



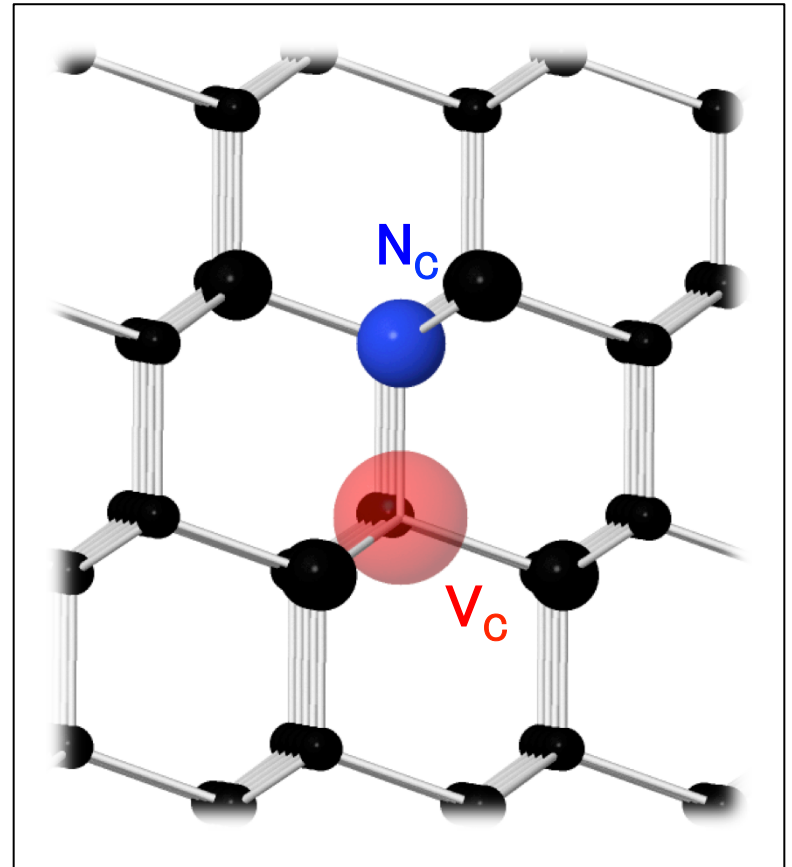
NV Centers in Quantum Information Technology

De-Coherence Protection &
Teleportation

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The NV Center

- Point Defect in Diamond
- Interesting Physics in negatively charged state NV^{-1}
- Total electron spin $S=1$
- ^{14}N Nuclear Spin $I=1$

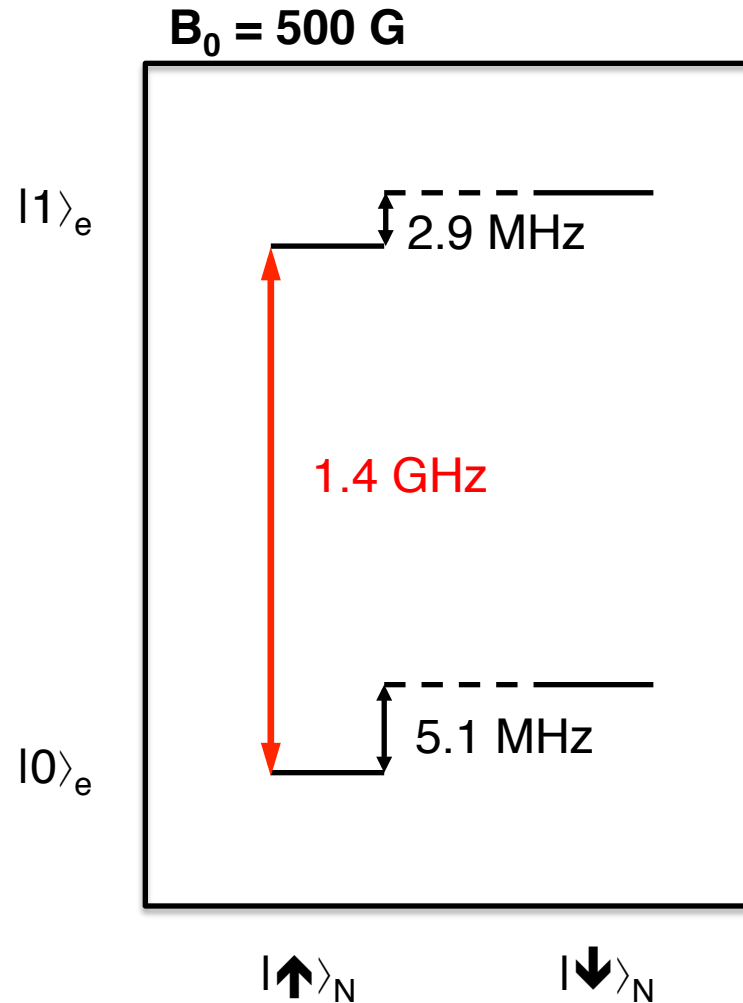


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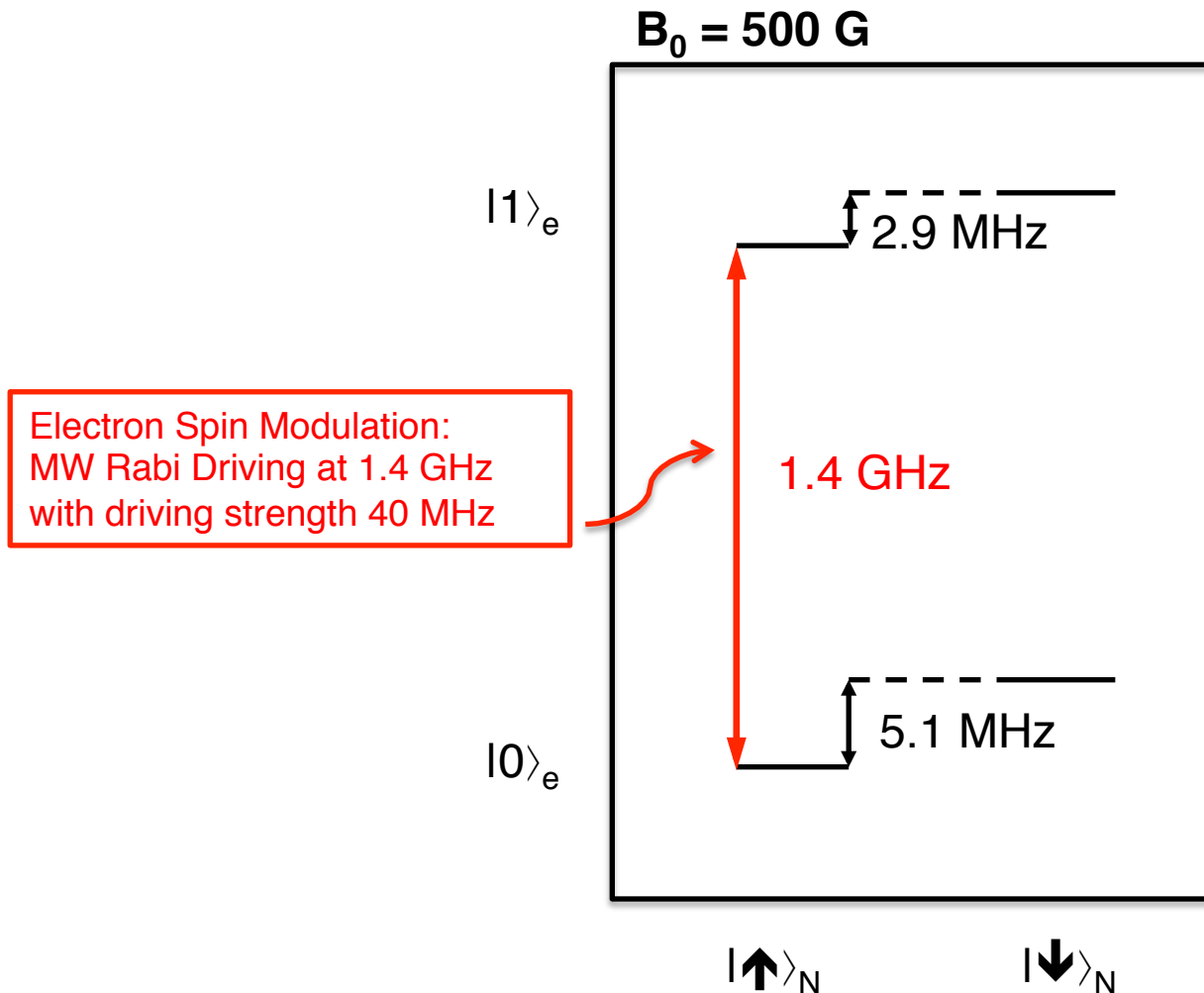
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2. Initialization
3. $t_{\text{coherence}} > t_{\text{gate operation}}$
4. Universal set of quantum gates
5. Qubit specific read-out
6. Convert from stationary to mobile qubit
7. Faithful transmission



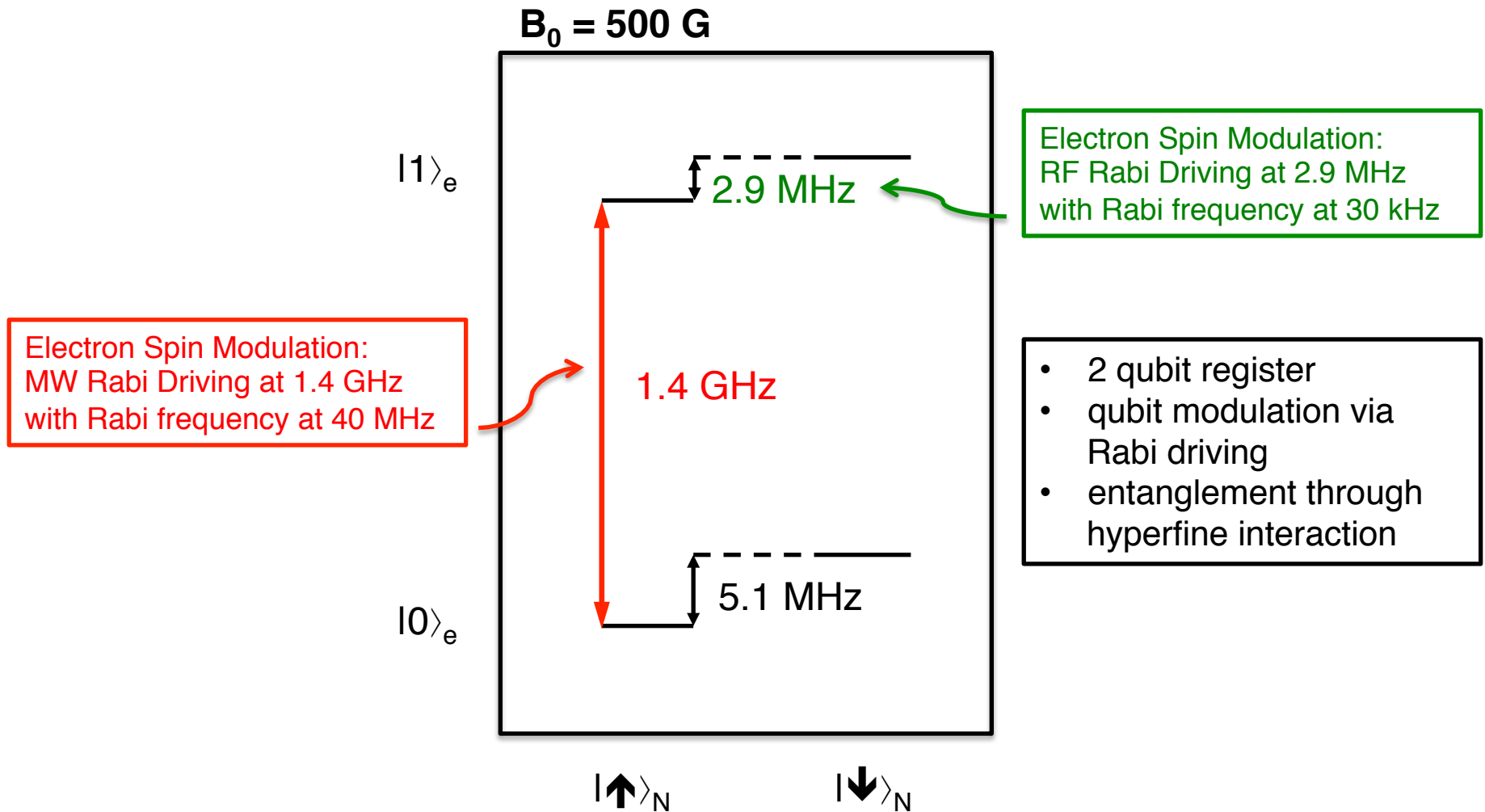
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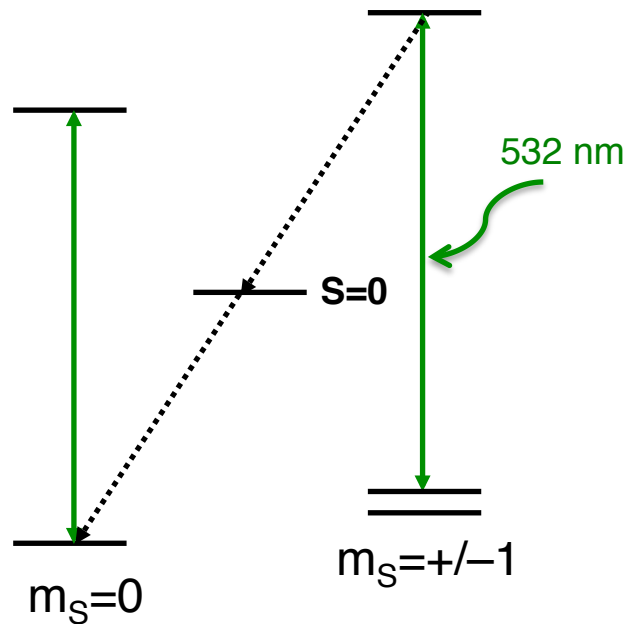


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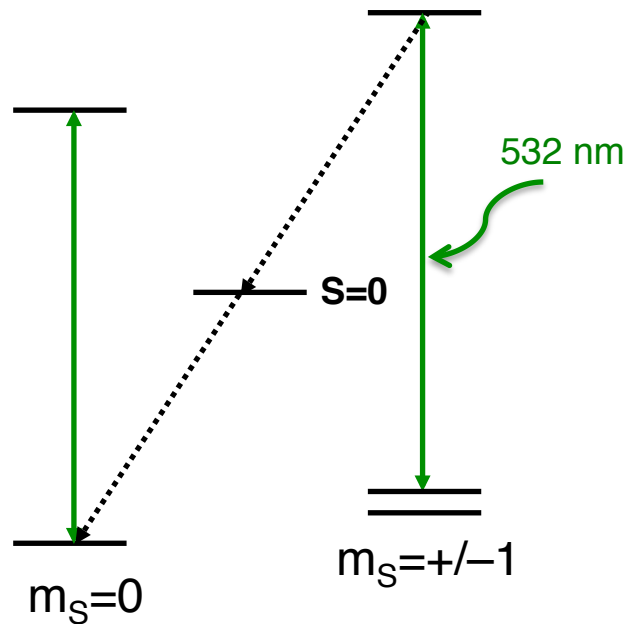
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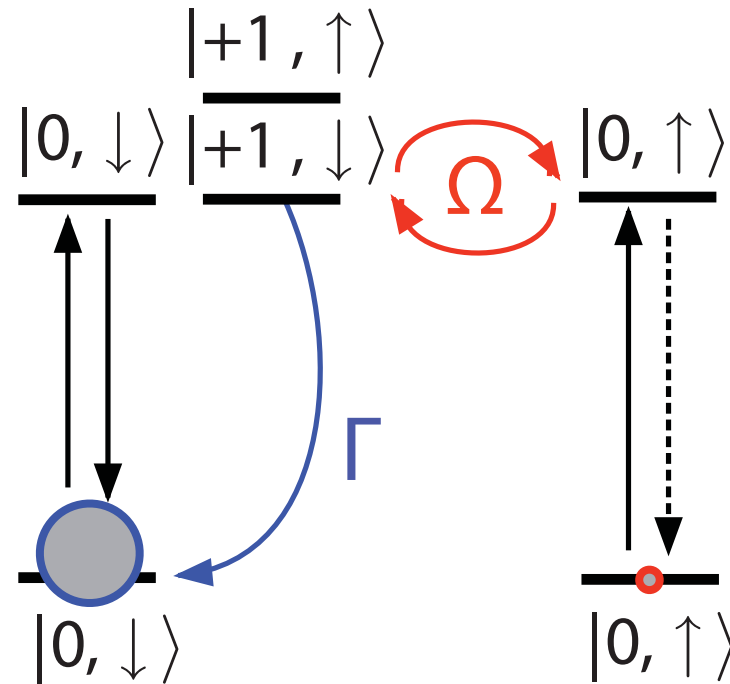


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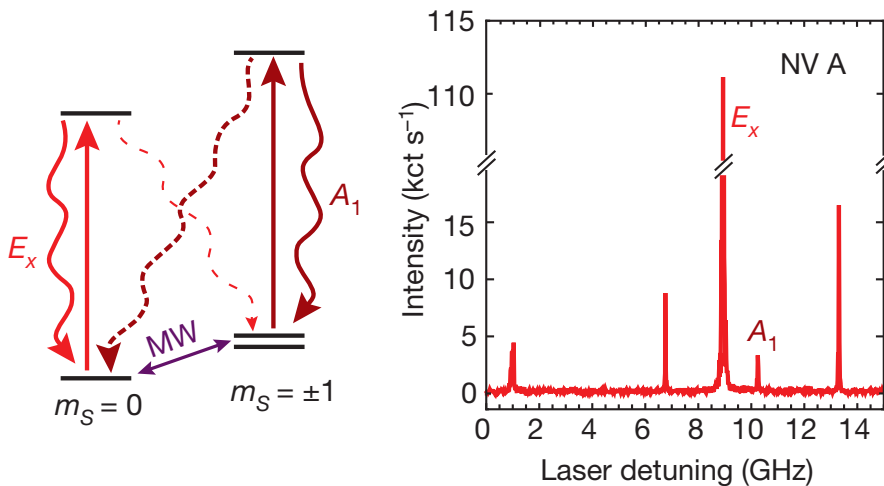
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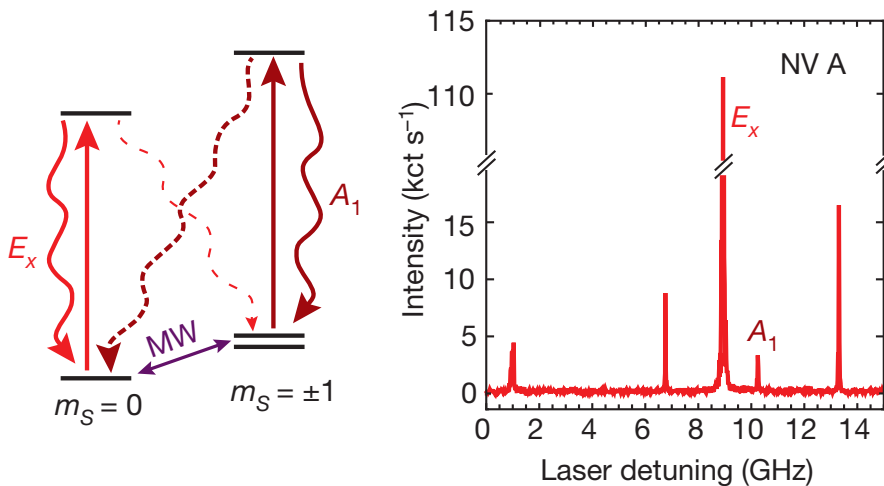
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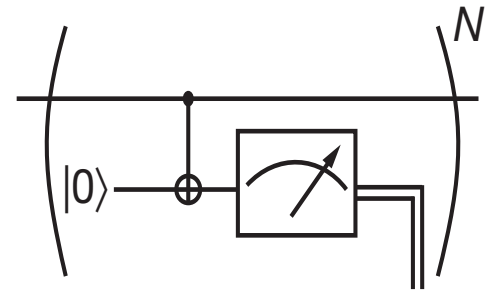
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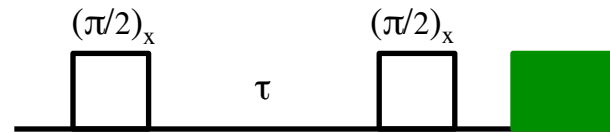
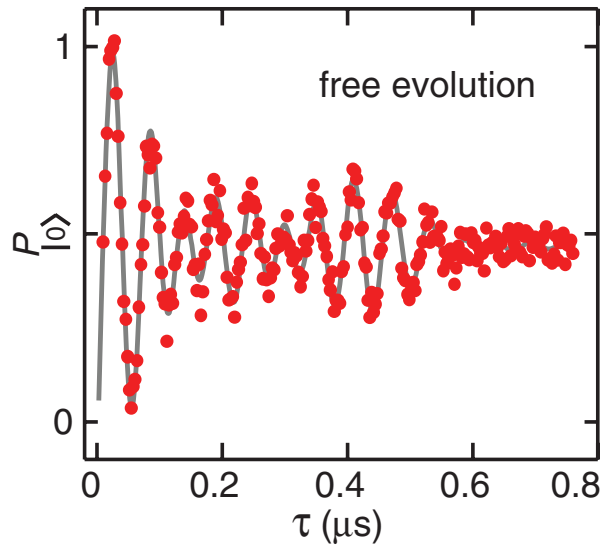


- Can also be used to read out m_1 by using a CNOT gate:



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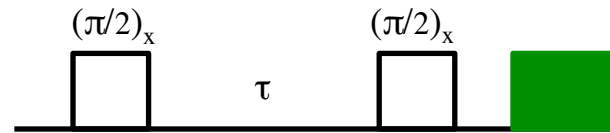
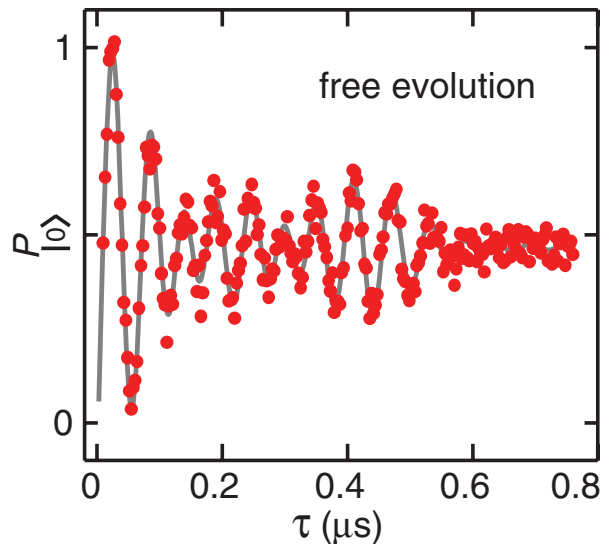
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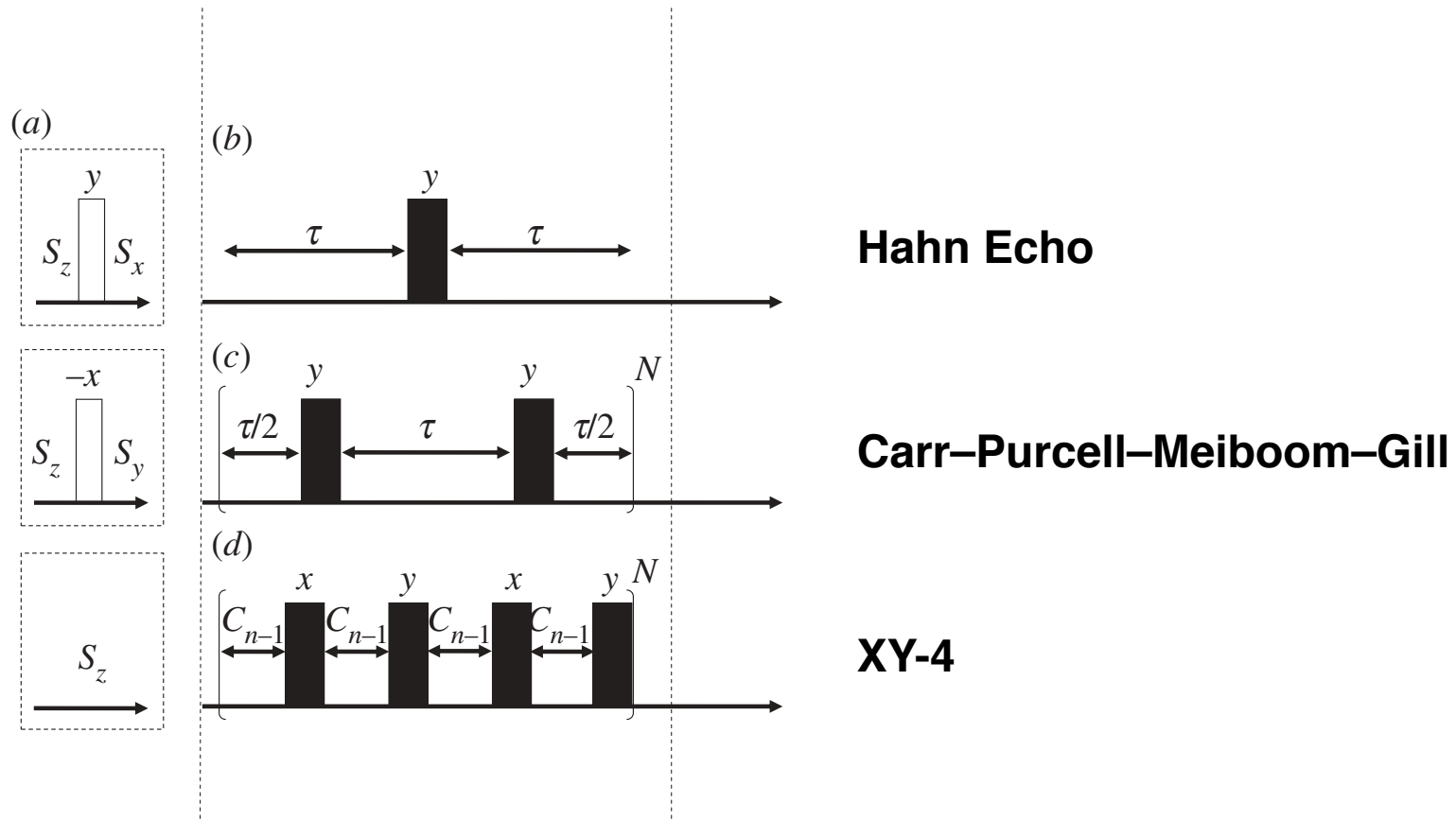


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- Dynamic decoupling: Periodic flipping of the qubit spin state to average out the interactions with the environment.

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Dynamical Decoupling



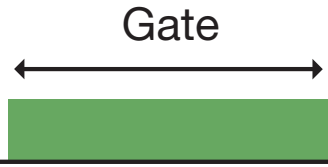
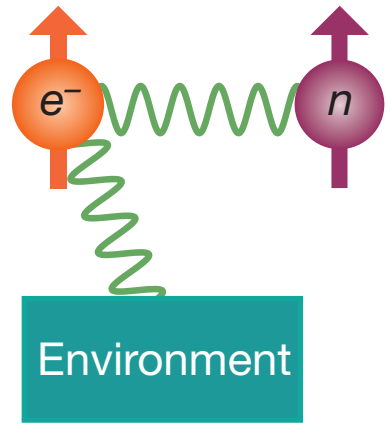
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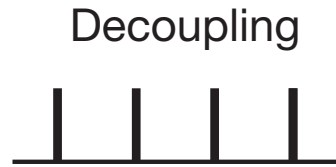
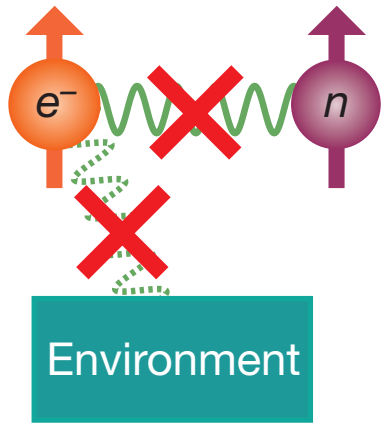


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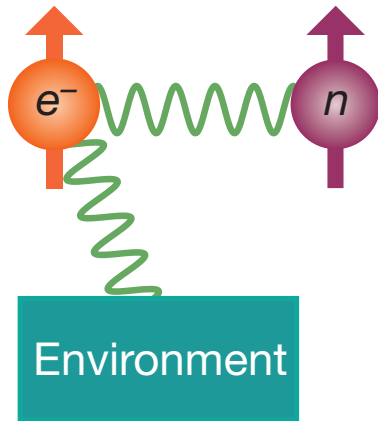


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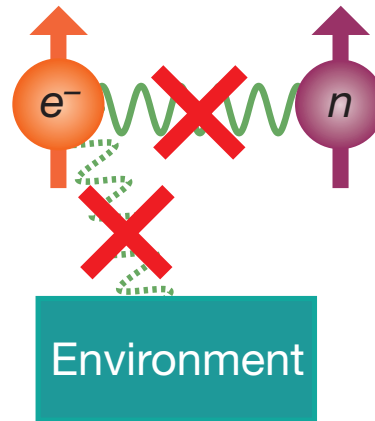
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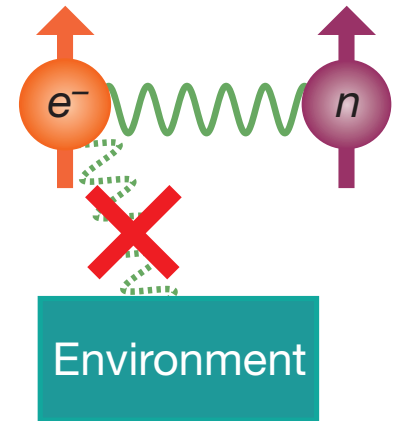
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3) Qubits only decoupled from environment



Gate + decoupling



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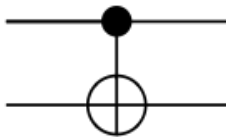
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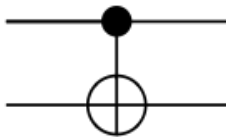
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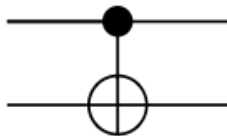
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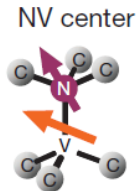
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Question

Can we use dynamical decoupling to make a gate using the "fast" qubit as our control bit?

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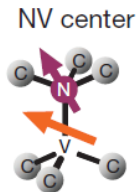
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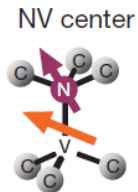
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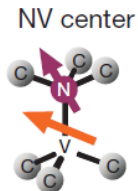


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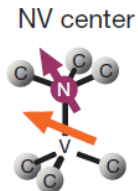
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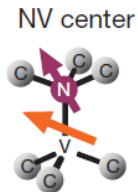
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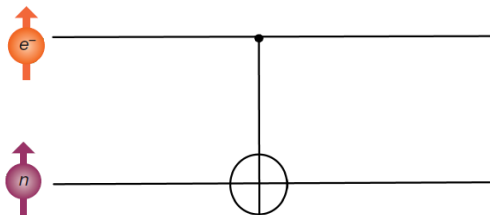
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Two Qubit Gates

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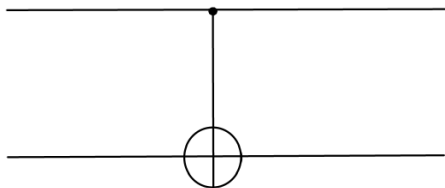


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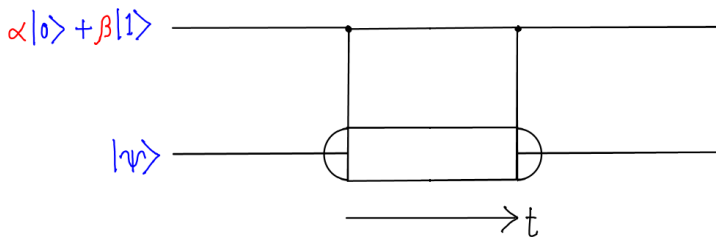
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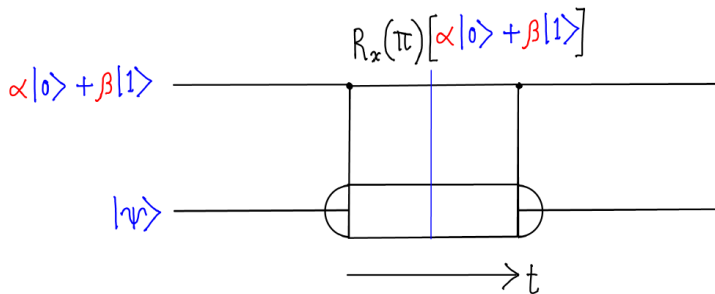
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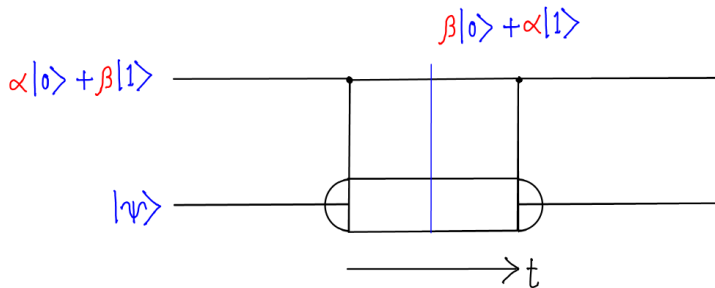
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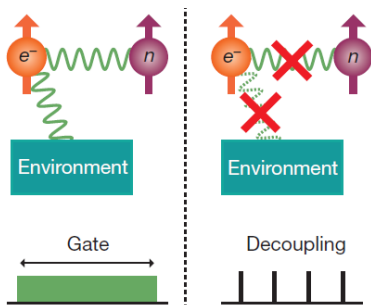


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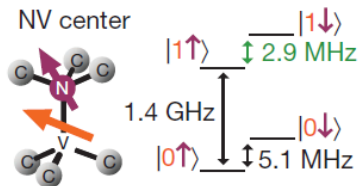
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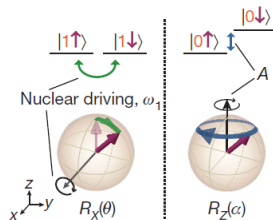
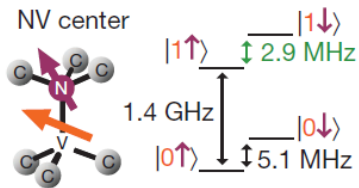
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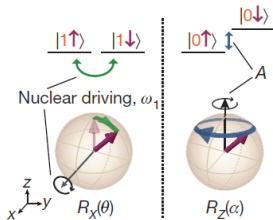
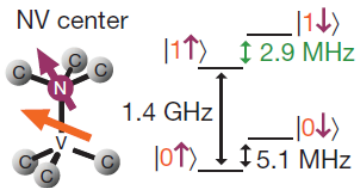
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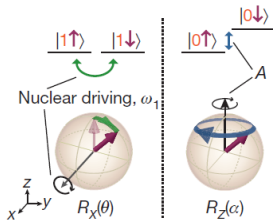
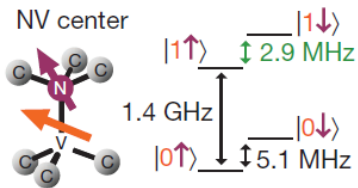
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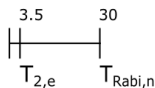
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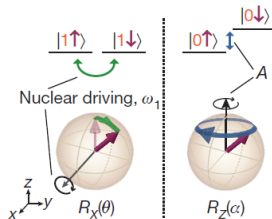
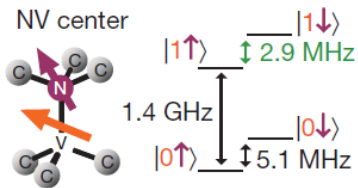
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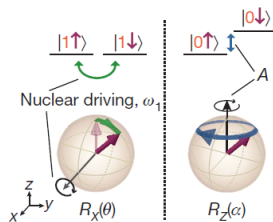
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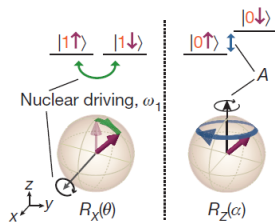
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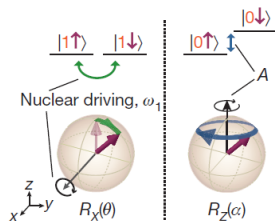
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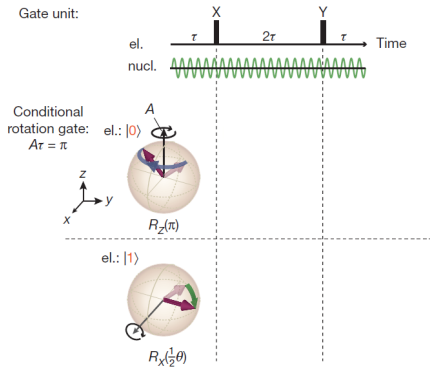
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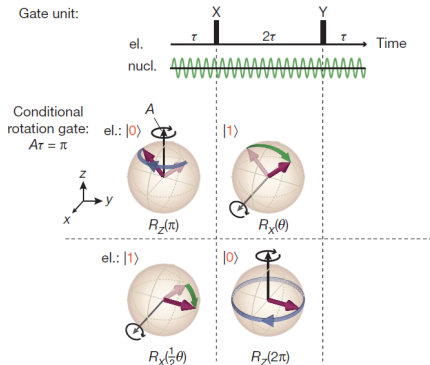


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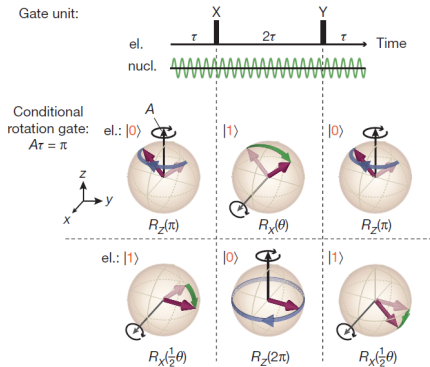


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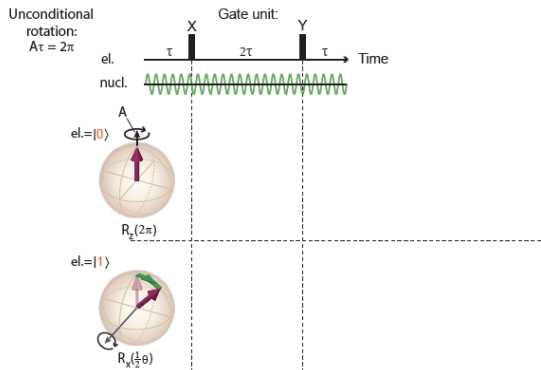
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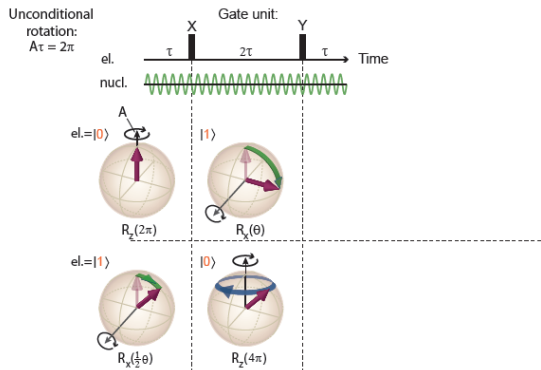


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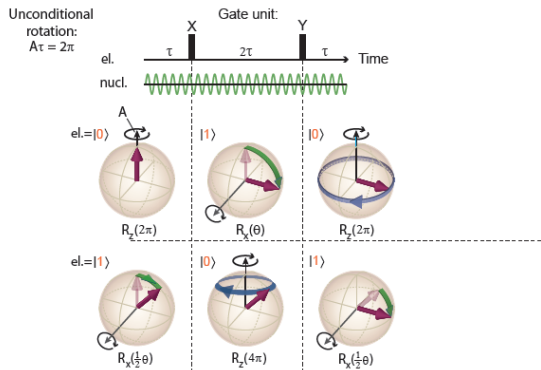


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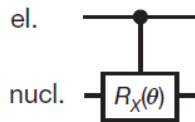
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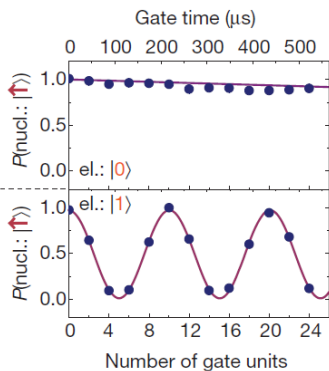
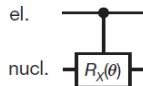


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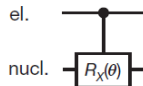
Combine special cases 1 and 2
obtain a conditional rotation gate



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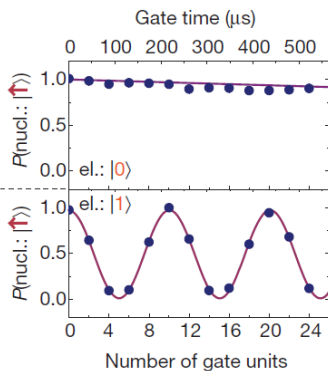
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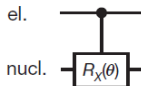
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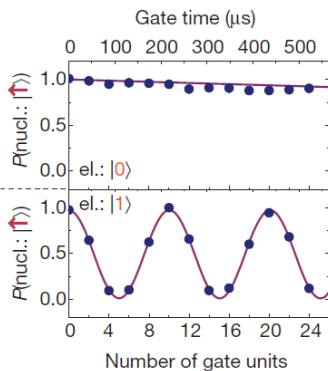
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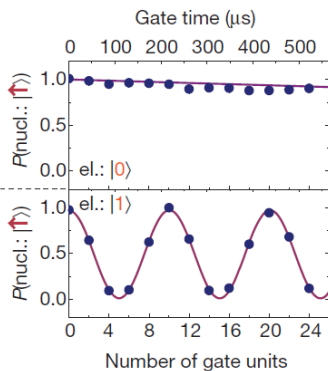
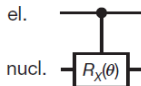
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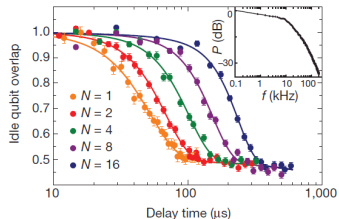
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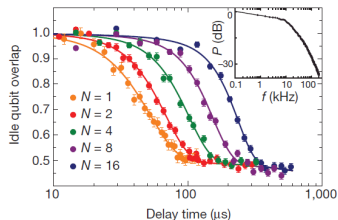
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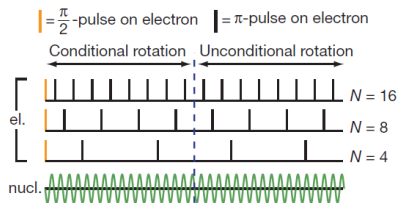
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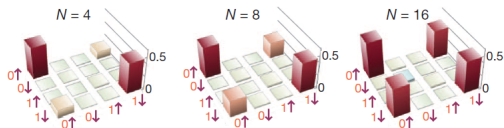
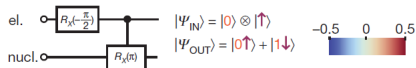
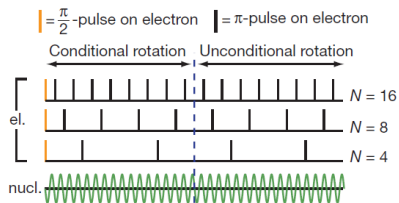
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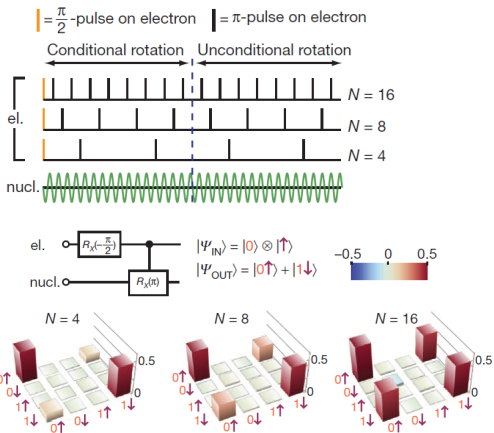
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$$N = 16 : F = \sqrt{\langle \psi | \rho | \psi \rangle}$$

reaches 96%



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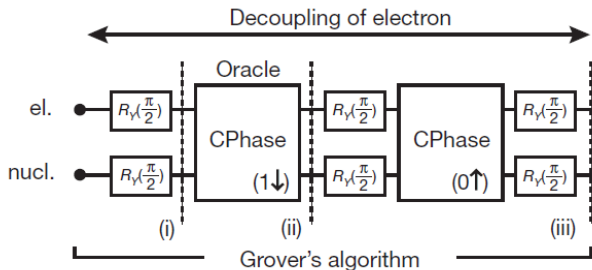
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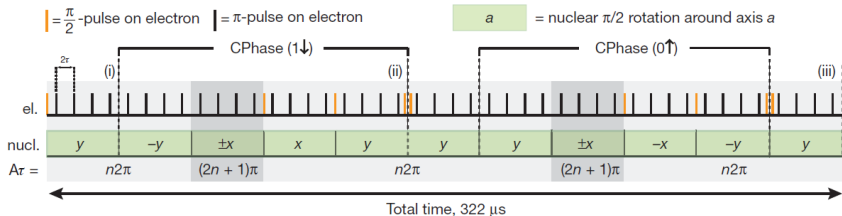
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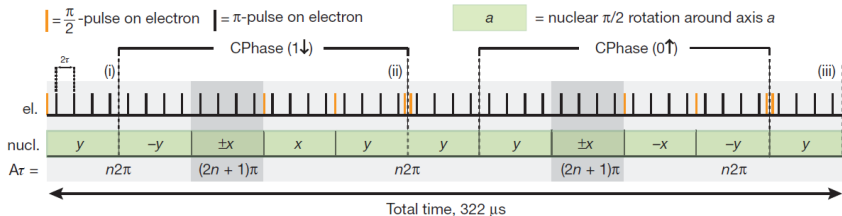
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Quantum Teleportation

NV - Centers

Framework

- Unconditional teleportation
 - Any state can be transmitted
- Remoteness
 - Sender and receiver are reasonably separated
(3m)

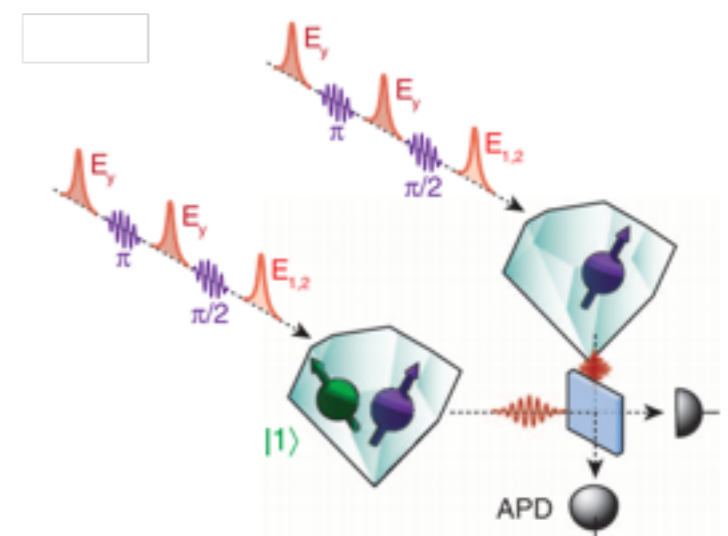
Entanglement

- Remote entanglement between NV electrons
- Local entanglement: Spin rotation / Spin-selective excitation

Electron-Photon

- Local entanglement: Quantum interference photon detection

Photon-Photon



Teleporter Setup

Configuration

- Alice NV-Center:
Transmission Qubit (1) *Nuclear spin*
Messenger Qubit (2) *Electron spin*
- Bob NV-Center:
Receiver Qubit (3) *Electron spin*
- Qubits 2 & 3 entangled in $|\Psi^-\rangle_{23}$

Teleporter Setup

Initialization

- **Transmission Qubit** initialized in $|1\rangle_1$
 - Projective measurement of Messenger
 - Prior to entanglement
- Source State $|\psi\rangle_1 = \alpha|0\rangle_1 + \beta|1\rangle_1$
 - After entanglement to avoid Dephasing

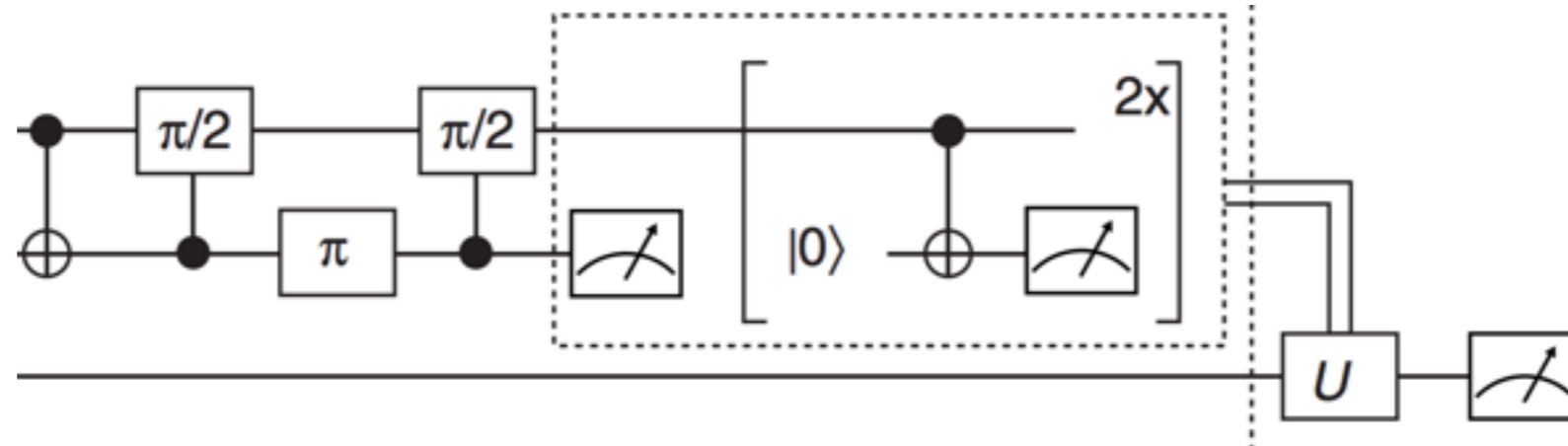
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Final State

- Final State in Bell basis:

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle_1 \otimes |\Psi^-\rangle_{23} = & \frac{1}{2} [|\Phi^+\rangle_{12} (\alpha|1\rangle_3 - \beta|0\rangle_3) \\ & + |\Phi^-\rangle_{12} (\alpha|1\rangle_3 + \beta|0\rangle_3) \\ & + |\Psi^+\rangle_{12} (-\alpha|0\rangle_3 + \beta|1\rangle_3) \\ & + |\Psi^-\rangle_{12} (-\alpha|0\rangle_3 - \beta|1\rangle_3)] \end{aligned}$$

Teleportation



- Interaction between Qubits 1 and 2
 - CNOT followed by $\pi/2$ Y-rotation of Transmitter
- Projective measurements
- Conditional Pauli-rotations

Teleportation

Interaction

- Nuclear rotations controlled by Electron excitation level:
- Controlled $\pi/2$ Y-rotation (on 1 controlled by 2)
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- **Effectively:** $\pi/2$ Y-rotation (unconditional on 1)

Teleportation

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Teleportation

Measurement

- Direct measurement on messenger
- Projective measurement on transmitter
- CNOT on $|0\rangle_2$ electron (on reinitialized messenger, controlled by transmitter)
Direct measurement on messenger

Teleportation

Pauli rotations

- Depending on measurement:

$$|00\rangle_{12} \mapsto \mathbb{1}$$

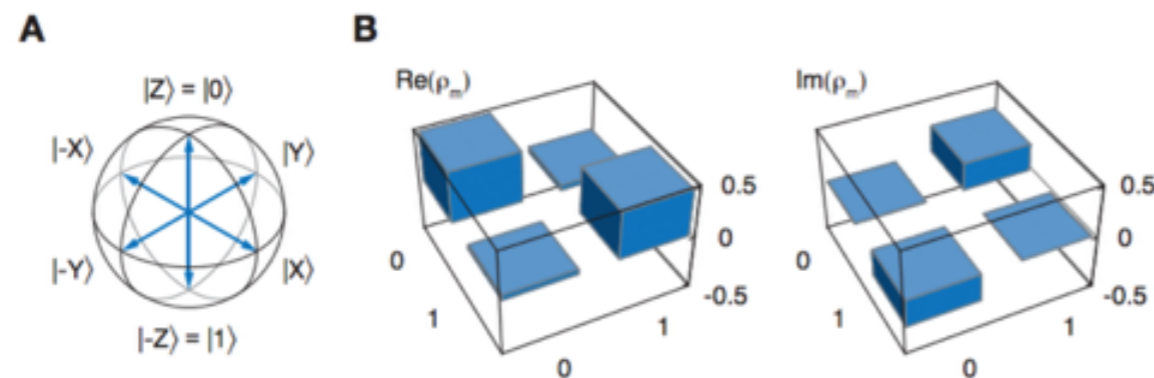
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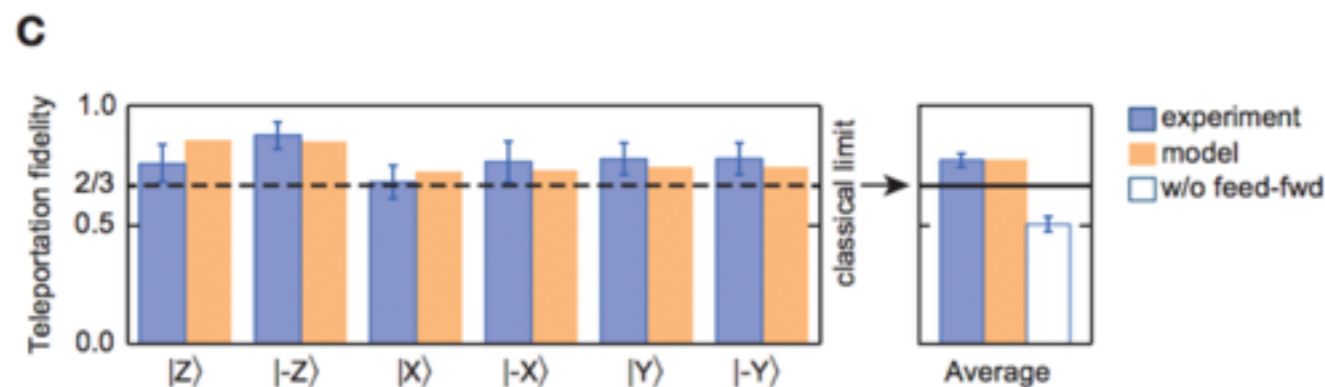
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Results

- Tomography for Y on Bob's side to confirm alignment of reference frames



- 6 unbiased states transmitted. **Fidelity 0.77**



Outlook

- Remote Entanglement
Multiple Qubits per node:
 - NV Centers are a good candidate for Quantum networks
- Entanglement fidelity high enough to close detection loophole of Bell Inequality