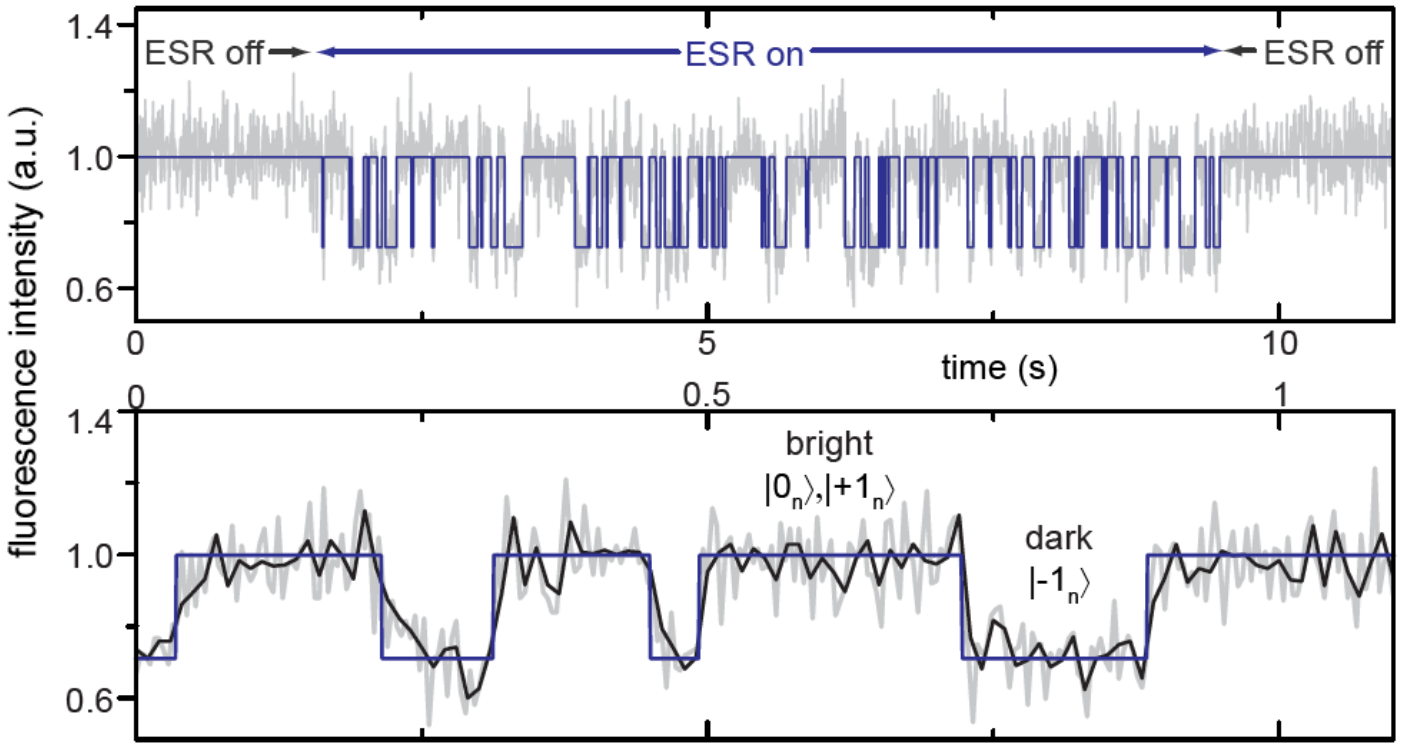






Observing flips of a single nuclear spin

- Repetetive QND measurements reveal quantum jumps of a single nuclear spin (in diamond at room temperature)



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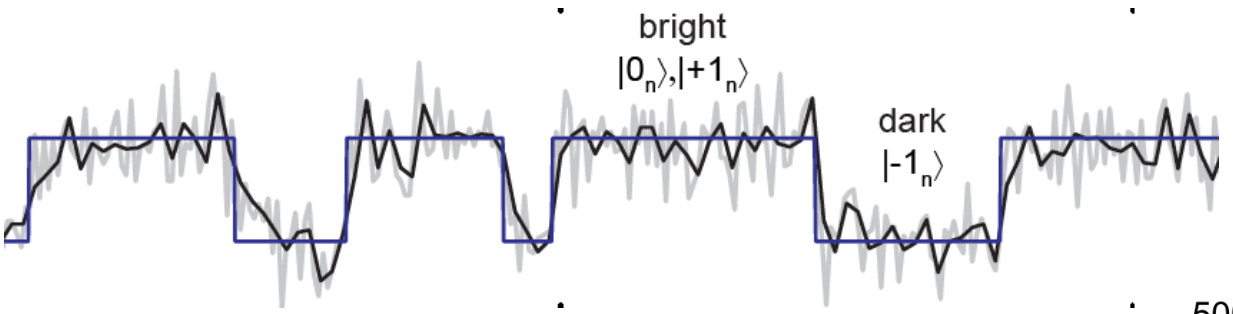
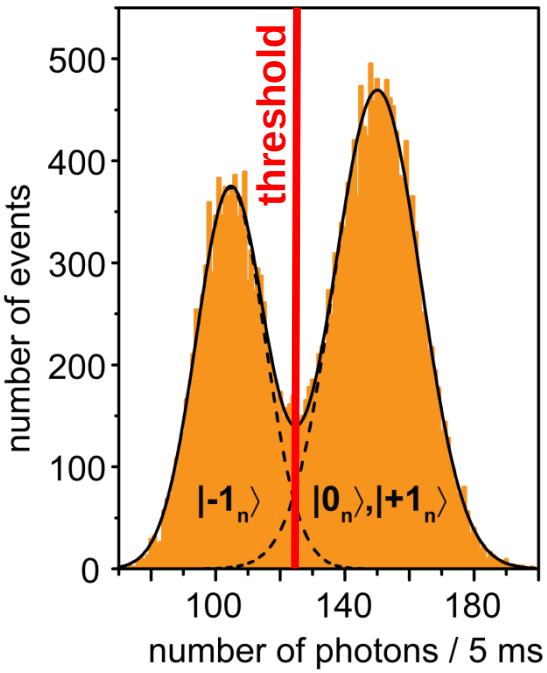
Fidelity of spin state detection

- Photon counting histogram of timetrace



- Two almost perfect Poissonians
- Threshold for state discrimination
  - Fidelity from overlap 99%
  - Fidelity to detect given state 92%



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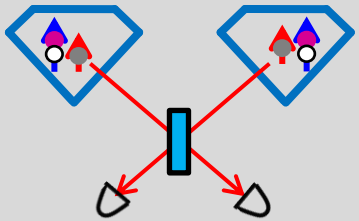

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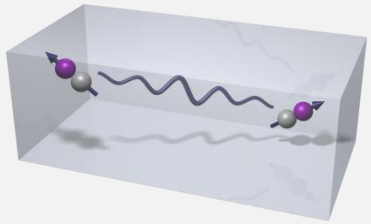

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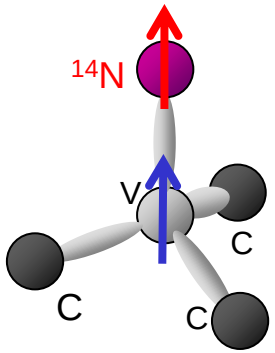

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