

# Quantum Control of Atomic Qudits

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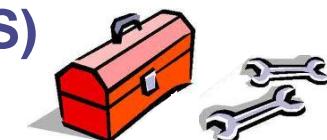
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- Rich toolbox already exists for qubits (NMR, QIS)
- Next step: extend to  $d > 2$  dimensional systems
- Explore: controllability, numerical design, robust control, benchmarking, state/process tomography



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W. S. Bakr et al., Science (2010)

- Example: QIP/Simulation w/cold atoms
- uses atoms as scalar or spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  particles
  - beyond spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  → qubits encoded for storage vs. interaction  
decoherence free subspaces
  - robust and/or addressable control

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Example: Simplified Toffoli gate using Qtrits and 2-Qubit gates

Simplifying quantum logic using  
higher-dimensional Hilbert spaces

N. Phys. 5, 134  
(2009)

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Quantum computation promises to solve fundamental, yet otherwise intractable, problems across a range of active fields of research. Recently, universal quantum logic-gate sets—the elemental building blocks for a quantum computer—have been demonstrated in several physical architectures. A serious obstacle to a full-scale implementation is the large number of these gates required to build even small quantum circuits. Here, we present and demonstrate a general technique that harnesses multi-level information carriers to significantly reduce this number, enabling the construction of key quantum circuits with existing technology. We present implementations of two key quantum circuits: the three-qubit Toffoli gate and

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### Example: Improved atom-light interface and spin squeezing

#### Enhanced Squeezing of a Collective Spin via Control of Its Qudit Subsystems

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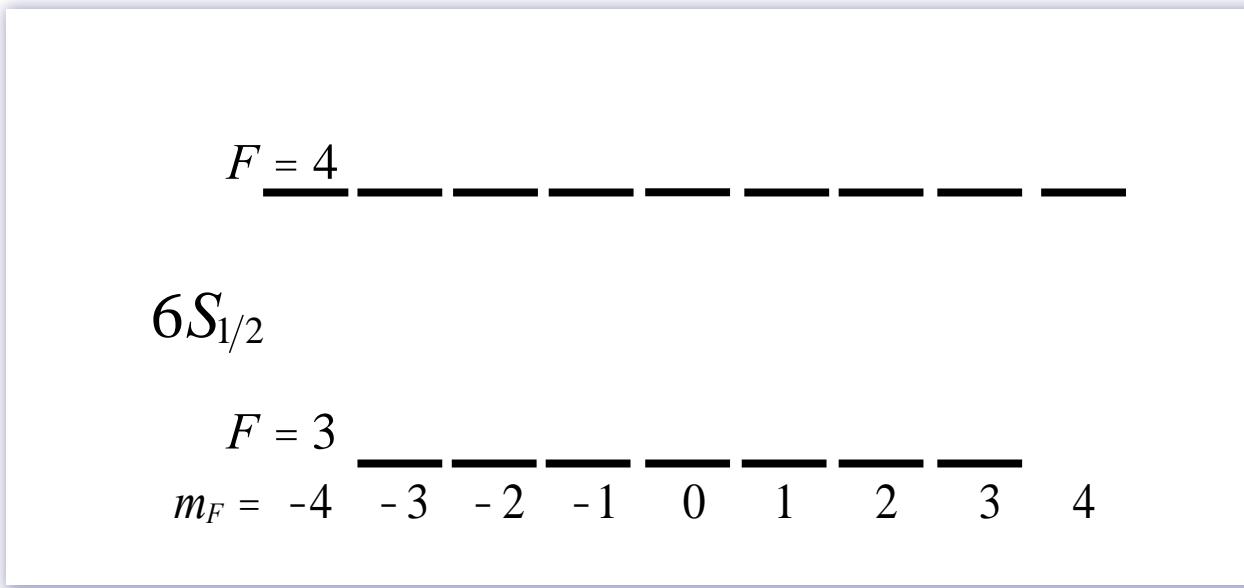
Unitary control of qudits can improve the collective spin squeezing of an atomic ensemble. Preparing the atoms in a state with large quantum fluctuations in magnetization strengthens the entangling Faraday interaction. The resulting increase in interatomic entanglement can be converted into metrologically useful spin squeezing. Further control can squeeze the internal atomic spin without compromising

PRL **109**, 173603 (2012)

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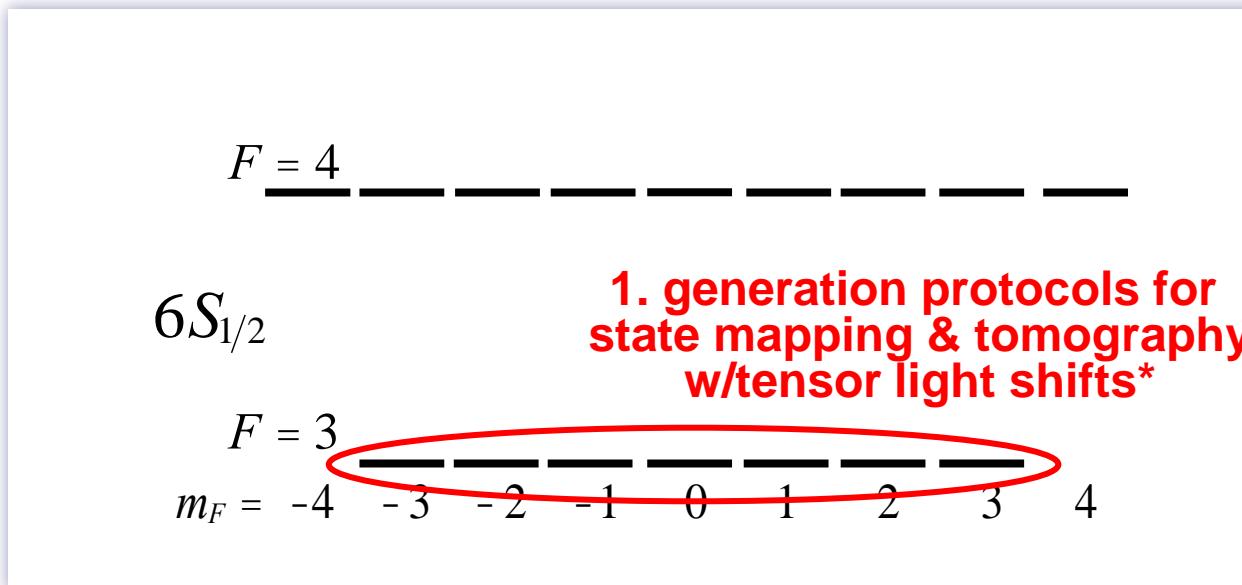


– Naturally long coherence times, limited by background magnetic fields –

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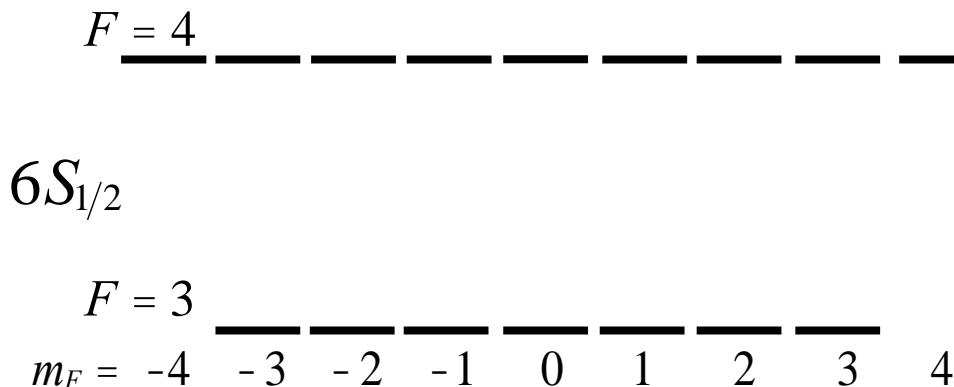
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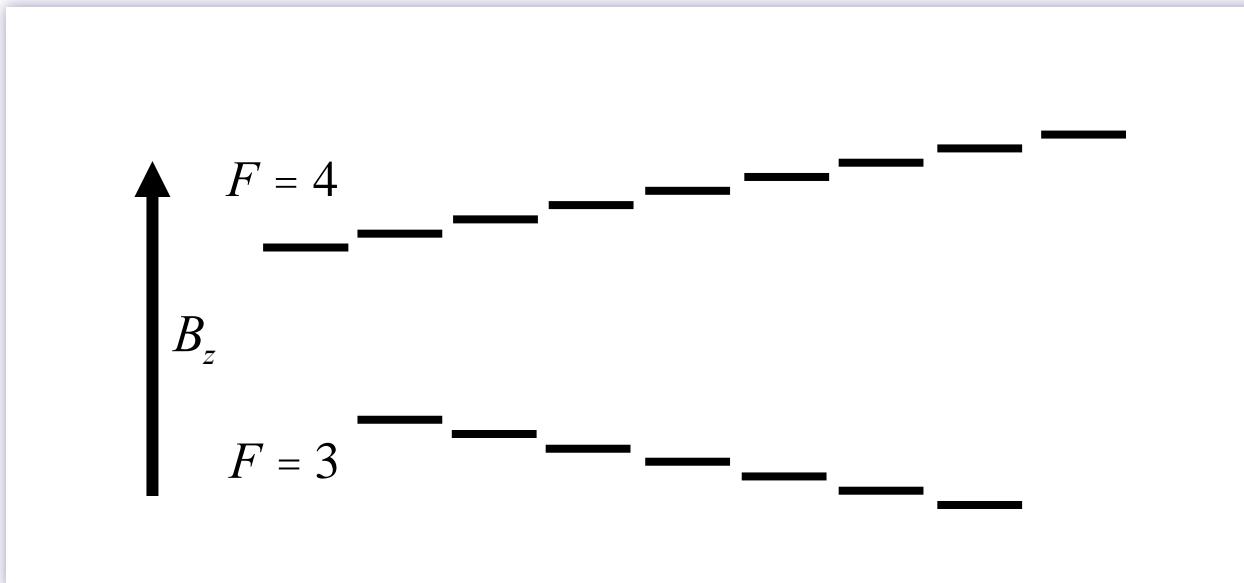
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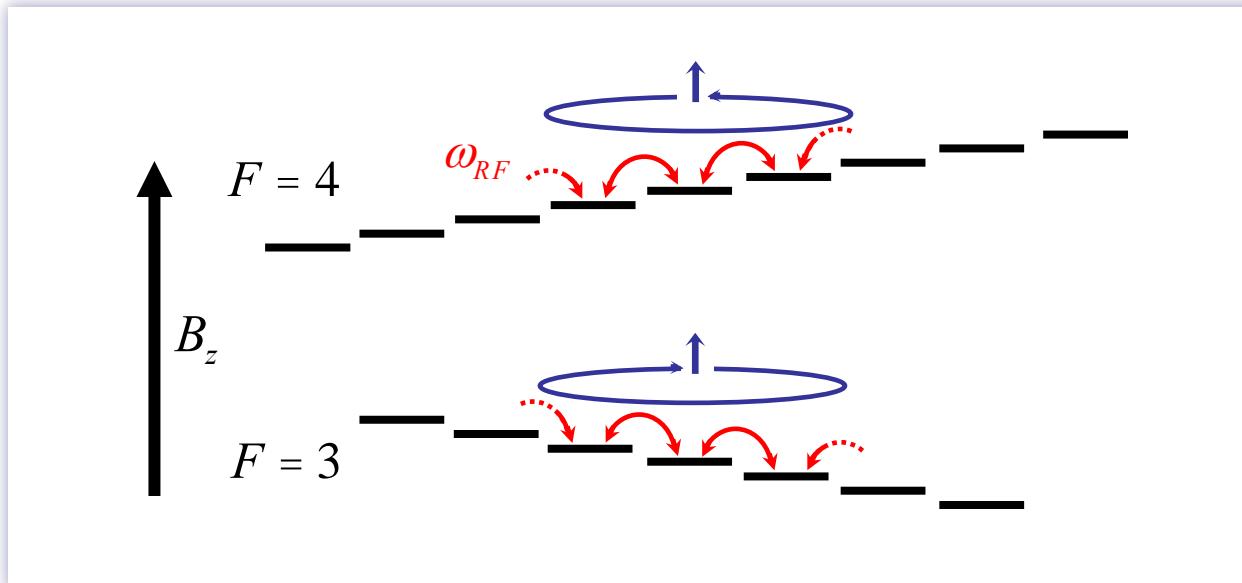
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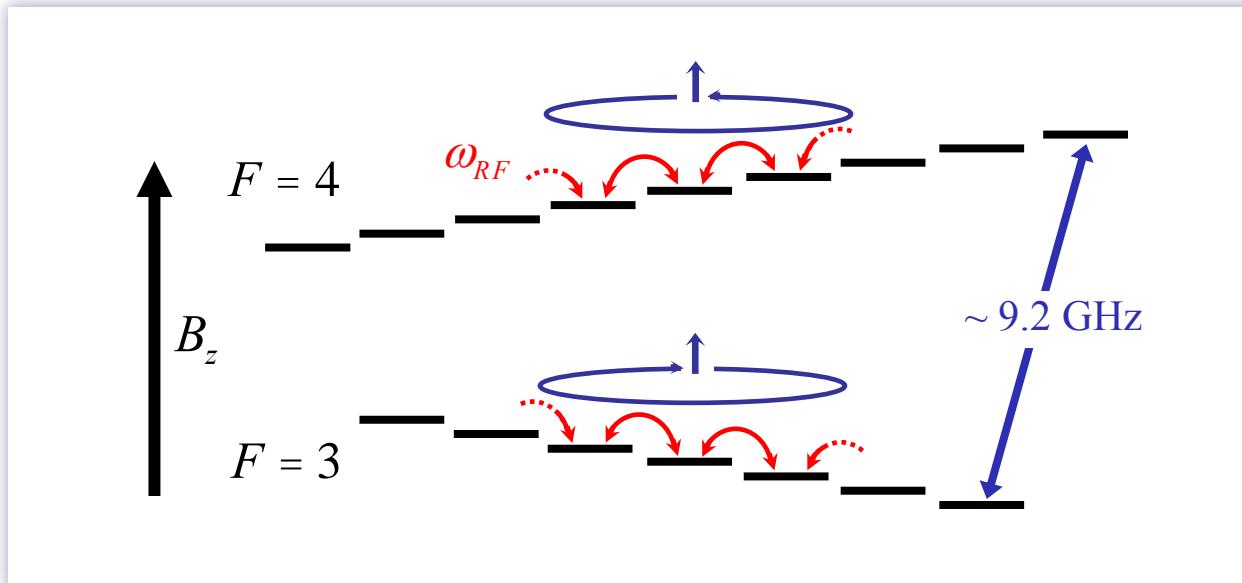
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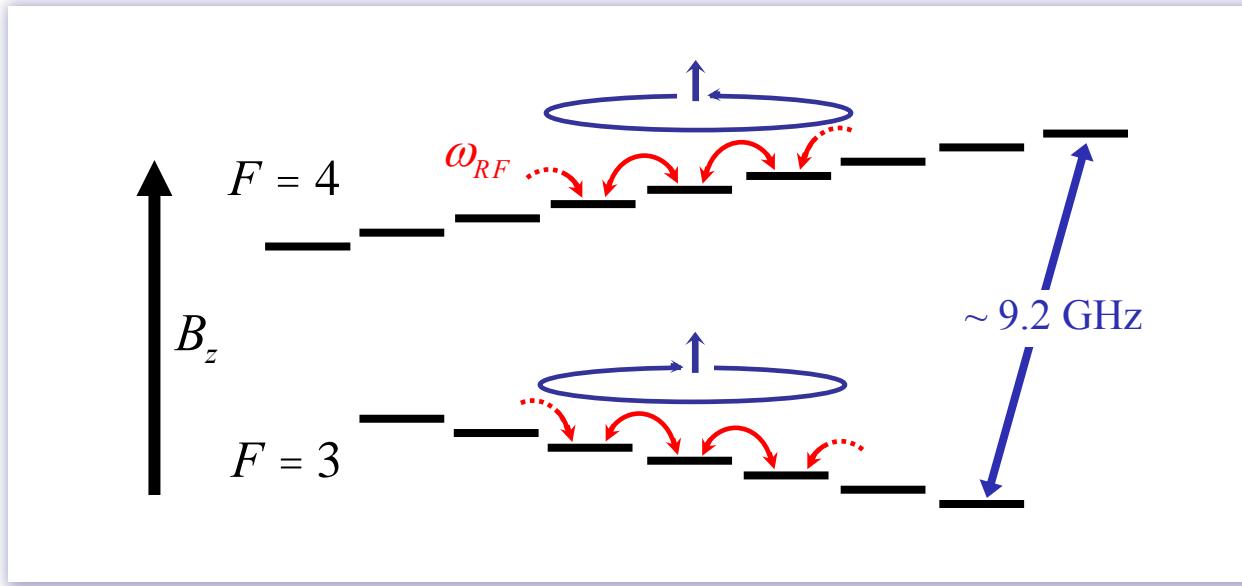
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**In terms of total spin  $F$ , NL Zeeman Effect, Rotating Wave Approximation**

$$\begin{aligned} H_{RWA} = & \left[ \frac{3\hbar\Omega_0}{2}(1 + g_{\text{rel}}) - \frac{25g_{\text{rel}}\hbar^2\Omega_0^2}{2\Delta E_{\text{HF}}} - \frac{\hbar}{2}(\Delta_{\mu W} - 7\Delta_{\text{rf}}) \right] (P^{(4)} - P^{(3)}) \\ & + \Omega_0(1 + g_{\text{rel}})F_z^{(3)} + \frac{g_{\text{rel}}\Omega_0^2}{\Delta E_{\text{HF}}} (F_z^{(4)}{}^2 - F_z^{(3)}{}^2) - \Delta_{\text{rf}}(F_z^{(4)} - F_z^{(3)}) \\ & + \frac{\Omega_x}{2} \left[ \cos(\phi_x)(F_x^{(4)} + g_{\text{rel}}F_x^{(3)}) - \sin(\phi_x)(F_y^{(4)} - g_{\text{rel}}F_y^{(3)}) \right] \\ & + \frac{\Omega_y}{2} \left[ \sin(\phi_y)(F_x^{(4)} - g_{\text{rel}}F_x^{(3)}) + \cos(\phi_y)(F_y^{(4)} + g_{\text{rel}}F_y^{(3)}) \right] \\ & + \frac{\Omega_{\mu W}}{2} [\cos(\phi_{\mu W})\sigma_x - \sin(\phi_{\mu W})\sigma_y]. \end{aligned}$$

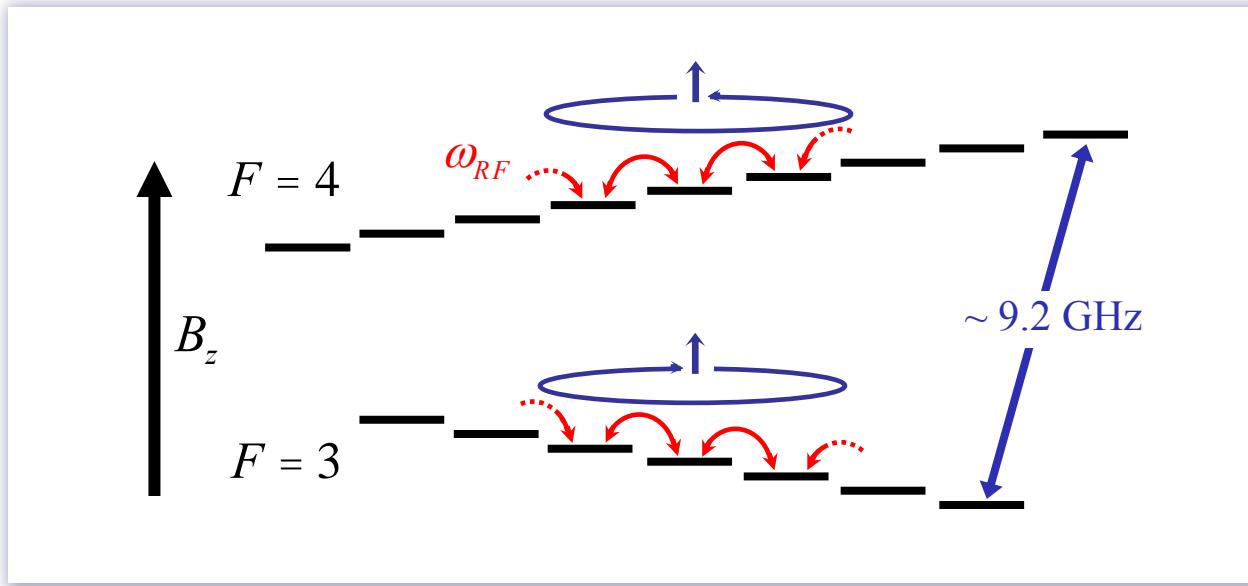
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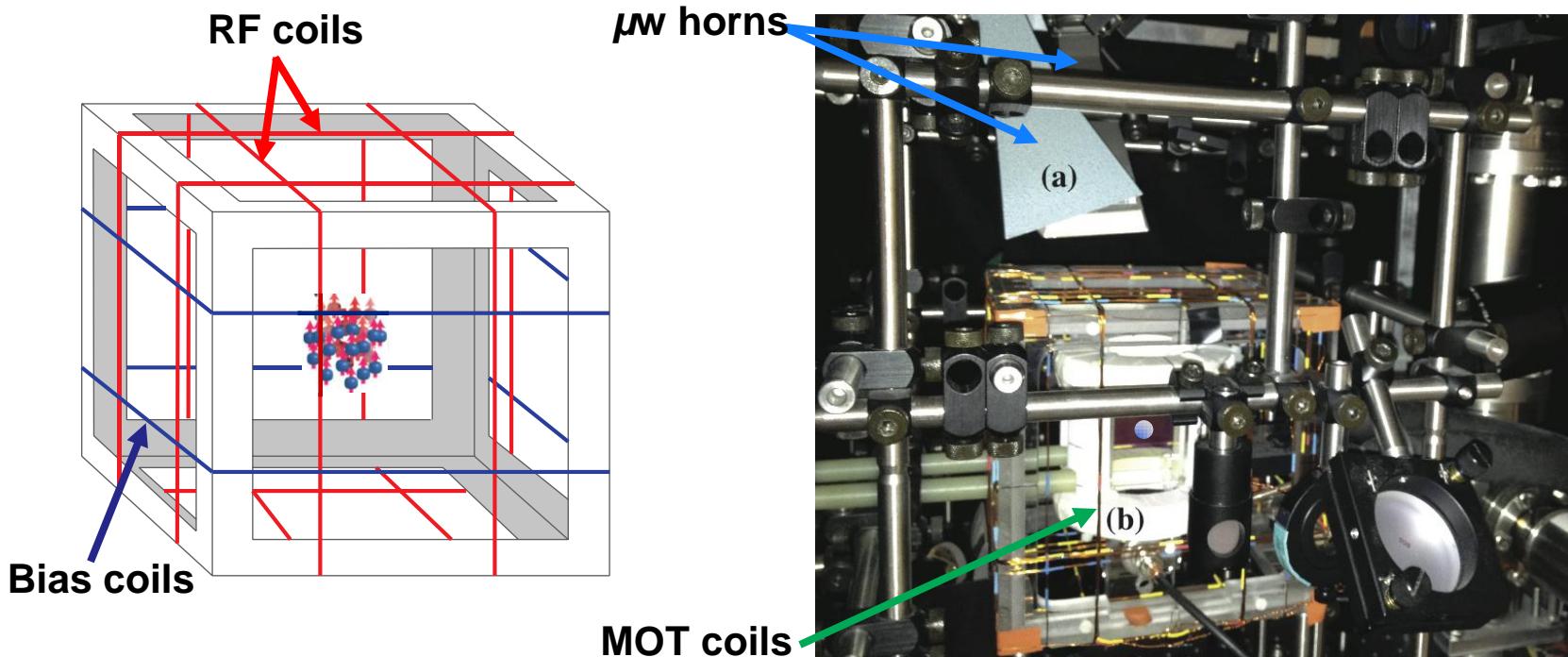
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# Experimental Setup



Internal-state control of  $\sim 10^6$  laser cooled atoms in free fall

Bias field:  $\sim 3$  Gauss

RF Larmor freq: 25kHz

Bias Larmor freq:  $1.0MHz \pm 10Hz$

$\mu$ w Rabi freq: 27.5kHz

# Numerical Design of Unitary Controls

## Control Objective:

$$''|y\rangle: |y\rangle \longrightarrow W|y\rangle \quad W: \text{target unitary}$$

### ➤ Hamiltonian

$$H(t) = H_0 + \sum_j H_j(c_j(t))$$

### ➤ Control waveforms

$$c_j(t) \rightarrow c_j(t_k) = c_{jk}$$

← vector **c**

### ➤ Cost function

$$F[\mathbf{c}] = \frac{1}{d^2} |Tr[W^+U(T)]|^2$$

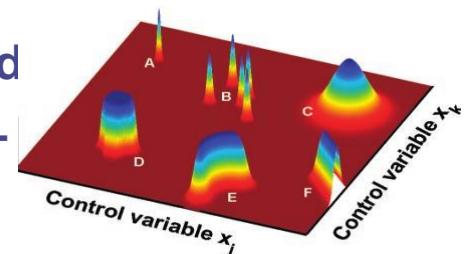
← Fidelity)

### ➤ Numerics

Find **c** that maximizes  $J[\mathbf{c}]$

## Challenge: - search complexity not well understood

- thought to be harder than state maps<sup>+</sup>



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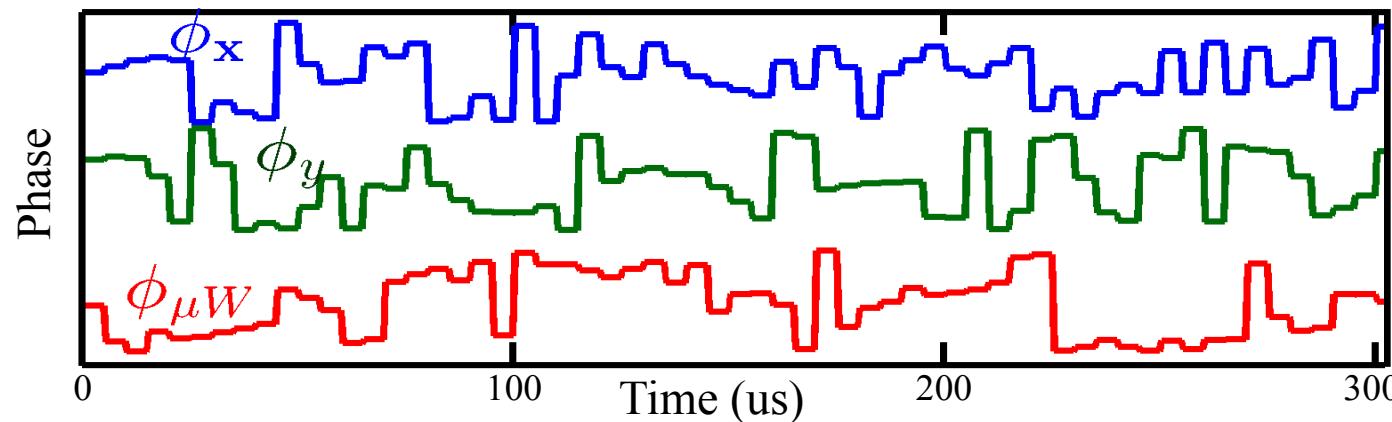
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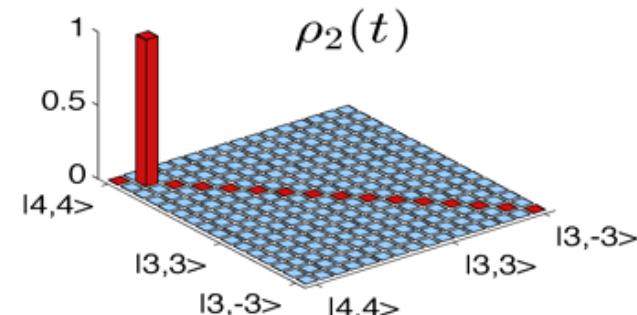
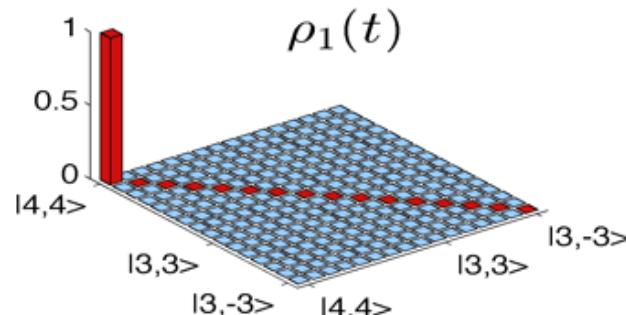
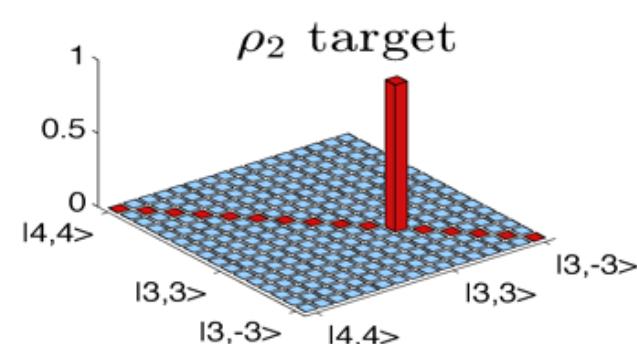
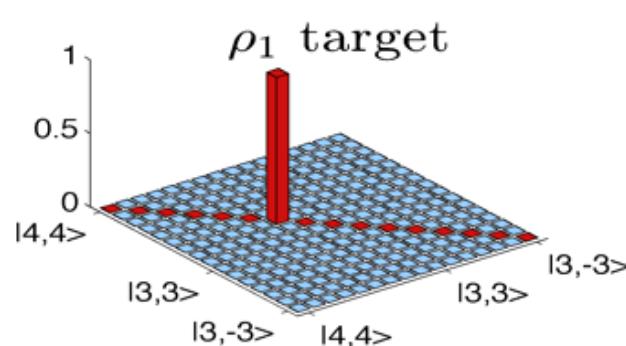
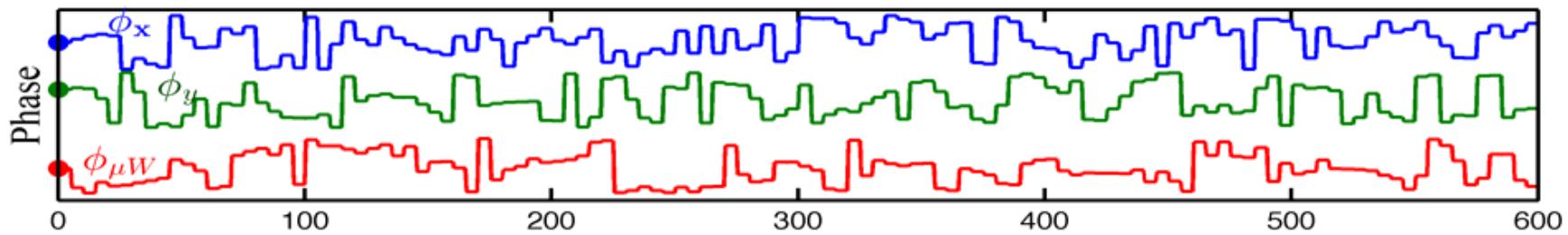
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- Use RWA with Bloch-Siegert type corrections & piece-wise linear phases to speed up integration of S. E.
- Use variant of the GRAPE algorithm for efficient search
  - computational complexity per iteration  $\sim \# \text{ of phases}$
- Can design a  $d=16$  unitary in  $\sim 3$  minutes on desktop
- Easy to design many unitaries in parallel on HPC cluster

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Example - permutation of all 16 magnetic eigenstates (two shown)



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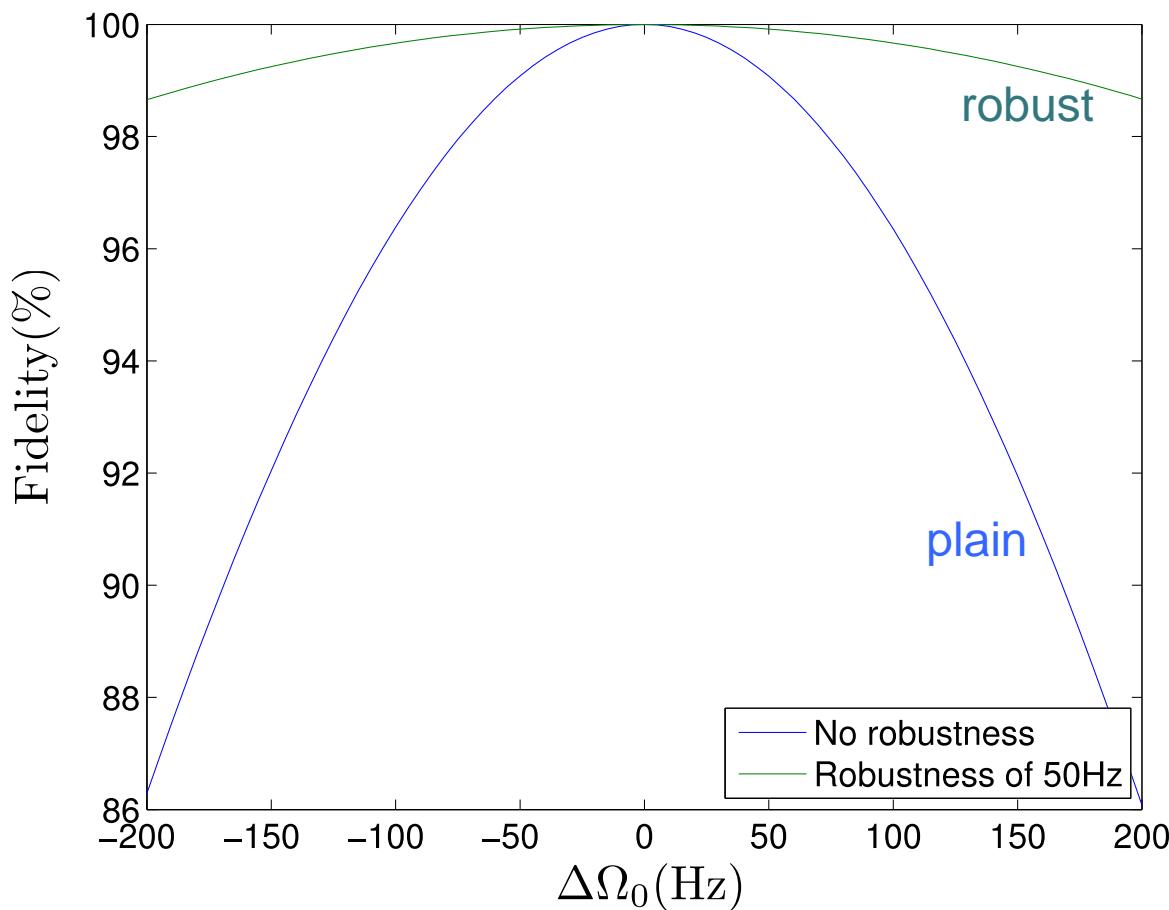
- Design control waveforms that are insensitive to small errors in the control Hamiltonian\*
- Most important in our experiment:  
~50Hz inhomogeneity in Bias Larmor Frequency
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$$\bar{F}[\mathbf{c}] = (F_{+50Hz}[\mathbf{c}] + F_{-50Hz}[\mathbf{c}]) / 2$$

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**Ready to head for the lab  
– Not quite...**

# Randomized Benchmarking

**Challenge:** How to determine fidelity in experiment?

- Quantum Process Tomography?
  - more difficult than unitary control, not accurate enough
- Randomized Benchmarking protocol?
  - conceptually similar to Randomized Benchmarking of qubits
  - impractical to do all Clifford Gates in  $d=16$  space
  - instead benchmark a random sample of unitaries

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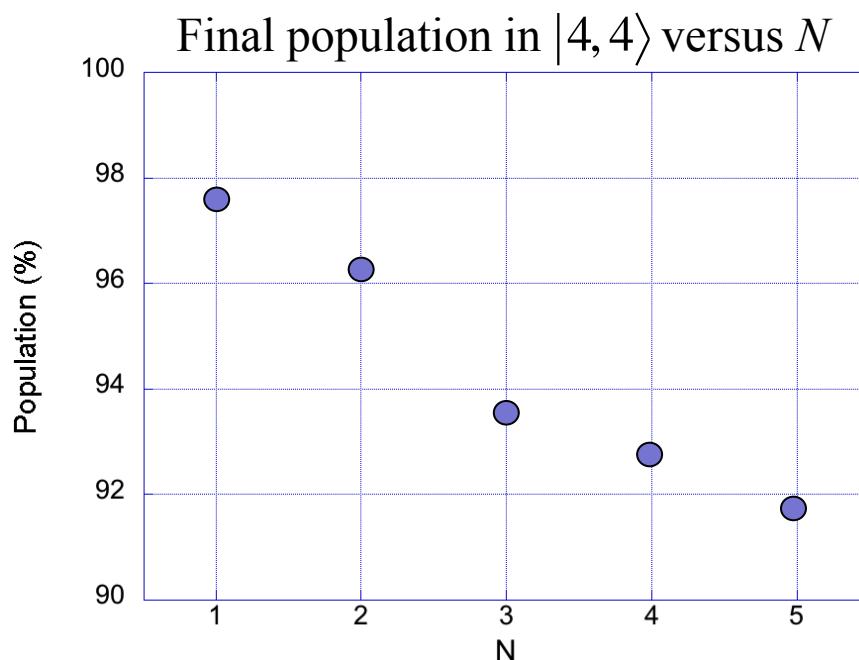
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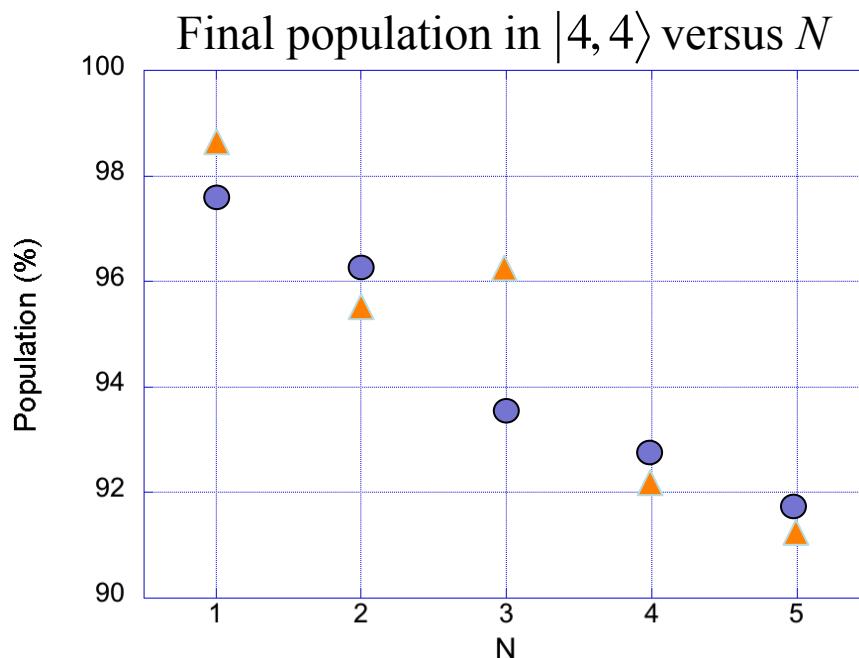
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average over  
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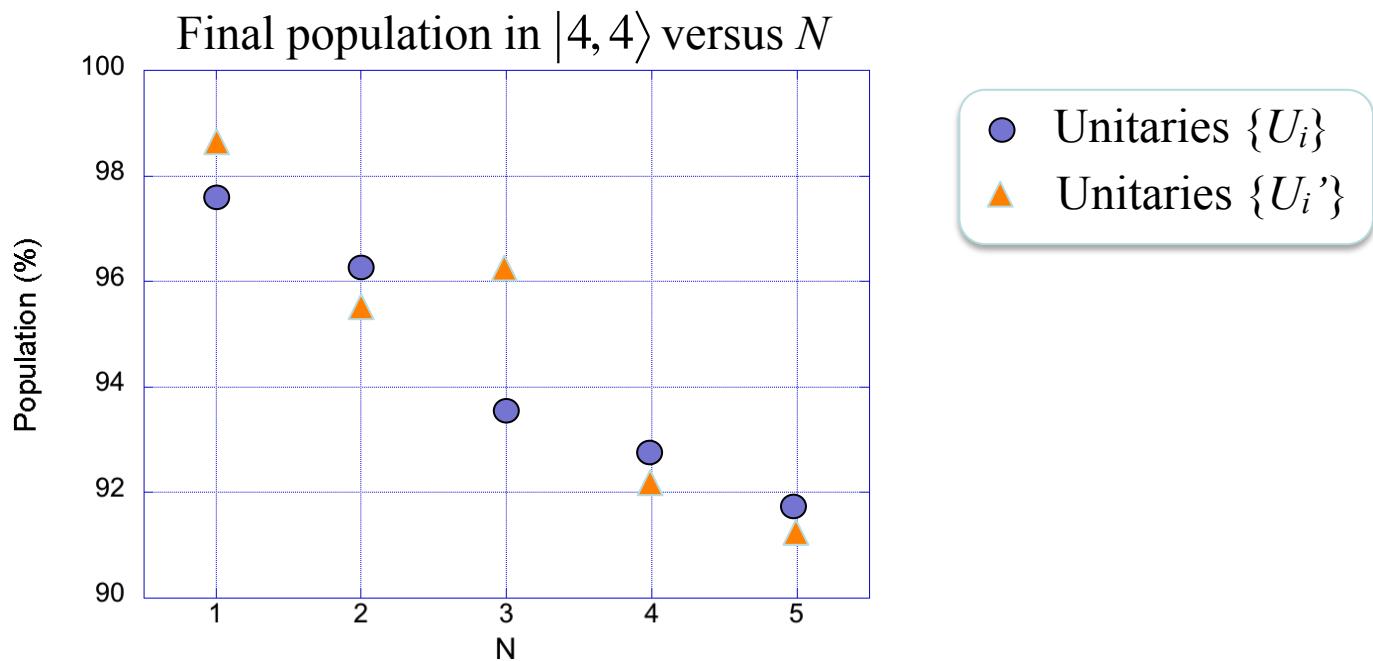
- average over many such sequences and fit\*

$$\bar{F}(N) = \frac{1}{16} + \frac{15}{16} h_0 - \frac{16}{15} h_0^N \Rightarrow 1 - h_0 - Nh$$

init & readout error

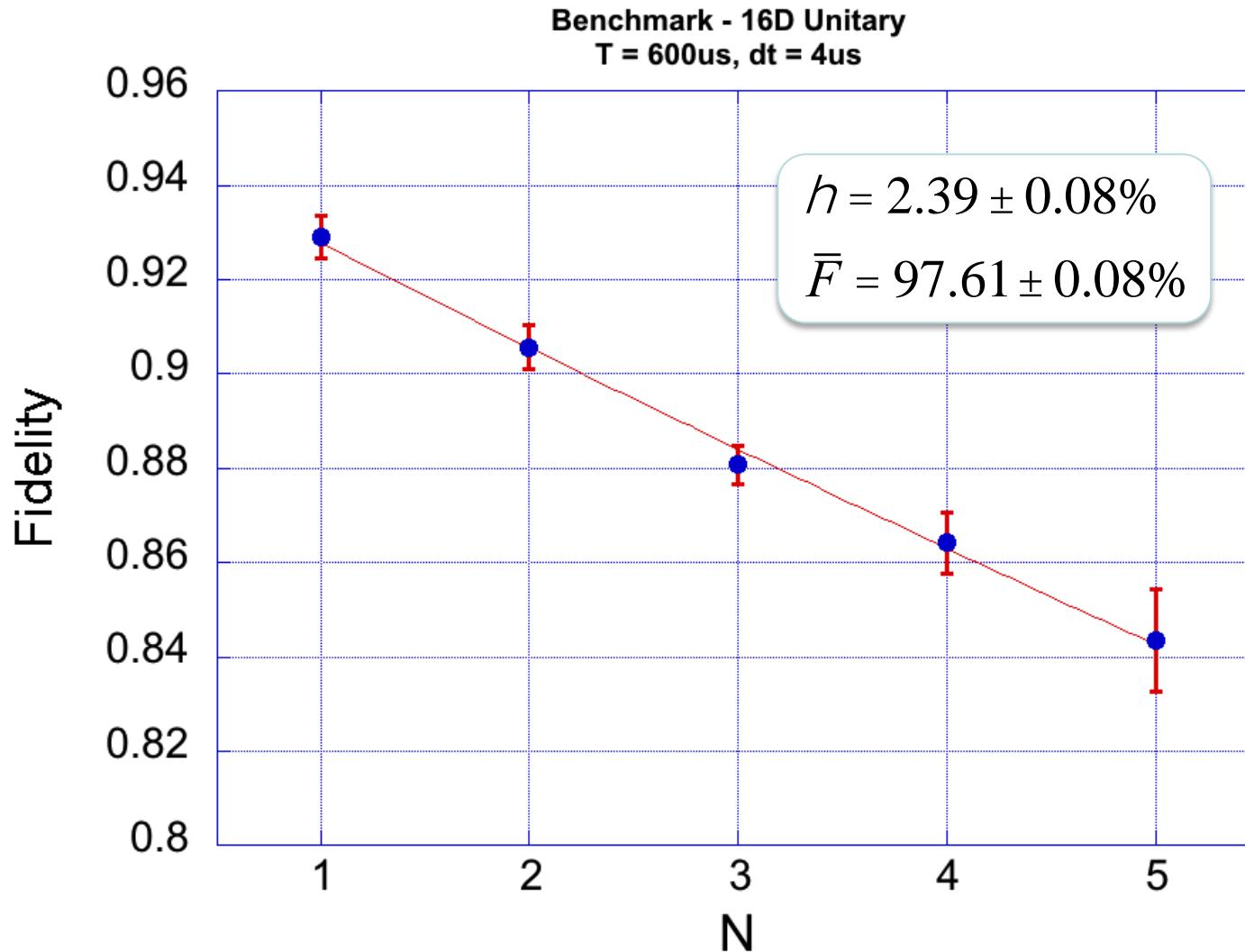
average error per unitary

average fidelity  
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(errors)

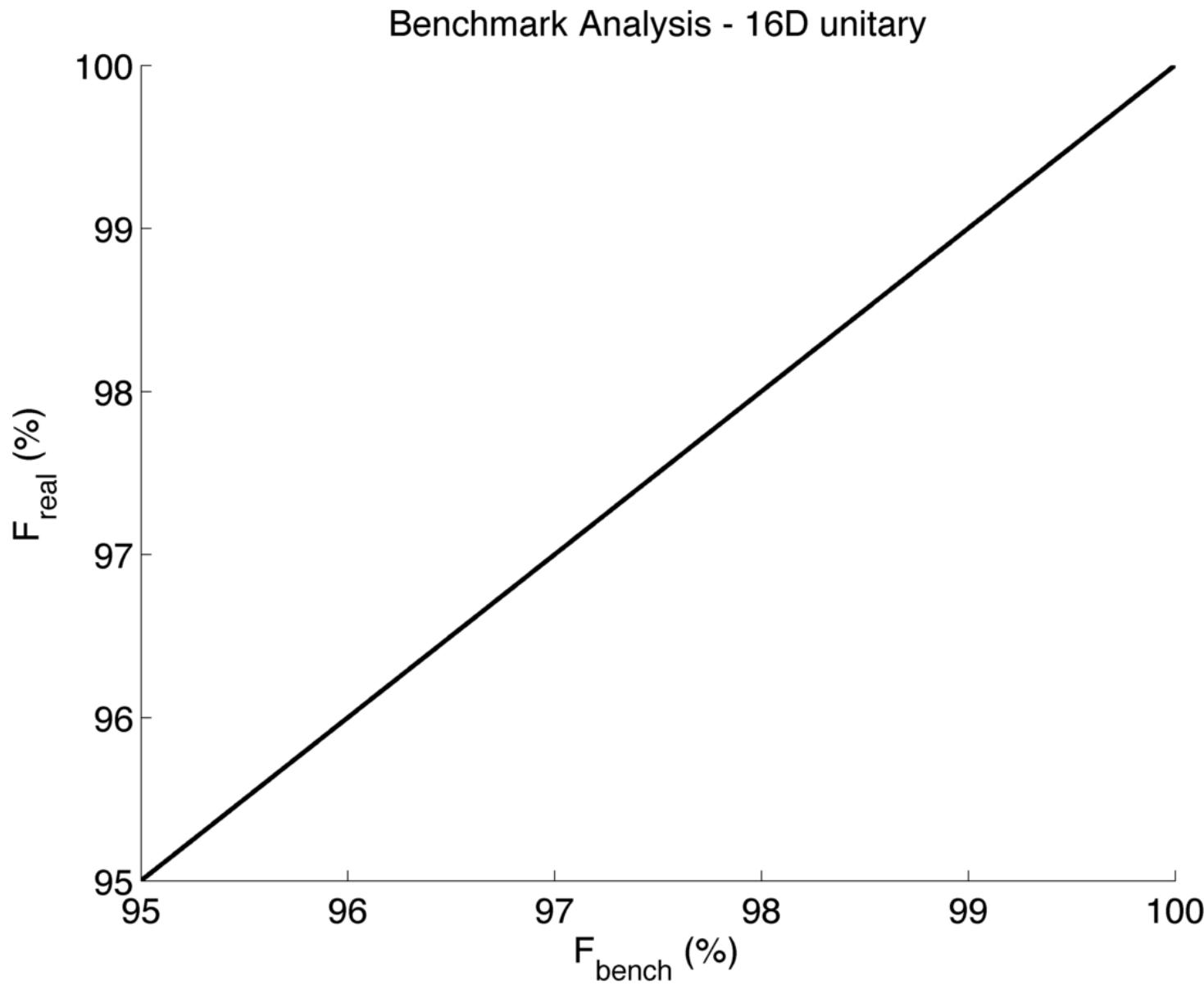
“Real” fidelity

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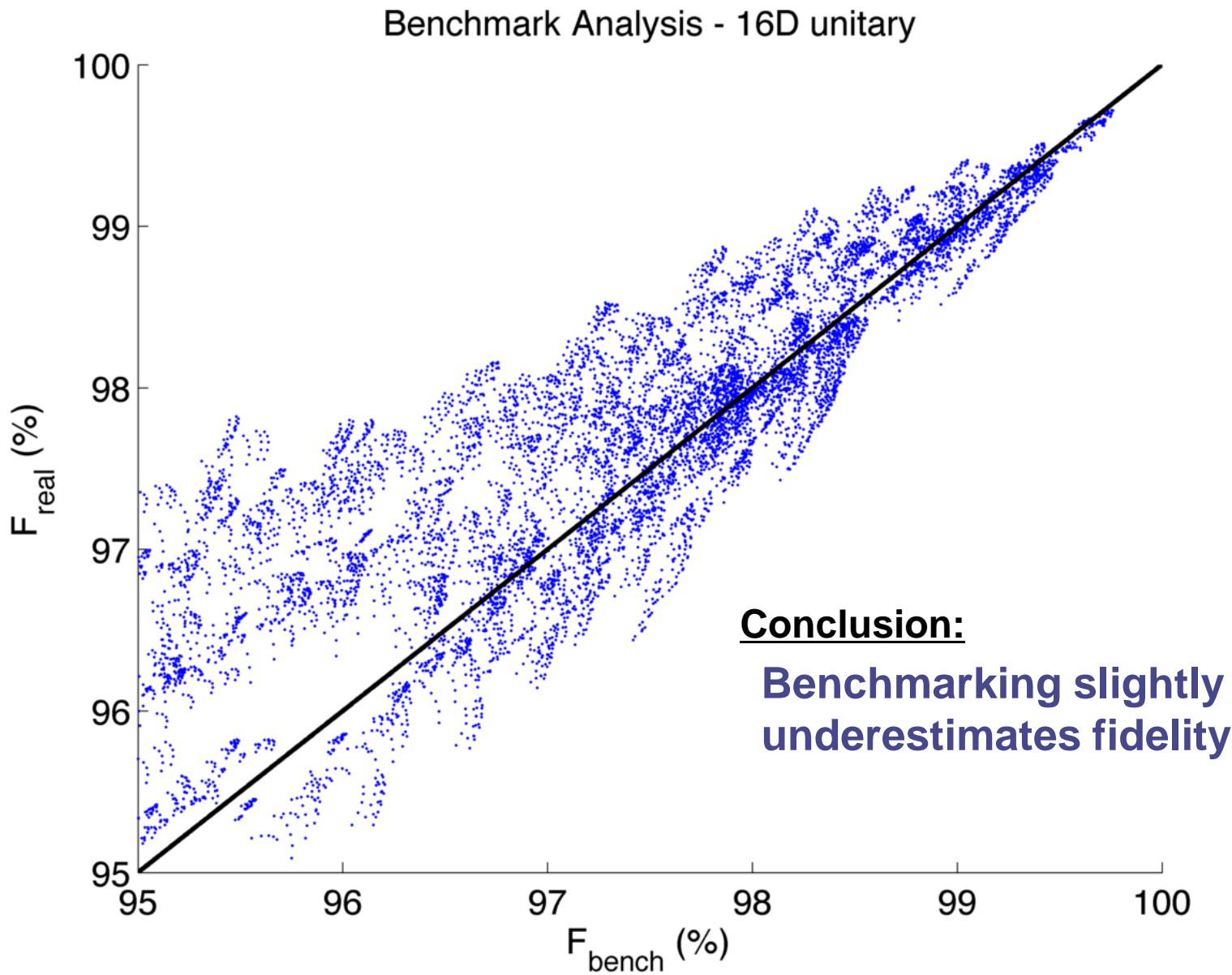
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- If these are very similar then Benchmarking is meaningful

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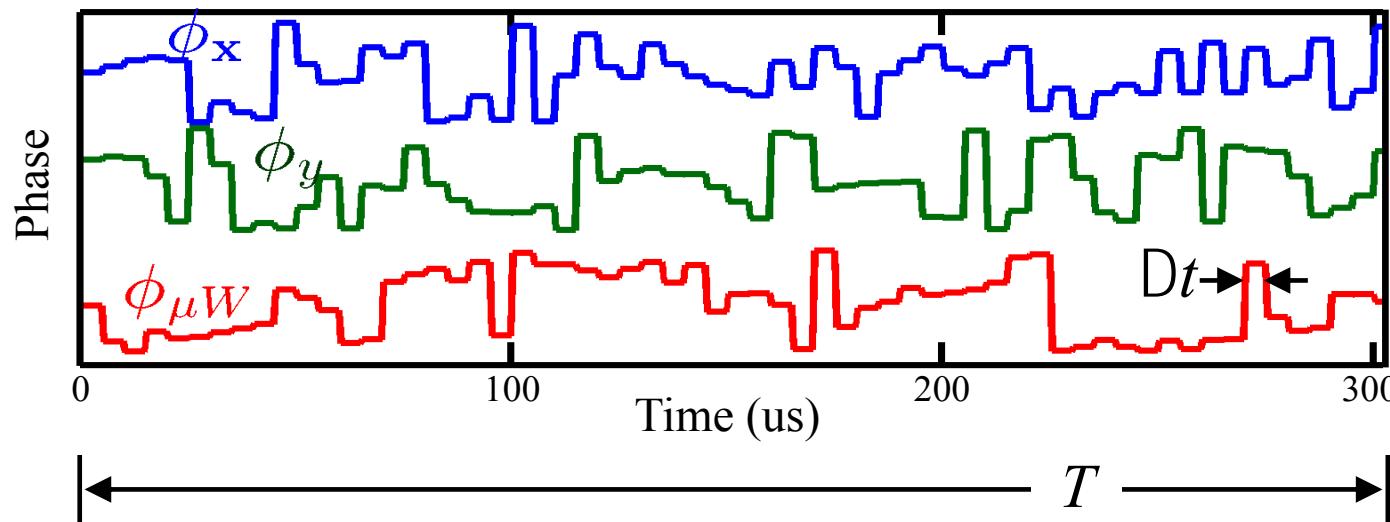
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How well does it work?

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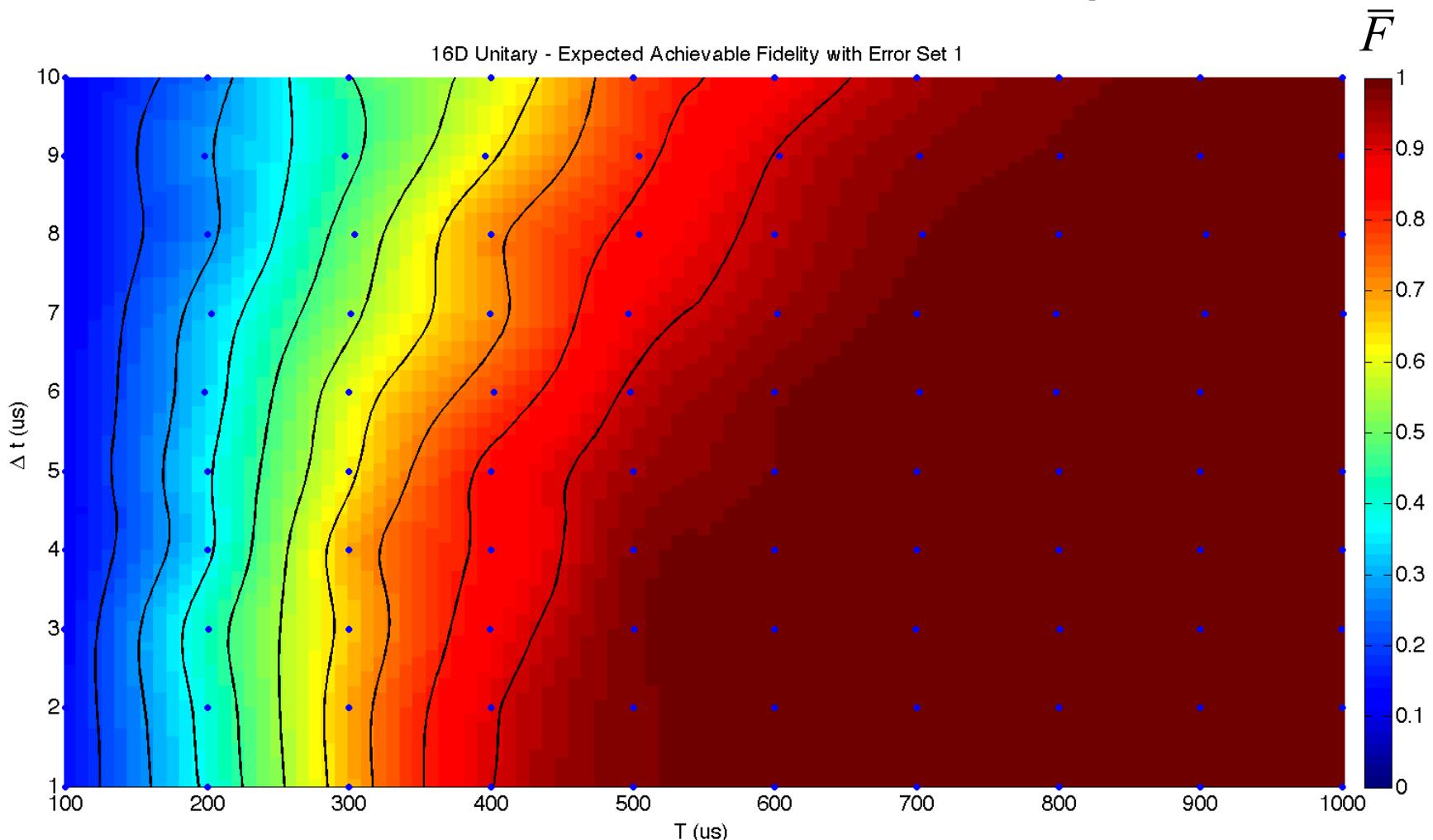
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- Explore tradeoff between fidelity, control time and number of control parameters\*

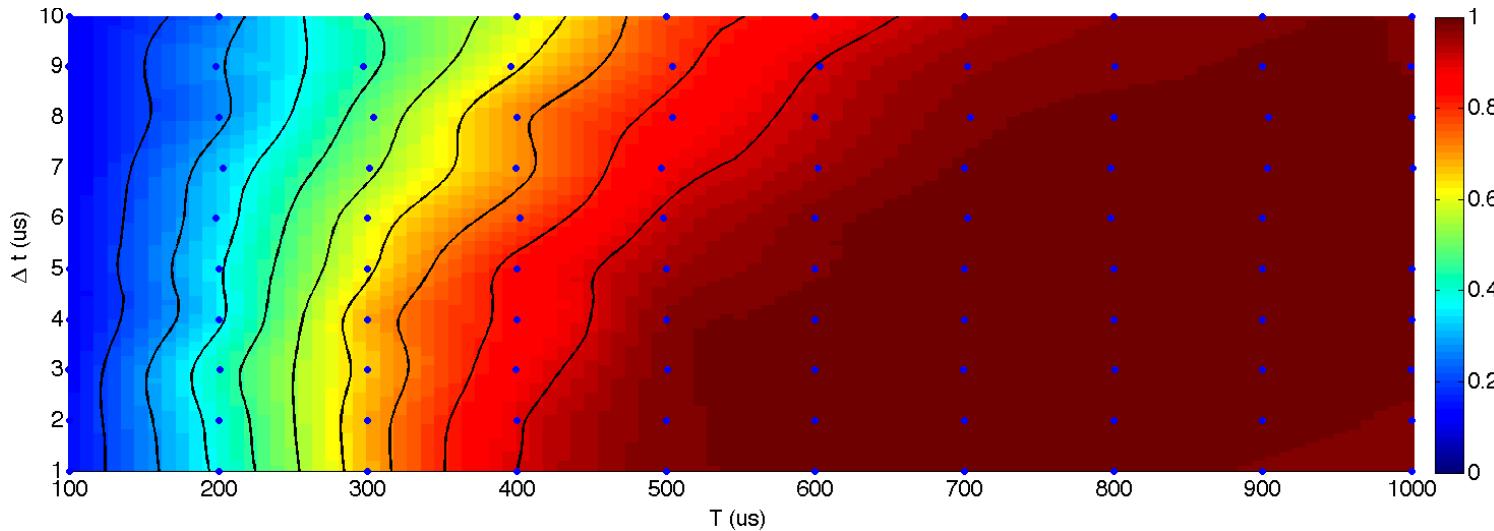
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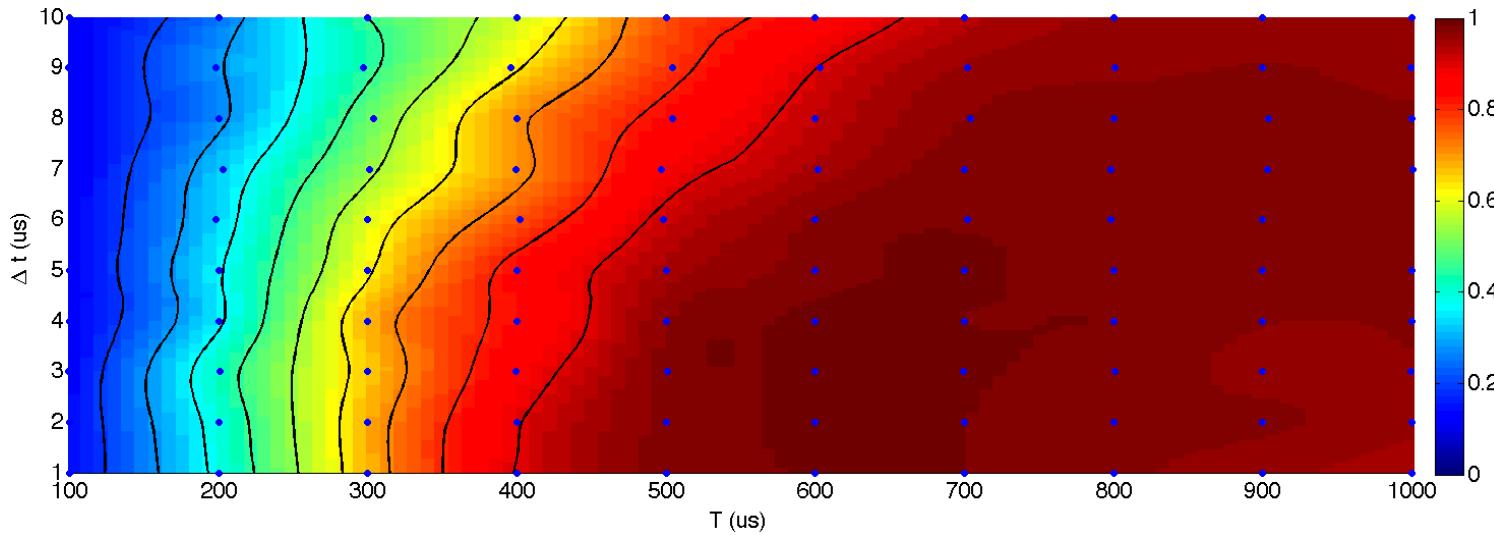


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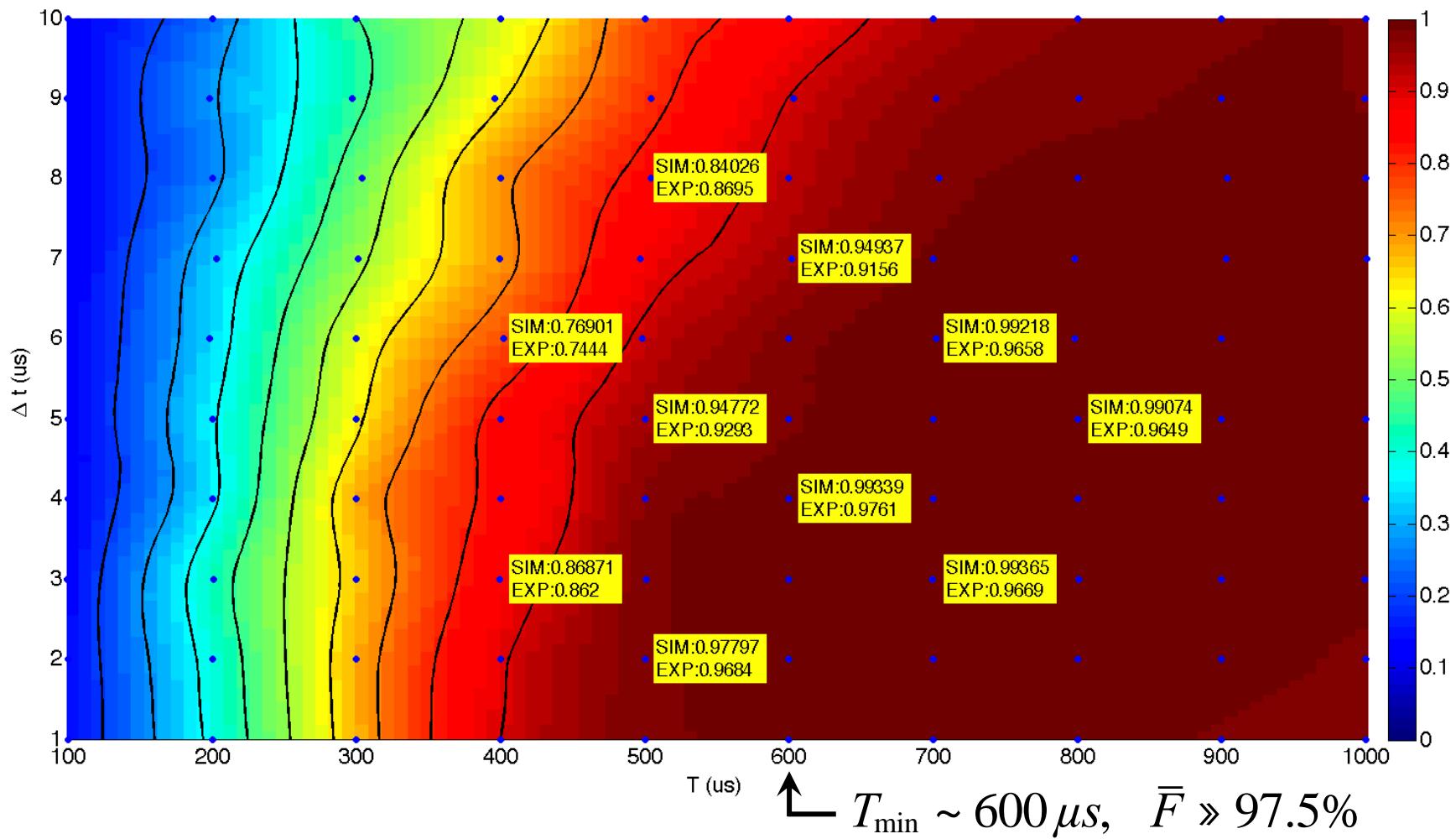


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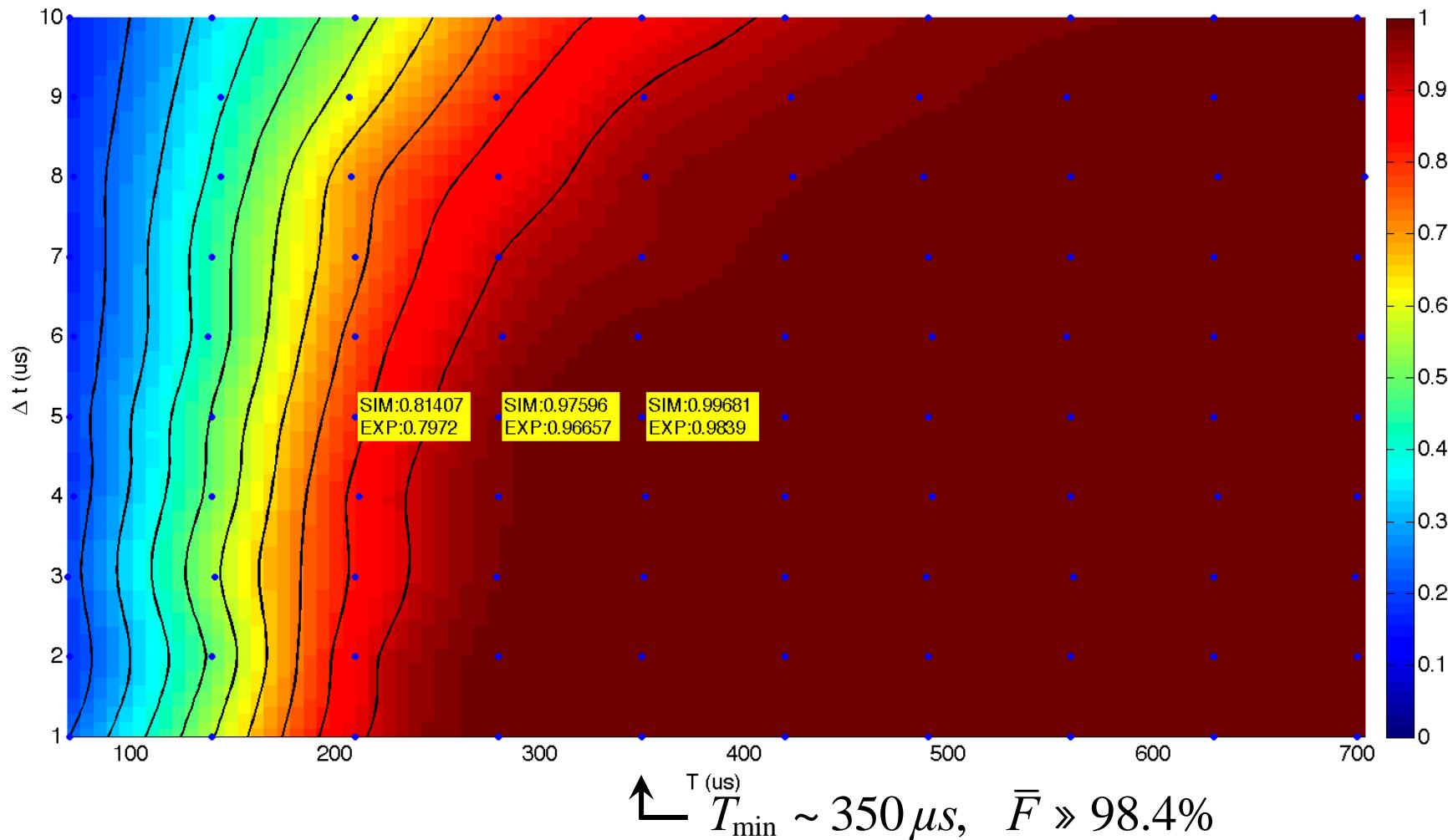
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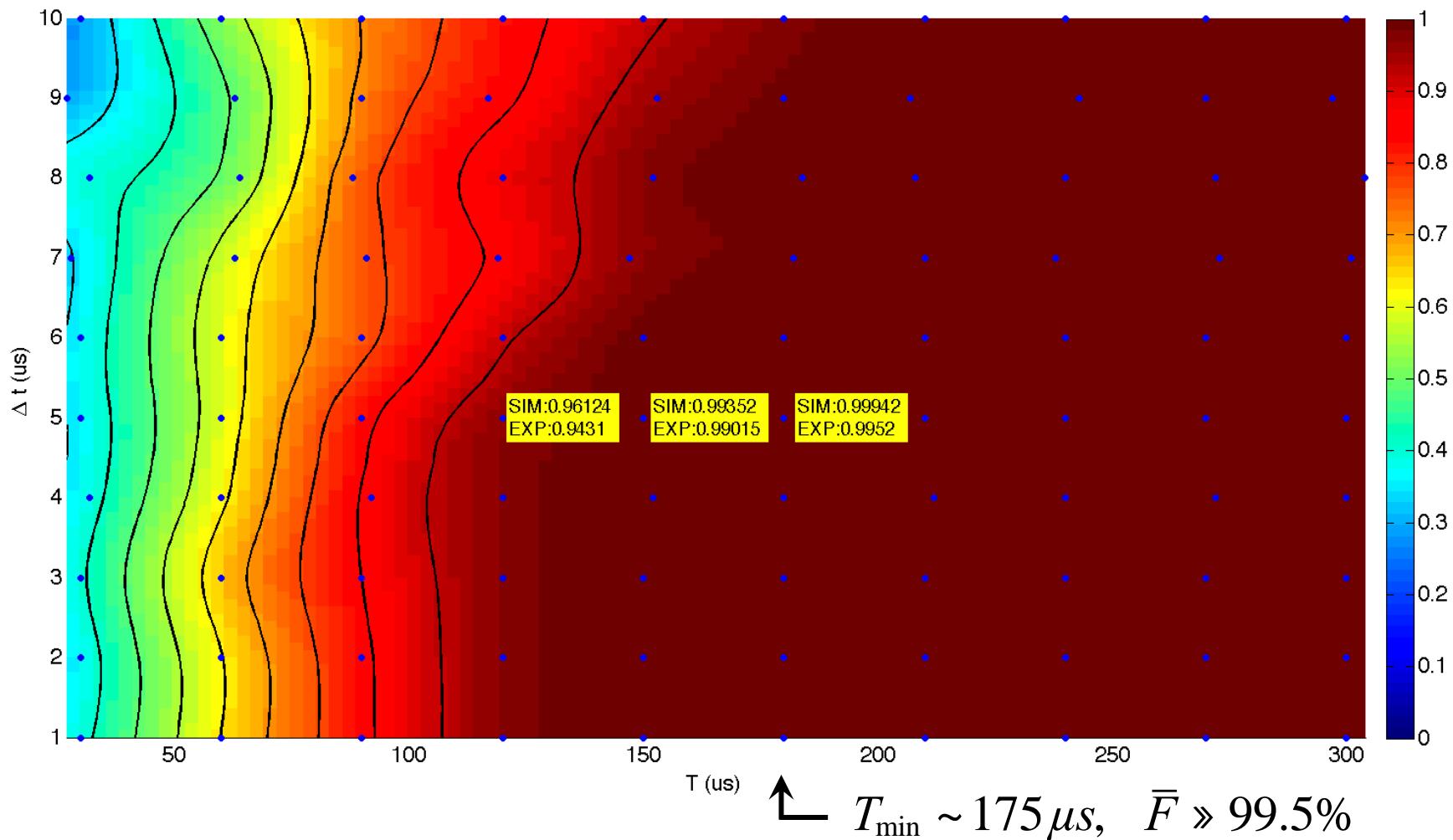
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- 9D unitaries on  $F=4$  subspace



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- Average over randomly chosen 2D isometries



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## Summary

- Have implemented 16D unitary transformations.

$T_{\min} \sim 600 \mu s, \bar{F} \gg 97.5\%$

- Unitaries on 9D subspaces, 2D partial isometries

$T_{\min} \sim 350 \mu s, \bar{F} \gg 98.4\% \quad T_{\min} \sim 175 \mu s, \bar{F} \gg 99.5\%$

- State-to-state maps  $T_{\min} \sim 150 \mu s, \bar{F} \gg 99.7\%$

- Simpler control tasks →  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{shorter control time} \\ \text{higher fidelity} \end{array} \right.$

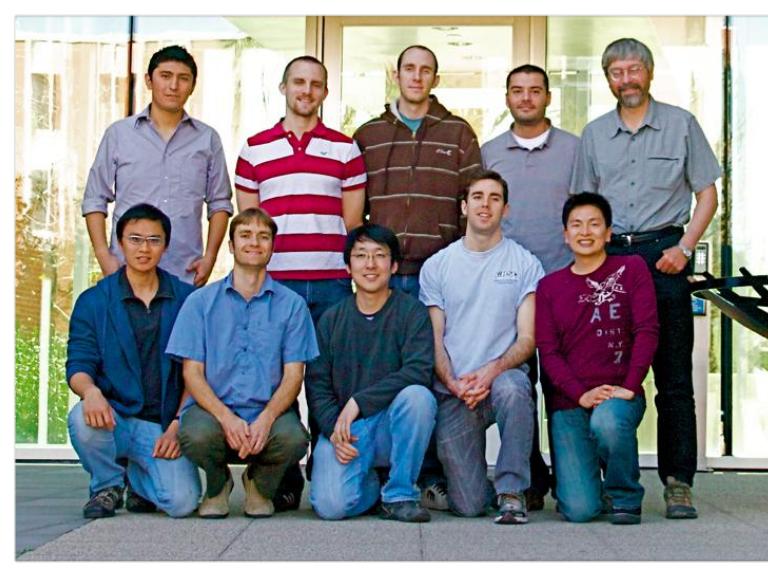
# Qudit Control – Future Goals

- **Inhomogeneous control\***
  - do for Qudits what we can do for Qubits
- **Improved atom-light interface and manybody control/spin squeezing\*\***
- **Beyond coherent control**
  - mixed-state to mixed-state mapping
  - completely positive maps

\* Mischuck, Merkel and IHD, PRA **85**, 022302 (2012)

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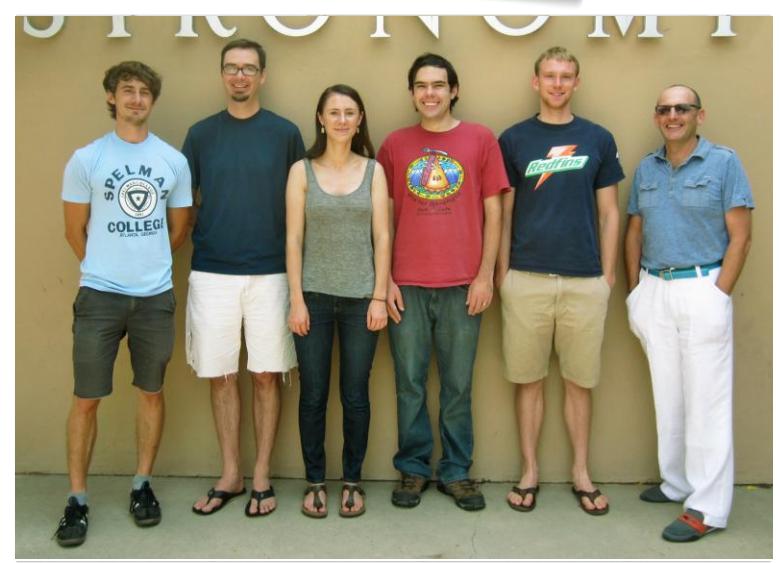
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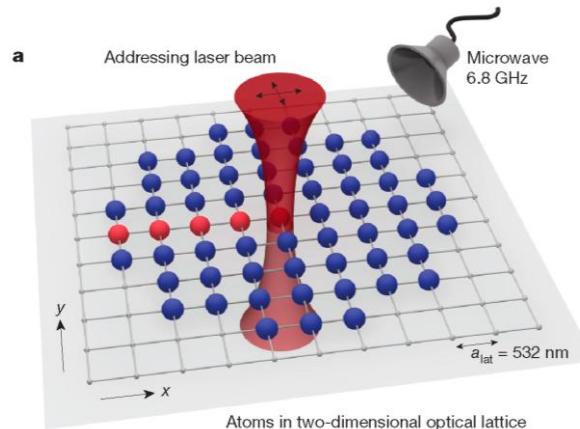


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## ➤ Site Resolved Addressing of Atoms in Optical Lattices

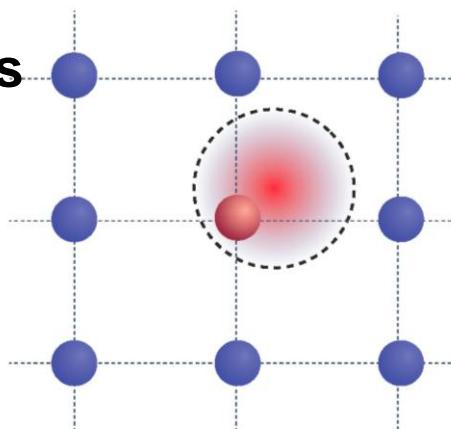


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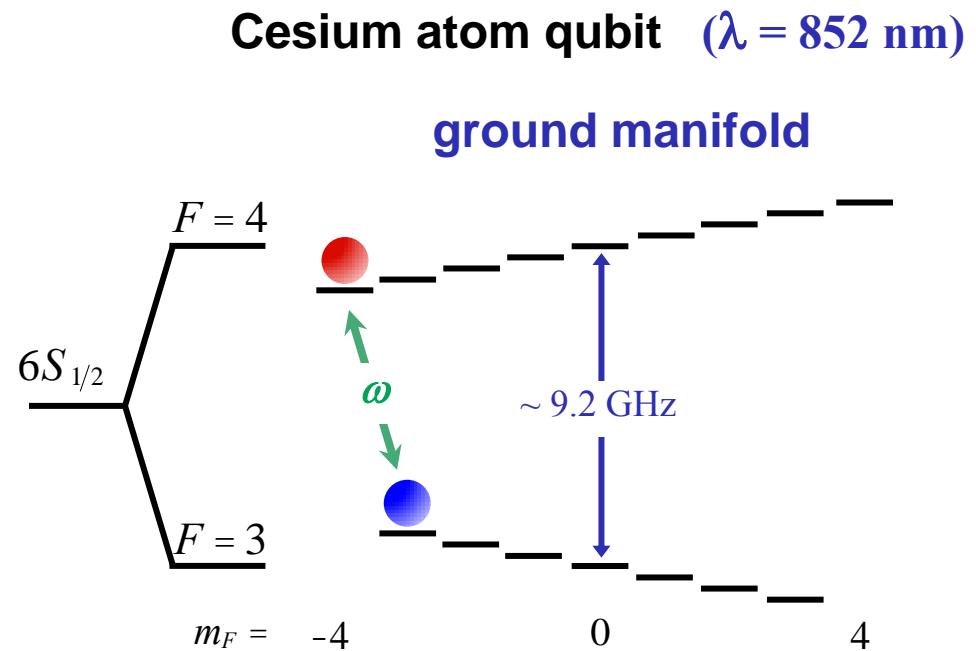
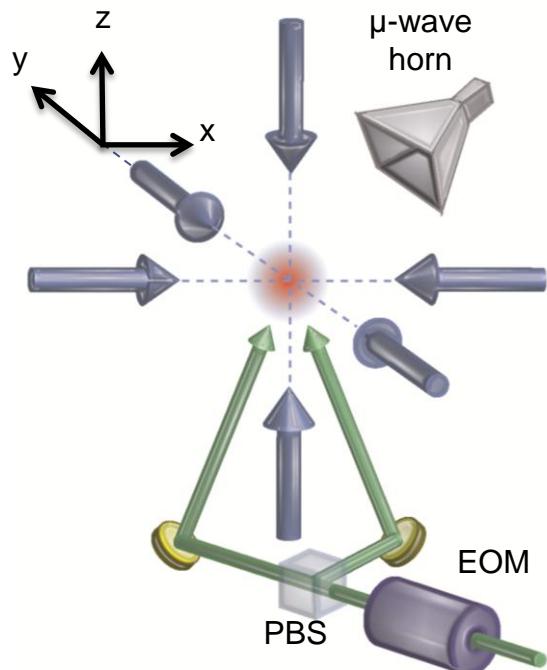
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**Challenge: Pointing errors**



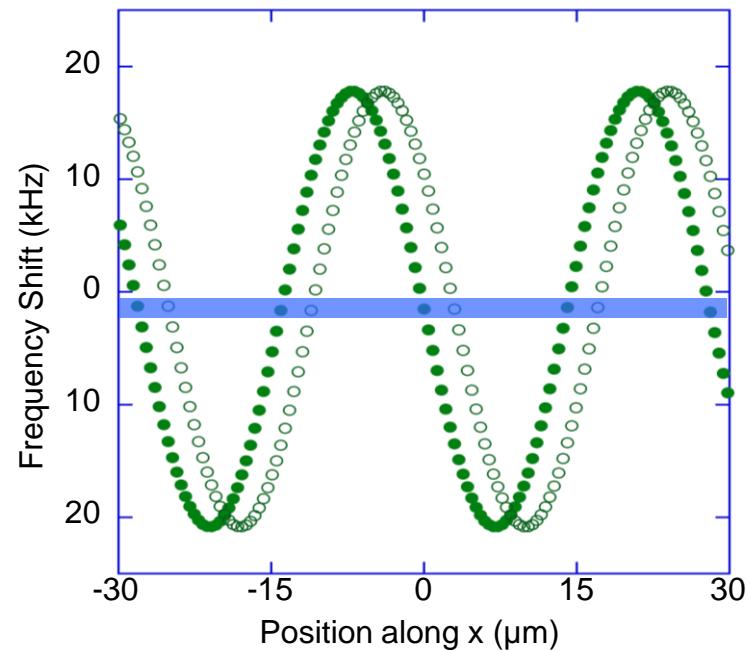
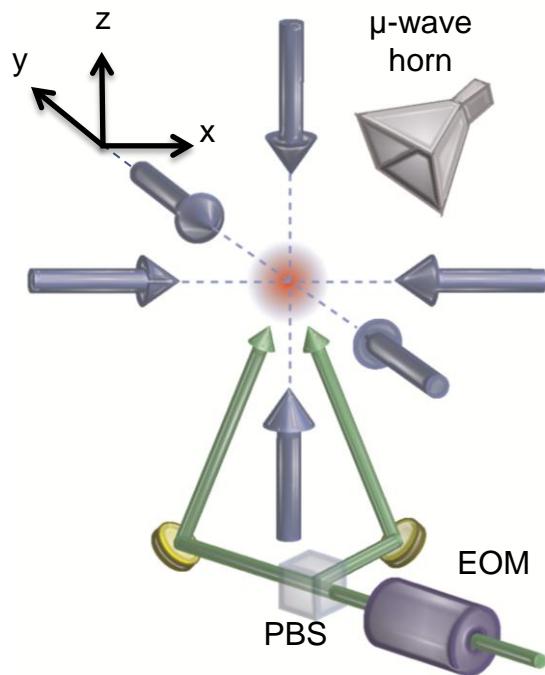
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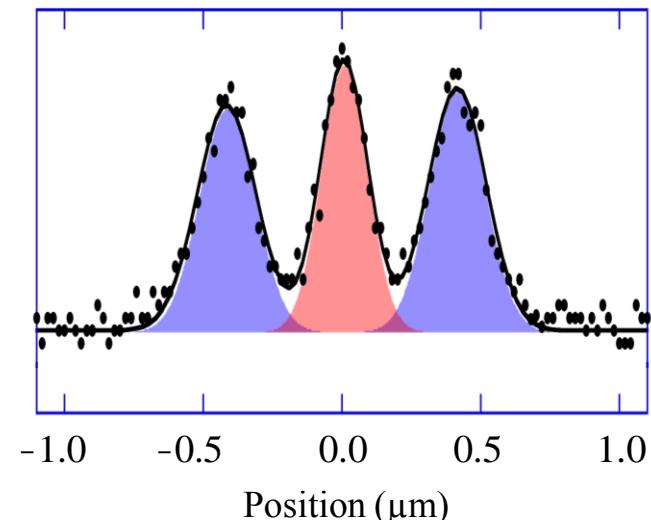
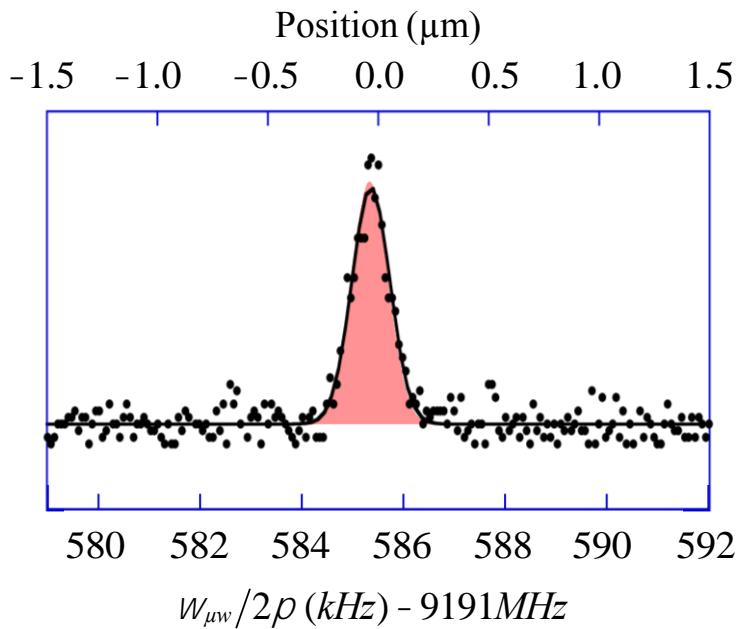


Translate “addressing lattice” by phase shifting

nm resolution

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## ➤ Preparation and resonance imaging



RMS width of image: 80nm (350Hz)

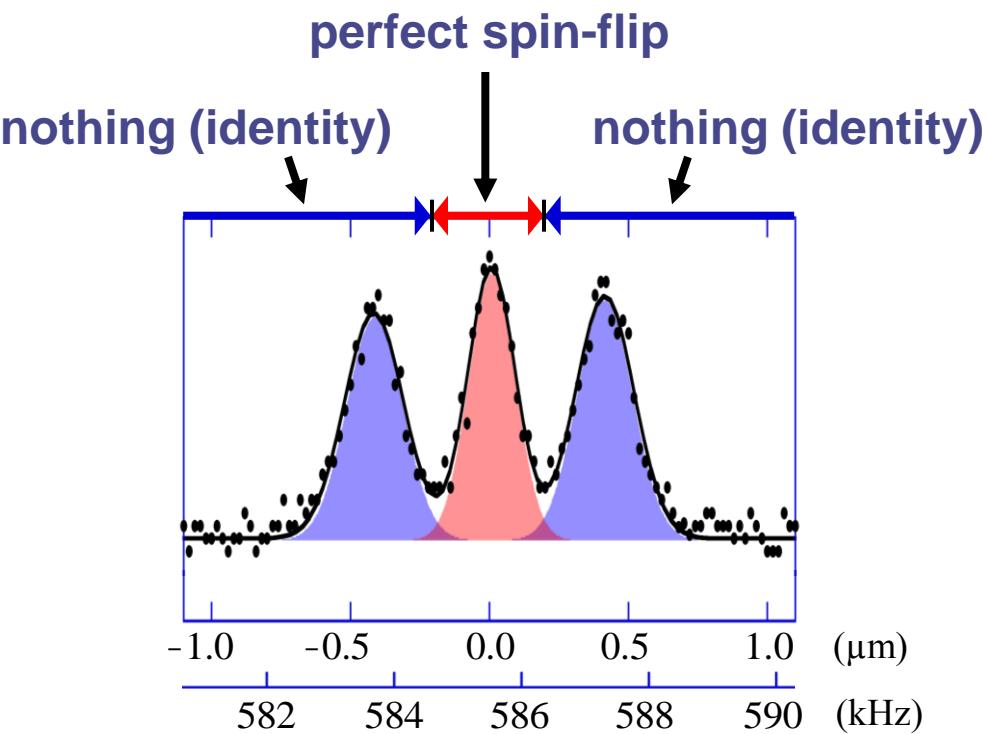
Resolution:  $80\text{nm}/\sqrt{2} = 57\text{nm}$

Lattice spacing:  $\lambda/2 = 426\text{nm}$

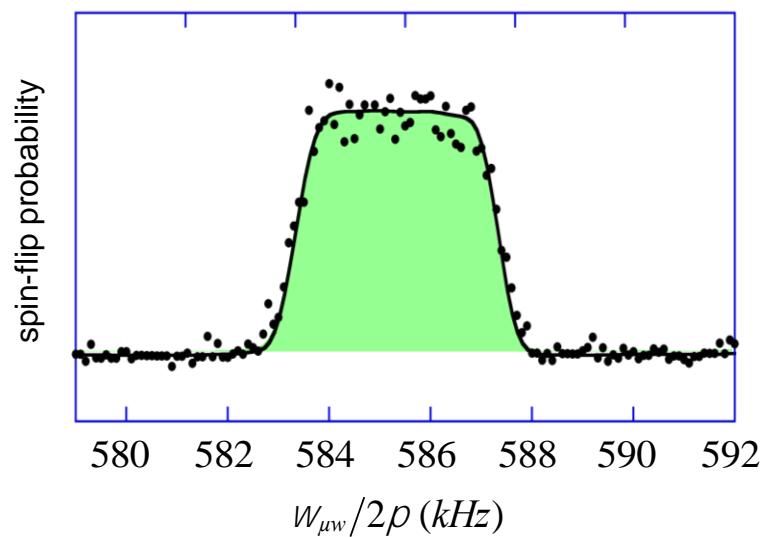
Good resolution of  
adjacent sites

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- Spin-flip at target site without touching neighbors

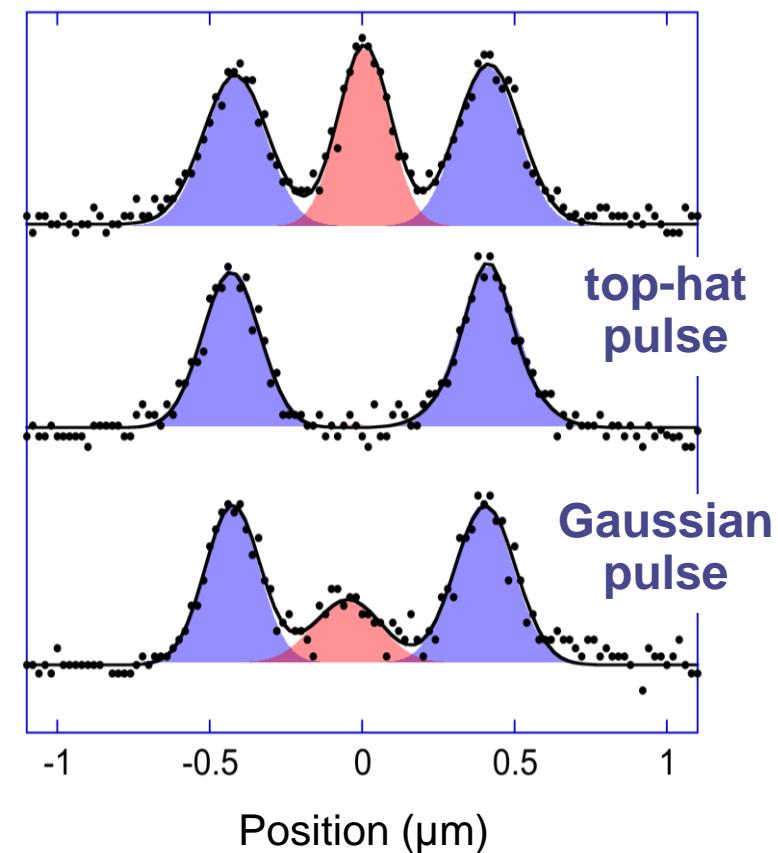
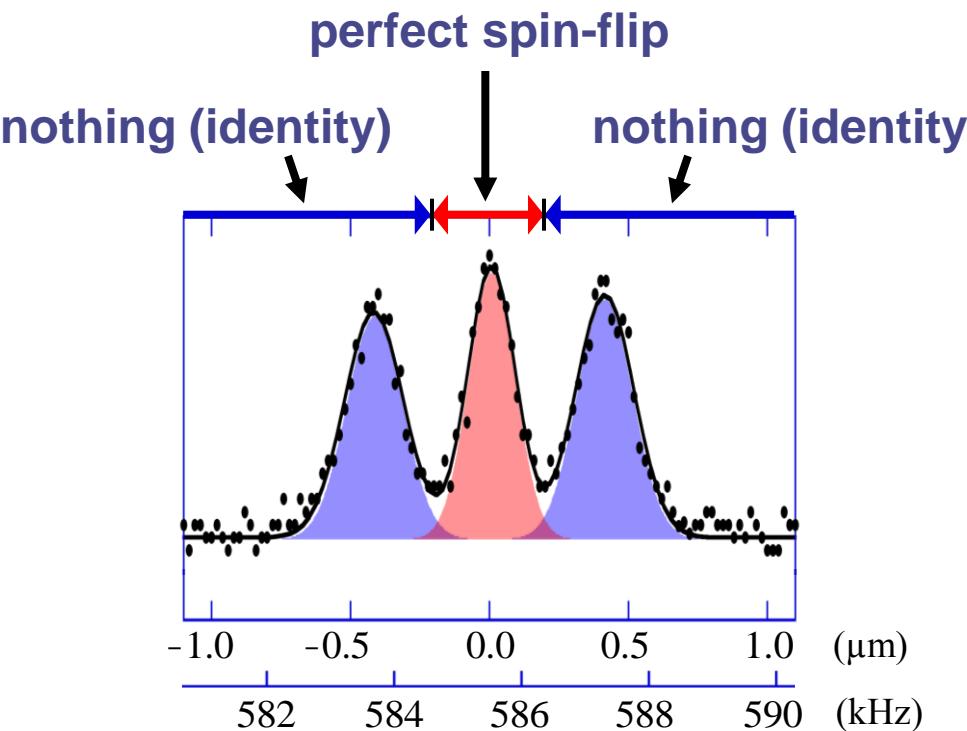


example: phase modulated pulse  
with top-hat response



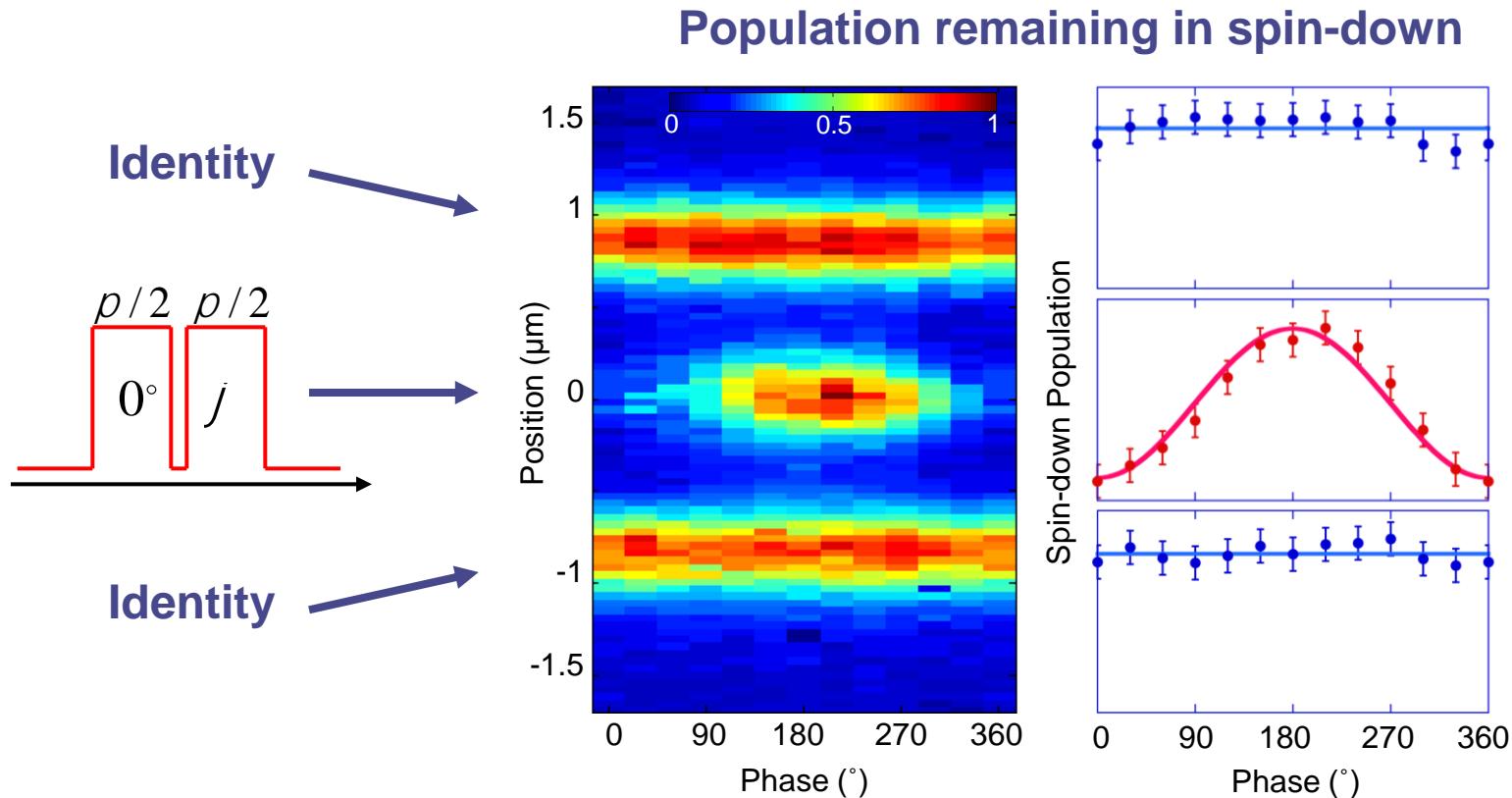
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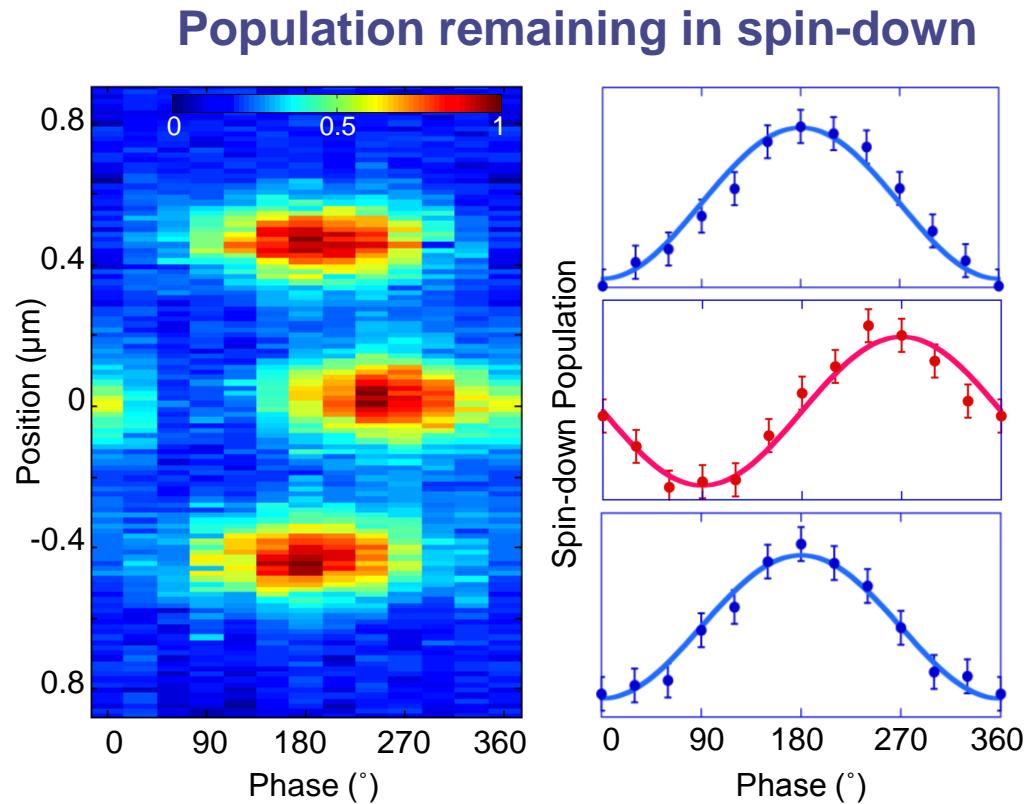
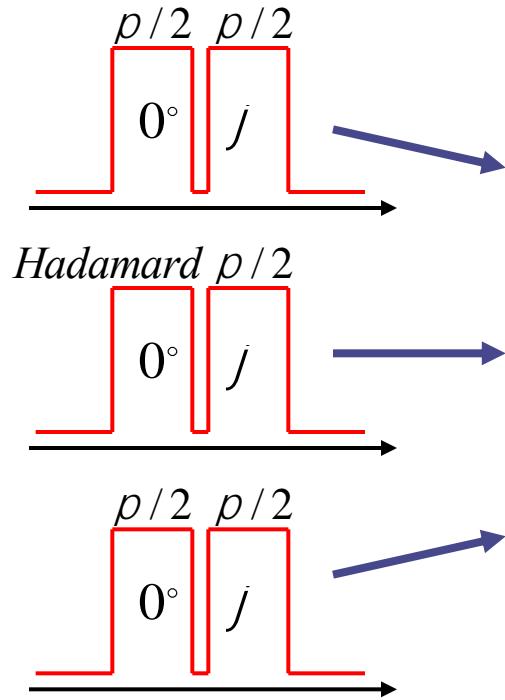
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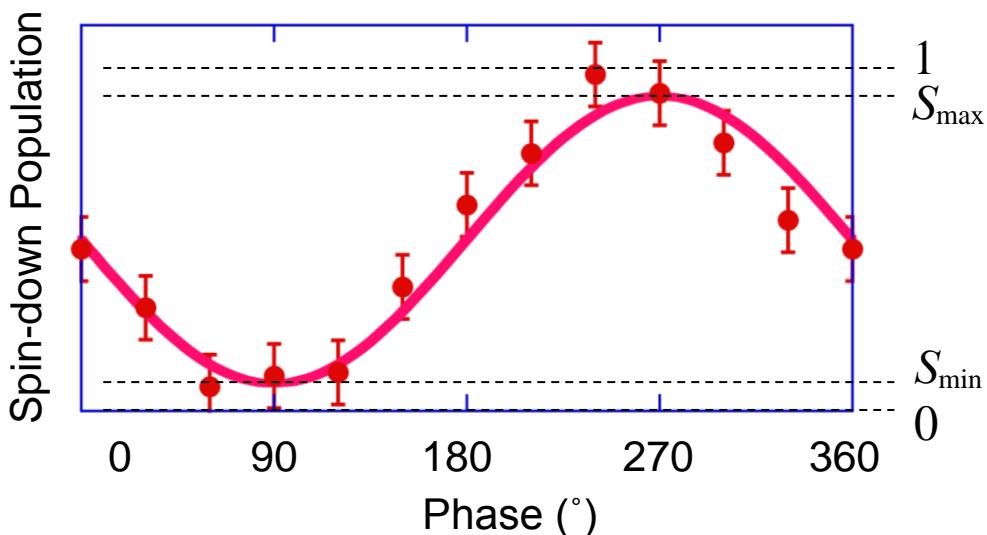
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Estimate fidelity from interference fringe



At fringe minimum gates execute

$$|\downarrow_z\rangle \rightarrow |y\rangle \rightarrow |\uparrow_z\rangle$$

with fidelity

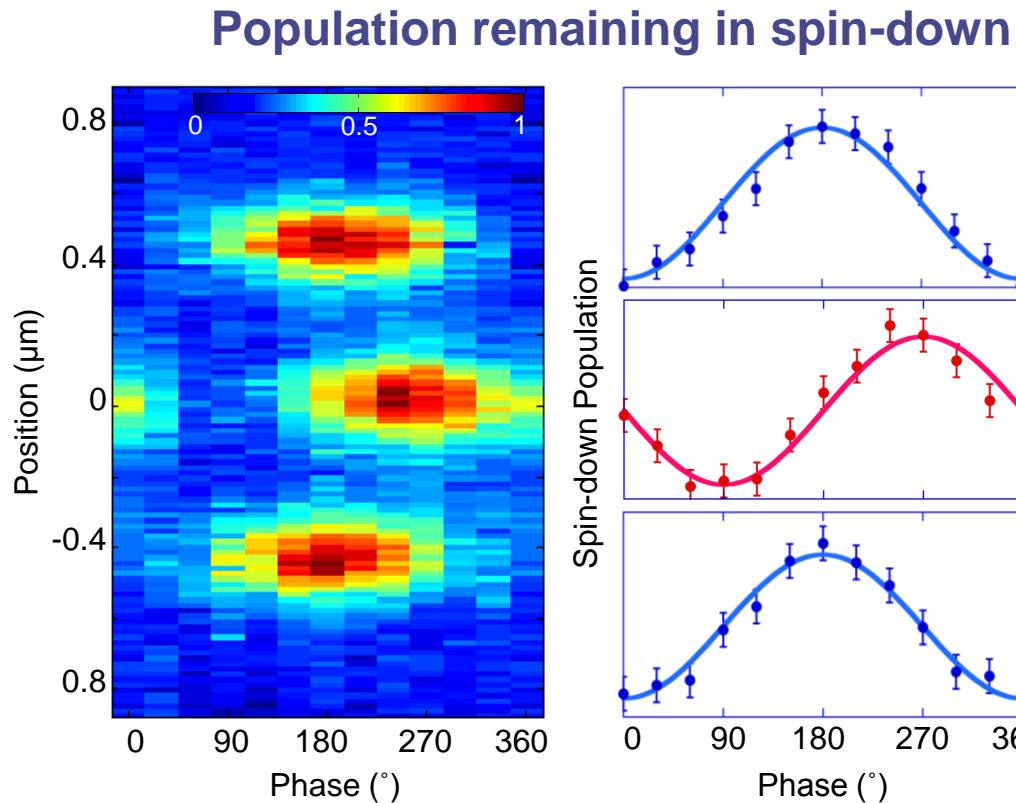
$$F_{pair} = S_{\max} / (S_{\min} + S_{\max})$$

Fidelity per gate:

$$F_{gate} \gg \sqrt{F_{pair}}$$

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$$F_{gate} = 0.973$$

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average value

$$\bar{F}_{gate} = 96\%$$

randomized  
benchmarking

$$\bar{F}_{gate} = 95 \pm 3\%$$

# Resonance Addressing in an Optical Lattice

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- Can we do something similar with qudits?



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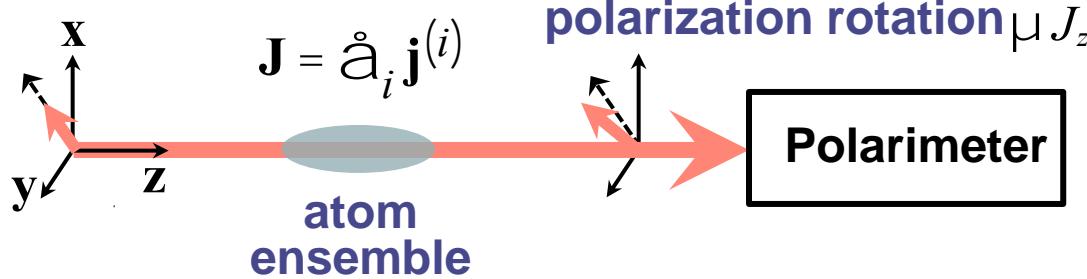
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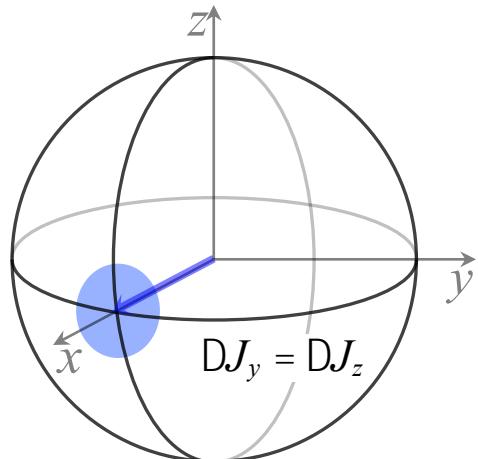
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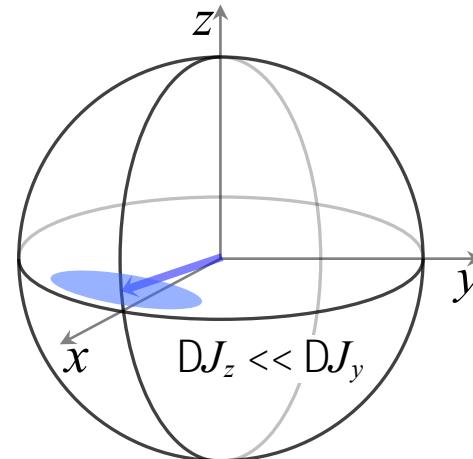
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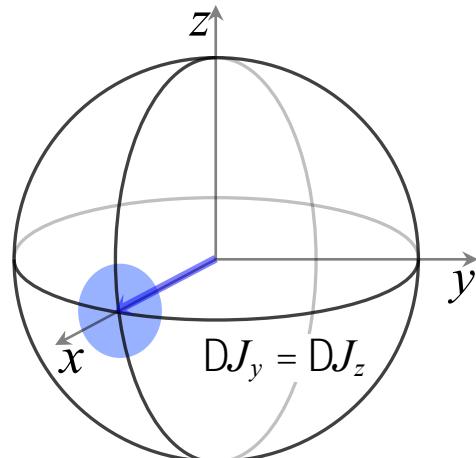
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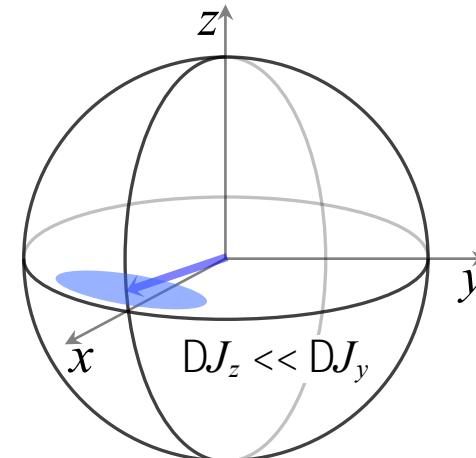
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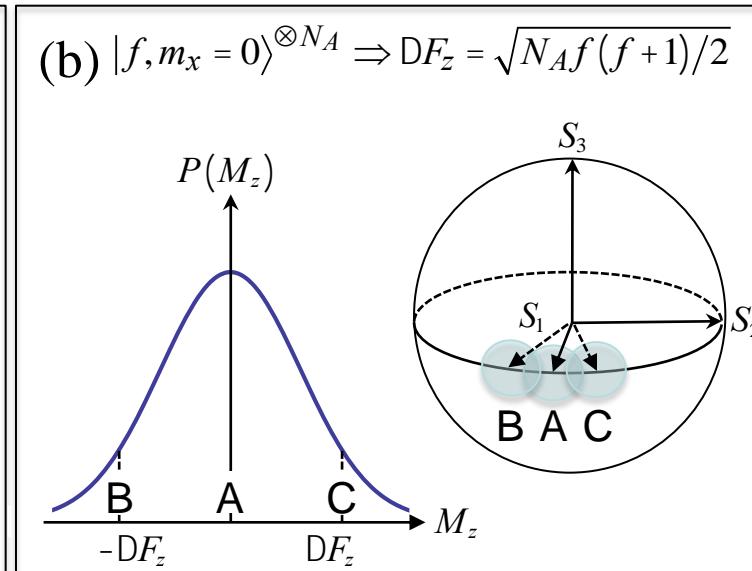
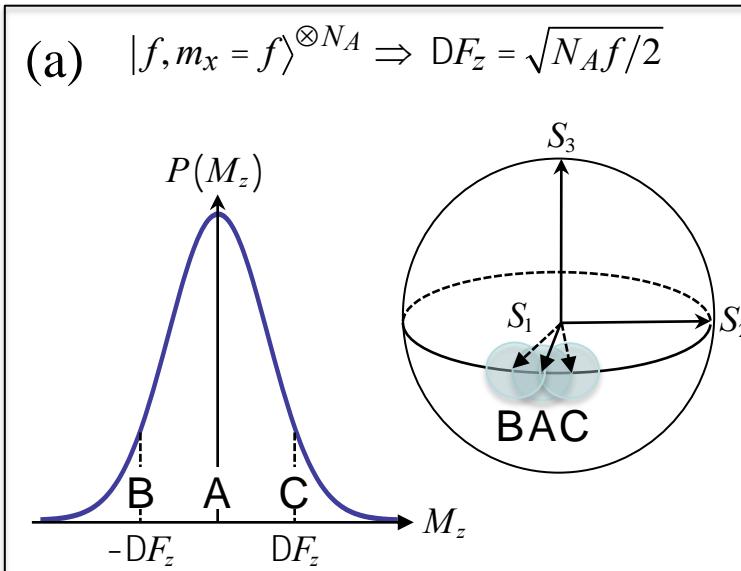


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→ squeezing of e. g physical spin or clock pseudospin

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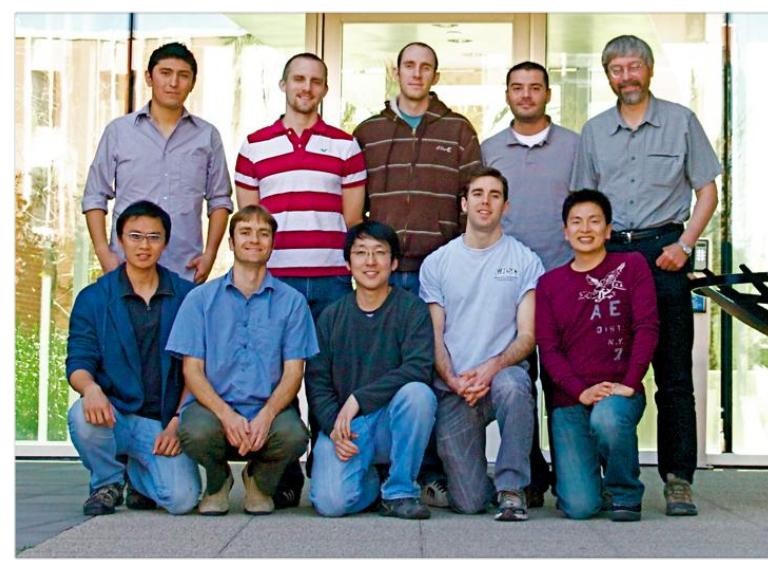
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