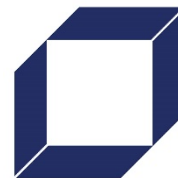


Quantum Simulation and Computing with Atomic Ions

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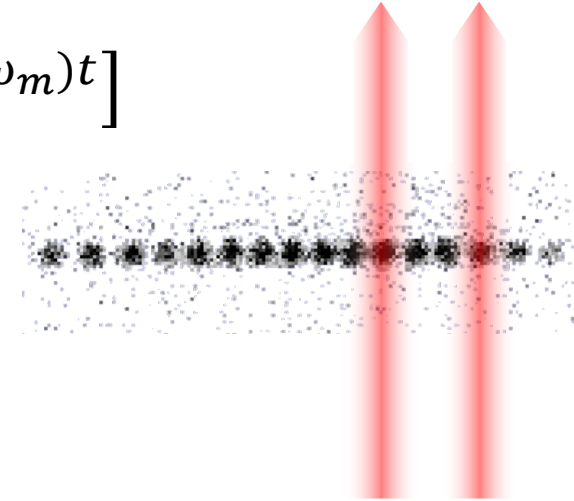
Many ions: many phonon modes

$$H = \sum_{i,m} \eta_{im} \Omega_i \sigma_x^i \left[a_m e^{-i(\mu - \omega_m)t} + a_m^\dagger e^{i(\mu - \omega_m)t} \right]$$

ion i
mode m

$$\eta_{im} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar k^2}{2m\omega_m}} b_{i,m}$$

displacement eigenvector
mode m with ion i



$$\sum_{i=1}^N b_{i,m} b_{i,n} = \delta_{mn} \quad \sum_{m=1}^N b_{i,m} b_{j,m} = \delta_{ij}$$

evolution operator (Magnus expansion)

$$U(\tau) = \exp \left[-i \int_0^\tau dt H(t) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\tau dt_2 \int_0^{t_2} dt_1 [H(t_2), H(t_1)] - \frac{i}{6} \int_0^\tau dt_3 \int_0^{t_3} dt_2 \int_0^{t_2} dt_1 [H(t_3), [H(t_2), H(t_1)]] + \dots \right]$$

$$U(\tau) = \exp \left[\sum_i \hat{\zeta}_i(\tau) \sigma_x^{(i)} + i \sum_{i,j} \chi_{i,j}(\tau) \sigma_x^{(i)} \sigma_x^{(j)} \right]$$

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phonons

$$\hat{\zeta}_i(\tau) = \sum_m [\alpha_i^m(\tau) a_m^\dagger - \alpha_i^{m*}(\tau) a_m]$$

$$\alpha_i^m(\tau) = \frac{-i\eta_{i,m} \Omega_i}{2(\mu - \omega_m)} [1 - e^{-i(\mu - \omega_m)\tau}]$$

Soln 1: Modulate Laser → Quantum Computer

Soln 2: Detune far → Quantum Simulator

$\alpha_i^m(\tau)$ is a circle in phase space
 $x_i^m \sim \text{Re } \alpha_i^m(\tau)$
 $p_i^m \sim \text{Im } \alpha_i^m(\tau)$

interaction between
qubits (entanglement)

$$\chi_{i,j}(\tau) = \Omega_i \Omega_j \omega_R \sum_m \frac{b_{i,m} b_{j,m}}{2\omega_m (\mu - \omega_m)} \left[\tau - \frac{\sin(\mu - \omega_m)\tau}{\mu - \omega_m} \right]$$

$$\omega_R = \frac{\hbar k^2}{2m} \quad \text{“recoil frequency”}$$

Solution 1: Individual addressing of ions.

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Segment pulse in time $\Omega_i = \Omega_i(t)$

$$\alpha_i^m(\tau) = \frac{-i\eta_{i,m}\Omega_i(t)}{2(\mu - \omega_m)} [1 - e^{-i(\mu - \omega_m)\tau}] \quad \text{for all modes } m$$

2N motional
conditions

$$\chi_{i,j}(\tau) = \Omega_i\Omega_j\omega_R \sum_m \frac{b_{i,m}b_{j,m}}{2\omega_m(\mu - \omega_m)} \left[\tau - \frac{\sin(\mu - \omega_m)\tau}{\mu - \omega_m} \right] = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

1 gate
condition

2N+1 constraints

→ break $\Omega(t)$ into 2N+1 segments

S.-L. Zhu, et al., Europhys Lett. 73 (4), 485 (2006)

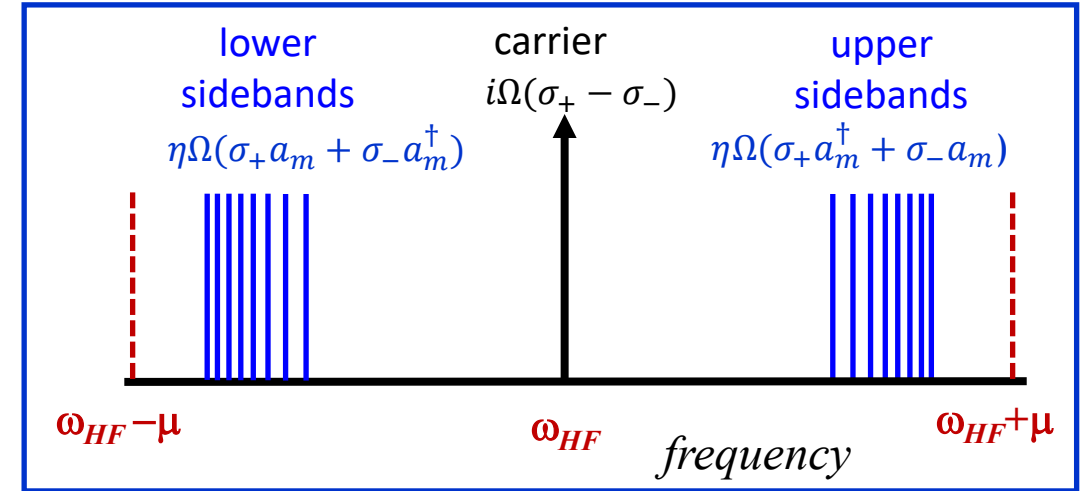
Solution 2: Large-Detuned Limit

PURE SPIN HAMILTONIANS

set $|\mu - \omega_m| \gg \eta\Omega$

$$\alpha_i^m(\tau) = \frac{-i\eta_{i,m}\Omega_i(t)}{2(\mu - \omega_m)} [1 - e^{-i(\mu - \omega_m)\tau}] \rightarrow 0$$

for all modes m



$$\chi_{i,j}(\tau) = \Omega_i \Omega_j \omega_R \tau \sum_m \frac{b_{i,m} b_{j,m}}{2\omega_m(\mu - \omega_m)}$$

$$J_{i,j} = \Omega_i \Omega_j \omega_R \sum_m \frac{b_{i,m} b_{j,m}}{2\omega_m(\mu - \omega_m)}$$

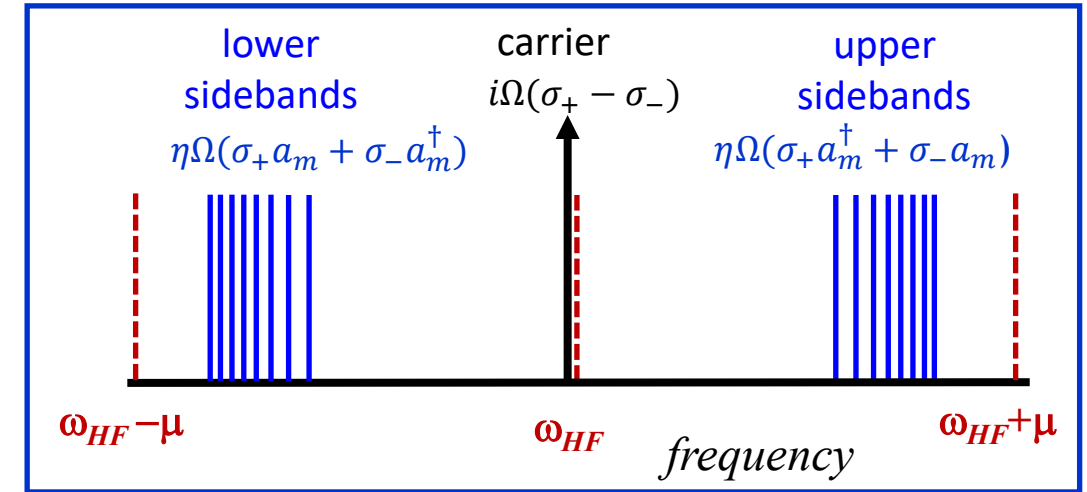
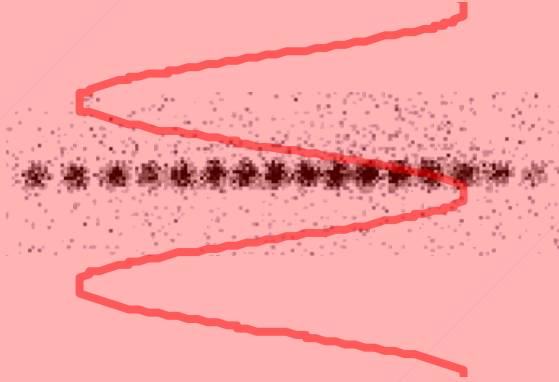
$$U(\tau) = \exp \left[-i \sum_{i,j} \chi_{i,j}(\tau) \sigma_x^{(i)} \sigma_x^{(j)} \right] = \exp \left[-i \tau \underbrace{\sum_{i,j} J_{i,j} \sigma_x^{(i)} \sigma_x^{(j)}} \right]$$

Global Illumination (Fully-connected Ising system)

Raman
beatnotes:

$$\omega_{HF} \pm \mu$$

$$\omega_{HF} (\Delta\phi=0)$$



$$H = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + B \sum_i \sigma_y^i$$

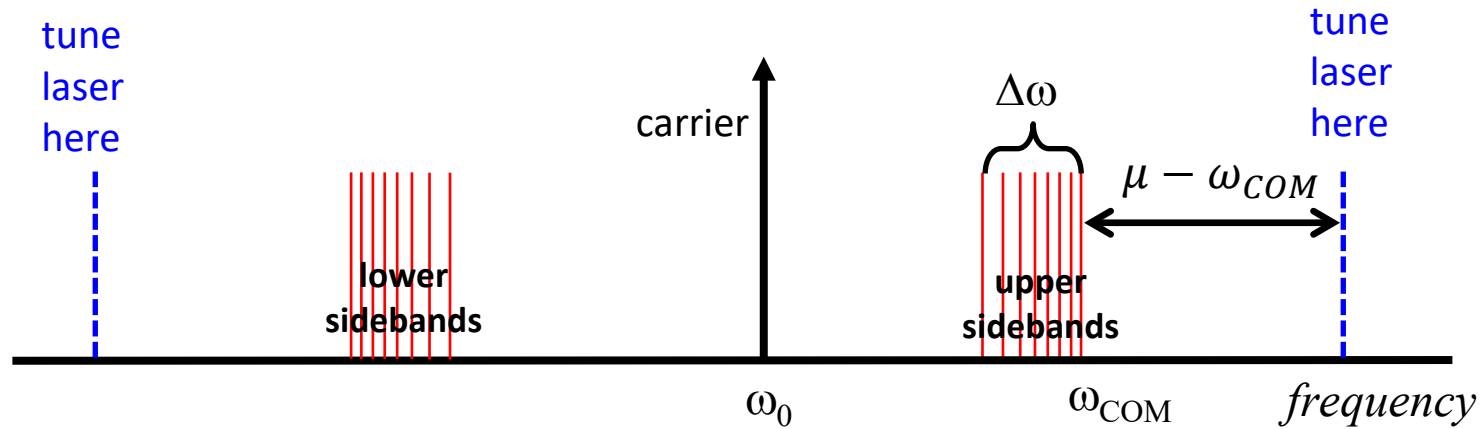
$$J_{i,j} = \Omega^2 \omega_R \sum_m \frac{b_{i,m} b_{j,m}}{2\omega_m (\mu - \omega_m)}$$

Porras and Cirac, Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 207901 (2004)

K. Kim, et al., New J. Phys. 13, 105003 (2011)

Monroe, et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 93, 025001 (2021)

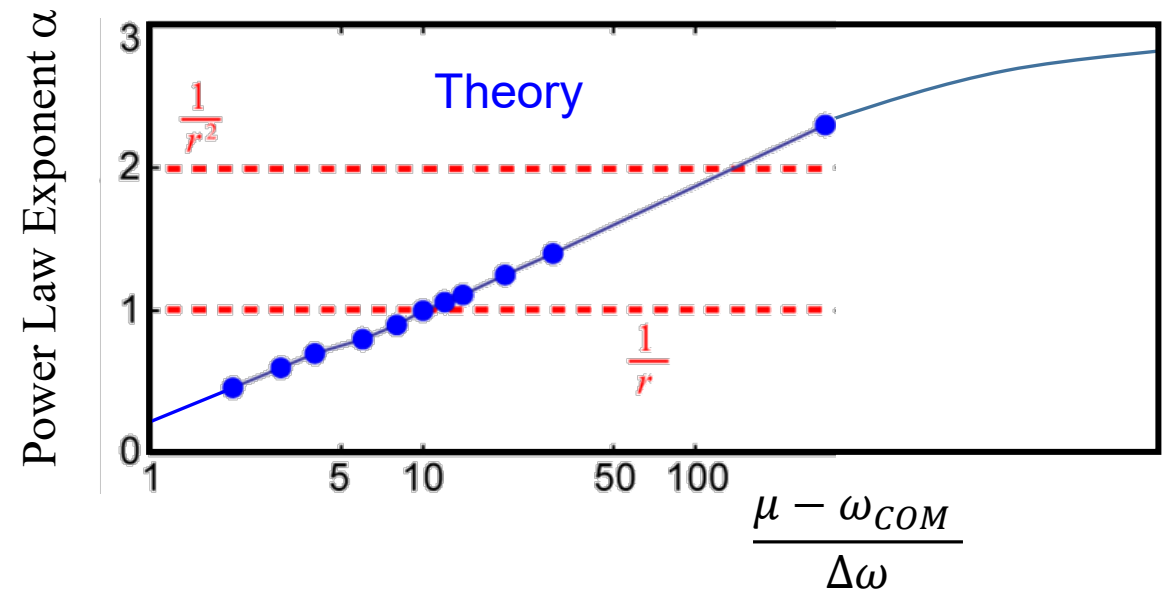
Control Range of Interaction with laser detuning!



$$J_{ij} = \Omega^2 \omega_R \sum_m \frac{b_i^m b_j^m}{2\omega_m(\mu - \omega_m)}$$

$$\sim \frac{J_0}{|i - j|^\alpha}$$

$0 < \alpha < 3$
 $J_0 \sim 2\pi(1 \text{ kHz})$
 $J_0\tau \sim 50$



2D Trapped Ion Crystals (Penning Trap)

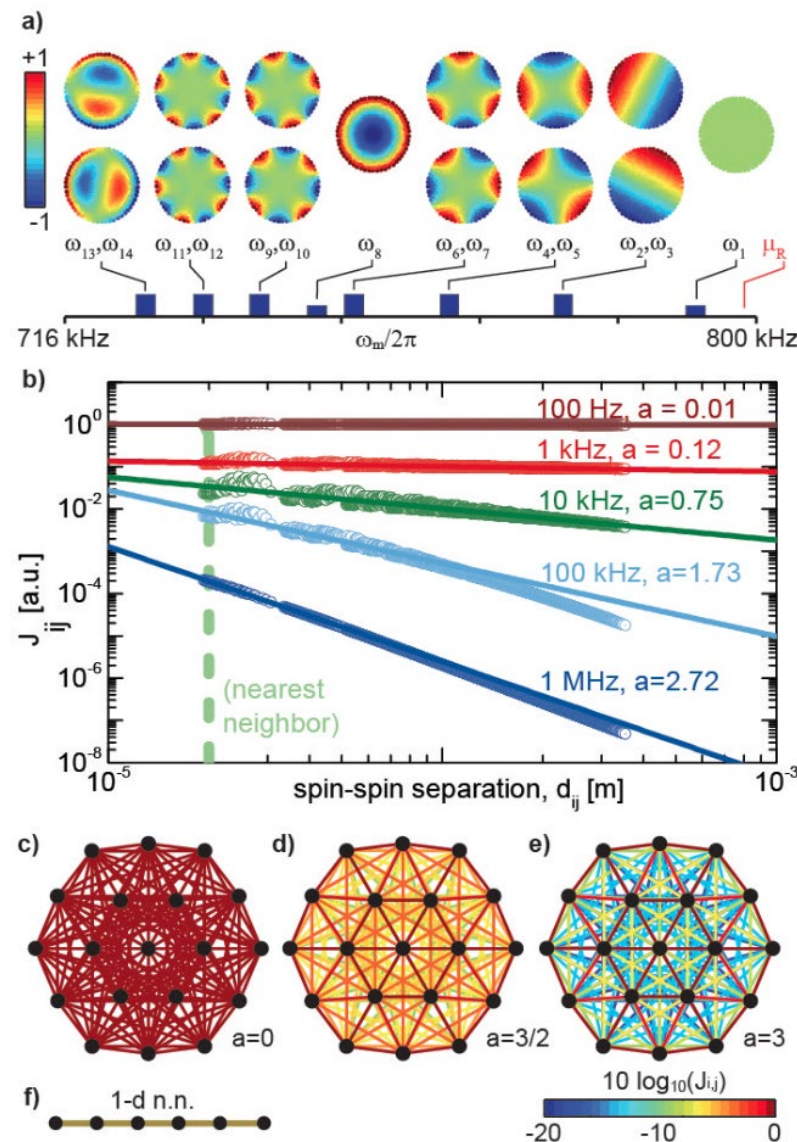
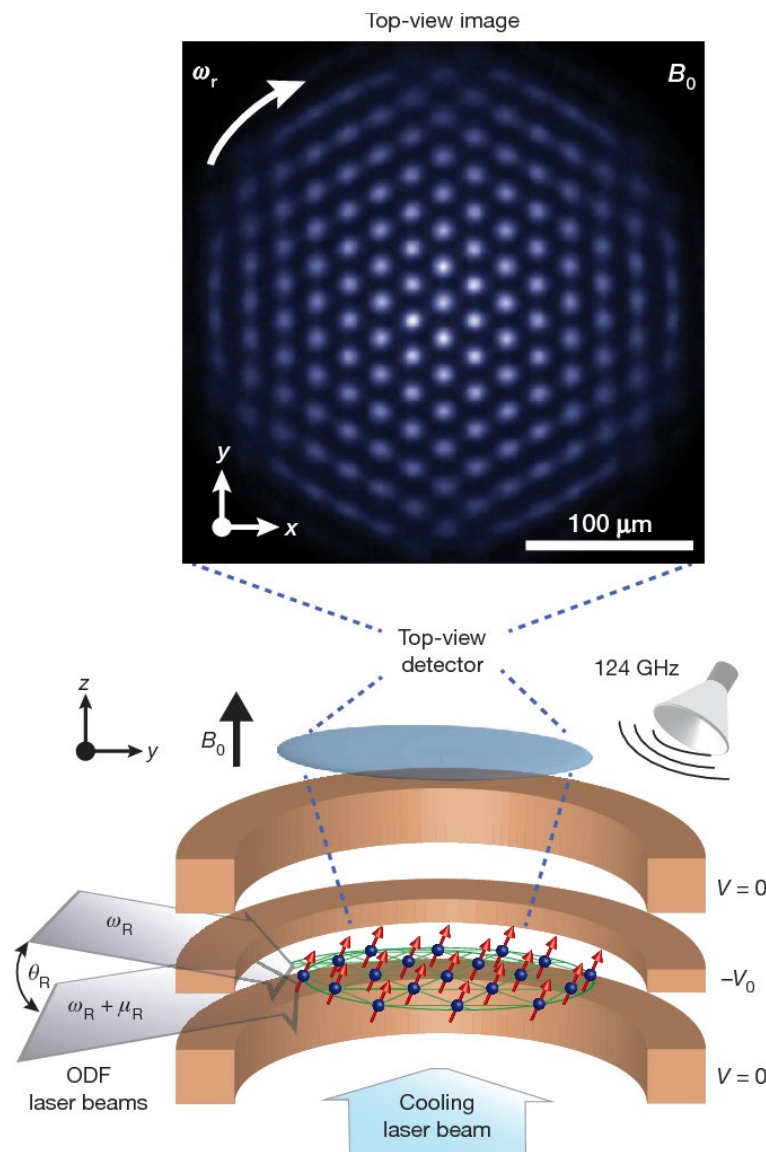
NIST-Boulder (J. Bollinger)

Nature 484, 489-492 (2012)

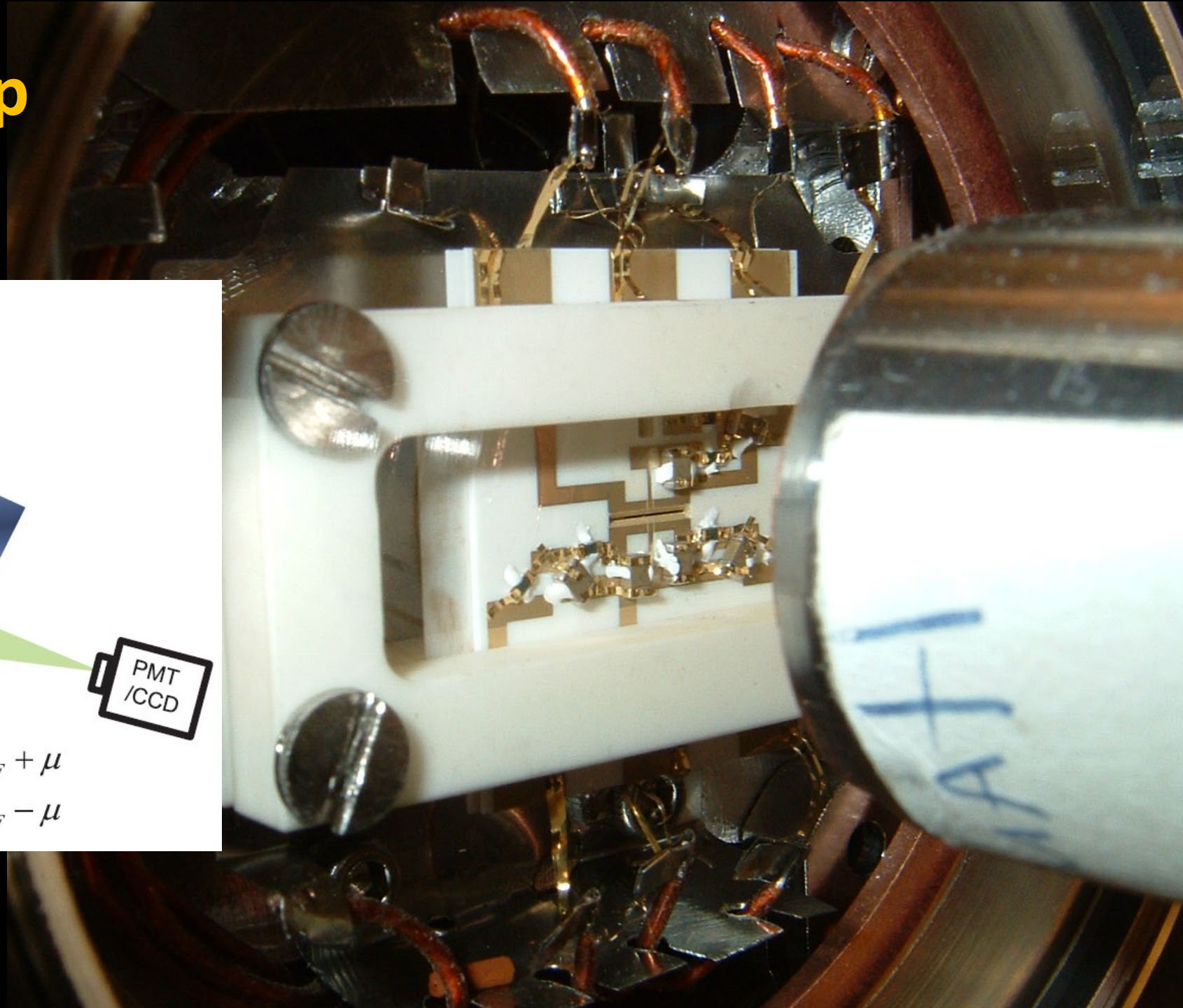
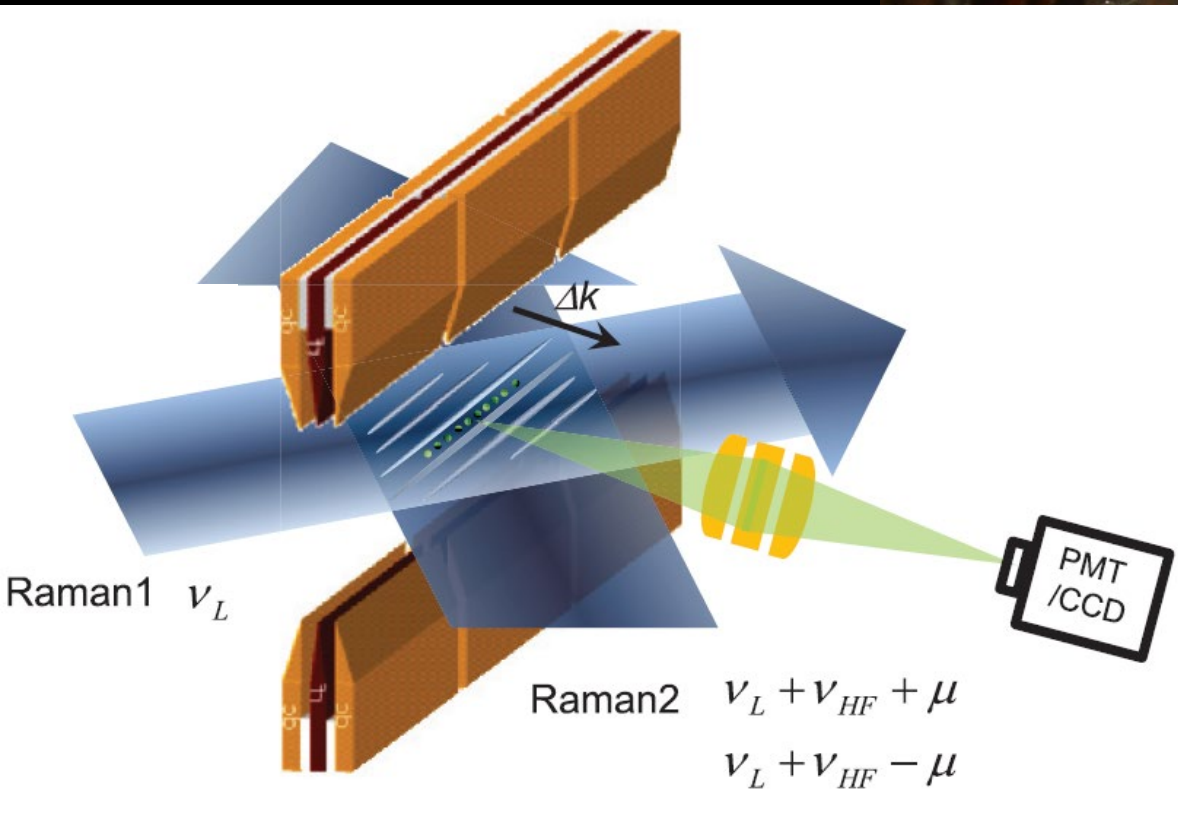
Science 352, 1297 (2016)

Nature Phys. 13, 781 (2017)

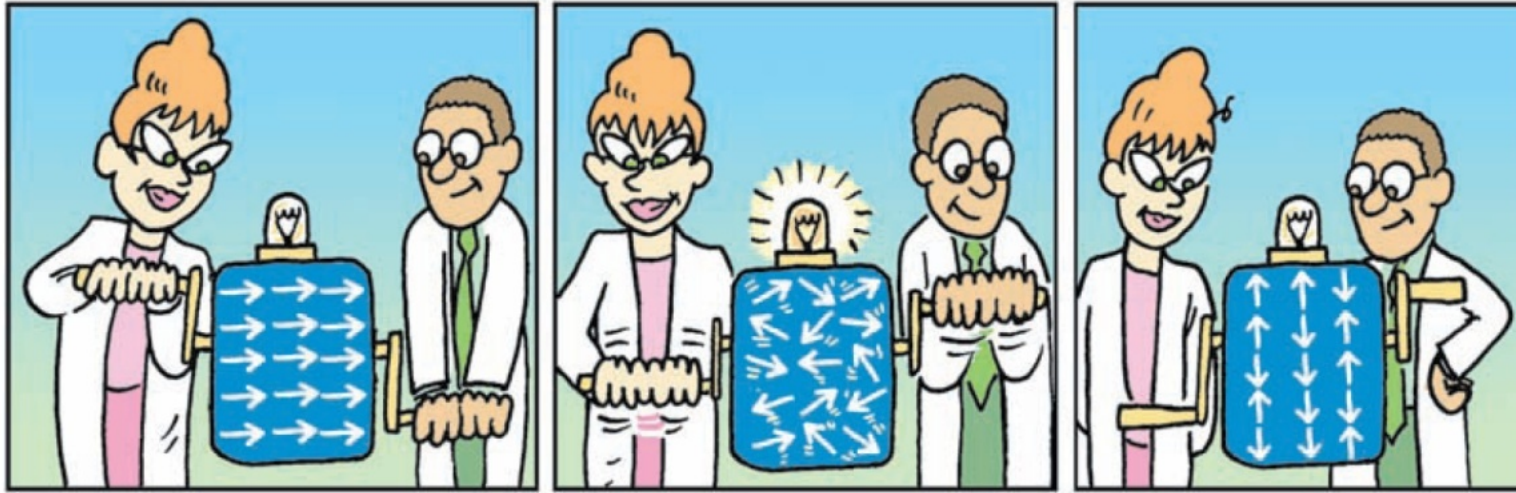
Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 263602 (2017)



3-Layer Linear Trap (2009-present)



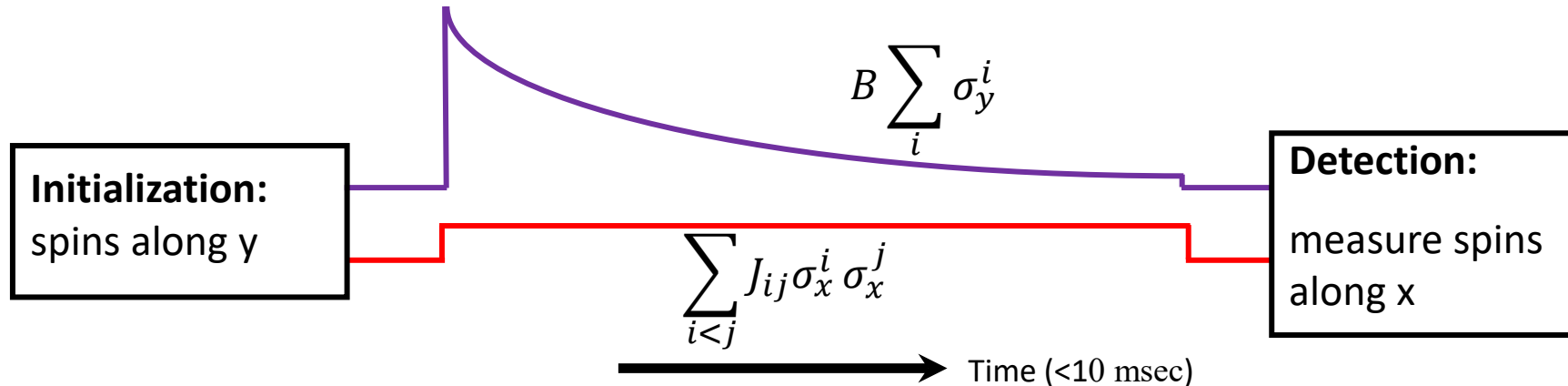
Adiabatic Evolution of Hamiltonian



S. Lloyd, Science
319, 1209 (2008)

$$H = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + B \sum_i \sigma_y^i$$

$$J_{ij} = \frac{J_0}{|i - j|^\alpha} \quad 0 < \alpha < 3$$



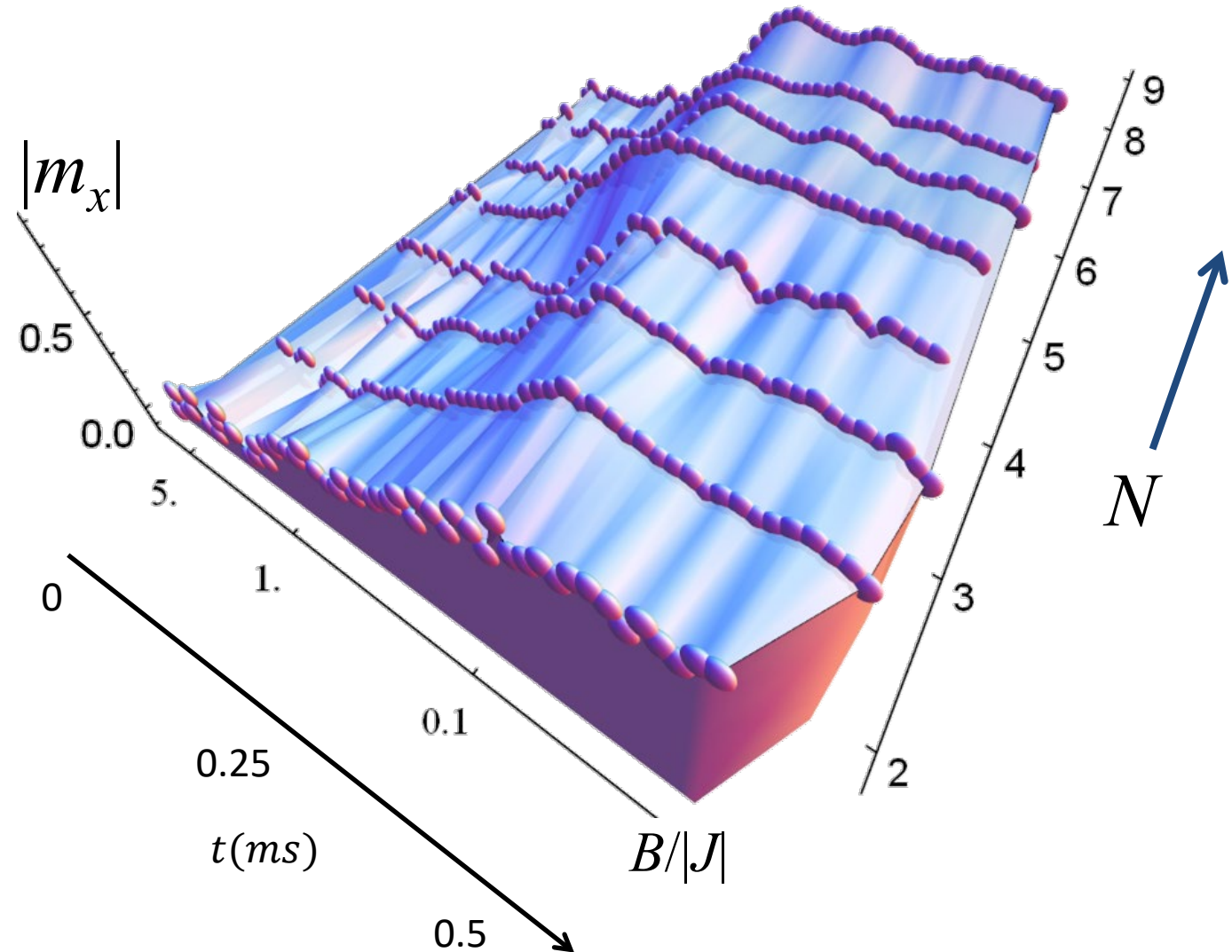
Emergence of ferromagnetism vs. # spins N

(all FM couplings: $J_0 < 0$)

$$H = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + B \sum_i \sigma_y^i$$

$$J_{ij} = \frac{J_0}{|i - j|^\alpha}$$

$$\alpha \approx 0.35$$

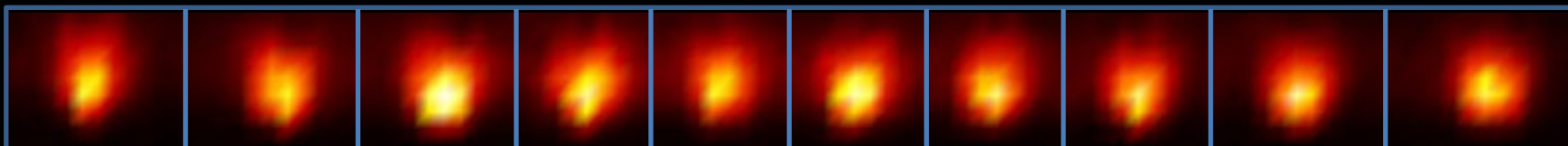




Antiferromagnetic Néel order of N=10 spins

2600 runs, $\alpha=1.12$

All in state $\uparrow$

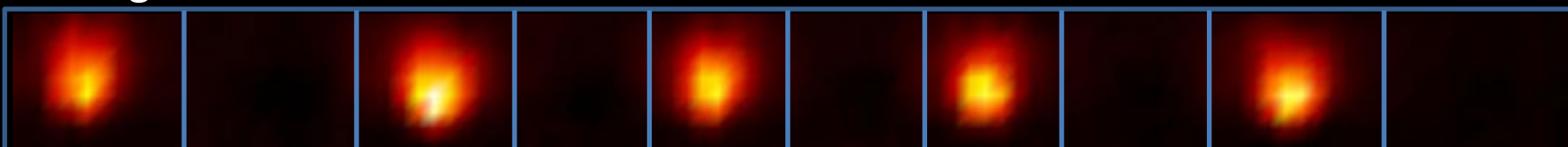


All in state $\downarrow$

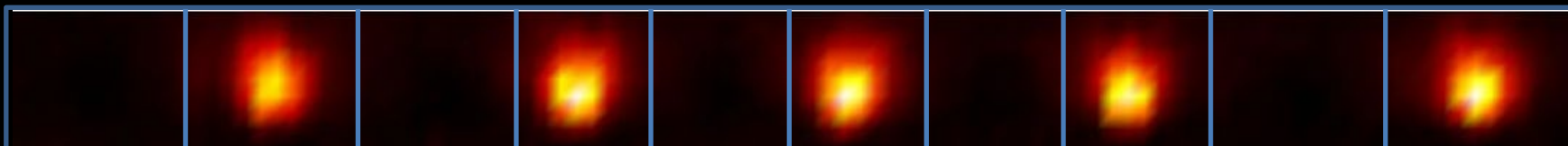


AFM ground state order

222 events



219 events



441 events out of 2600 = 17%

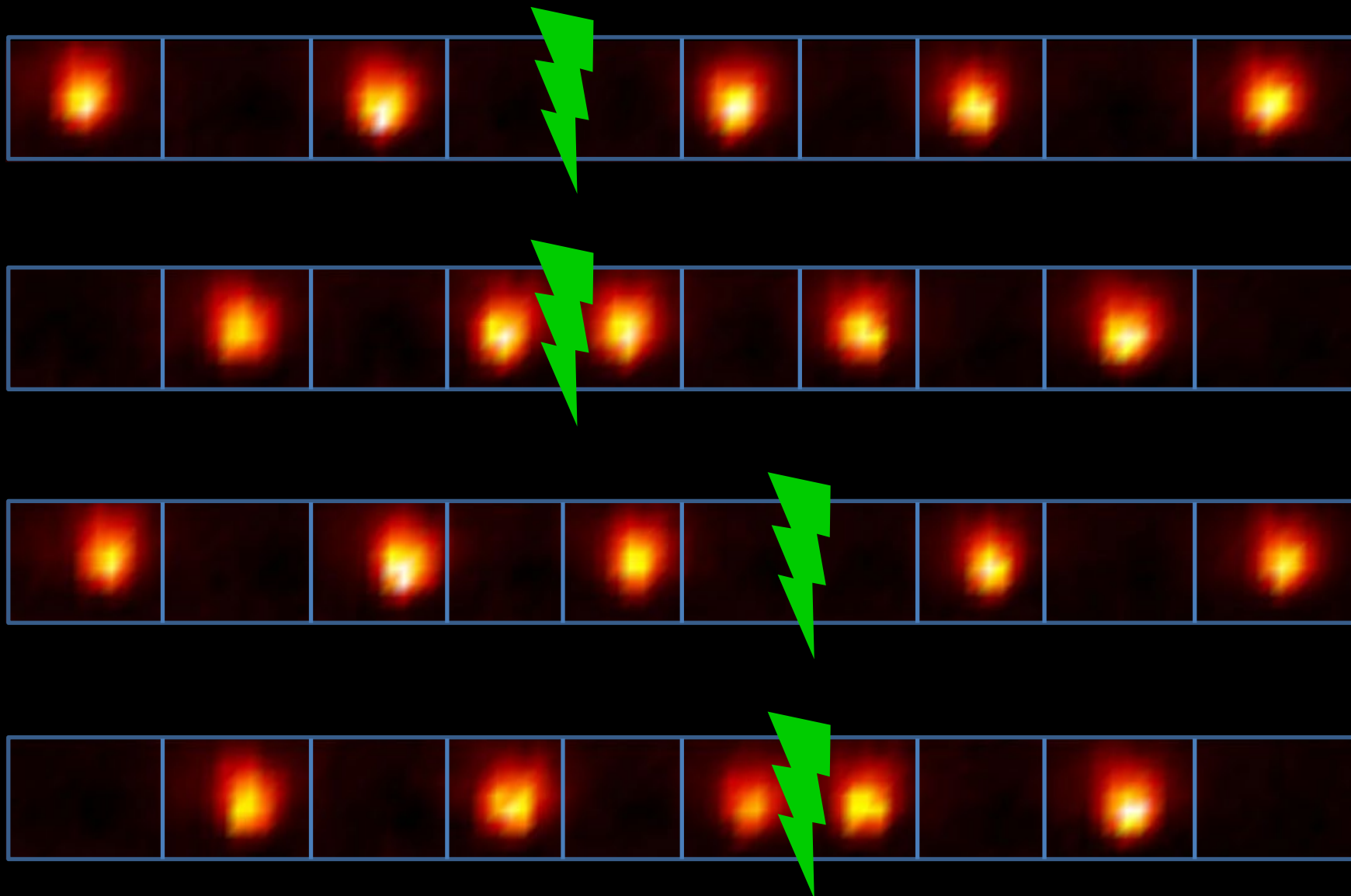
Prob of any state at random = $2 \times (1/2^{10}) = 0.2\%$

R. Islam et al., Science
340, 583 (2013)



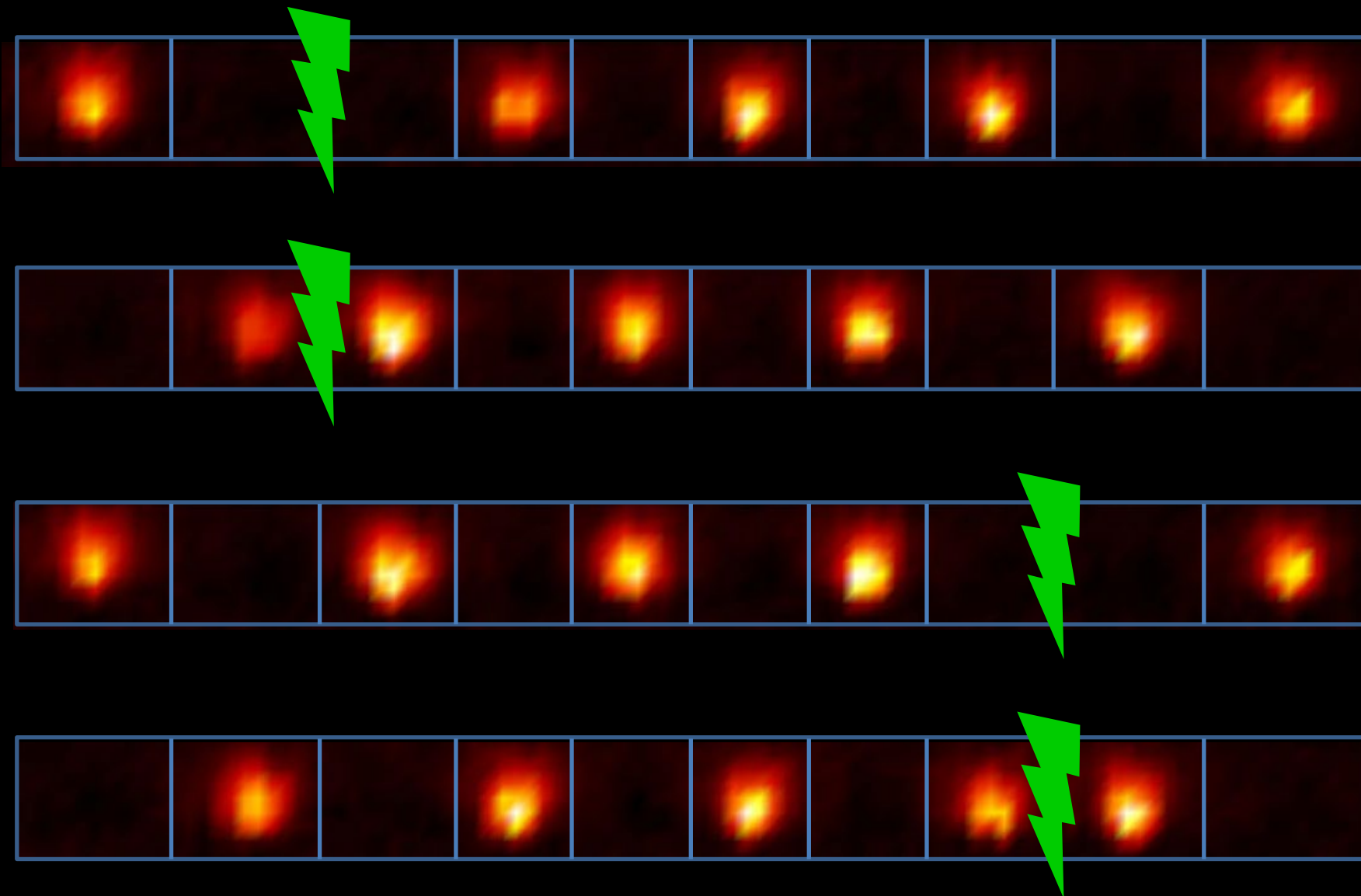
First Excited States

(Pop. $\sim 2\%$ each)



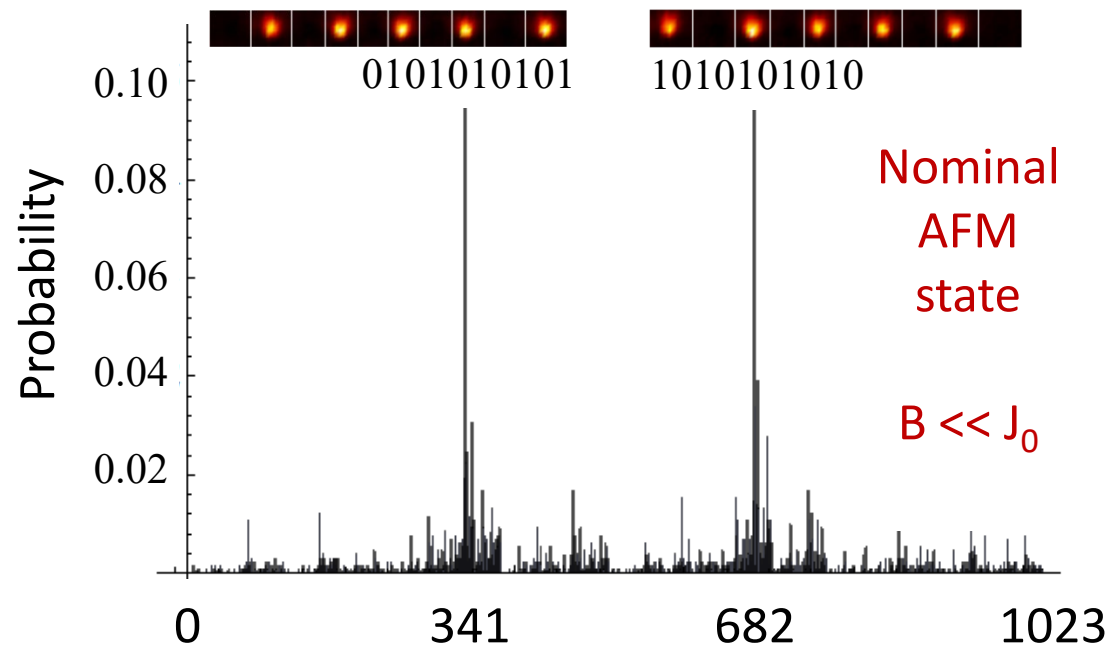
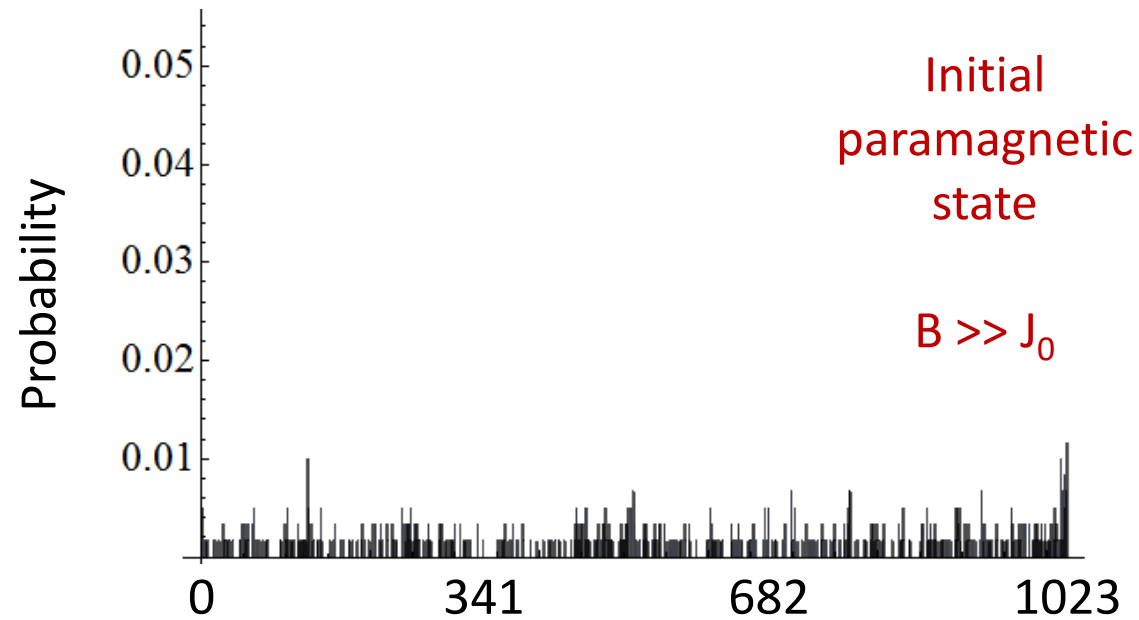
Second Excited States

(Pop. $\sim 1\%$ each)

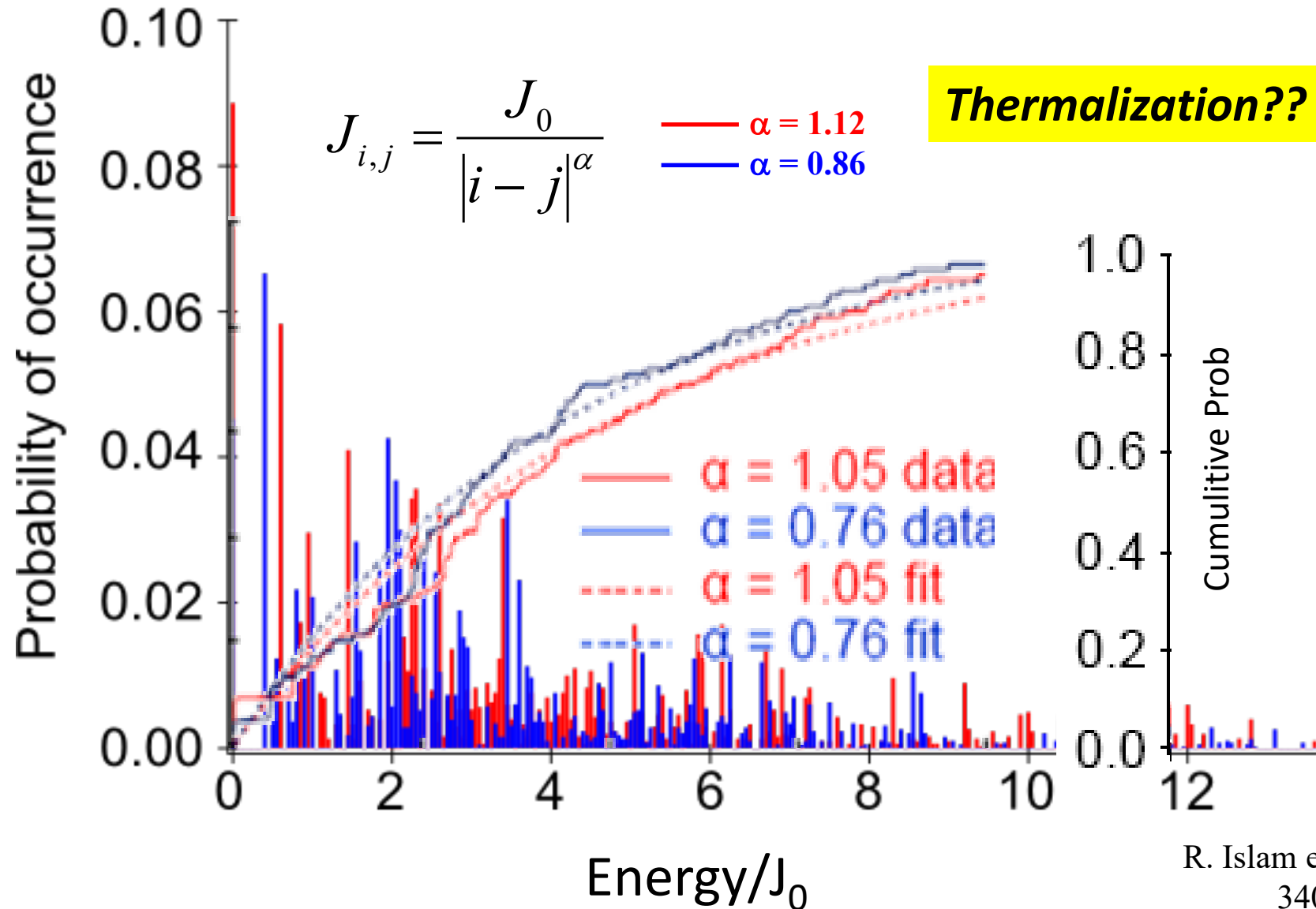




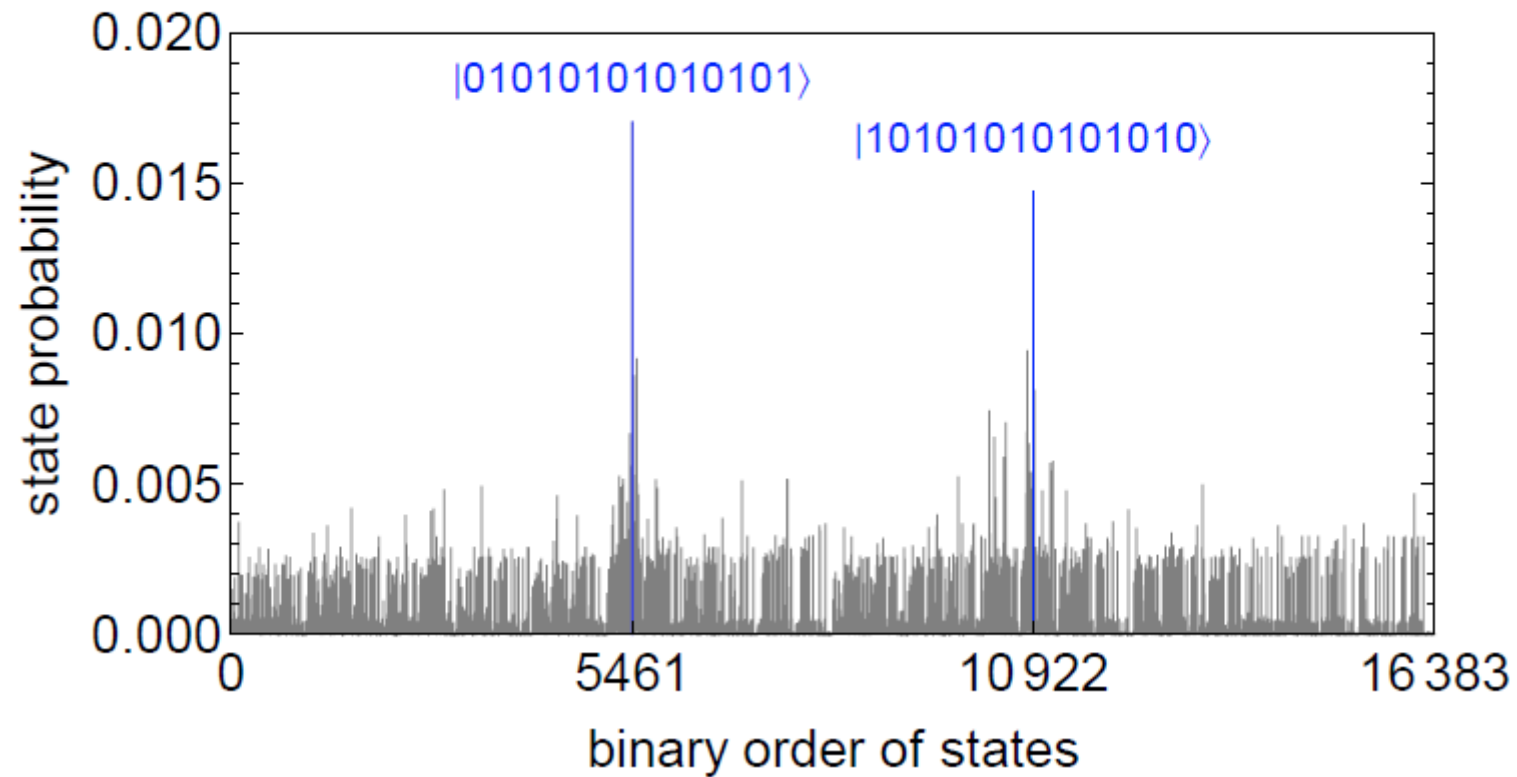
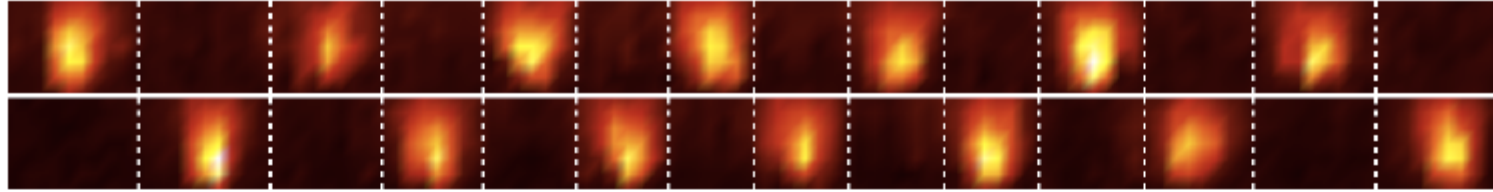
Distribution of all $2^{10} = 1024$ states



Distribution of states ordered by energy (N=10)

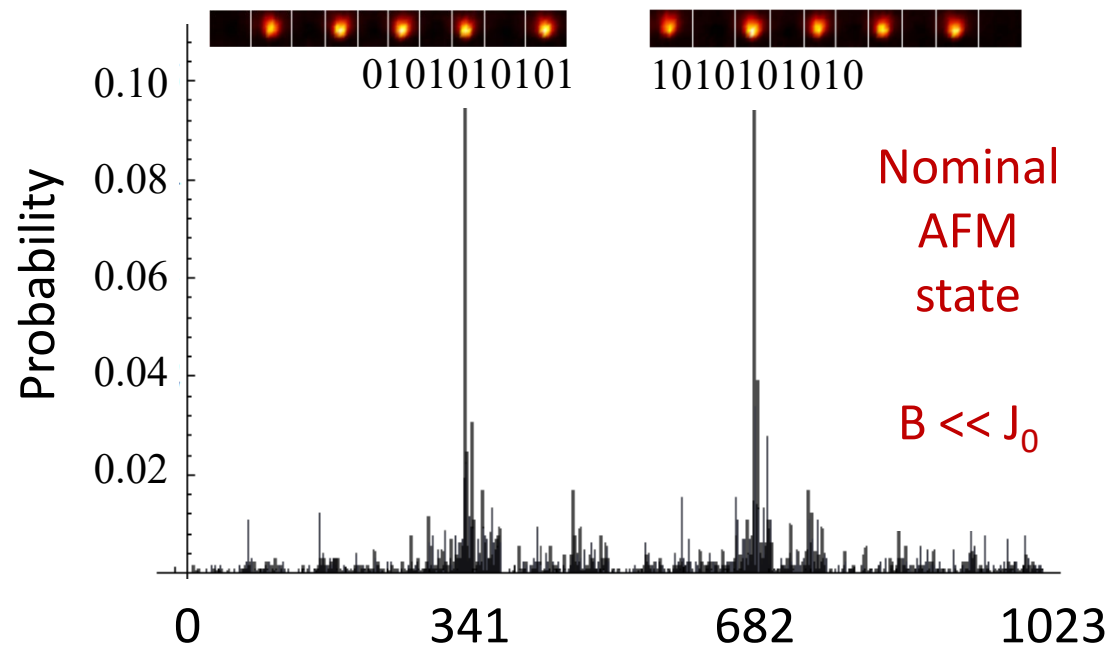
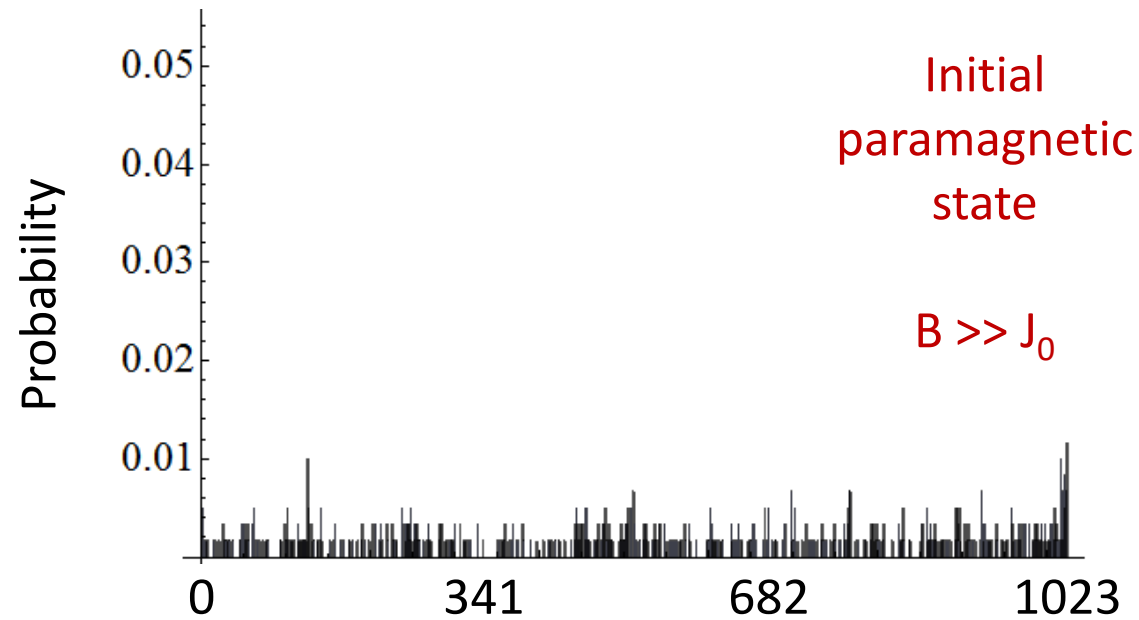


AFM order of N=14 qubits (16,384 configurations)





Distribution of all $2^{10} = 1024$ states



Global Interaction Simulations

$$H = \sum_{i < j} \frac{J_0}{|i - j|^\alpha} \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + \sum_i B_i \sigma_y^i$$

FM and AFM order, Devil's Staircase

R. Islam, et al., *Science* **340**, 583 (2013)

P. Richerme et. al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **111**, 100506 (2013)

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P. Richerme et. al., *Nature* **511**, 198 (2014)

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Spin-1 Dynamics

C. Senko, et al., *Phys. Rev. X* **5**, 021026 (2015)

Quantum Prethermalization/Manybody Localization

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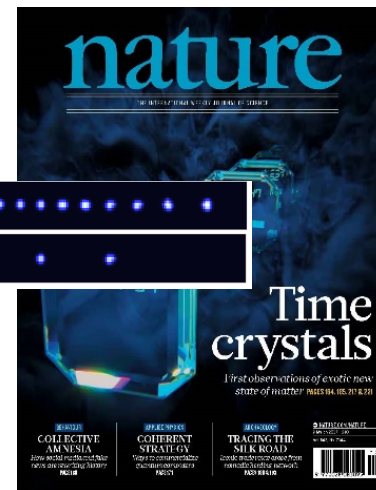
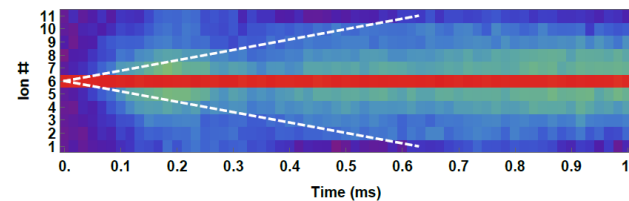
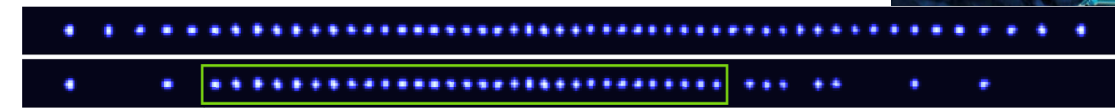
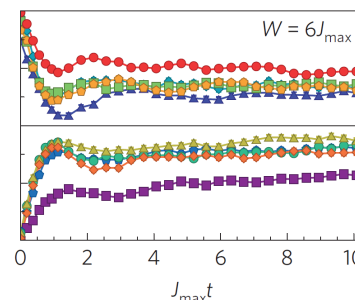
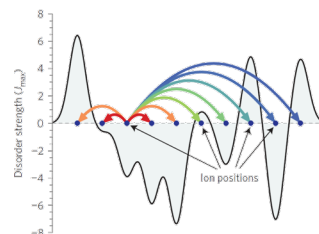
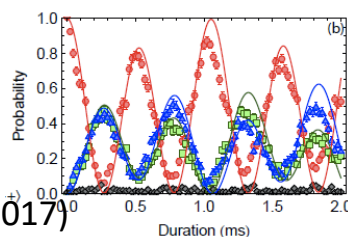
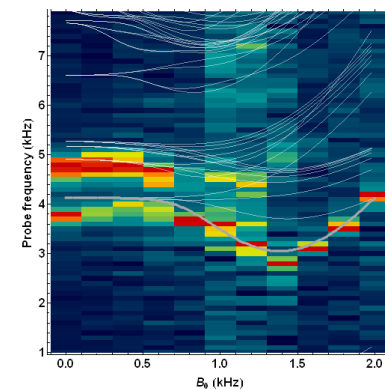
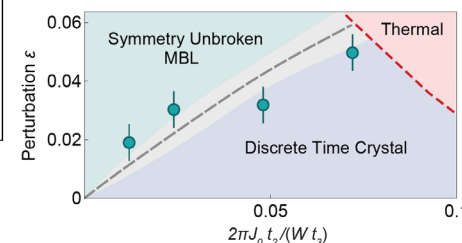
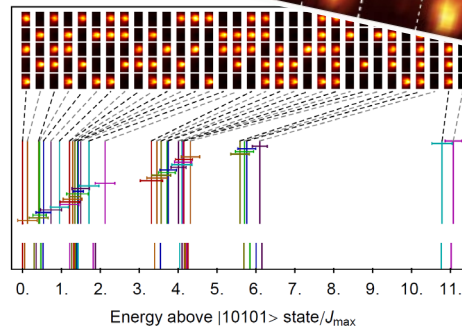
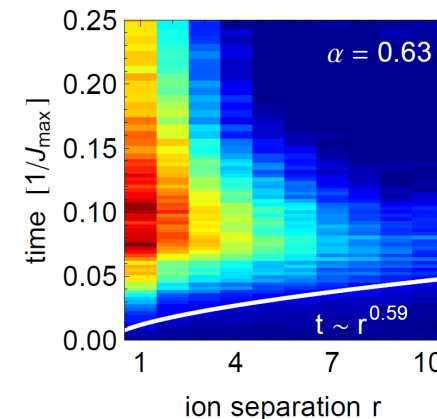
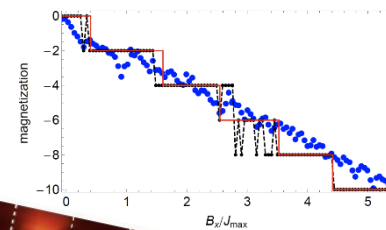
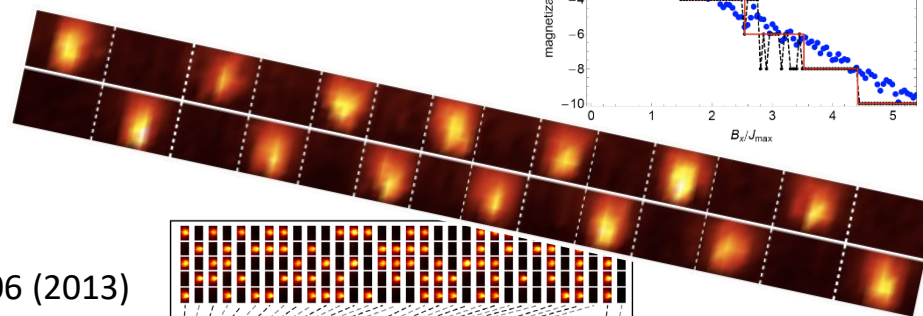
A. Kyprianidis, et al., *Science* **372**, 1192 (2021)

Dynamical Phase Transition

J. Zhang, et al., *Nature* **551**, 601 (2017)

Simulation of Quasiparticle Confinement

F. Liu, et al., *PRL* **122**, 150601 (2019); W. L. Tan, et al., *Nat. Phys.* **17**, 742 (2021)

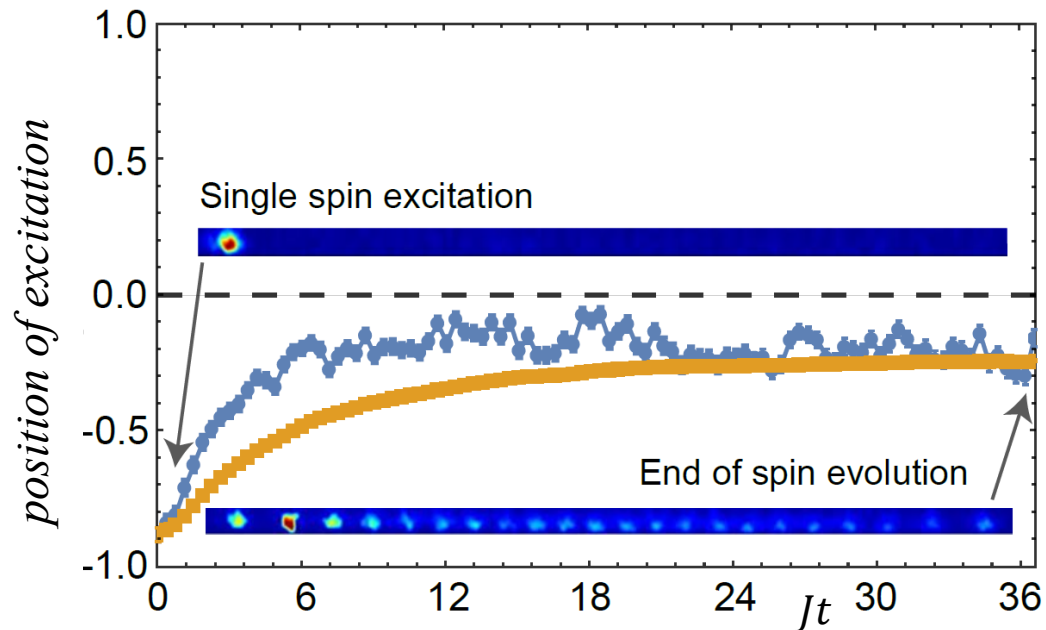


Pre-Thermalization

$$H_{XY} = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} (\sigma_+^i \sigma_-^j + \sigma_-^i \sigma_+^j) \quad J_{ij} = \frac{J}{|i - j|^{0.6}}$$

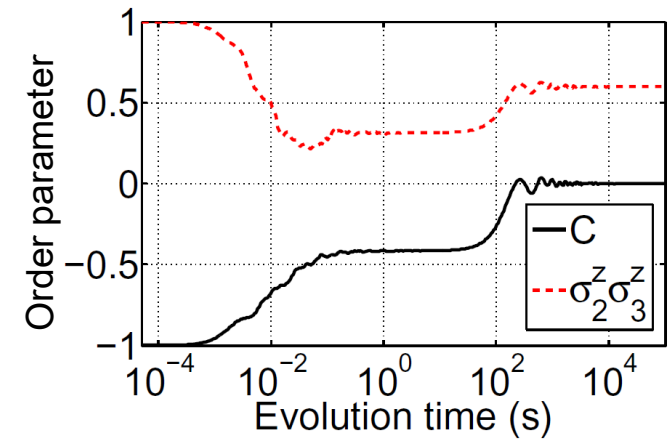
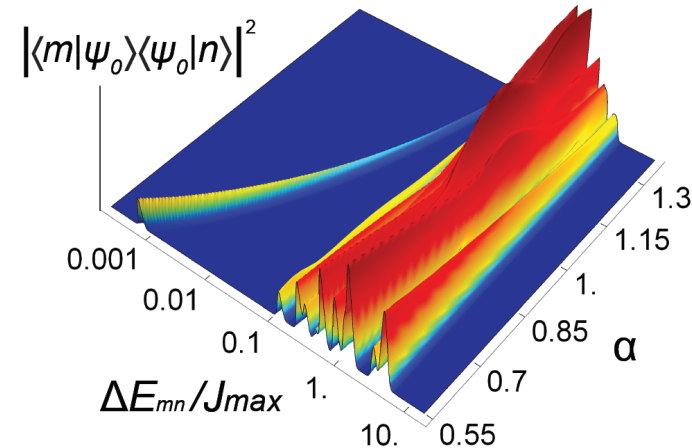


state measured at $Jt = 36$



B. Neyenhuis et al., Science Adv. 3, e1700672 (2017)

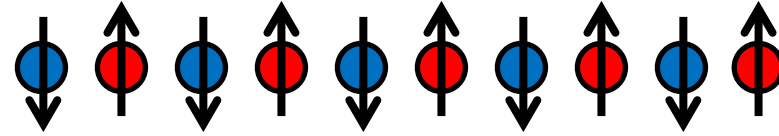
Distribution of energy splittings



Z. Gong and L.-M. Duan, NJP 15, 113051 (2013)

Many Body Localization (N=10)

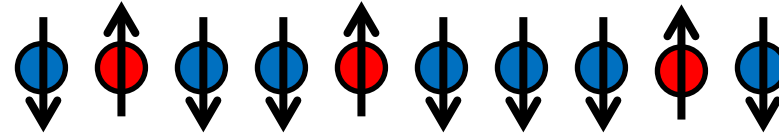
Step 1: Initialize spins staggered along z (“ $kT=\infty$ ”)



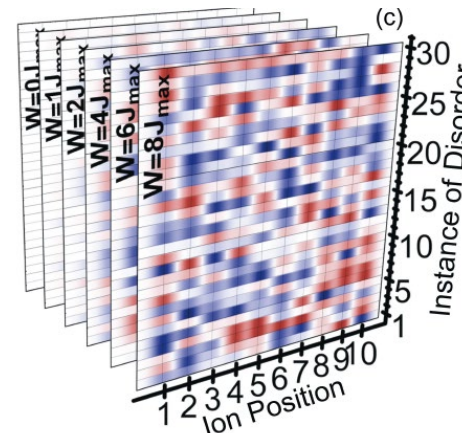
Step 2: Quench to transverse Ising model with random disorder

$$H_{MBL} = \sum_{i<j} J_{ij} \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + B \sum_i \sigma_z^i + \sum_i \tilde{B}_z^i \sigma_z^i \quad \tilde{B}_z^i \in [-W, W]$$

Step 3: Measure each spin along z after time t



Step 4: Repeat for many different disorder instances and strengths



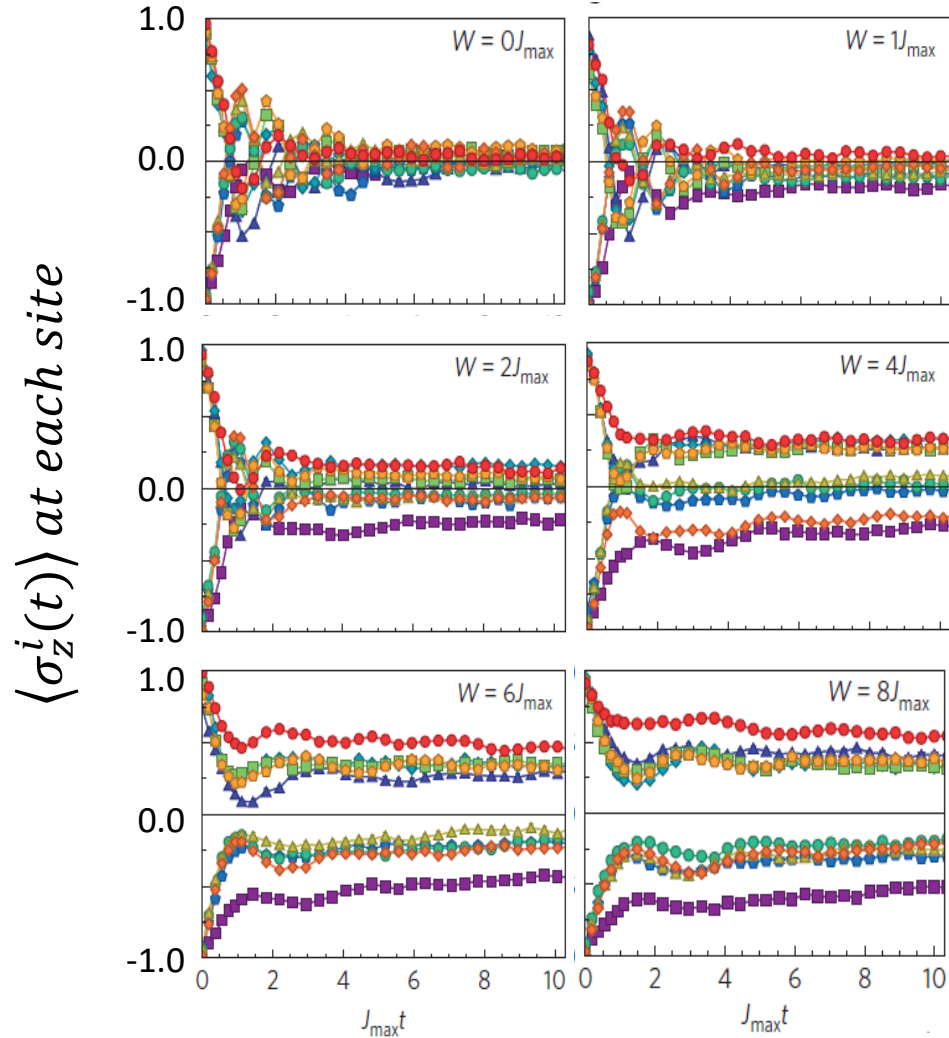
Many body localization

N=10 spins

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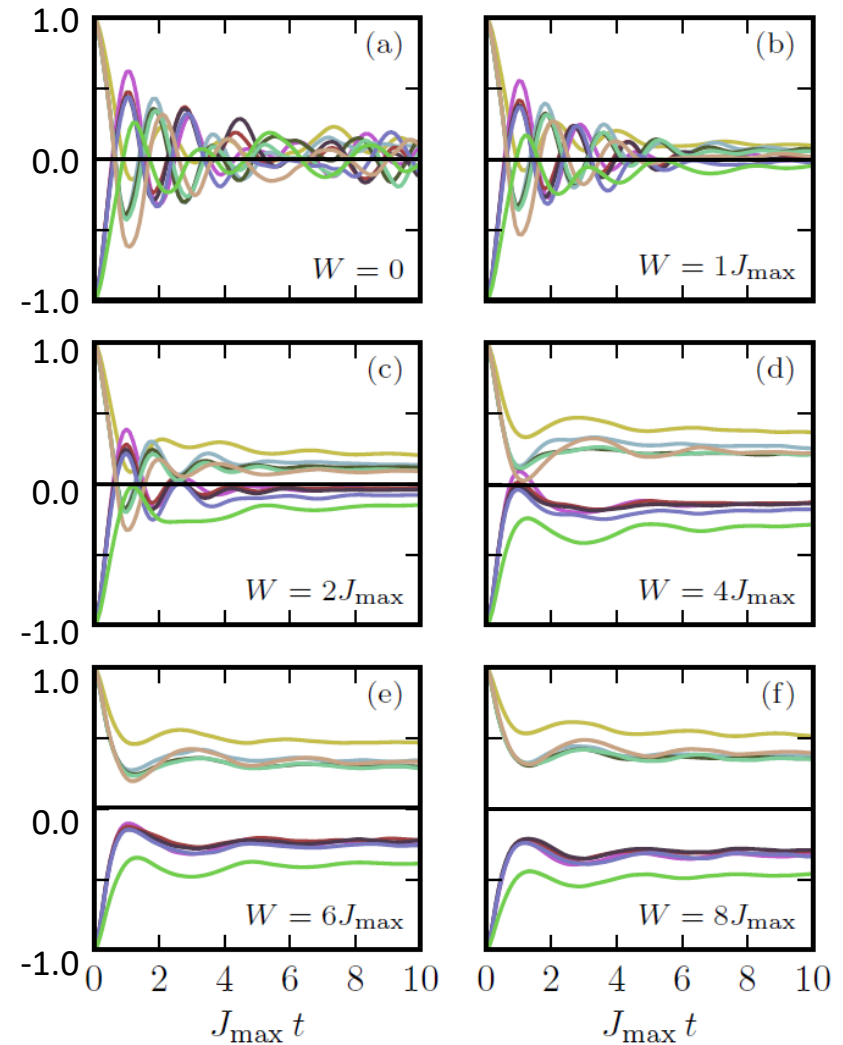
Experiment

J. Smith et al., Nat. Phys. 12, 907 (2016)



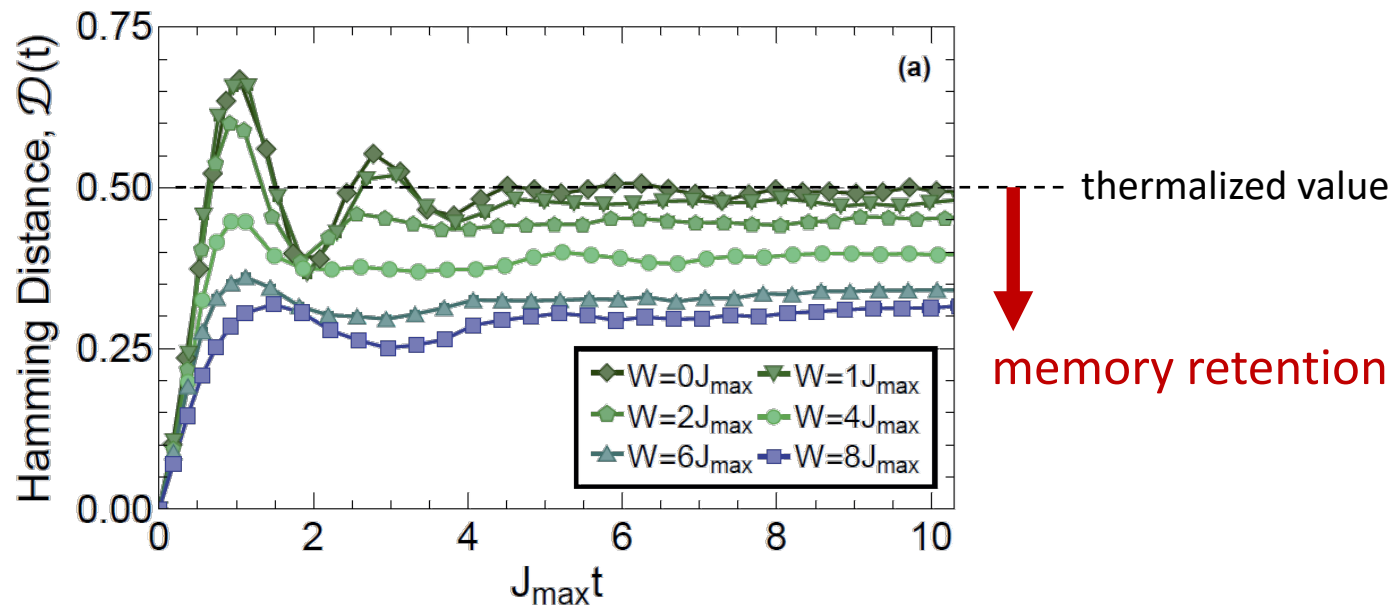
Theory

Y-L Wu and S. Das Sarma, PRA 93, 022332 (2016)



Hamming distance
from initial state:

$$\mathcal{D}(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2N} \sum_i \langle \psi_0 | \sigma_i^z(t) \sigma_i^z(0) | \psi_0 \rangle$$



Exotic Magnetism

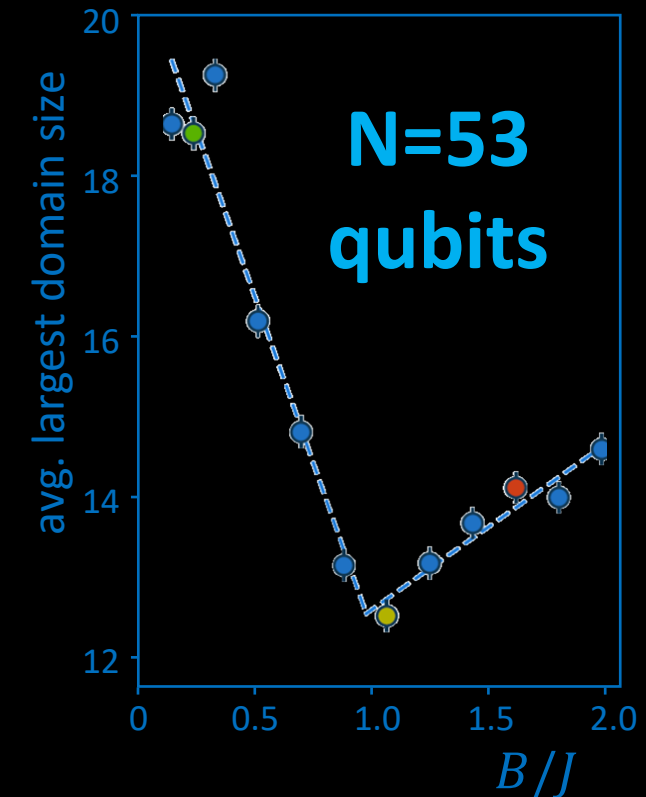
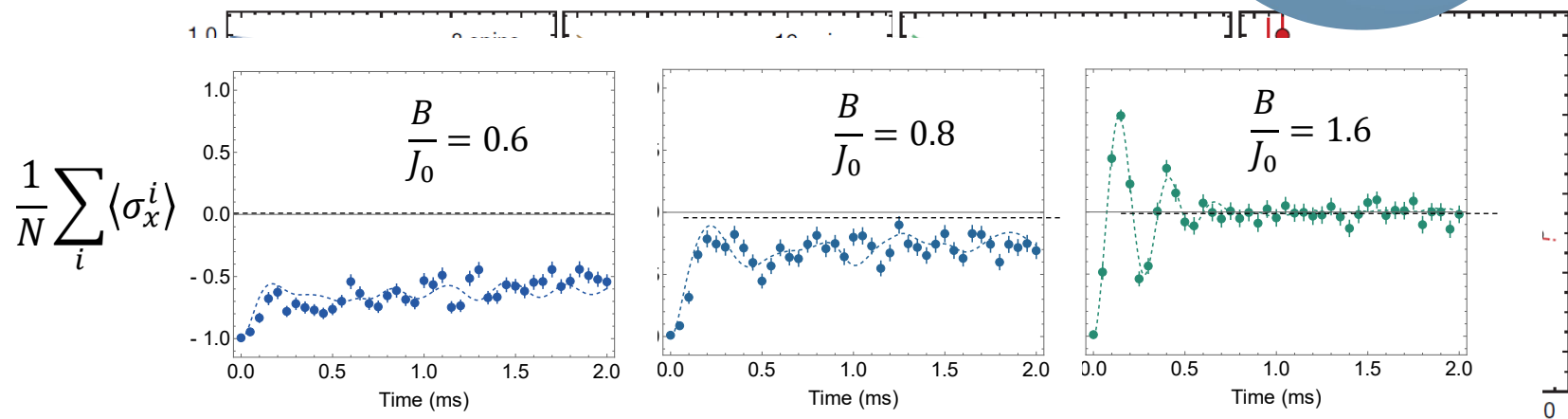
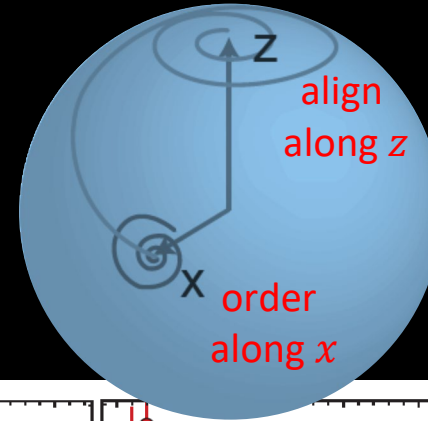
Dynamical Phase Transition with 50+ Qubits

J. Zhang, et al., Nature 551, 601 (2017)

(1) Prepare spins along x

(2) Quench spins to $H = \sum_{i<j} \frac{J}{|i-j|^\alpha} \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + B \sum_i \sigma_z^i$

(3) Measure along x



Recent Quantum Simulations

Asymptotic confinement: W. L. Tan, et al., Nature Physics (2021)

Prethermal Time Crystal: A. Kyprianidis, et al., arXiv:2102.01695 (2021)

Stark Manybody Localization: W. Morong, et al., arXiv:2102.07250 (2021)

Measurement-induced phase transition: C. Noel, et al., in preparation (2021)



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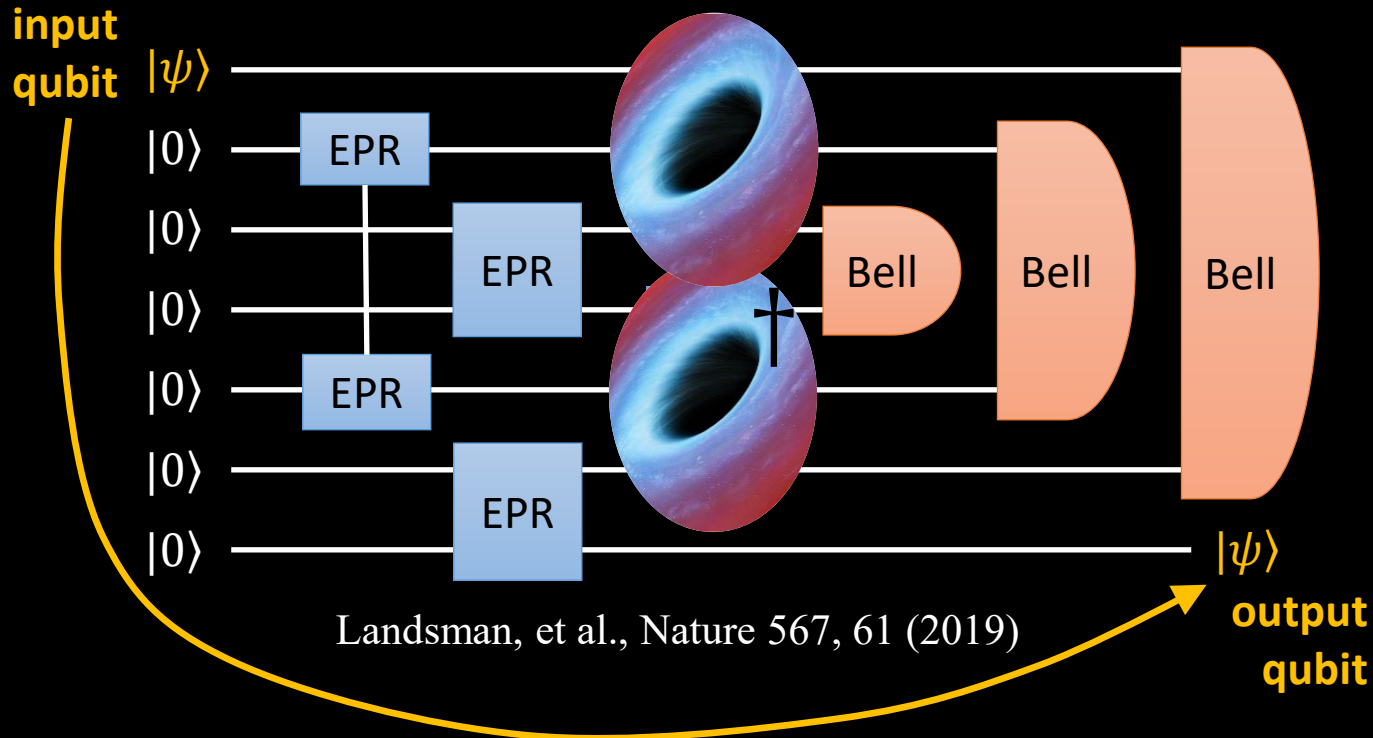
Norm Yao
(Berkeley)

Cosmology + Quantum Gravity

Quantum Scrambling

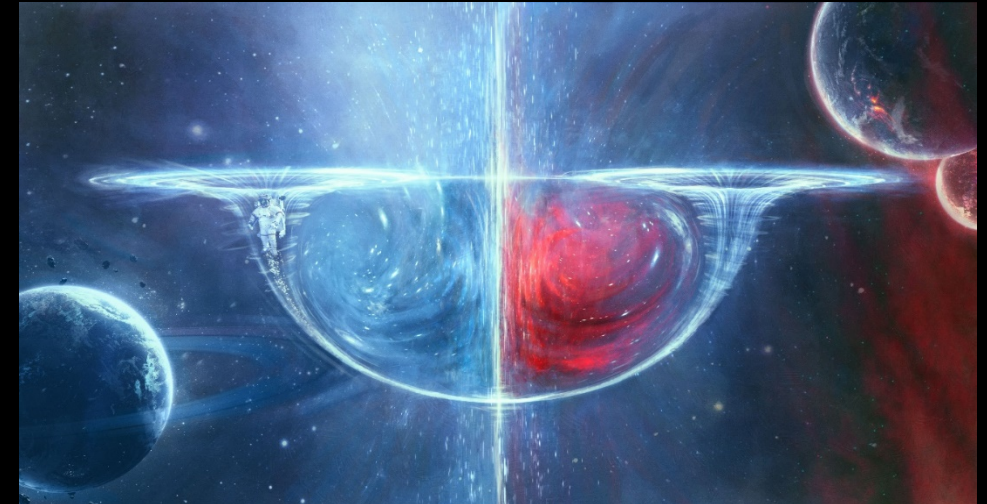
N. Yao (UC Berkeley)
B. Yoshida (Perimeter)
L. Susskind (Stanford)

Scrambling: “complete diffusion” of quantum information, relevant to information evolution in black holes



Successful teleportation if U scrambles

In 1935, Einstein and Rosen showed that widely-separated black holes can be connected by a tunnel through space-time, now known as a **wormhole**



Physicists suspect that the connection in a wormhole and the connection in quantum entanglement **are the same thing, just on a vastly different scale!**

Quantum Error Correction

$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \Rightarrow$$

 error prob. p 

error prob. p (per qubit)

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} |00000\rangle + |10010\rangle + |01001\rangle + |10100\rangle \\ + |01010\rangle - |11011\rangle - |00110\rangle - |11000\rangle \\ - |11101\rangle - |00011\rangle - |11110\rangle - |01111\rangle \\ - |10001\rangle - |01100\rangle - |10111\rangle + |00101\rangle \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} |11111\rangle + |01101\rangle + |10110\rangle + |01011\rangle \\ + |10101\rangle - |00100\rangle - |11001\rangle - |00111\rangle \\ - |00010\rangle - |11100\rangle - |00001\rangle - |10000\rangle \\ - |01110\rangle - |10011\rangle - |10111\rangle + |11010\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p \Rightarrow Cp^2$$

Quantum Error Correction

C. Shannon (classical)
P. Shor
R. Calderbank
A. Steane

Bacon-Shor 13:1 Fault-Tolerant Error Correction



Ken Brown
(Duke)

Bacon-Shor $[[9,1,3]]$ Subsystem Code

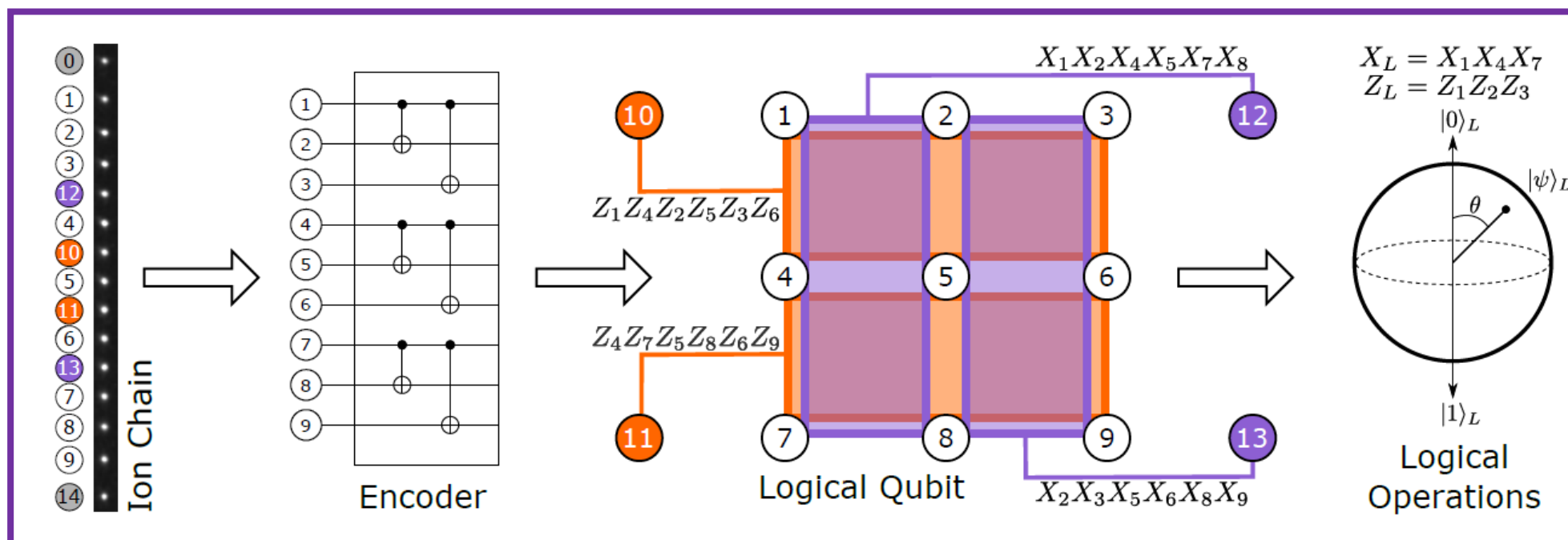
- Can correct any single qubit error (Distance-3)
- Fault tolerant encoding, gates, stabilizer readout, and measurement

4 Weight-6 Stabilizers

- $Z_1 Z_4 Z_2 Z_5 Z_3 Z_6$
- $Z_4 Z_7 Z_5 Z_8 Z_6 Z_9$
- $X_1 X_2 X_4 X_5 X_7 X_8$
- $X_2 X_3 X_5 X_6 X_8 X_9$

On a 15 ion chain

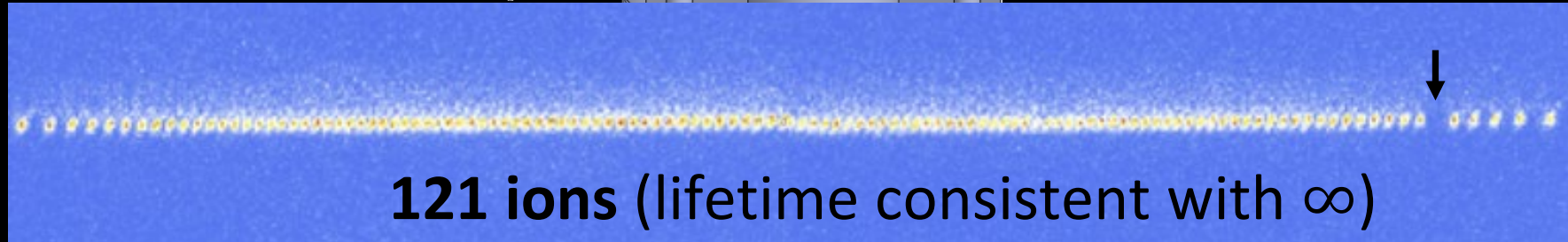
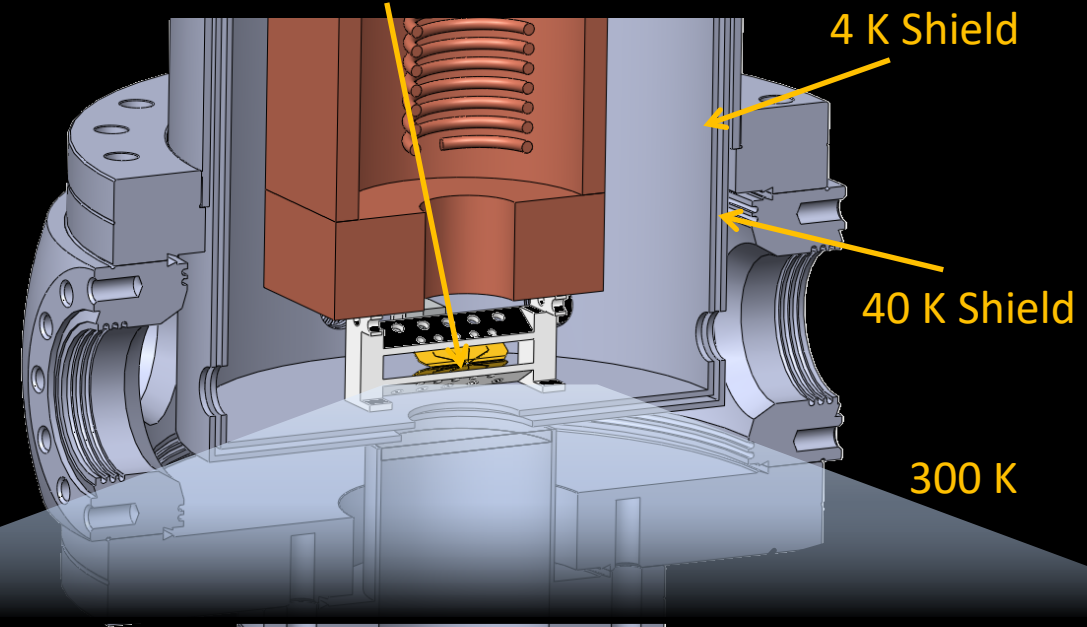
- 9 Data qubits
- 4 Ancilla qubits
- 2 idle qubits



Scaling Up: 4K environment (better vacuum!)



5-segment linear rf ion trap
(Au on Al_2O_3 blades, $200\mu\text{m}$)





Ion Trap Lab at
JQI-Maryland



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Sandia
National
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AO Sense



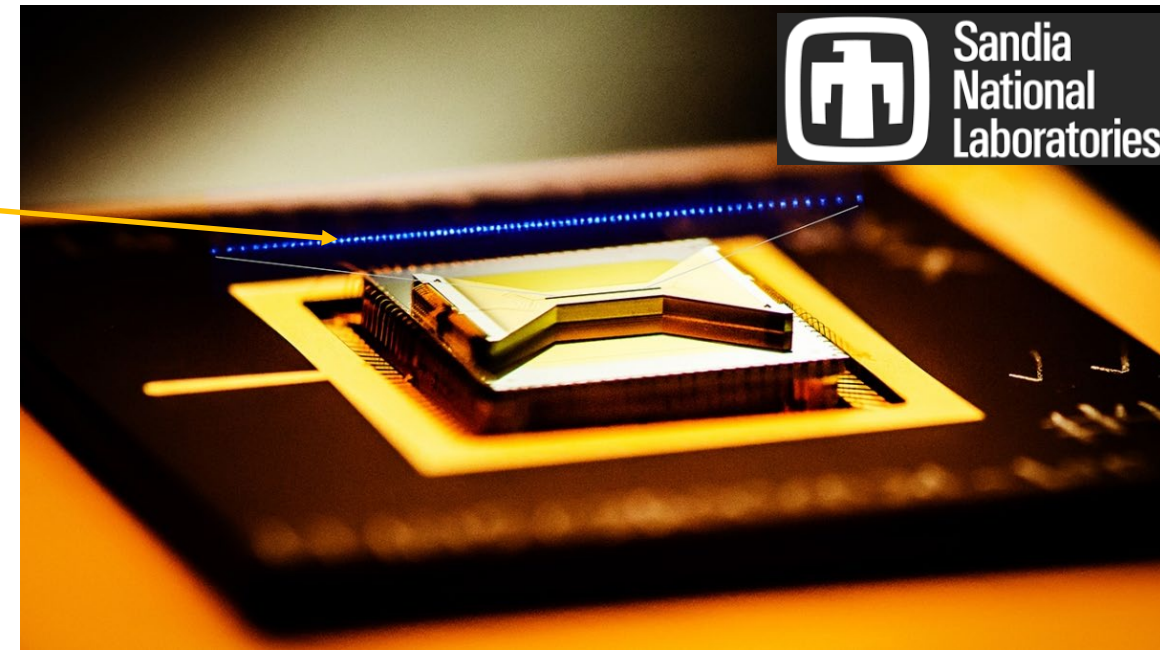
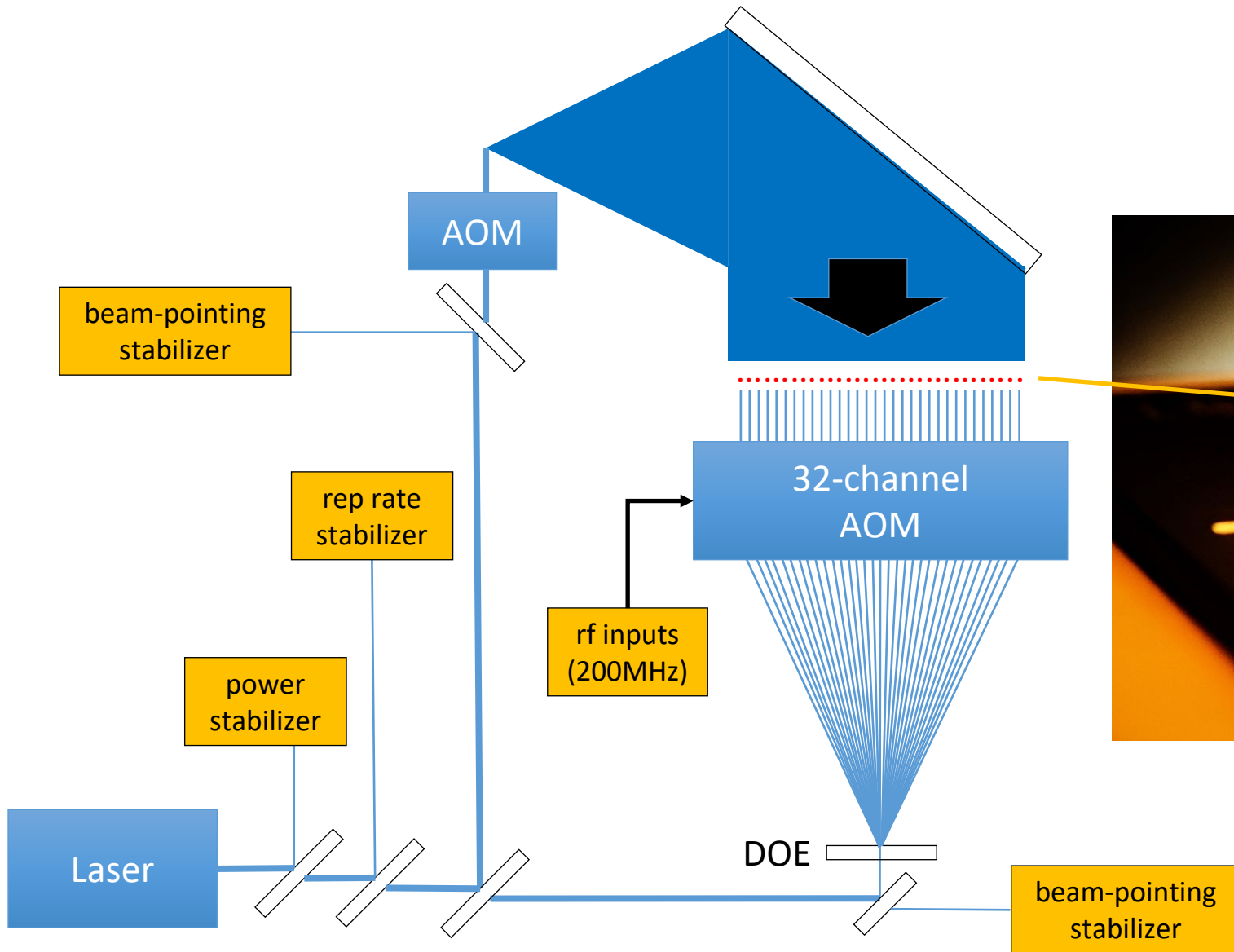
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Quantum Computer Optical Controller





IONQ

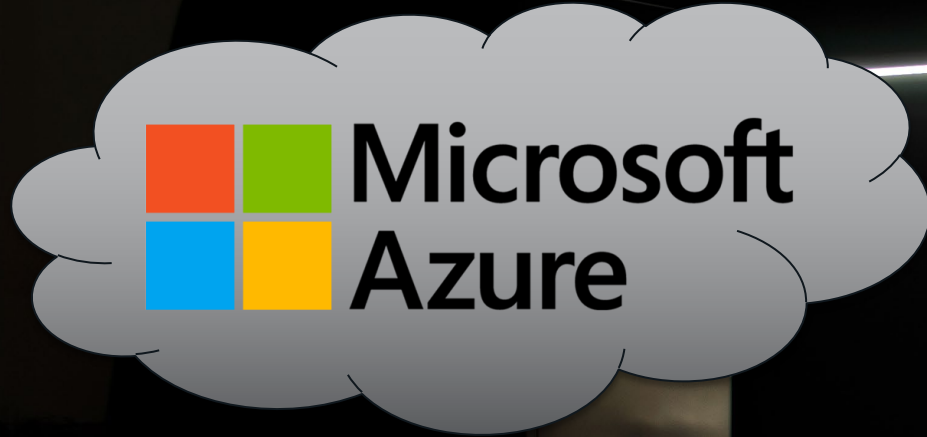
System 1

System 3



System 2

IonQ Systems on the cloud





IONQ benchmark algorithms

Bernstein-Vazirani 'oracle' algorithm

Given $f(x) = c \cdot x$
Find n -bit string c

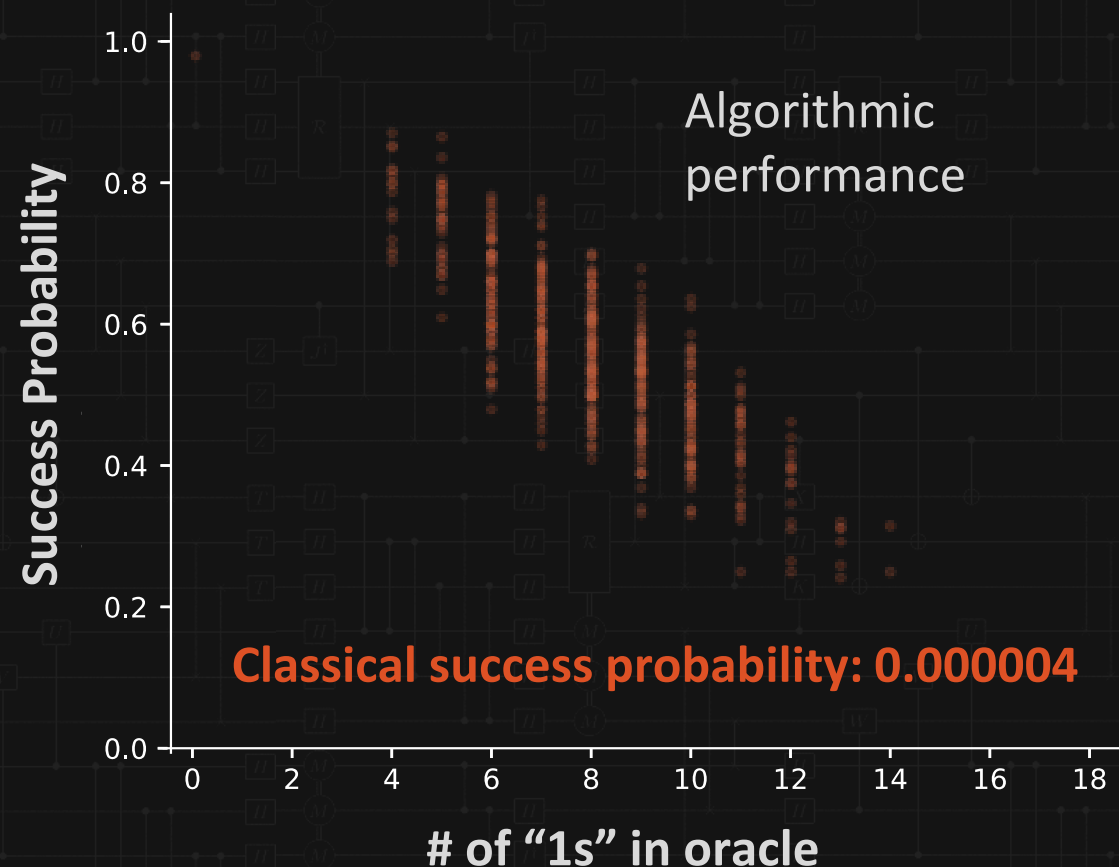
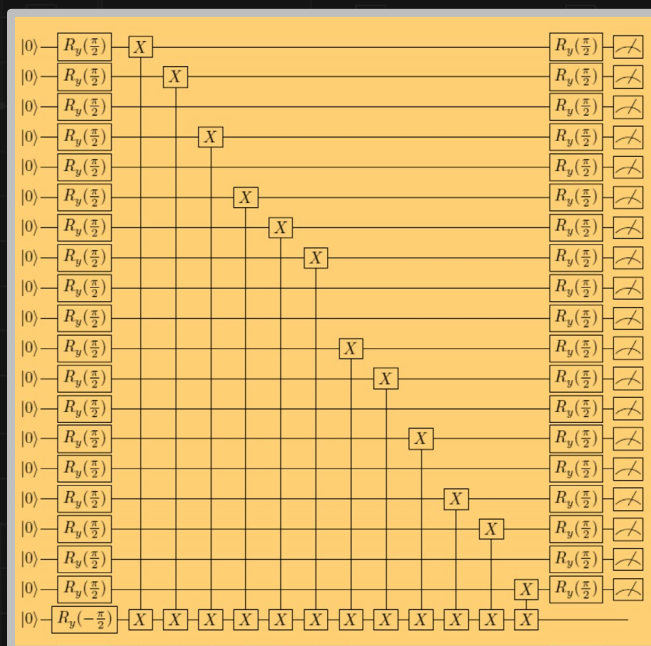
Classical

requires n queries

Quantum

requires only 1 query

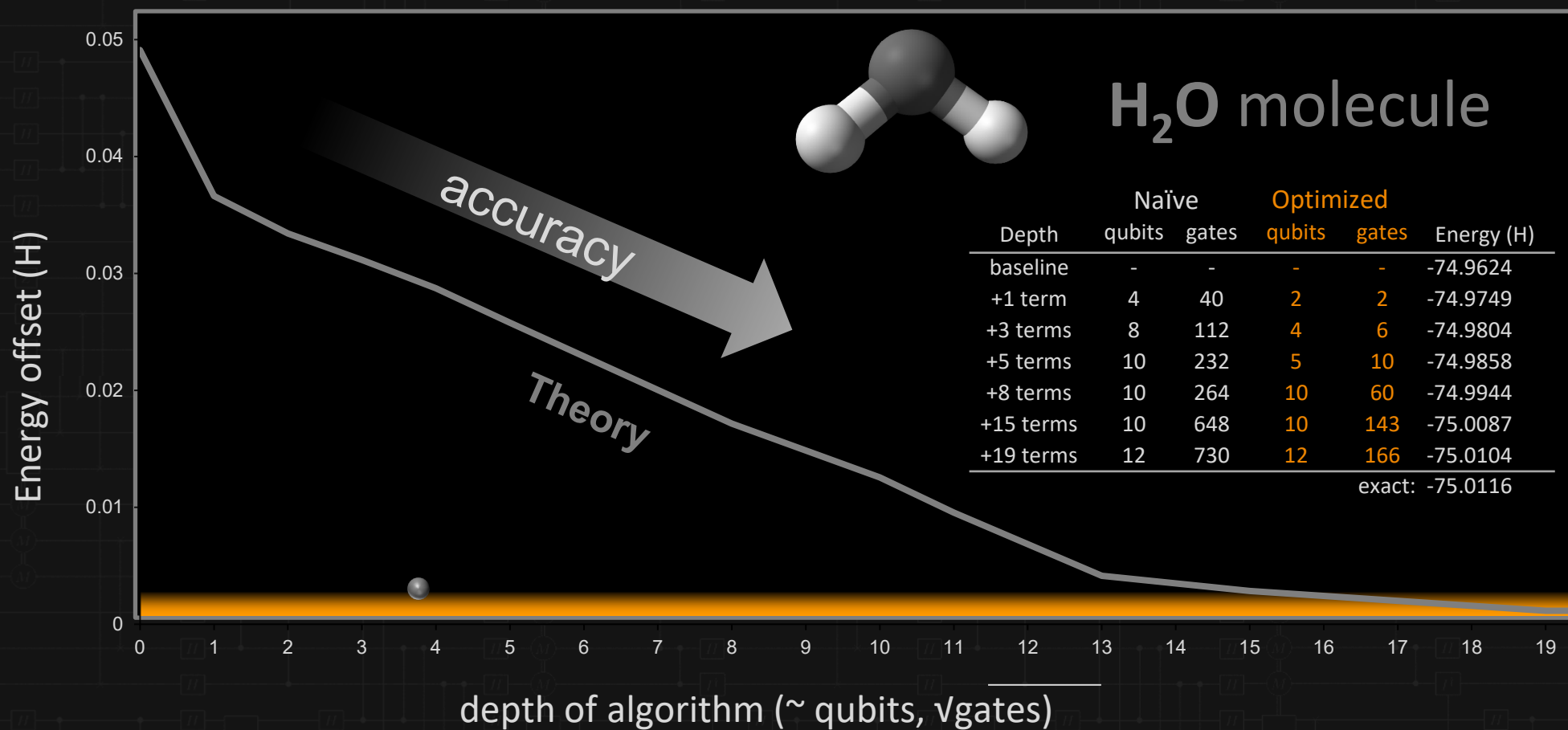
example circuit: $c = 1101011100110101101$



"Benchmarking an 11-qubit quantum computer,"
Nature Comm. 10, 5464 (2019)



IONQ molecular quantum simulation



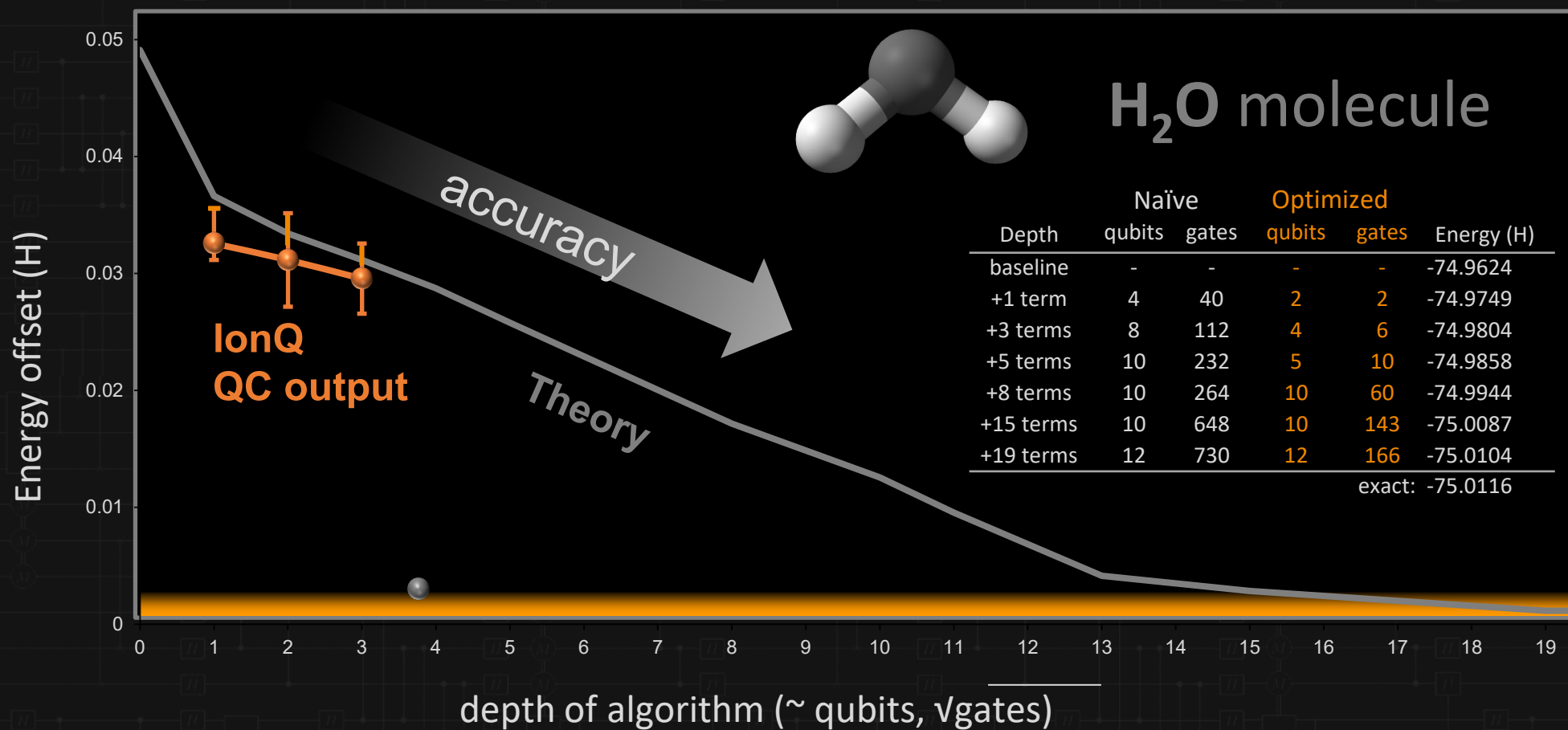
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arXiv 1902.10171 (2019)

target accuracy



IONQ molecular quantum simulation



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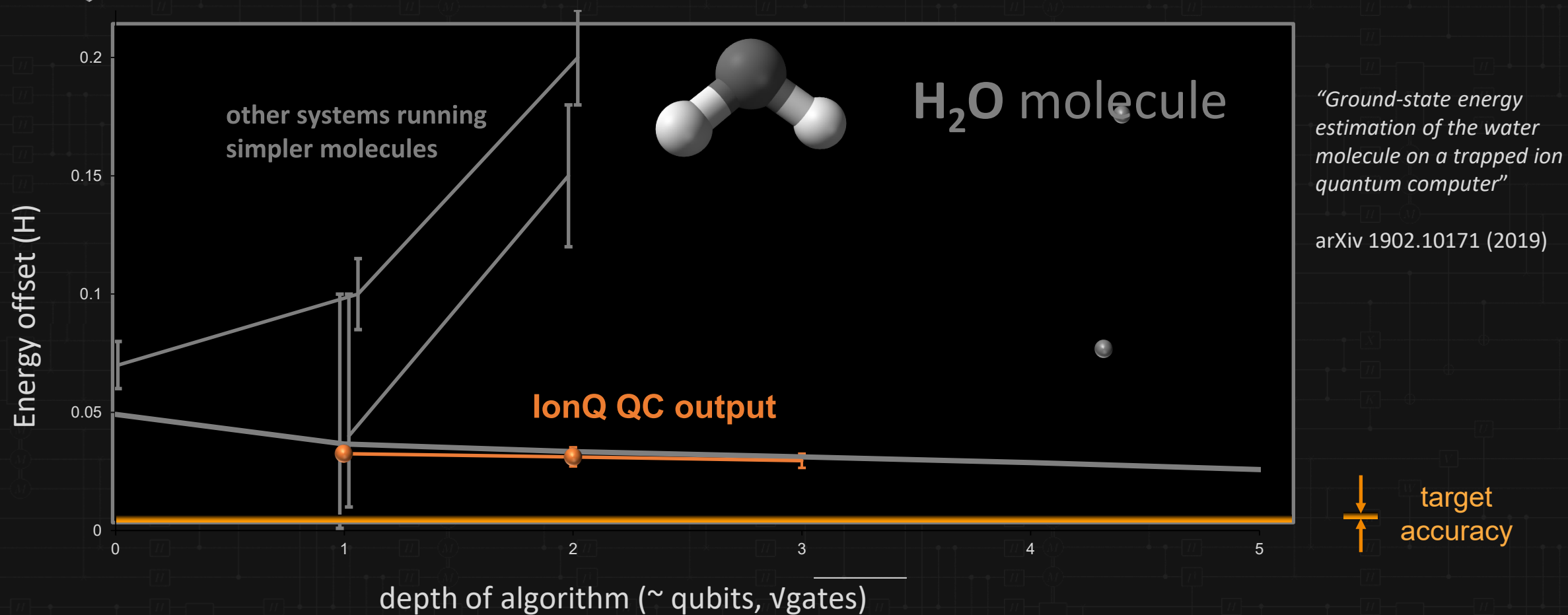
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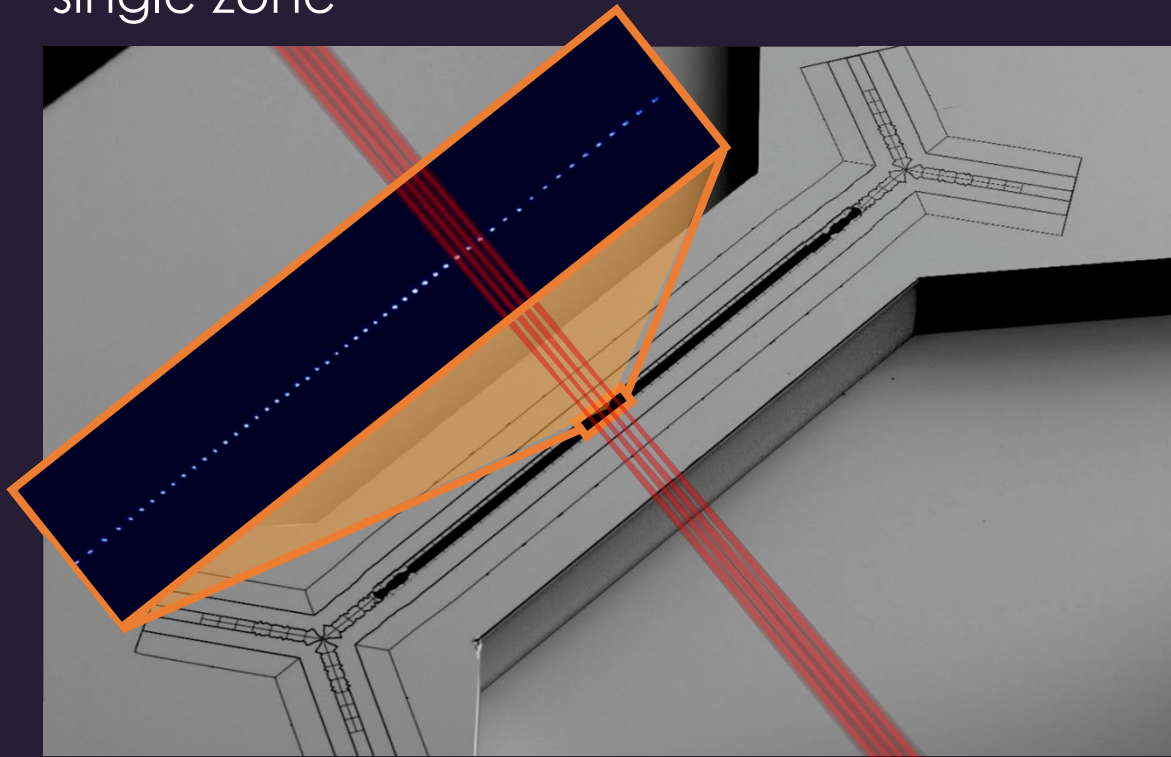
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molecular quantum simulation

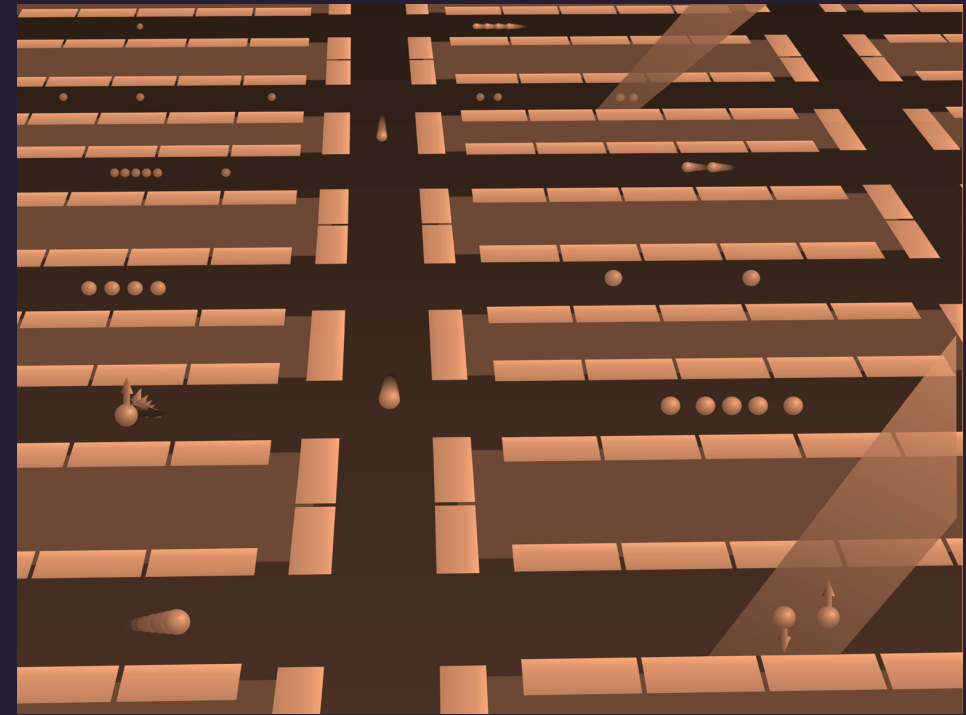


Quantum Computer Scaling >100 qubits

Linear shuttling through single zone



Shuttling between multiple zones

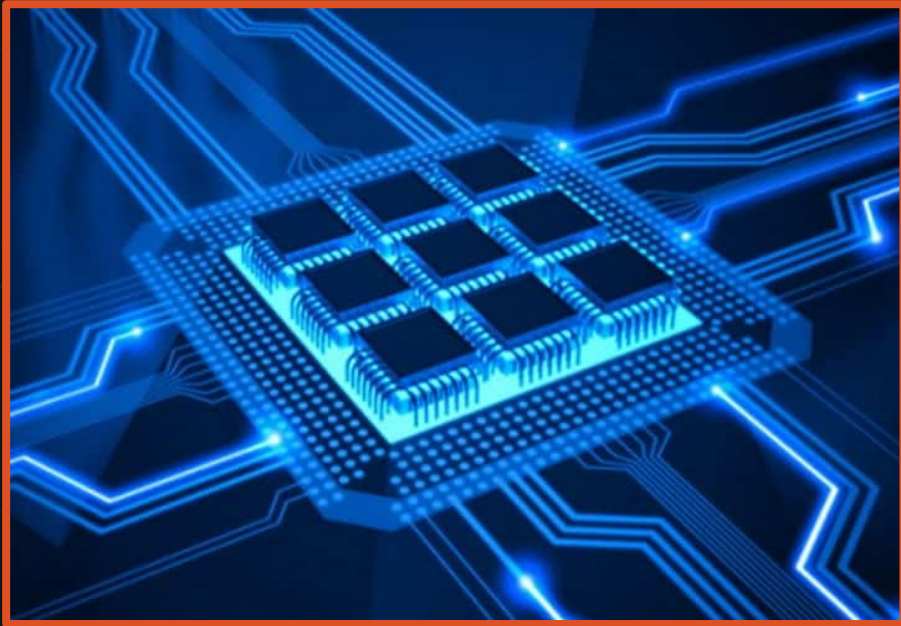


NIST-Boulder
Univ. Mainz

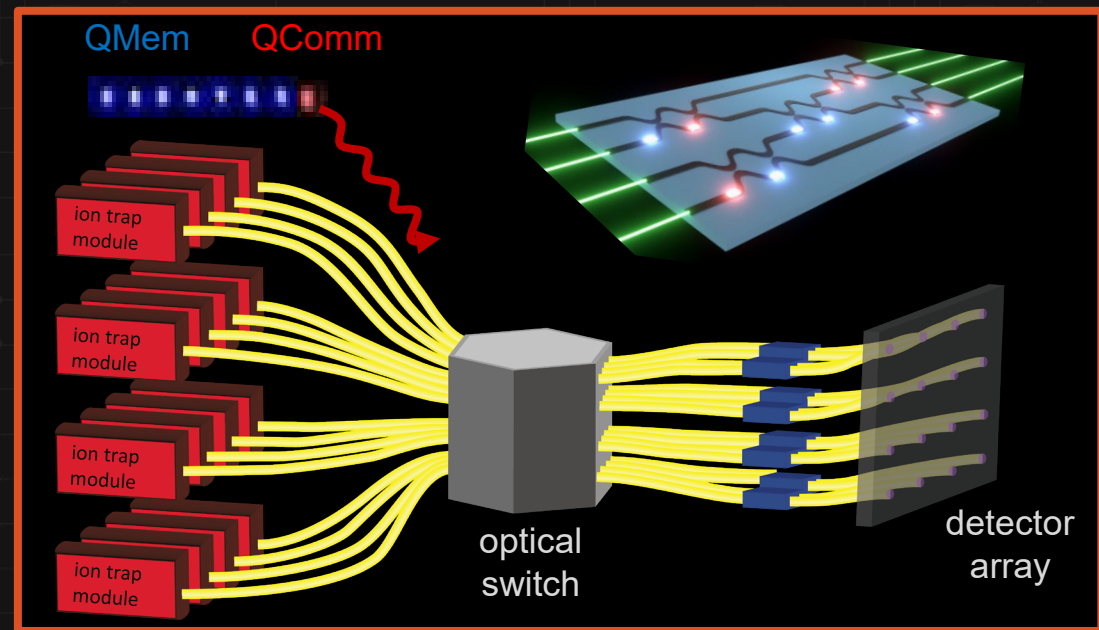
Nature 417, 709 (2002)
Science Advances 3, e1601540 (2017)

Quantum Computer Scaling >1000 qubits

Plan: Multicore quantum processing

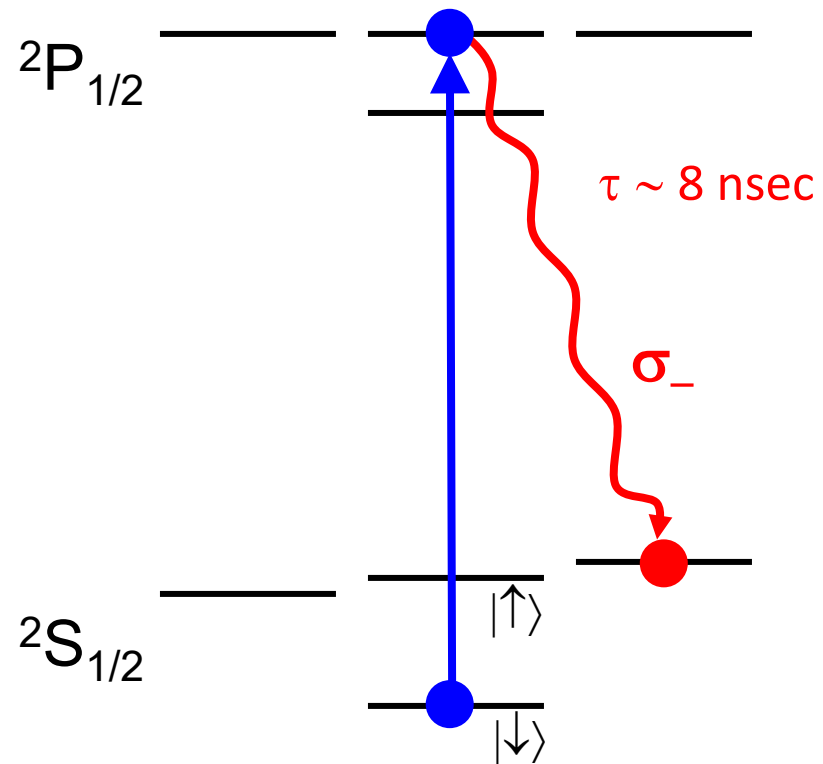


Technology: Integrated photonics and switches, SNSPD detector array

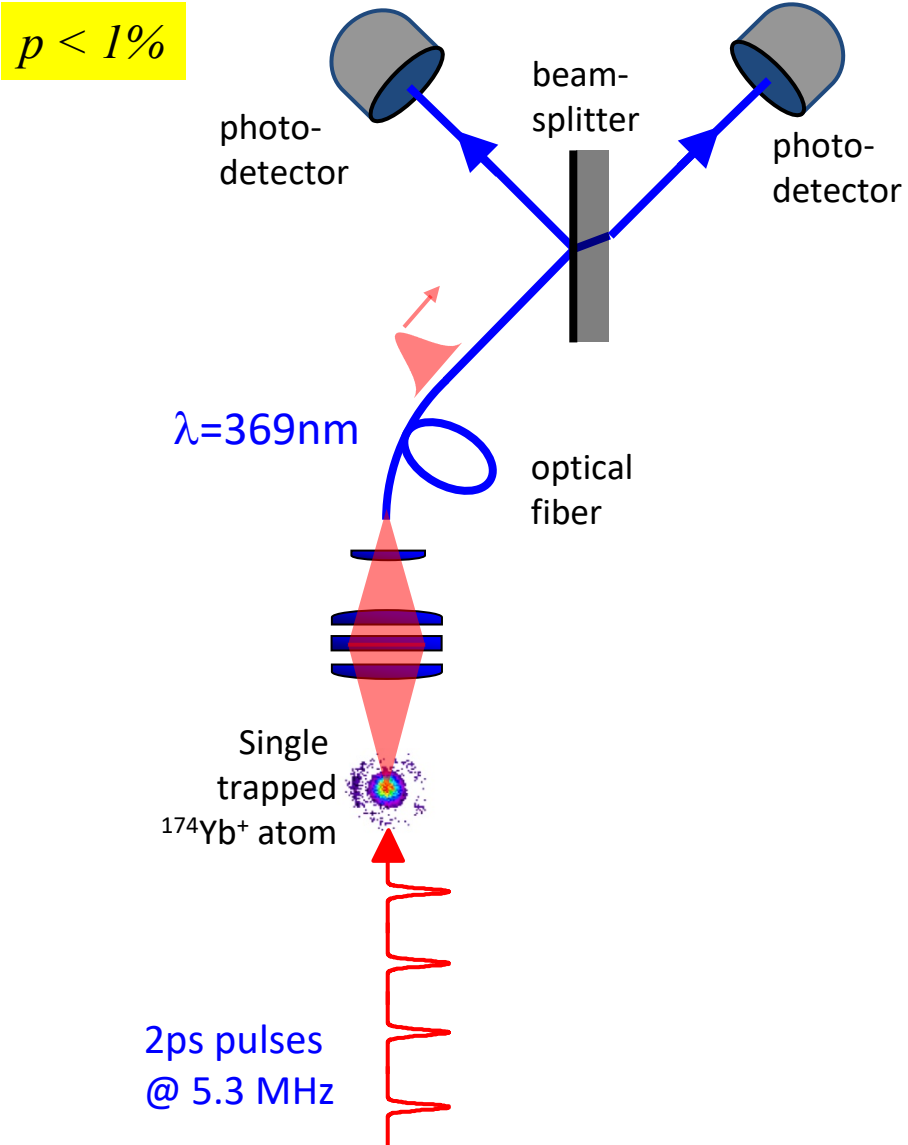


Making single photons

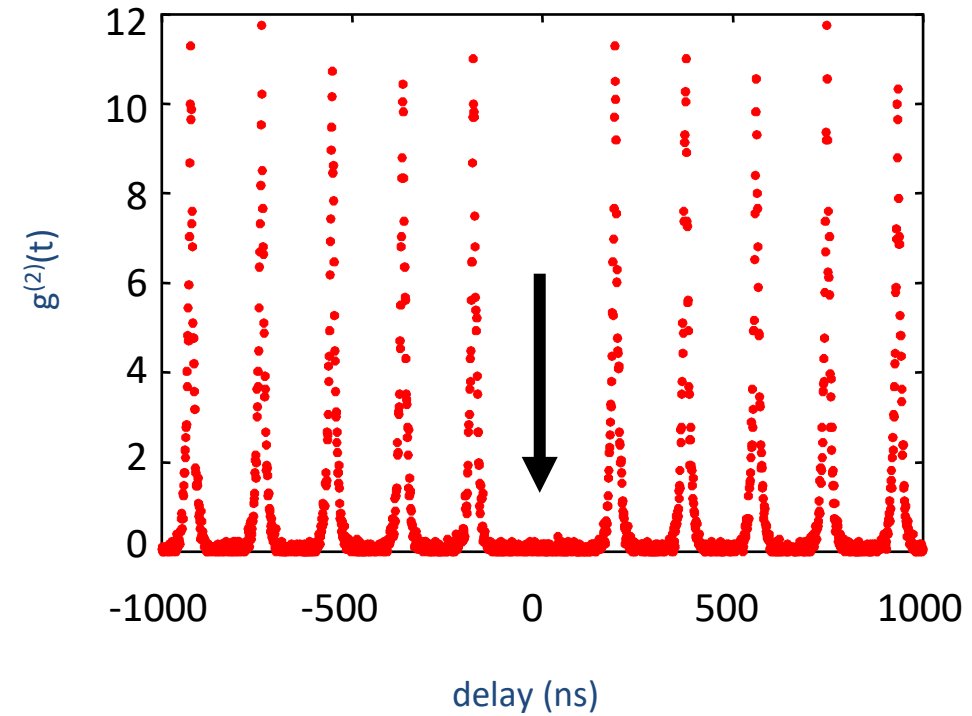
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Making single photons

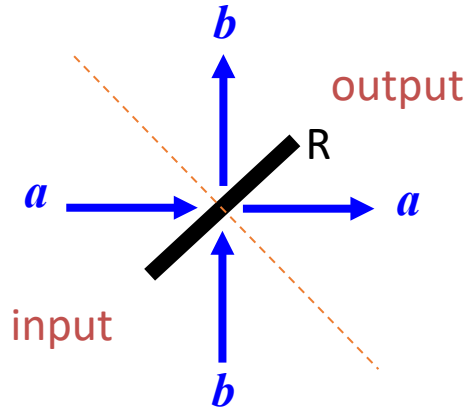


excellent probabilistic
single photon source



P. Maunz, et al., *Nature Physics* **3**, 538 (2007)

The beamsplitter and Angular Momentum



effective angular momentum (Schwinger)

$$J = (n_a + n_b)/2 \quad J_z = (n_a - n_b)/2$$

$$J_y = -i(a^\dagger b - b^\dagger a)$$

$$|n_a n_b\rangle \Rightarrow e^{-i\theta \hat{J}_y} |n_a n_b\rangle \quad \theta = \pi R$$

Yurke, et al., Phys. Rev. A **33** 4033 (1986)

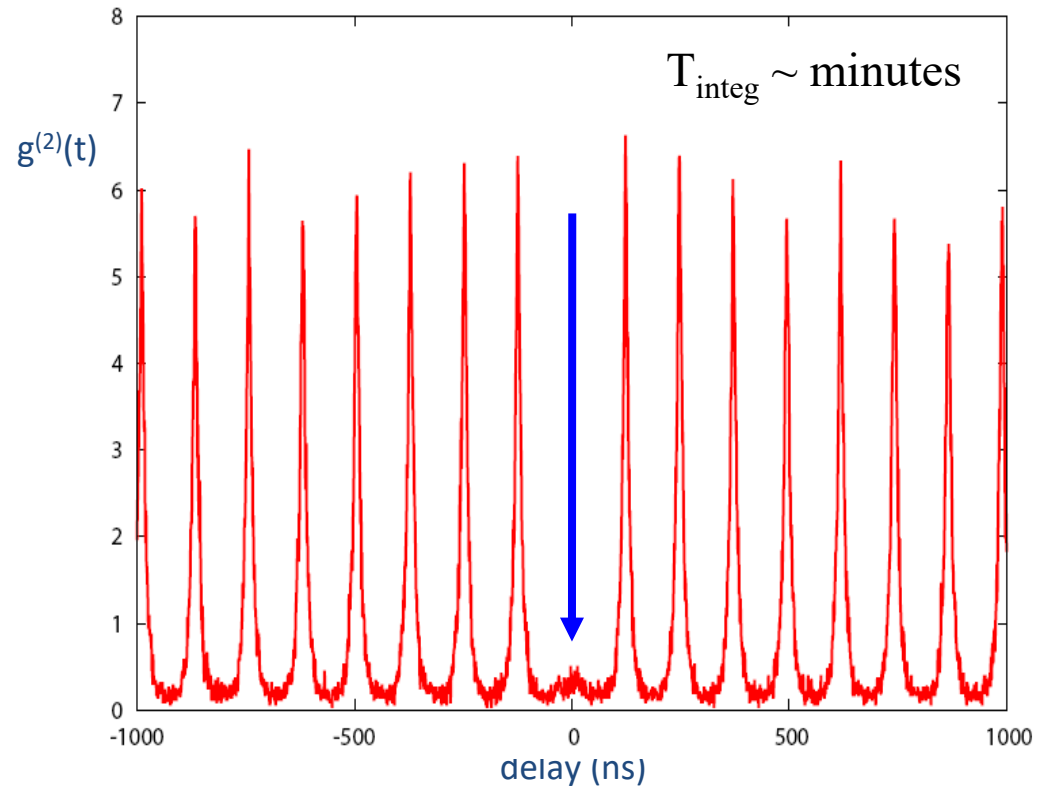
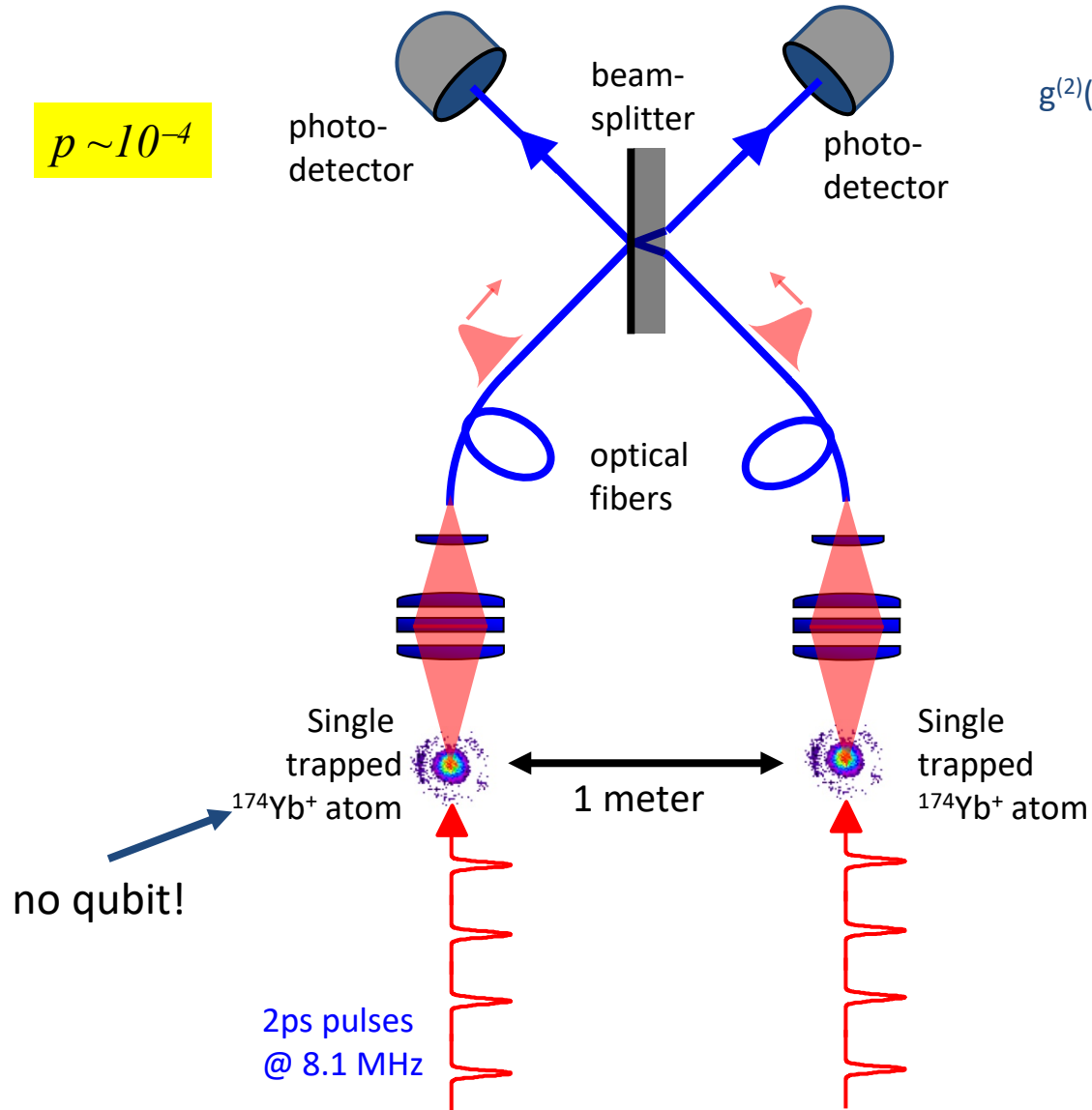
$$n_a + n_b = 0 \text{ photons} \quad J=0: \quad |0_a 0_b\rangle \Rightarrow |0_a 0_b\rangle$$

$$n_a + n_b = 1 \text{ photon} \quad J=1/2: \quad \begin{aligned} |0_a 1_b\rangle &\Rightarrow \cos(\theta/2) |0_a 1_b\rangle + \sin(\theta/2) |1_a 0_b\rangle \\ |1_a 0_b\rangle &\Rightarrow -\sin(\theta/2) |0_a 1_b\rangle + \cos(\theta/2) |1_a 0_b\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$n_a + n_b = 2 \text{ photons} \quad J=1: \quad \begin{aligned} |0_a 2_b\rangle &\Rightarrow \cos^2(\theta/2) |0_a 2_b\rangle + (1/\sqrt{2})\sin(\theta) |1_a 1_b\rangle + \sin^2(\theta/2) |2_a 0_b\rangle \\ |1_a 1_b\rangle &\Rightarrow -(1/\sqrt{2})\sin(\theta) |0_a 2_b\rangle + (1/\sqrt{2})\cos(\theta) |1_a 1_b\rangle + (1/\sqrt{2})\sin(\theta) |2_a 0_b\rangle \\ |2_a 0_b\rangle &\Rightarrow \sin^2(\theta/2) |0_a 2_b\rangle + (1/\sqrt{2})\sin(\theta) |1_a 1_b\rangle + \sin^2(\theta/2) |2_a 0_b\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Etc...

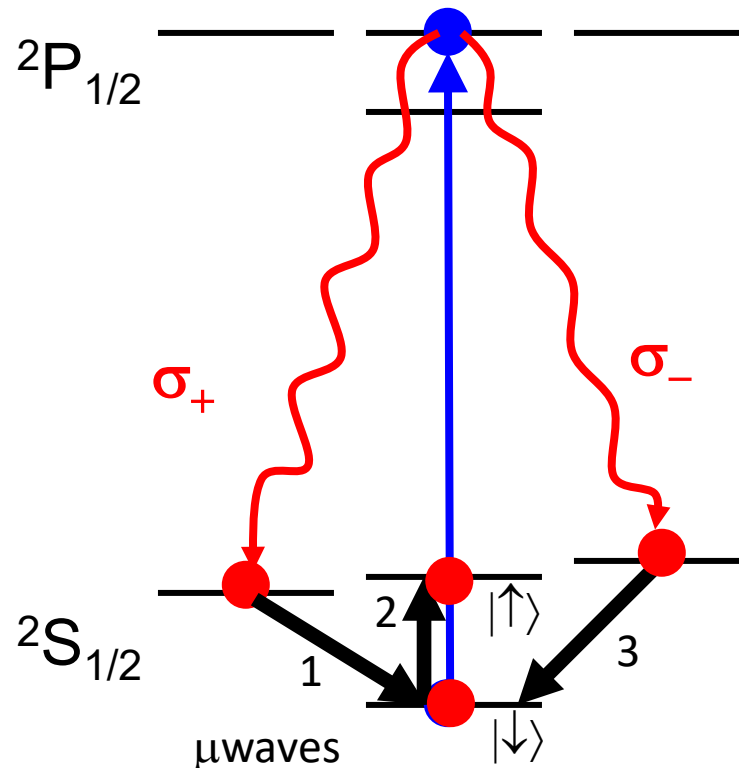
2-photon interference



Hong, Ou, Mandel, PRL 59, 2044 (1987)
Y.H. Shih & C. O. Alley, PRL 61, 2921 (1988)
Santori, et al., Nature, 419, 594 (2002)
Kaltenbaek, et al, PRL, 96, 240502 (2006)
Legero, et al., PRL, 93, 070503 (2004)
Thompson, et al., Science, 313, 74 (2006)
Felinto, et al. Nature Physics, 2, 844 (2006)
Beugnon, et al. Nature, 440, 779 (2006)
P. Maunz, et al., Nature Physics 3, 538 (2007)

Mapping qubits from atoms to photons

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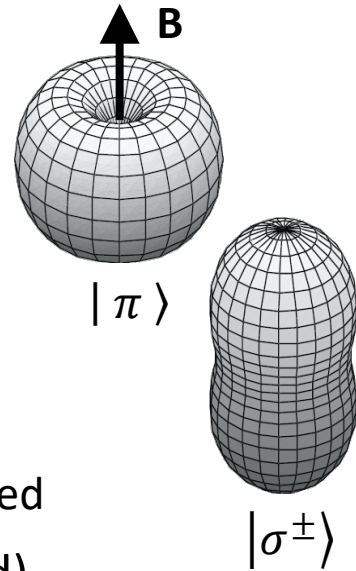


No π -photons into fiber along **B**
(even for high solid angle)

T. Kim, et al., *PRA* **84**, 063423 (2011)

Given photon is collected and detected

$$|\psi\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle|-\rangle + |\uparrow\rangle|+\rangle \quad (\text{post-selected})$$



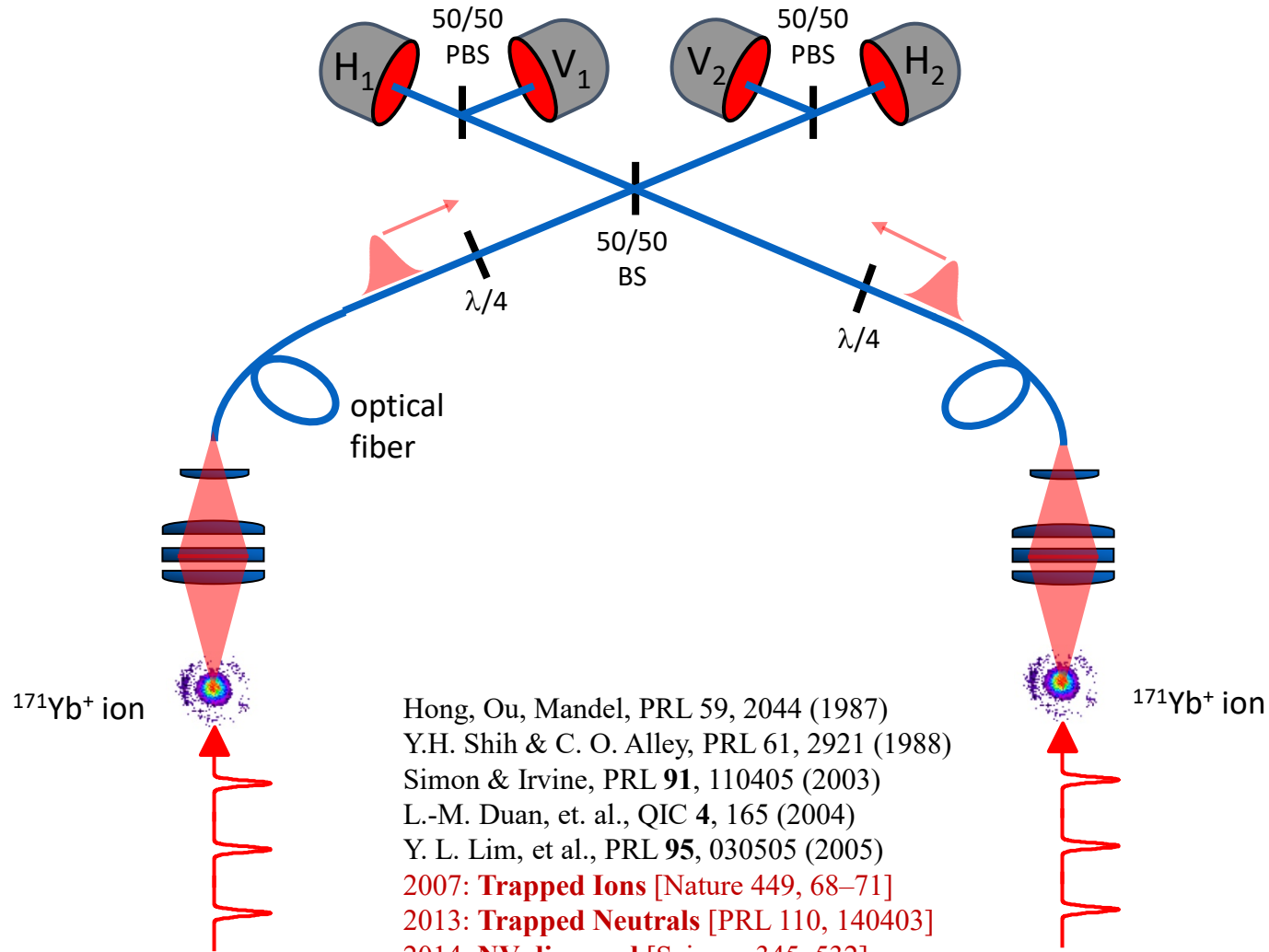
Current State-of-art:

$$p = \eta_D T \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} = (.35)(.6)(.1) = 2\%$$

$$R = 1 \text{ MHz}$$

$$Rp \approx 2 \times 10^4 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

Photonic Linkage between Atomic Qubits



$^{171}\text{Yb}^+$ ion

$^{171}\text{Yb}^+$ ion

Hong, Ou, Mandel, PRL 59, 2044 (1987)
 Y.H. Shih & C. O. Alley, PRL 61, 2921 (1988)
 Simon & Irvine, PRL **91**, 110405 (2003)
 L.-M. Duan, et. al., QIC **4**, 165 (2004)
 Y. L. Lim, et al., PRL **95**, 030505 (2005)
 2007: **Trapped Ions** [Nature 449, 68–71]
 2013: **Trapped Neutrals** [PRL 110, 140403]
 2014: **NV-diamond** [Science 345, 532]
 2015: **Quantum Dots** [Nature Phys. 12, 218]
 2016: **Superconductors** [PRX 6, 031036]

Heralded coincident events:

$(H_1 \& V_2) \text{ or } (V_1 \& H_2) \rightarrow |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$
 $(H_1 \& V_1) \text{ or } (V_2 \& H_2) \rightarrow |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$
 $(H_1 \& H_1) \text{ or } (H_2 \& H_2) \rightarrow |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$
 $(V_1 \& V_1) \text{ or } (V_2 \& V_2) \rightarrow |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$

$$R_{ent} = \frac{1}{2} R p^2$$

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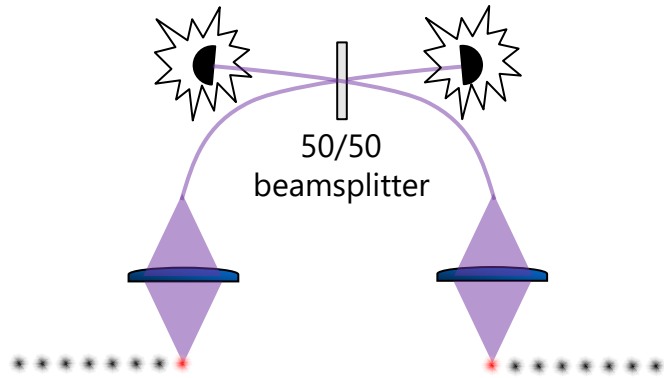
$$R = 1 \text{ MHz}$$

$$R_{ent} \approx 180 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

D. Hucul, et al., Nature Phys. 11, 37 (2015)

C. Balance, et al, arXiv:1911.10841 (2019)

Mixed species required for modular architecture



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excellent memory
excellent readout

UV photons

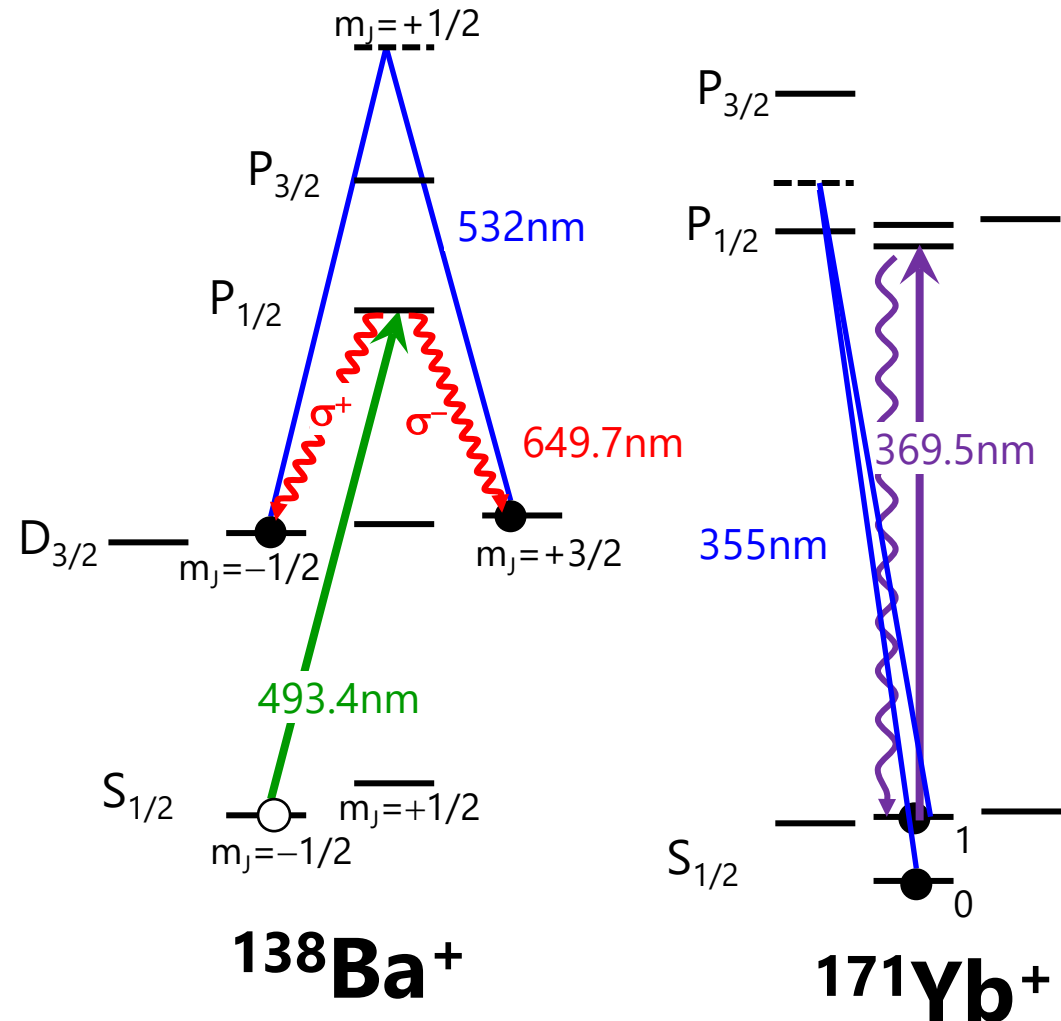
● $^{138}\text{Ba}^+$

poor memory
poor readout
visible photons

P.O. Schmidt et al., *Science* **309**, 749 (2005)

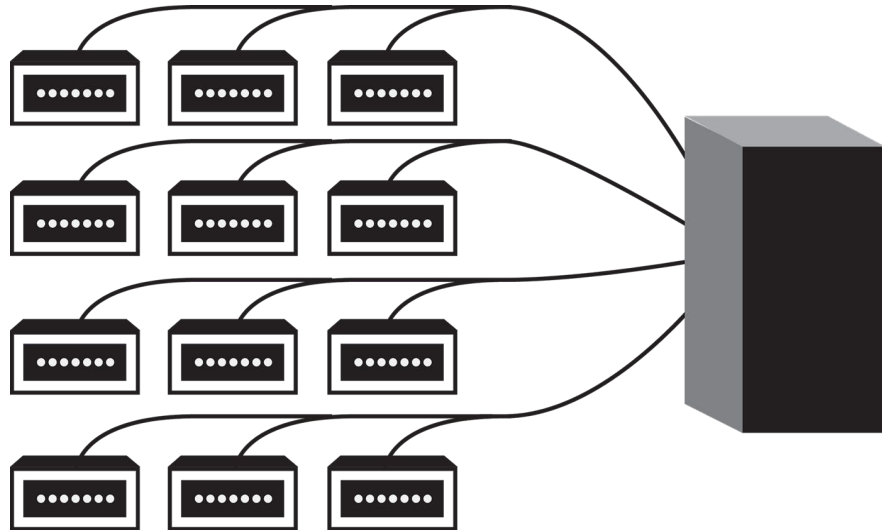
J. Home, *Adv. AMO Phys.* **62**, 231 (2013)

I. V. Inlek, et al., *PRL* **118**, 250502 (2017)

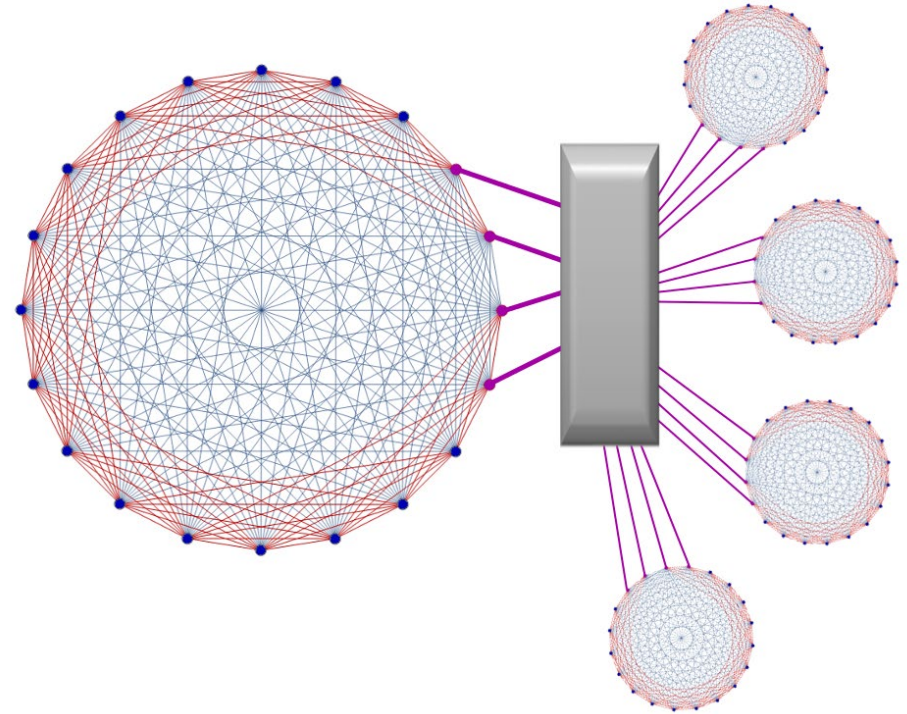


Scaling to 1000s of qubits and beyond

Modular optical interconnects



Phys. Rev. A 89, 022317 (2014)
Nature Quant. Inf. 2, 16034 (2016)



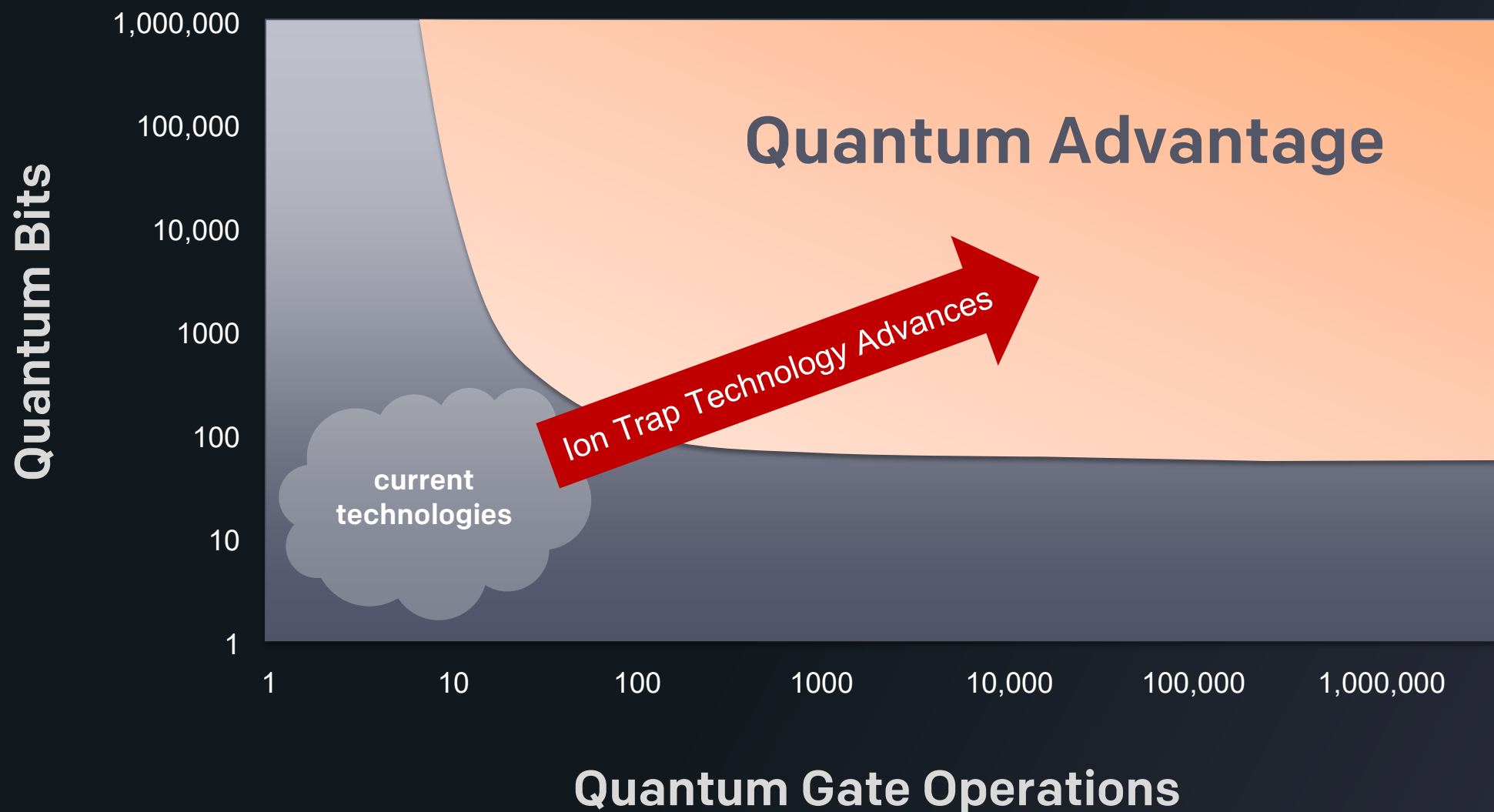
Summary

- Ion trap qubits/spins are among the cleanest available for quantum computing and quantum simulation
- We will not likely gain more understanding of individual atoms, so ion trap development has left the realm of atomic physics and is now firmly an engineering task...
- ... but using trapped ions as effective spins with engineered entanglement is allowing new studies of many-body physics and impacting condensed matter and other fields of physics
- When you hear that “ion traps don’t scale,” be careful. Ion traps may be the ONLY physical platform that CAN scale. They are being scaled deliberately, as the operations become more clean



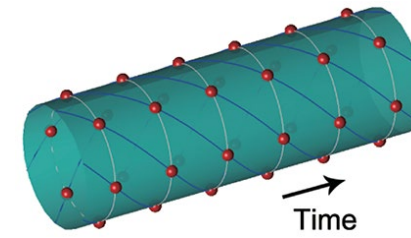
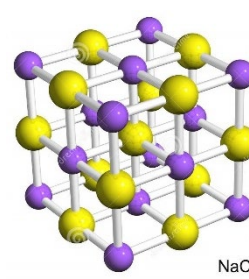
RSA
decryption

Qubits vs. Gate Operations



Extra Slides

Time Crystals



F. Wilcek (2011): Can the symmetry of **time** be broken to yield a “temporal crystal”?

Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 160401 (2012)

Answer: No*

P. Bruno, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 118901 (2013)

P. Bruno, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 070402 (2013)

H. Watanabe & M. Oshikawa, Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 251603 (2015)

* loophole: a “discrete time symmetry can be broken!”

V. Khemani, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 250401 (2016)

D. Else, B. Bauer & C. Nayak, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 090402 (2016)

C. von Keyserlingk, V. Khemani & S. Sondhi, Phys. Rev. B 94, 260 085112 (2016)

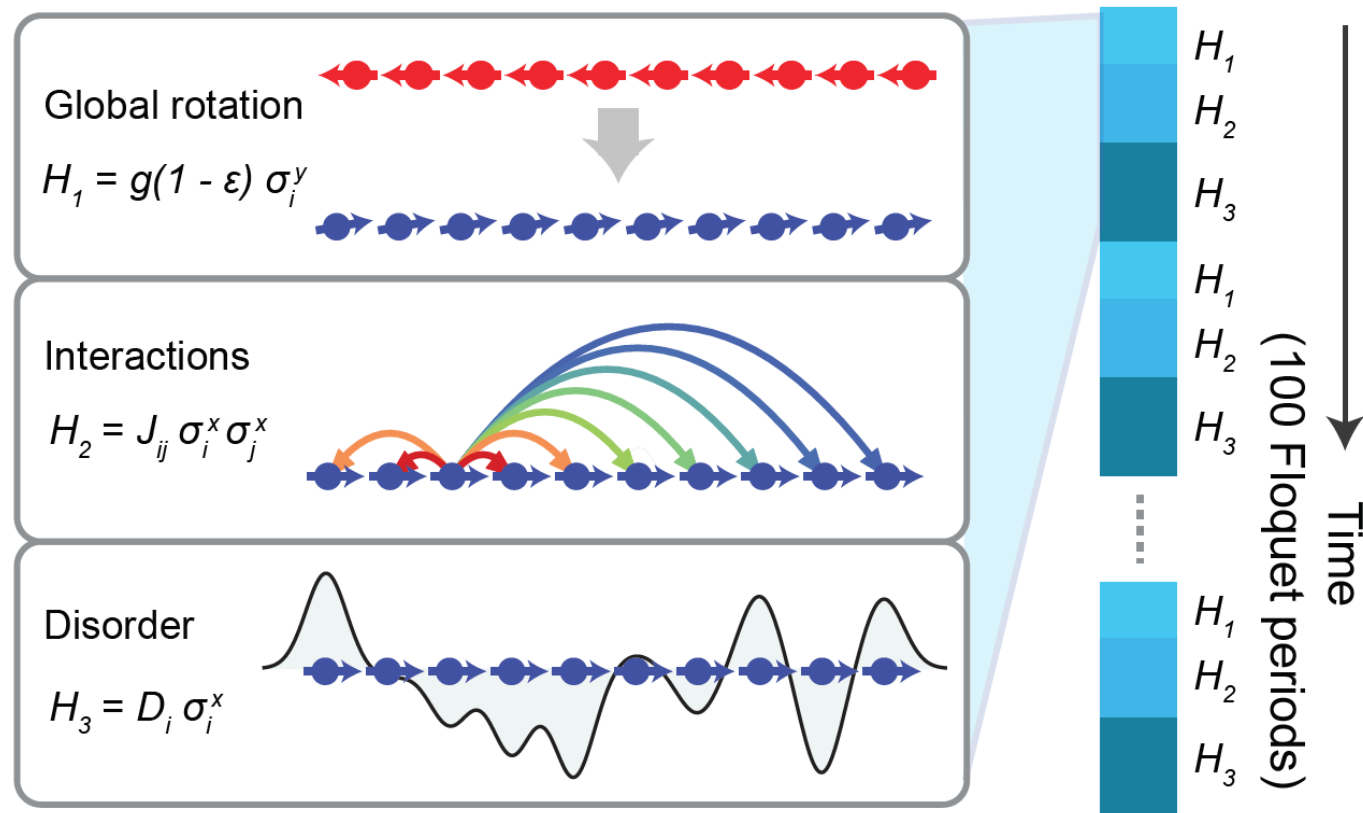
N. Yao, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 030401 (2017)

Tricks

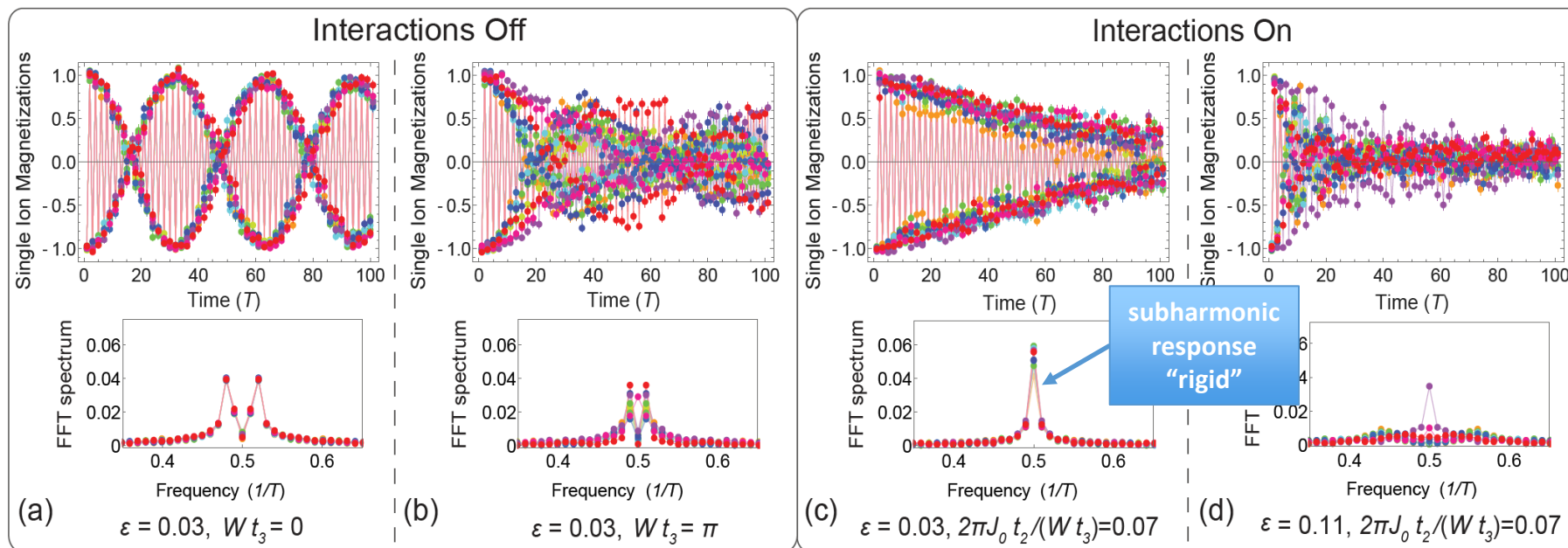
- Need to enforce a default time symmetry in the problem
(e.g.: a periodic ‘Floquet’ Hamiltonian)
- Need to ensure driven system does not evolve toward $T = \infty$
(e.g.: Many-body localize a driven system!)

Observation of a Discrete Time Crystal

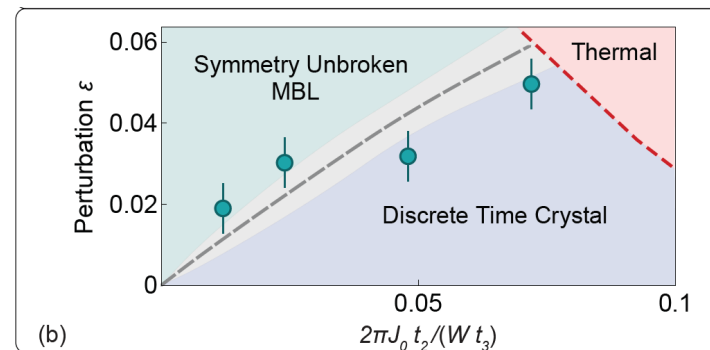
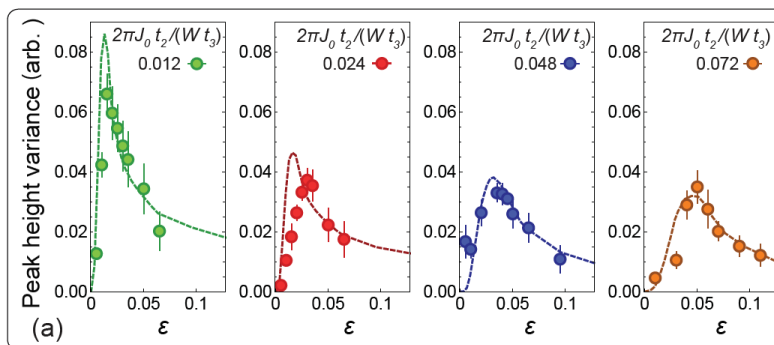
Periodically drive a chain of $N=10$ spins under MBL conditions



Measurements of spin magnetizations (N=10 spins, 10 instances of disorder)



Subharmonic peak height variance (a measure of fluctuations)



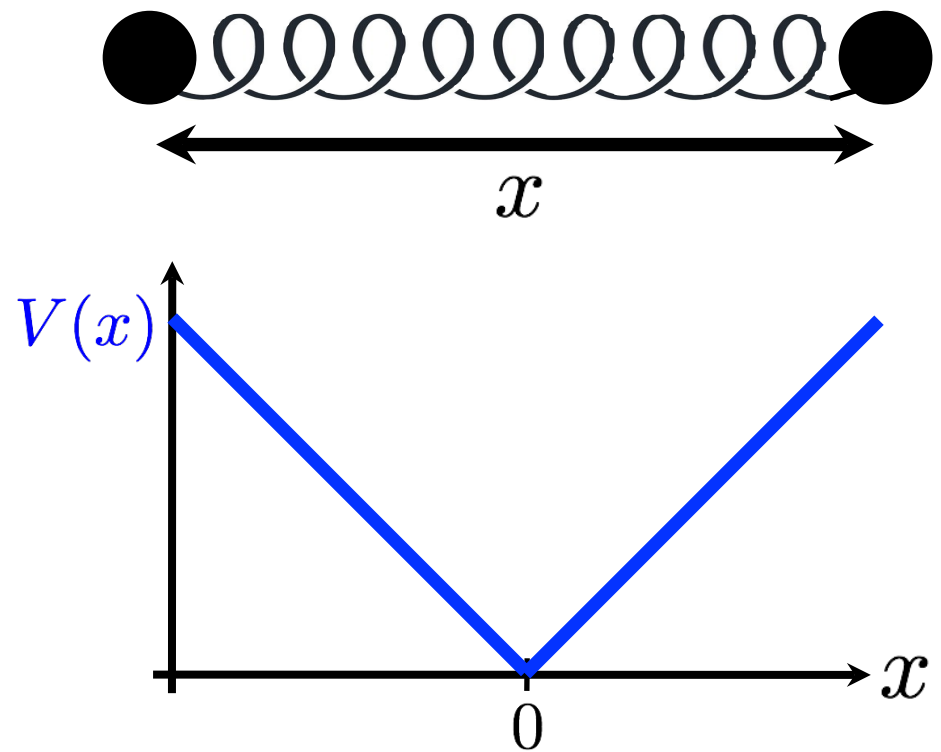
J. Zhang, et al., Nature 543, 217 (2017)

S. Choi, et al., Nature 543, 221 (2017)

Simulation of Asymptotic Confinement

Confinement in high-energy physics

- Quarks cannot be isolated since they are clumped together to form hadrons
- Quarks held together by the strong nuclear force: constant regardless of separation (gluon field forming a narrow flux tube)
- meson = hadron formed by bound state of quark and antiquark

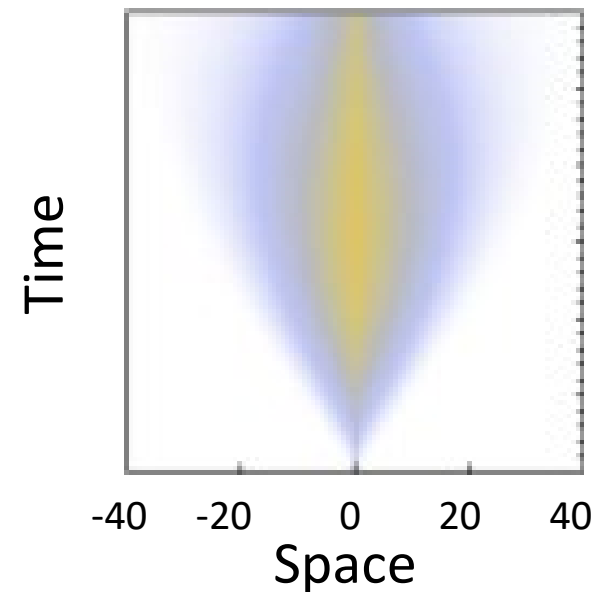
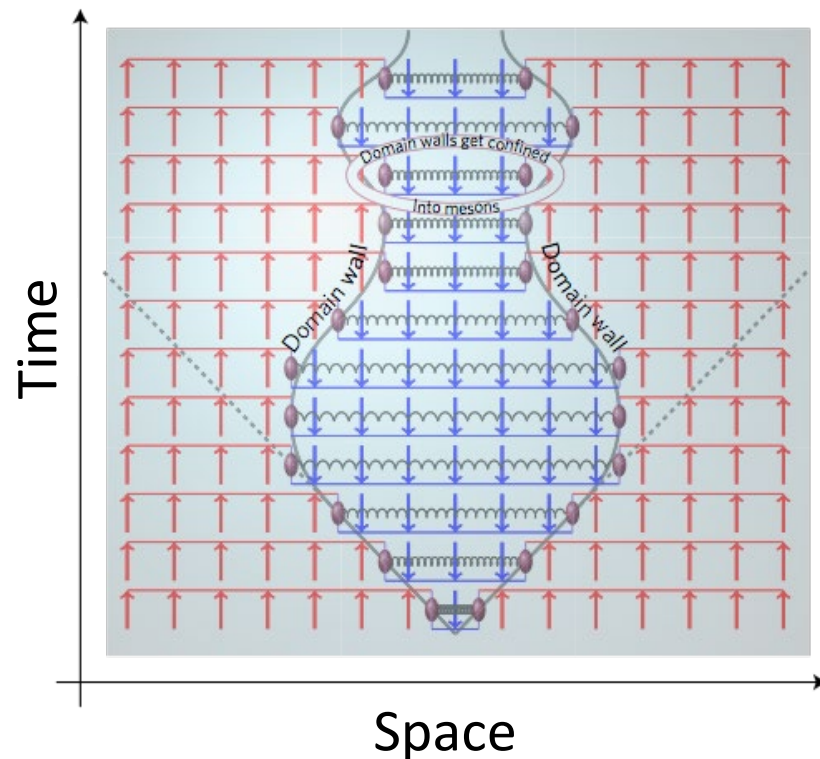


Simulation of Asymptotic Confinement

Analogous confinement in spin chains

Nearest-neighbor Ising model
with *longitudinal* field:

$$H = - \sum_j \sigma_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z - B \sum_j \sigma_j^x - B_z \sum_j \sigma_j^z$$

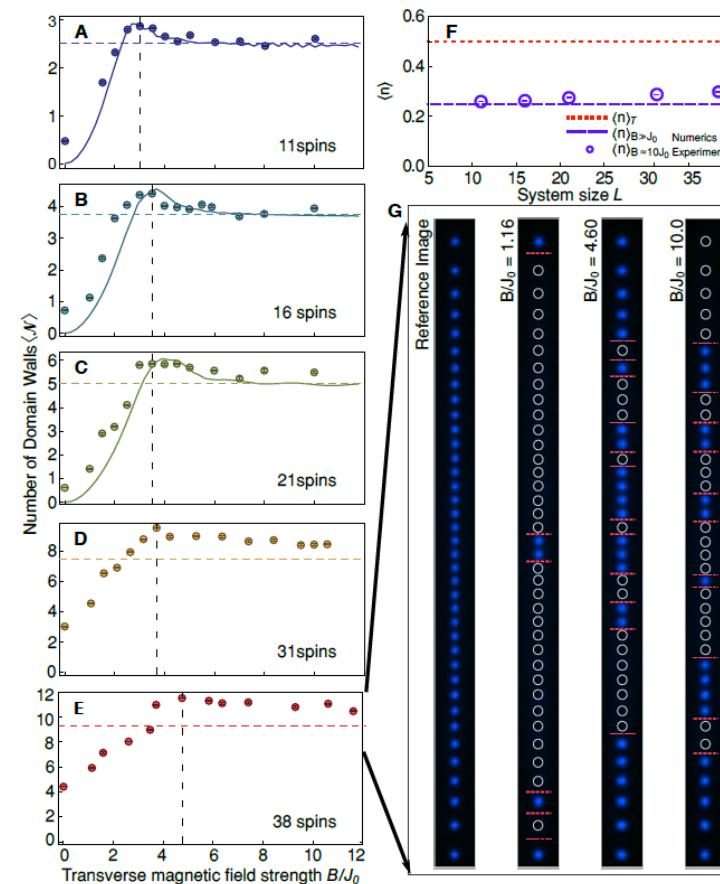
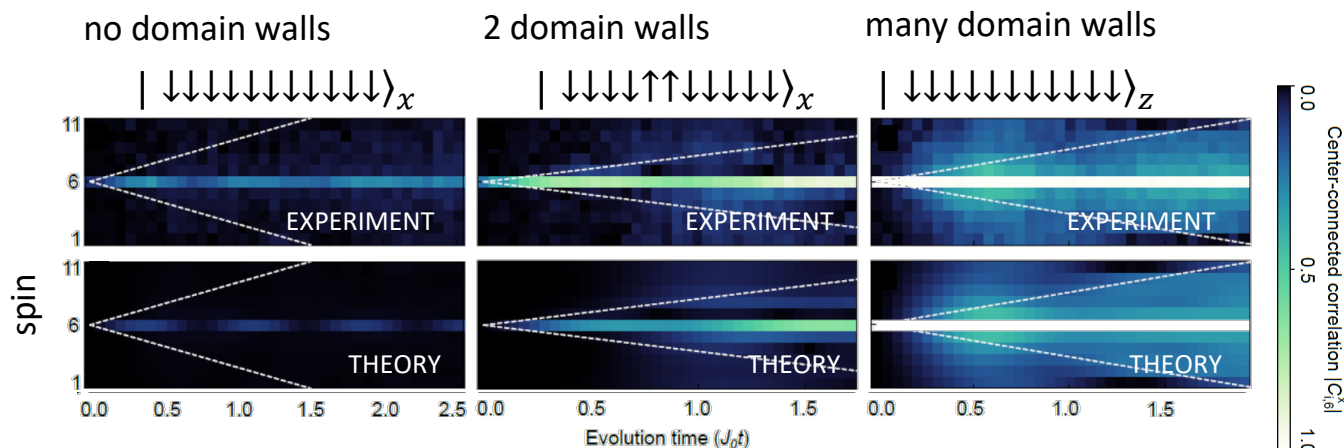
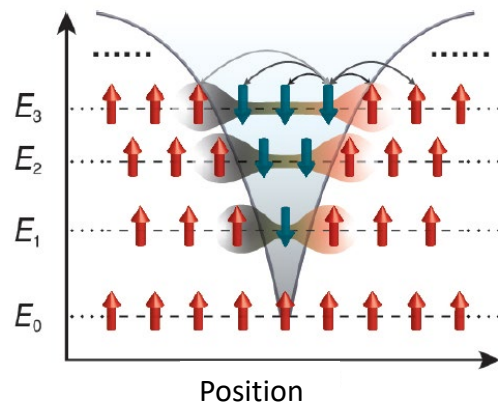


McCoy, Wu, PRD (1978)
Kormos et al, Nat Phys (2017)

Simulation of Asymptotic Confinement

11-spin chain quenched to

$$H = \sum_{i < j} \frac{J_0}{|i - j|^\alpha} \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + B \sum_i \sigma_z^i$$



domain walls versus B/J_0 for $L=11-38$ spins, saturating at expected value $(L - 1)/4$ when $B \gg J_0$ and the dynamics are prethermal

“Observation of Domain Wall Confinement and Dynamics in a Quantum Simulator,”
W. L. Tan, et al., *Nat. Phys.* 17, 742 (2021)

Global control QAOA (up to 40 spins)

with A. Bapat, A. Gorshkov (JQI/QuICS/NIST)

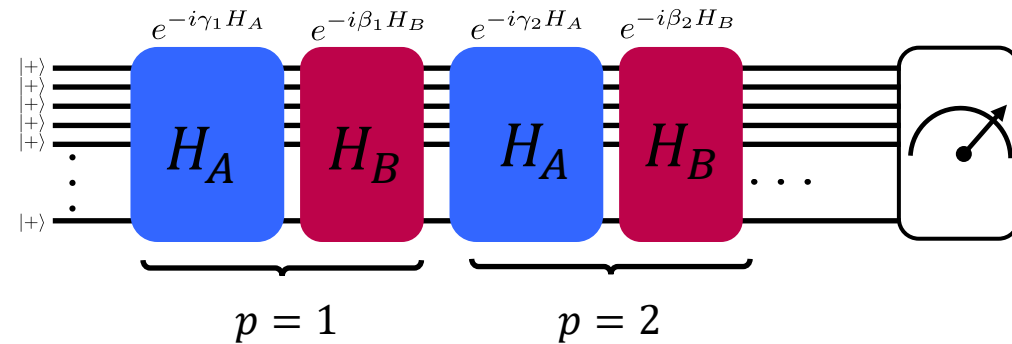
S. Jordan (Microsoft)

G. Pagano, et al., arXiv 1906.02700 (2019)

Goal: create (approximate) ground state of

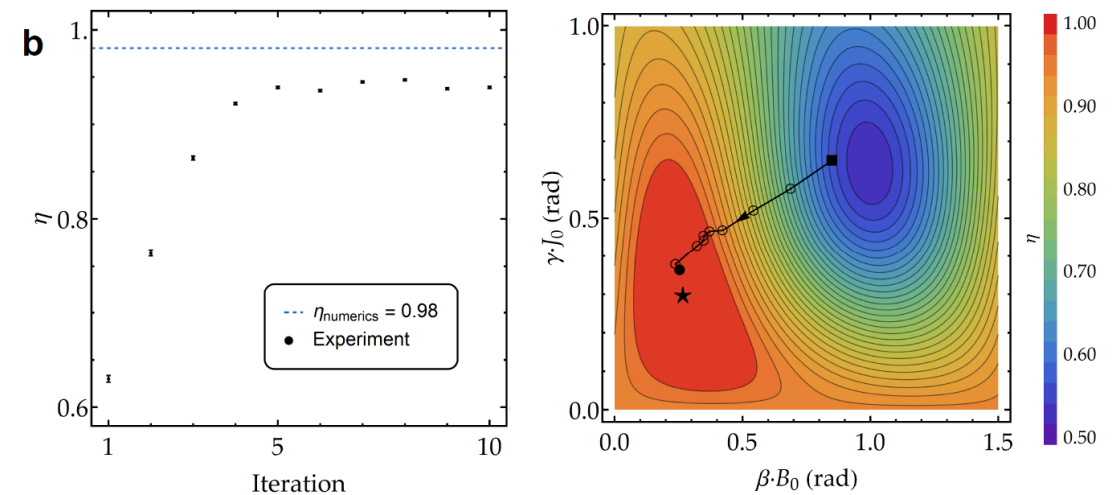
$$H = \underbrace{\sum_{i < j} \frac{J_0}{|i - j|^\alpha} \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j}_{H_A} + \underbrace{B \sum_i \sigma_y^i}_{H_B}$$

- (1) Prepare the ground state of H_B
- (2) Alternate H_A and H_B for p “layers” with evolution angles $\{\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta}\}$
- (3) Measure the the energy or complete state distribution
- (4) Optimize $\{\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta}\}$ to minimize $\langle H \rangle$



Measured energy: $E(\vec{\beta}, \vec{\gamma}) = \langle \psi(\vec{\beta}, \vec{\gamma}) | H | \psi(\vec{\beta}, \vec{\gamma}) \rangle$

Figure of Merit:
$$\eta \equiv \frac{E(\vec{\beta}, \vec{\gamma}) - E_{max}}{E_{gs} - E_{max}}$$

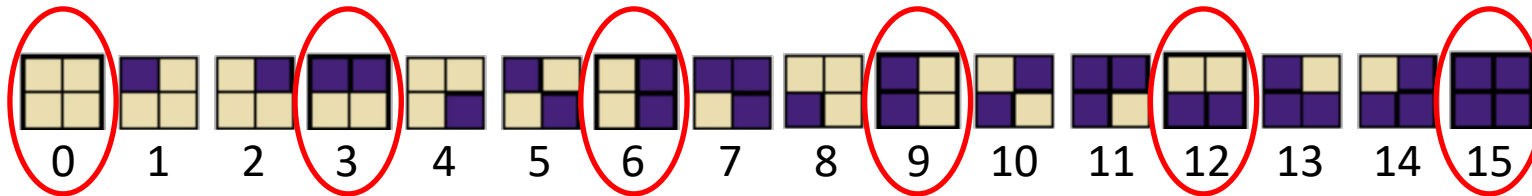


Generative Modeling Optimization

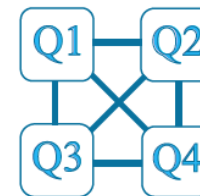
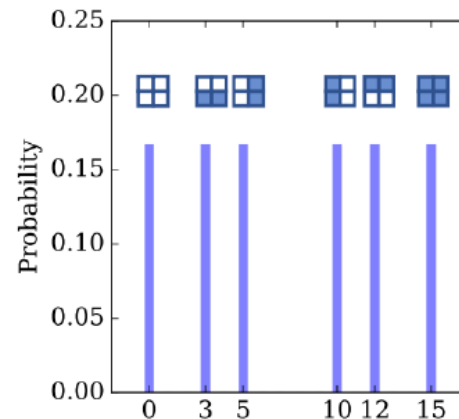
arXiv 1812.08862 (2018)
with A. Perdomo-Ortiz (NASA)
M. Benedetti (UC London)

see also E. Martinez et al., New J. Phys. 18, 063029 (2016)

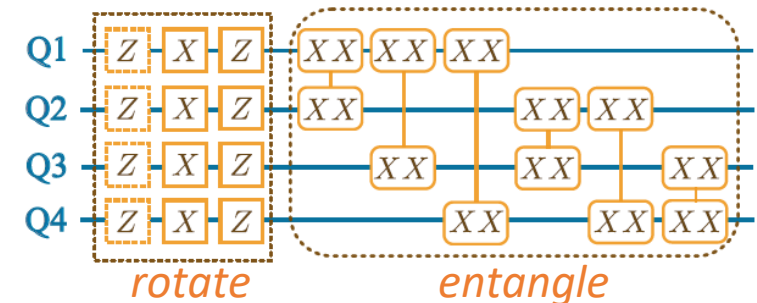
N=4 qubits encodes “Bars and Stripes” patterns



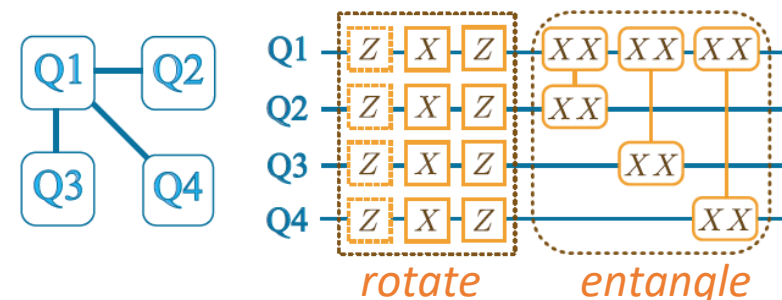
Our task:
prepare equal
superposition of
all B&S states



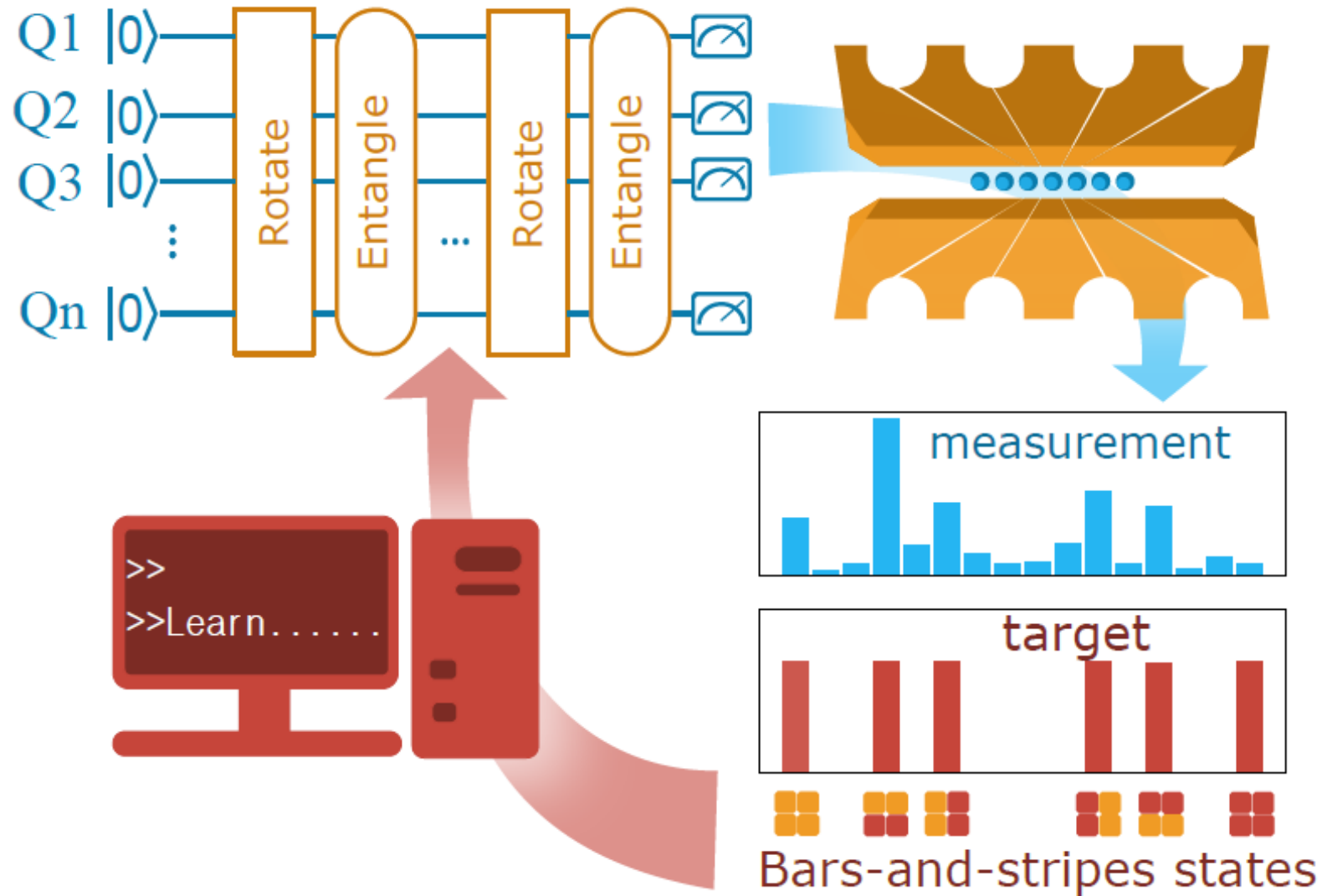
14 parameters



11 parameters

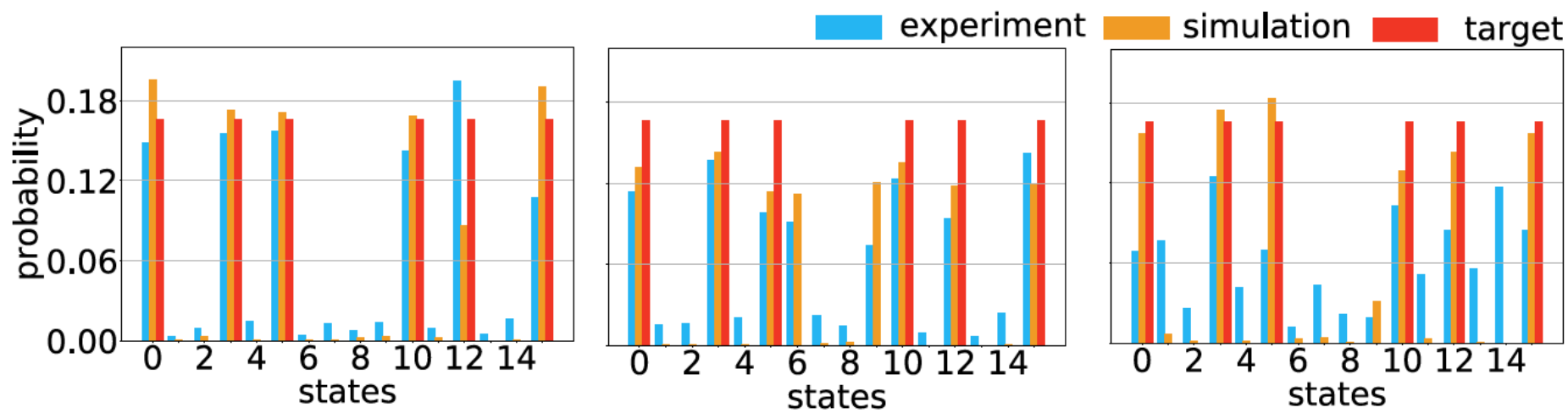
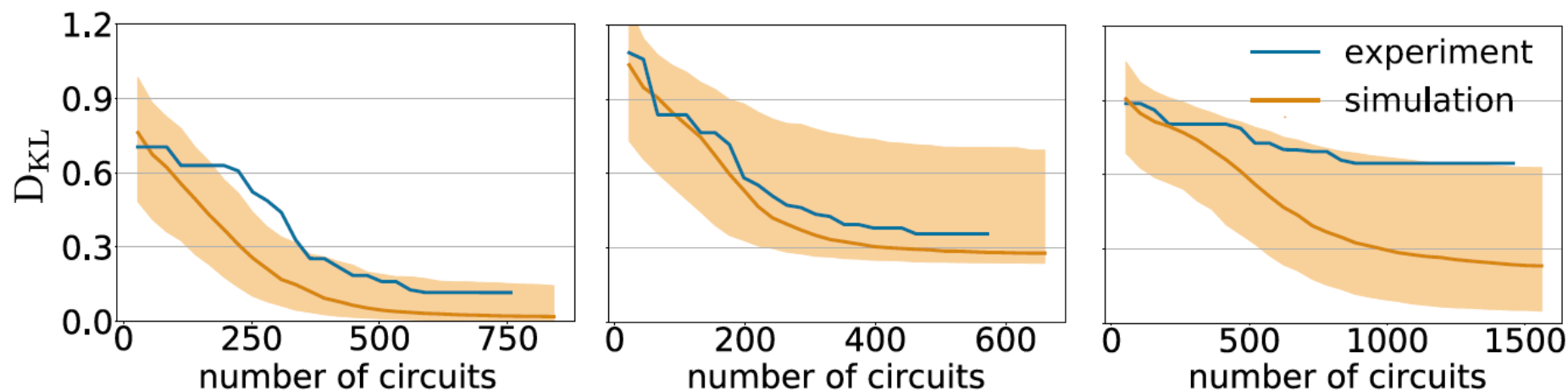


Hybrid Quantum-Classical Learning Loop



Particle Swarm (classical) optimization

$\bar{D}_{KL}$: Kullback-Leibler divergence



Bayesian (classical) optimization

$\bar{D}_{KL}$: Kullback-Leibler divergence

