

Handout

Resistively detected nuclear magnetic resonance:

Electron spins in the $\nu = 5/2$ quantum Hall state are fully polarized

17 Jan 2012

NMR probing of the spin polarization of the $\nu = 5/2$ quantum Hall state

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Unraveling the spin polarization of the $\nu = 5/2$ fractional quantum Hall state

L. Tiemann, G. Gamez, N. Kumada, and K. Muraki

Srečan Rodjendan!

Happy

Birthday

Vladimir!!



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Coherent Control of Three-Spin States in a Triple Quantum Dot

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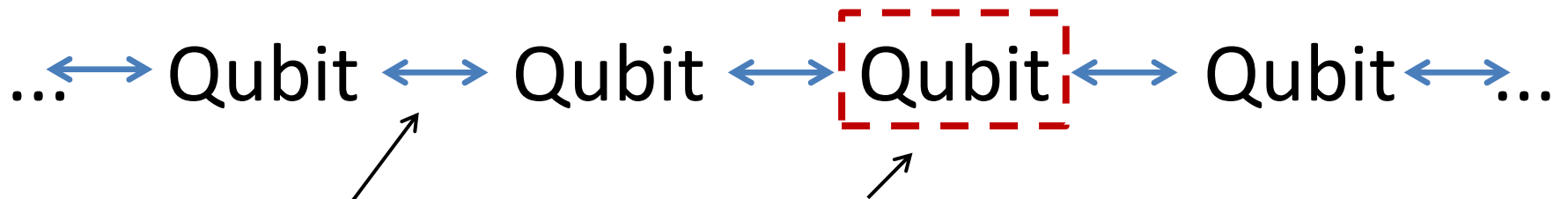
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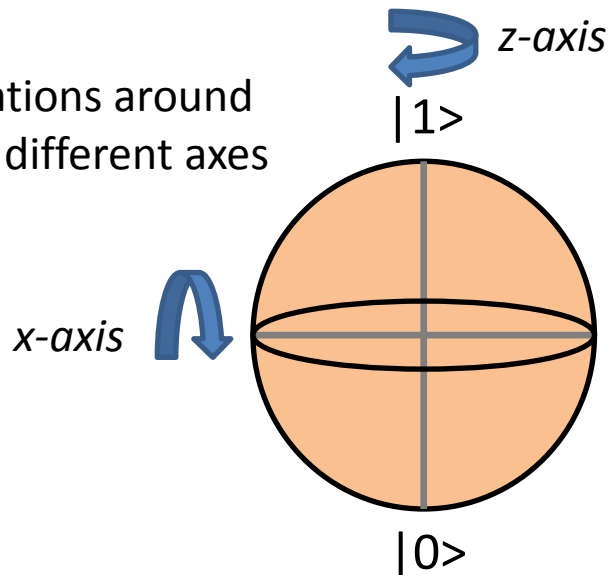
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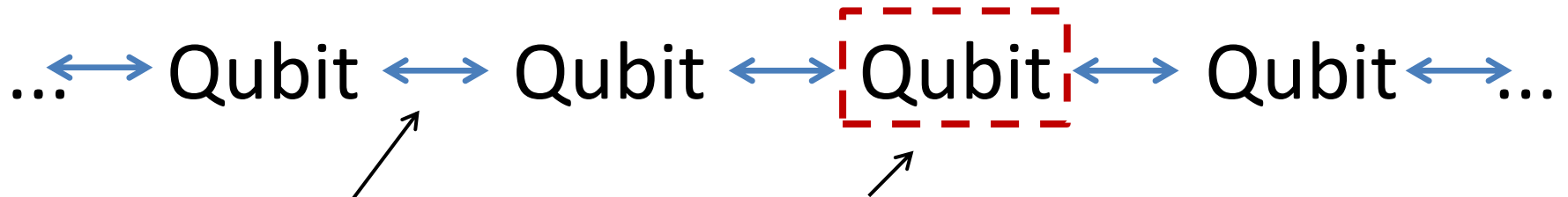
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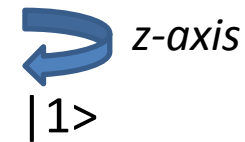


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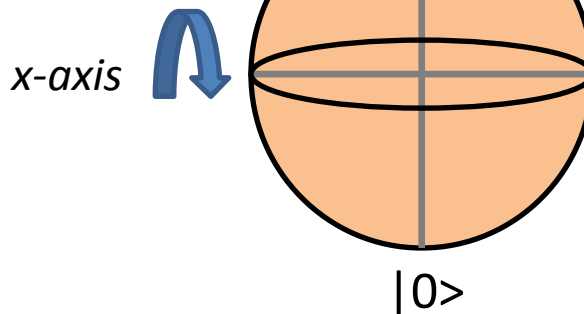
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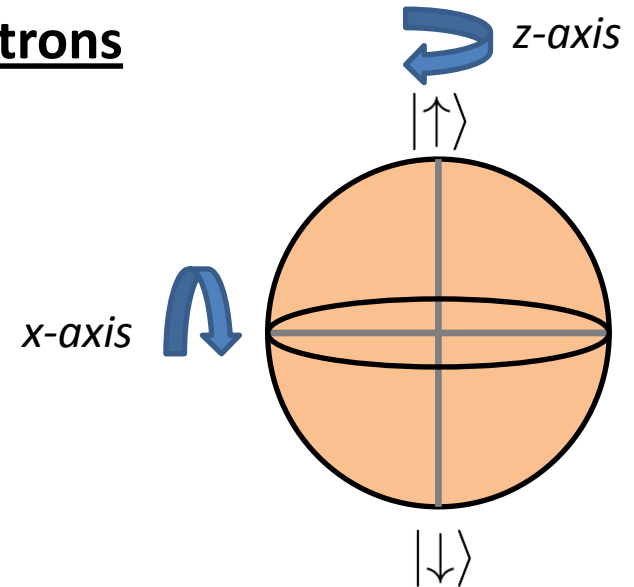
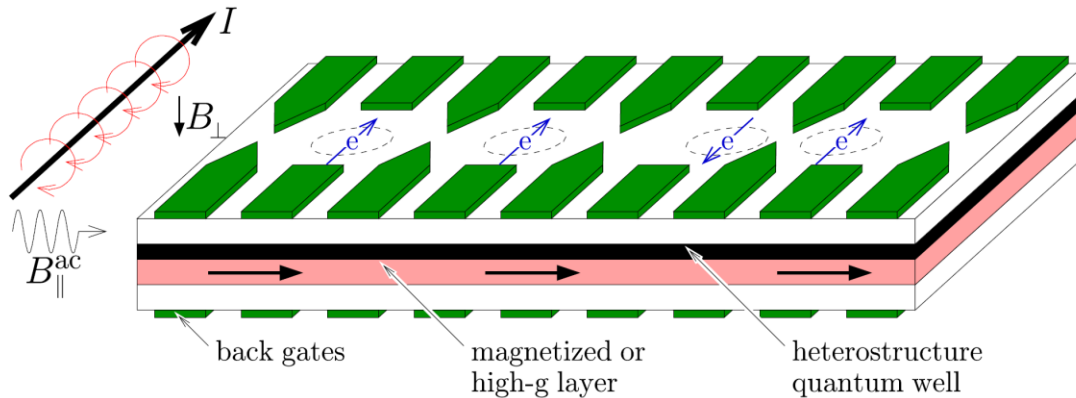


How to implement the qubits?



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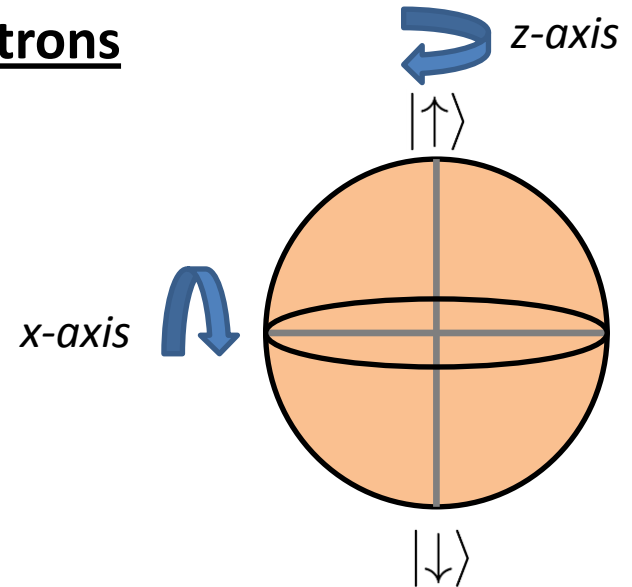
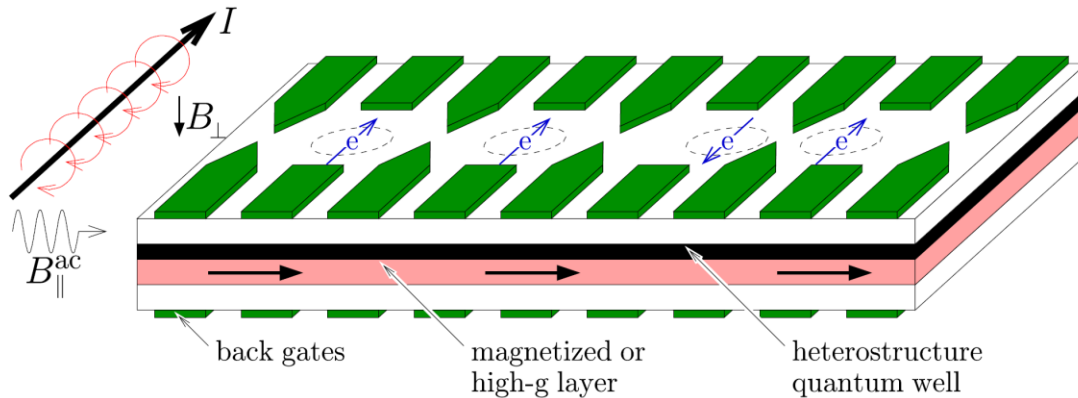
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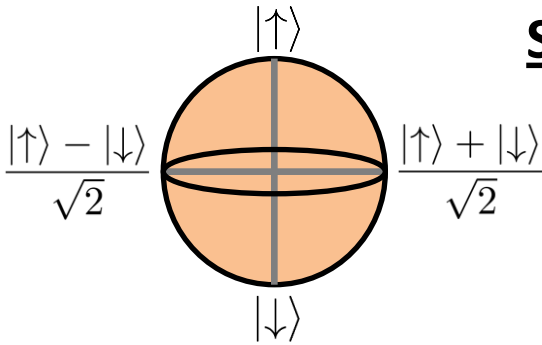
Rotation about z axis: Static magnetic field

Rotation about x axis: Oscillating (effective) magnetic field
ESR, EDSR

Currently about 20 ns
for a rotation of π

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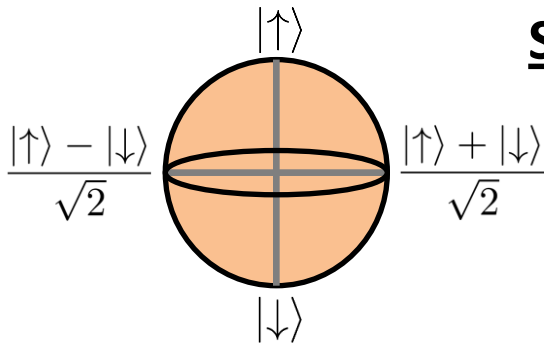
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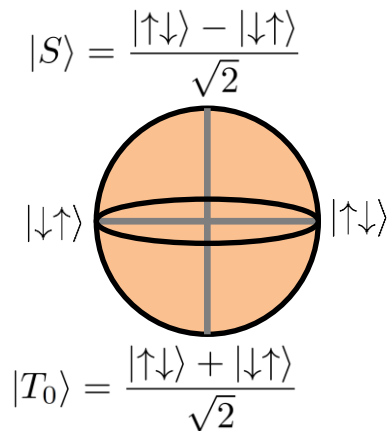


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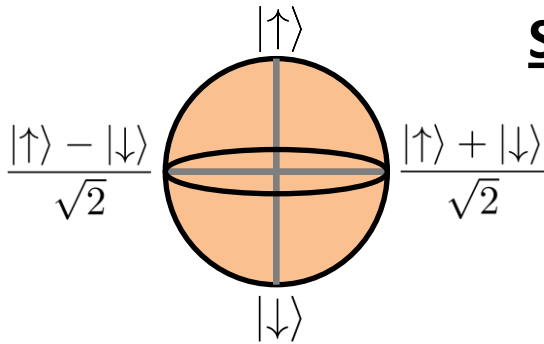
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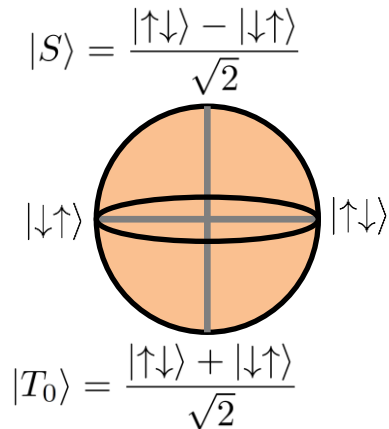


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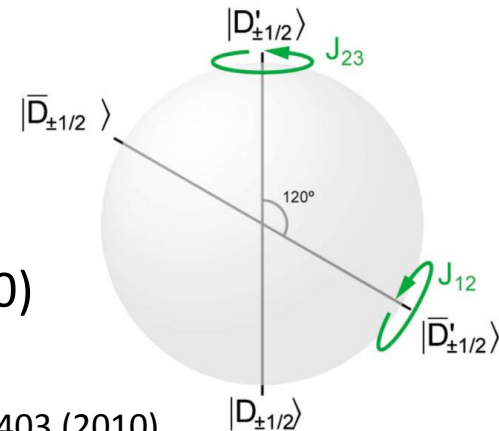


Figure from Laird *et al.*, PRB **82**, 075403 (2010)

Motivation

Further motivation:

Three-spin states useful for quantum error correction

Fundamental research,
multipartite entanglement in the solid state

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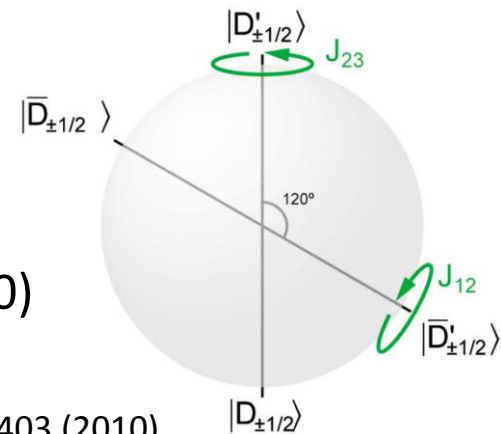
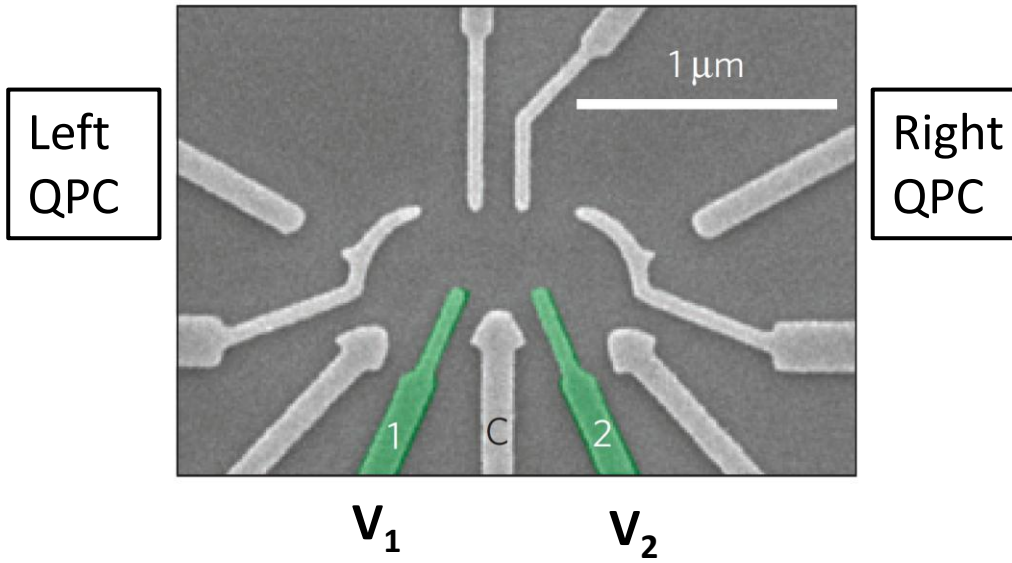


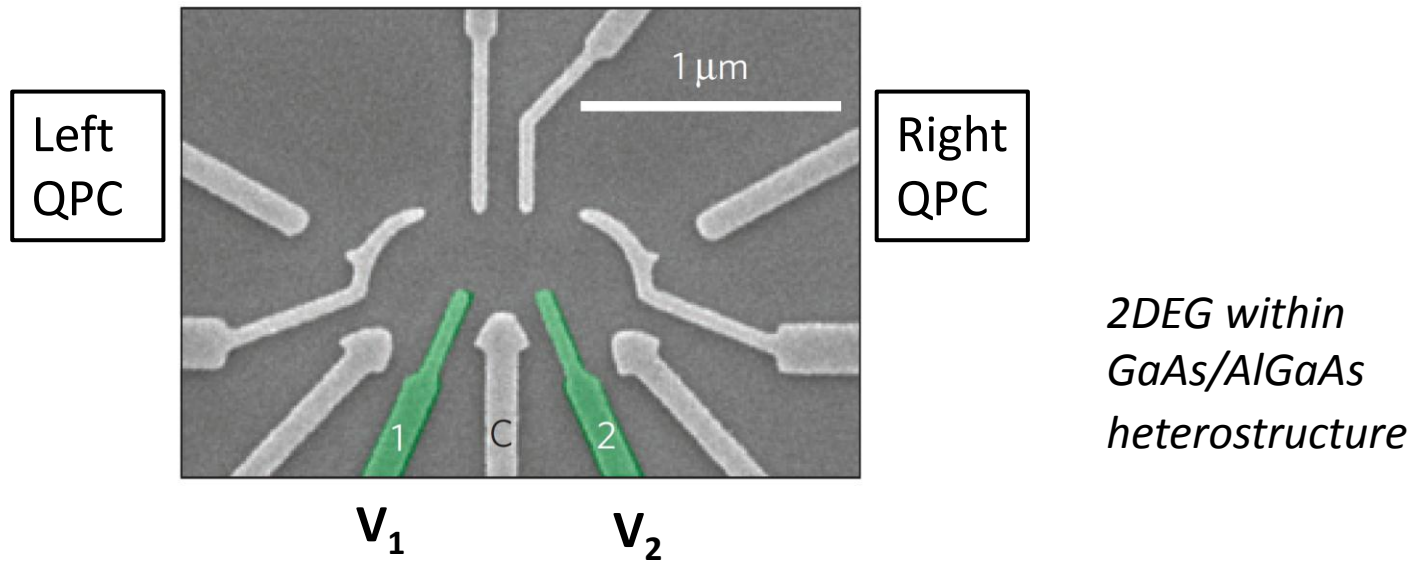
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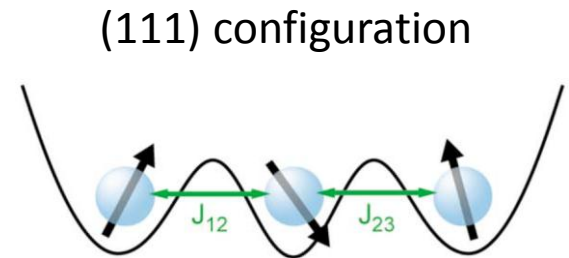
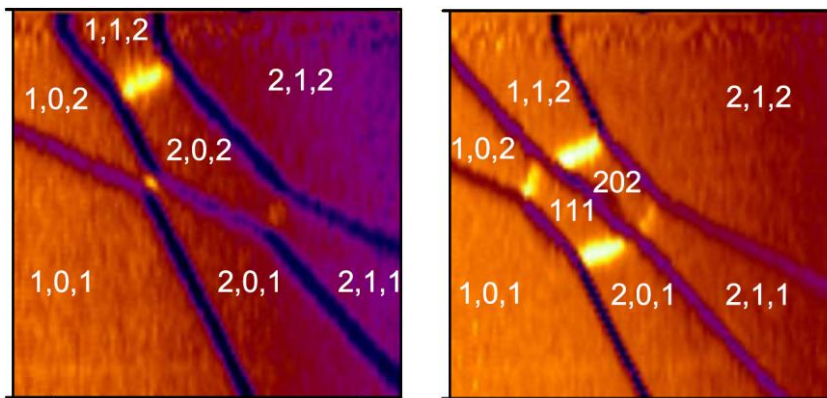


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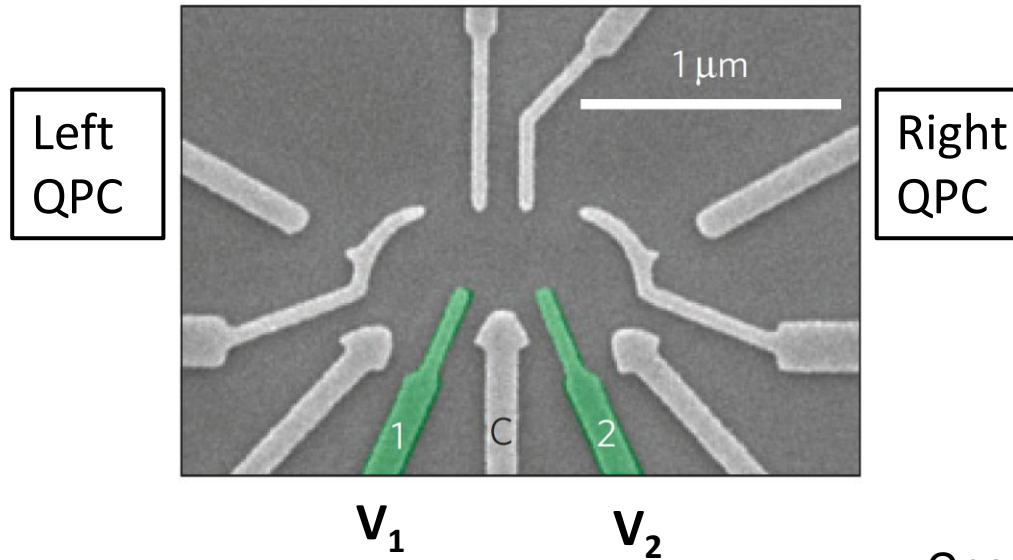
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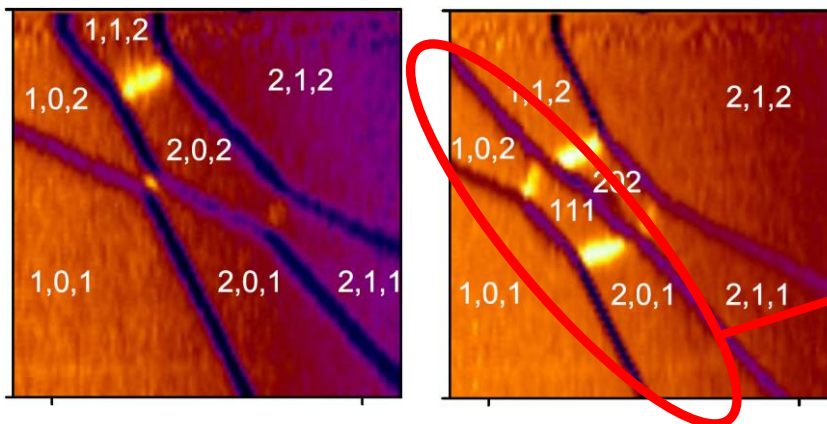


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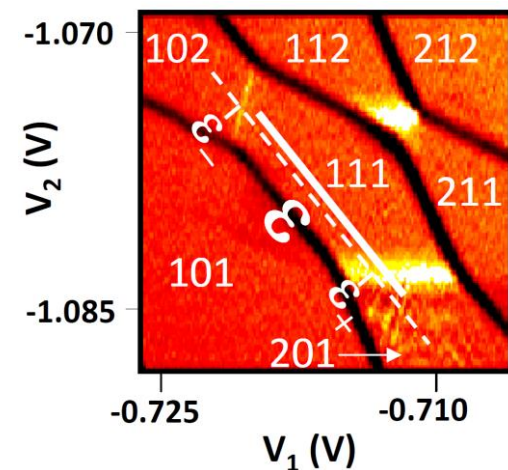


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Operation in the
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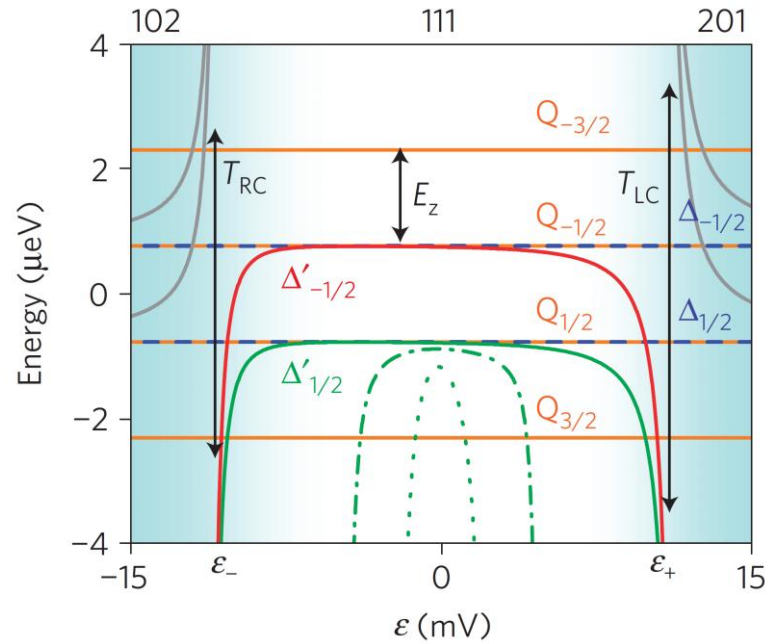
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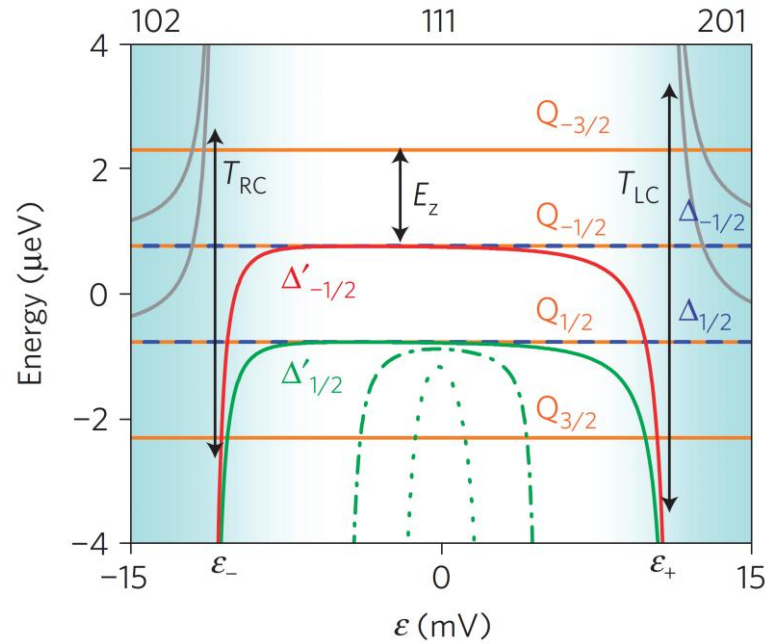
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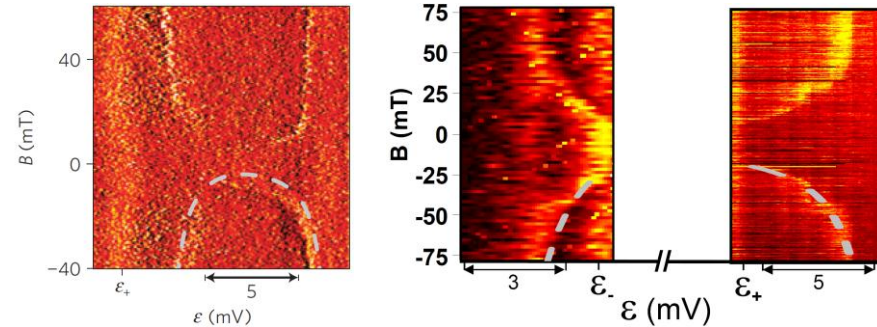
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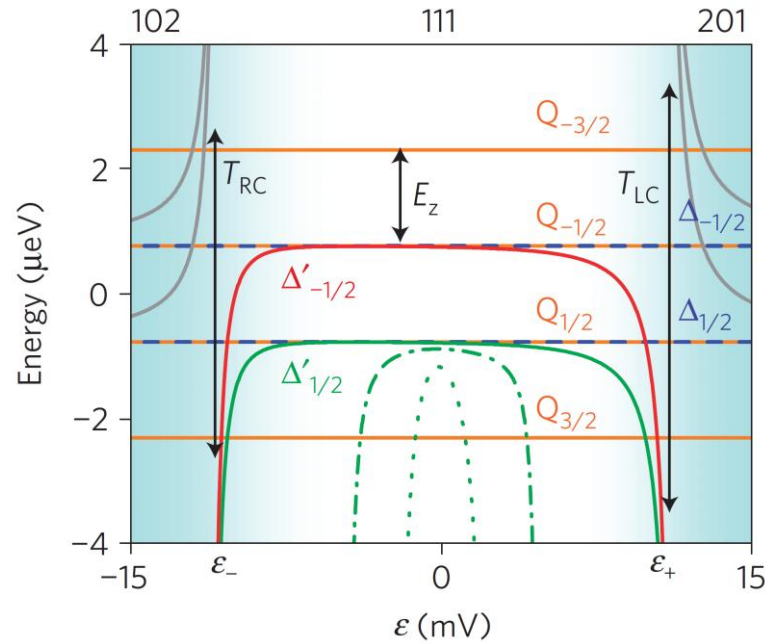
Parameters from fits to experiment:

(Examples)



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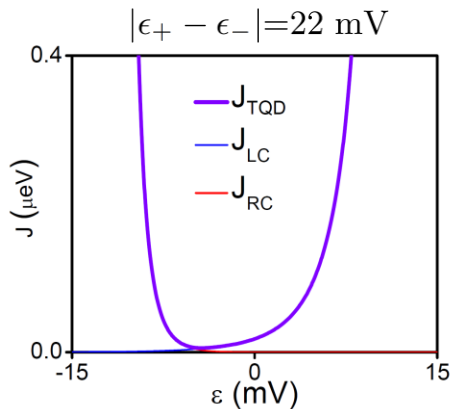


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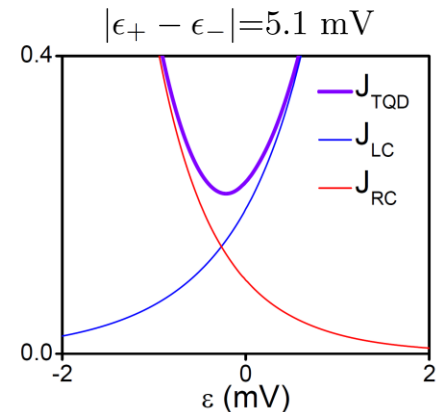
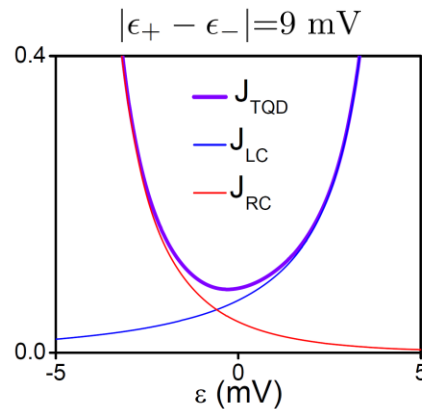
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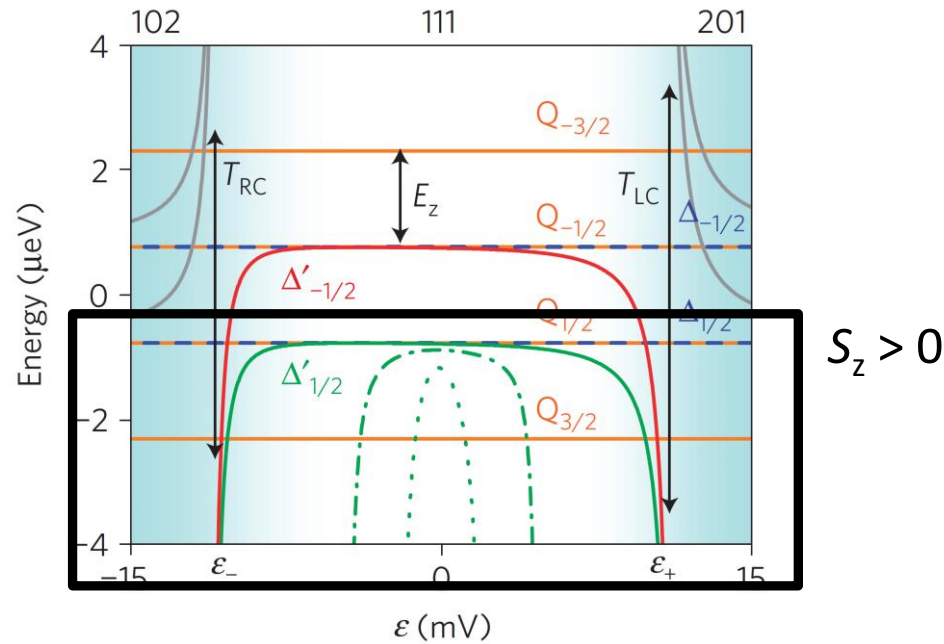


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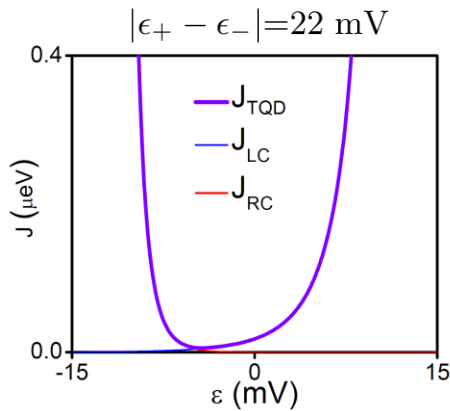
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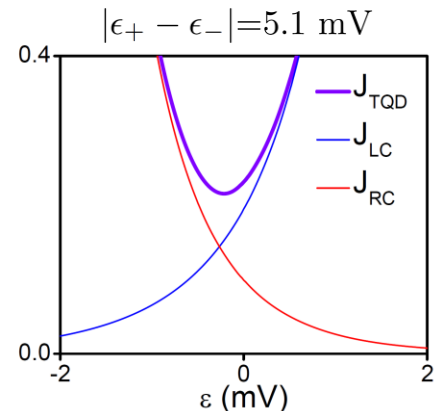
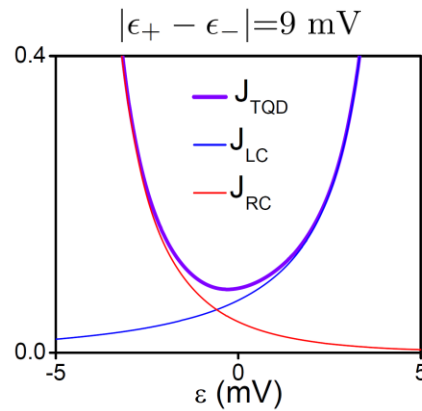


Experiment Part A

Experiment Part B



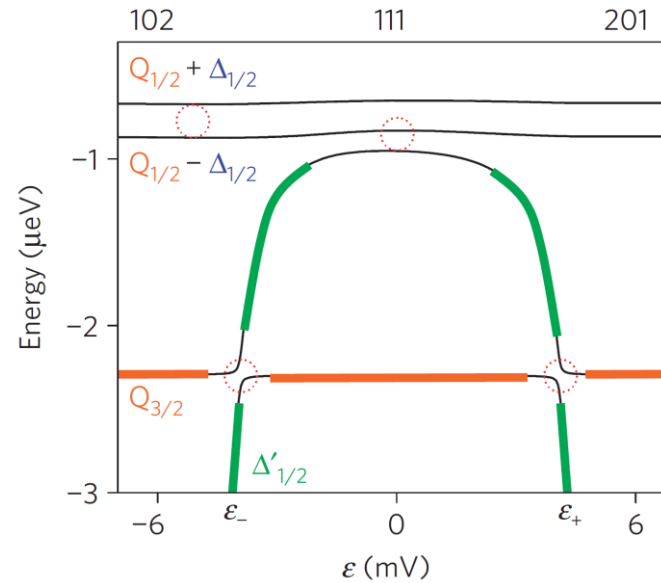
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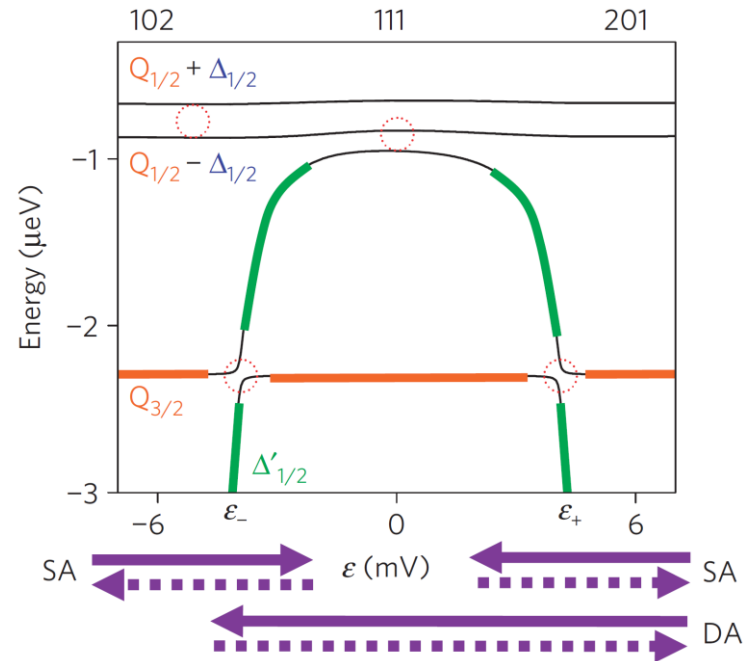
Spectrum with Hyperfine Interaction

Hyperfine interaction with underlying nuclear spin bath leads to anti-crossings



Experiment

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Experiment:

1. Start in the (102) [or (201)] configuration, where the system is in state $|\Delta'_{1/2}\rangle$
2. Apply a voltage pulse to the gates, which increases [or decreases] ϵ for a short time
 - SA: a single anti-crossing is passed (PART A)
 - DA: all anti-crossings are passed (PART B)
3. As a function of pulse duration τ , measure probability of $|\Delta'_{1/2}\rangle$ via the QPC
 - $|\Delta'_{1/2}\rangle \longrightarrow$ (102) [or (201)]
 - other states \longrightarrow (111), because of Pauli exclusion

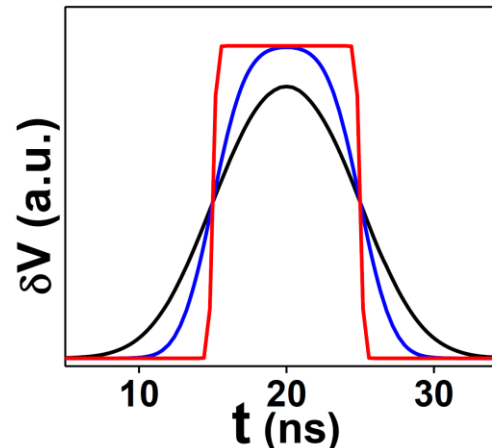
Pulse Shape

Rectangular pulses of duration τ (typically < 25 ns)



Low-pass filter

Pulses with finite rise time (typically around 6 ns)



Theoretical description:
Convolution of rectangular pulse
(duration τ) with Gaussian

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}s} e^{-t^2/2s^2}$$

Calculated pulse shapes for $\tau = 10$ ns after Gaussian convolution, leading to rise times of 6.6 ns, 3.5 ns, and 0.4 ns

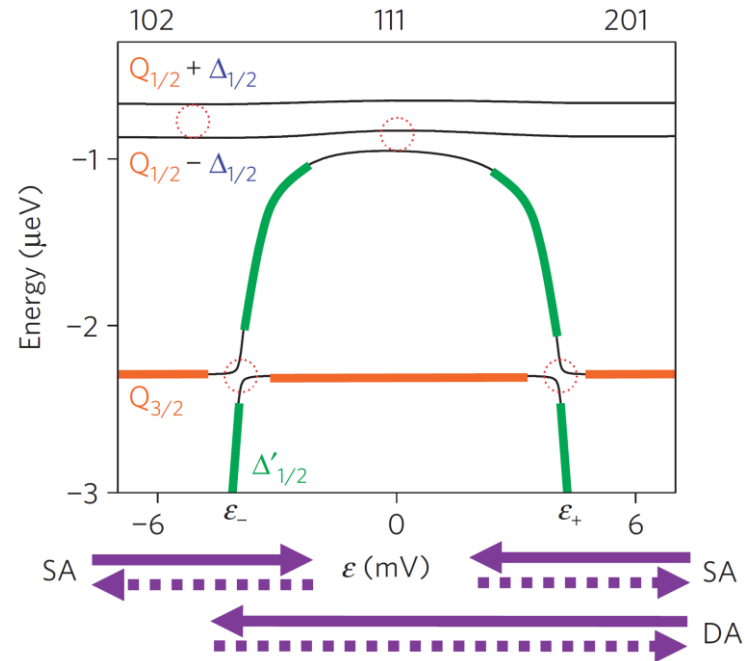
Pulse Shape

Figure	$ \epsilon_+ - \epsilon_- $ (mV)	$(\delta V_1, \delta V_2)$ (mV)	Duration τ (ns)	Period T_m (μ s)	Rise time (ns)	Filtered	Numerically convoluted
M1d	9.0	(-8.8,11)	16	2	6.6	Yes	No
M2a	27	(4.0,-1.7)	1-16	2	6.6	Yes	No
M2c	41.5	(-4.11,7)	1-16	2	6.6	Yes	No
M2b, S5a	50	(4.0,-1.7)	0-25	5	6.6	Yes	No
M2d, S5b	27	(-3.75,6.6)	0-25	5	5.3	Yes	No
M3a	5	(-5.4,6)	16	2	6.6	No	Yes
M3c,d, M4b (40 mT)	5.6	(-5,4.6)	0-25	2	6.6	No	Yes
M4b (5 mT)	3.9	(-5.4,6)	0-25	2	6.6	No	Yes
M4b (25 mT)	5.1	(-5.4,6)	0-25	2	6.6	No	Yes
M4b (60 mT)	4.6	(-5.4,6)	0-25	2	6.6	No	Yes
S3a, S4b (left)	50	(4.0,-1.7)	100	5	6.6	Yes	No
S3b, S4b (right)	27	(-3.75,6.6)	100	5	3.3	Yes	No
S6 (top)	24	(4.0,-1.7)	0-25	5	6.6	Yes	No
S7	34	(-3.75,6.6)	-	10	0.4	No	No
S8a,b	9	(-8,10)	16	2	6.6	Yes	No
S8c	9	(-8,10)	1-16	2	6.6	Yes	No
S9	9	$\delta V_1 = -0.8\delta V_2$	10	2	6.6	Yes	No

TABLE I: Pulse details for the experiments. In the Figure column, an M signifies Main text and an S, Suppl. Info.

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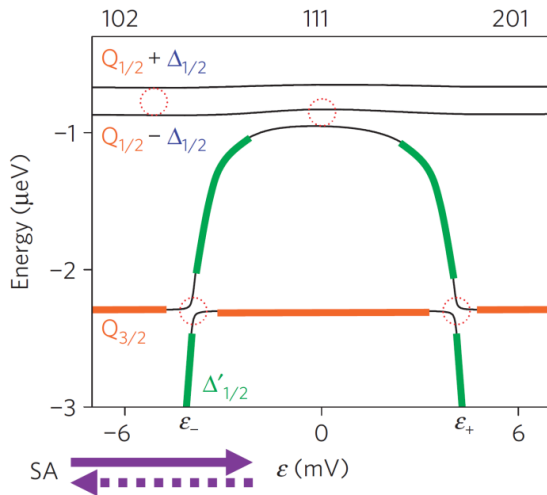


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1. Start in the (102) [or (201)] configuration, where the system is in state $|\Delta'_{1/2}\rangle$
2. Apply a voltage pulse to the gates, which increases [or decreases] ϵ for a short time
 - SA: a single anti-crossing is passed (PART A)
 - DA: all anti-crossings are passed (PART B)
3. As a function of pulse duration τ , measure probability of $|\Delta'_{1/2}\rangle$ via the QPC
 - $|\Delta'_{1/2}\rangle \longrightarrow$ (102) [or (201)]
 - other states \longrightarrow (111), because of Pauli exclusion

Part A – Wide (111)

SA Pulse
(102) ↔ (111)

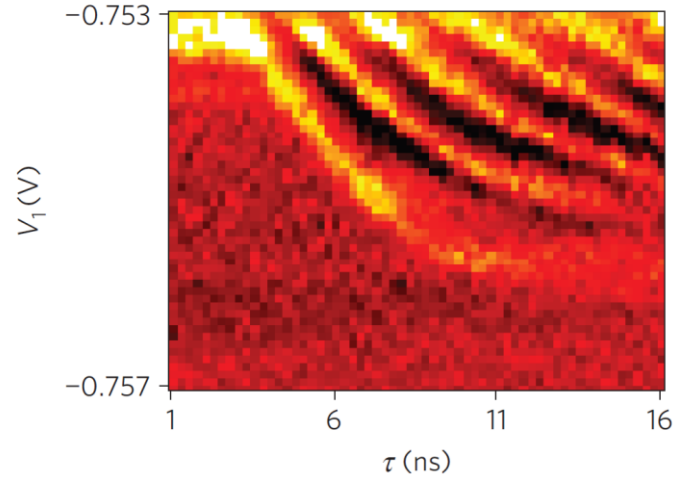


$J_{LC} = 0$
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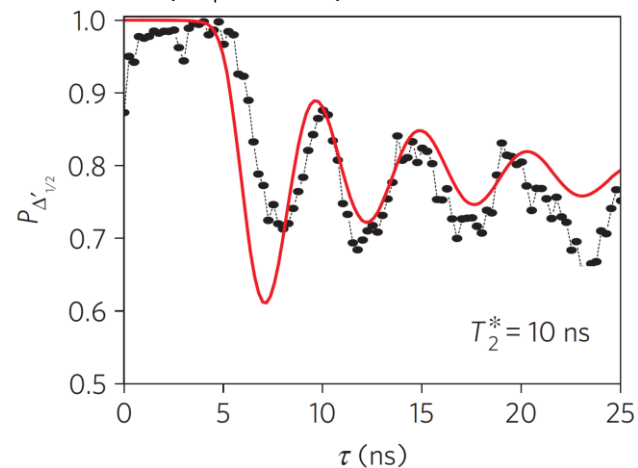
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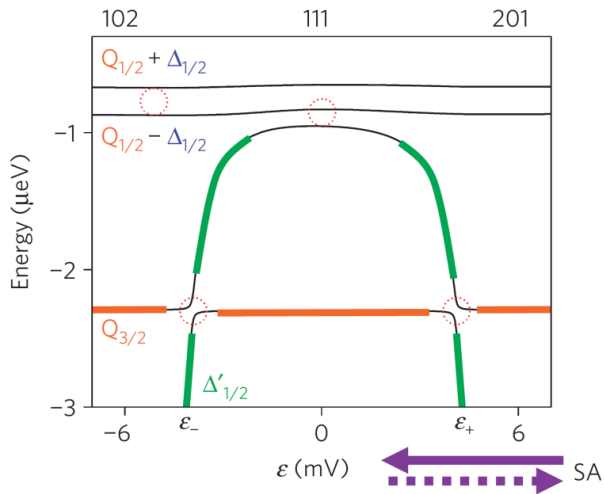
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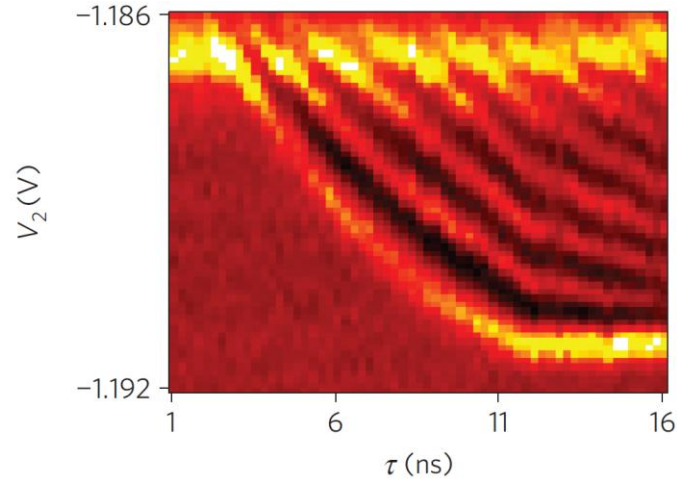
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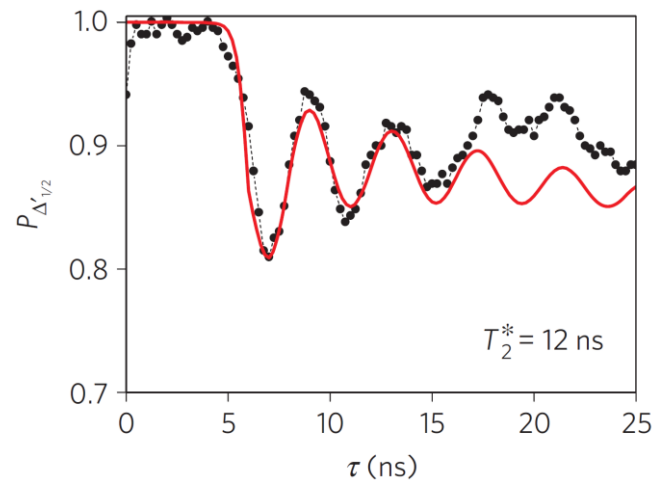
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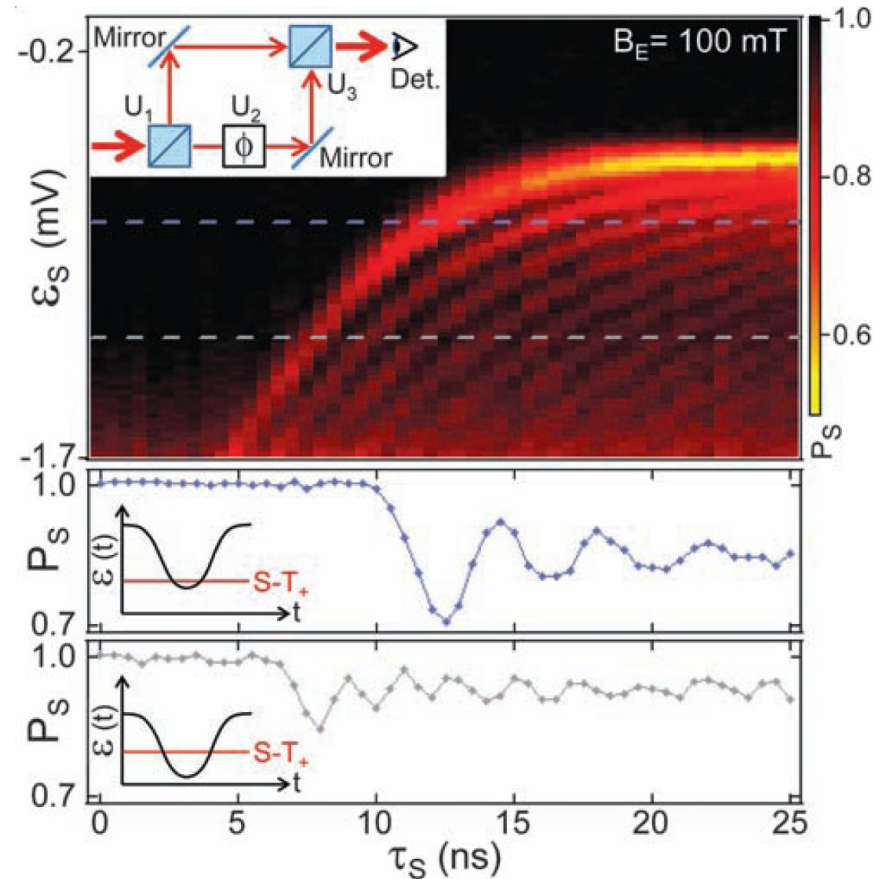
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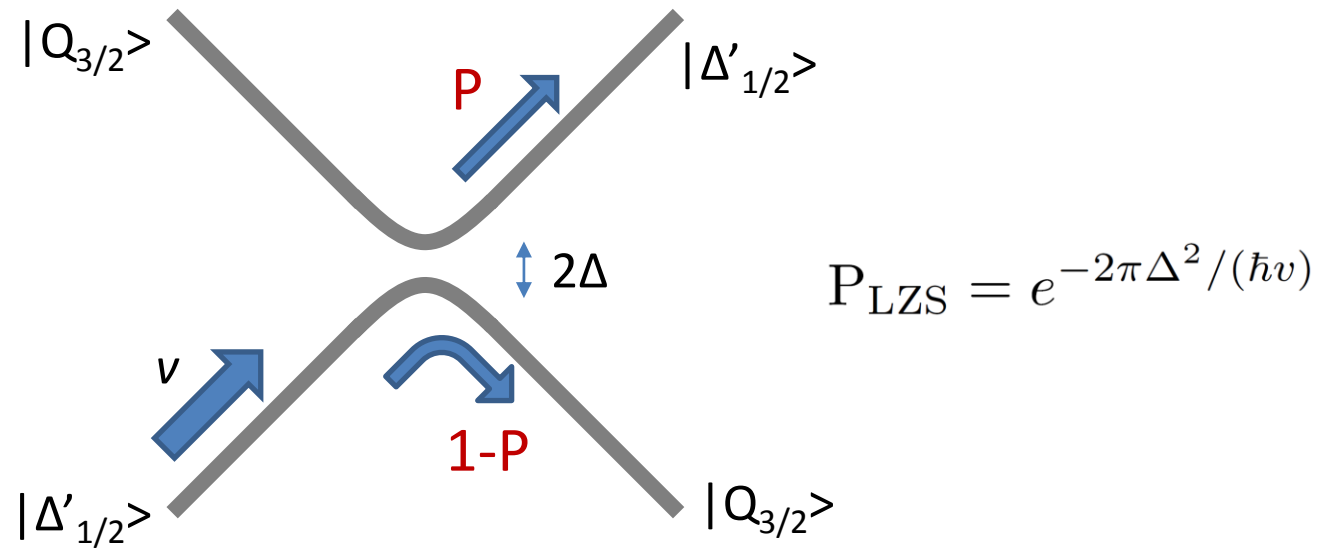
Comparison: Experiment in Double Quantum Dot

For wide (111), the results resemble those from experiments on two-spin states in a double quantum dot



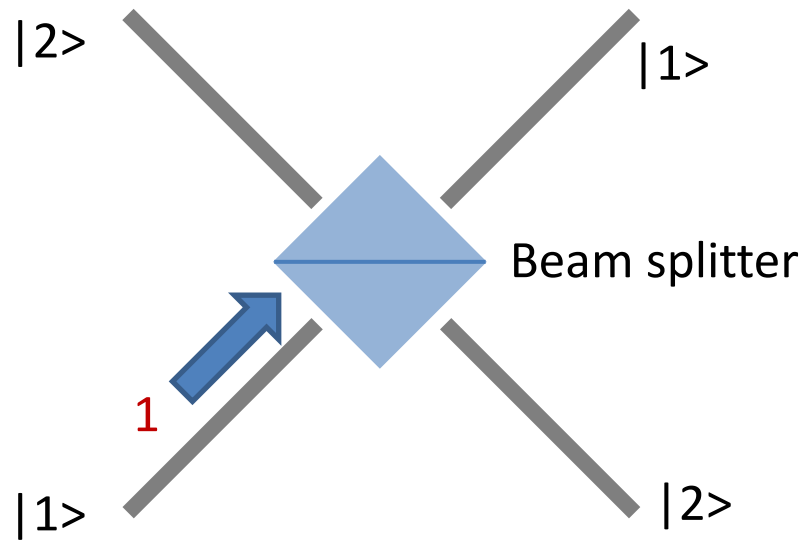
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When tuning back, also the phase is important!

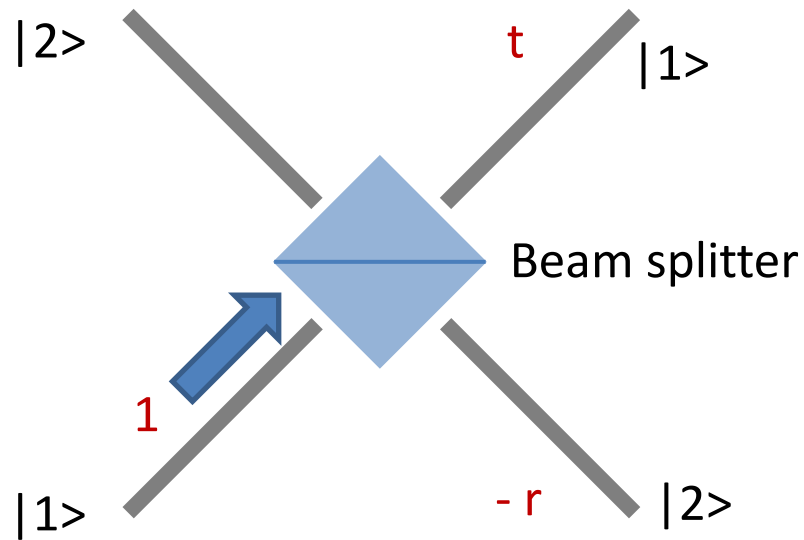
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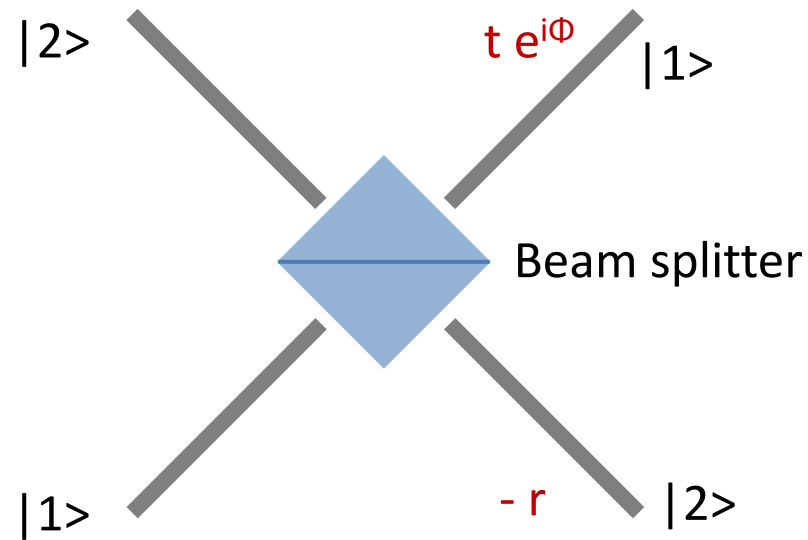


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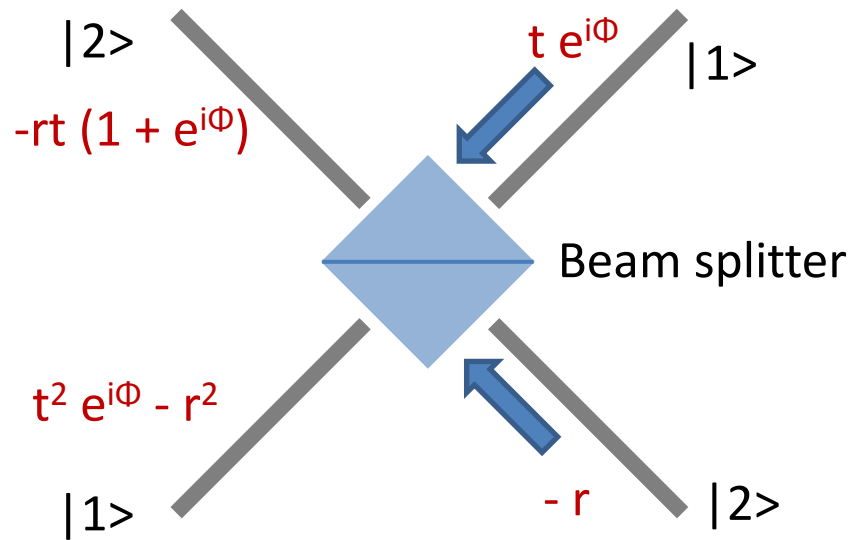
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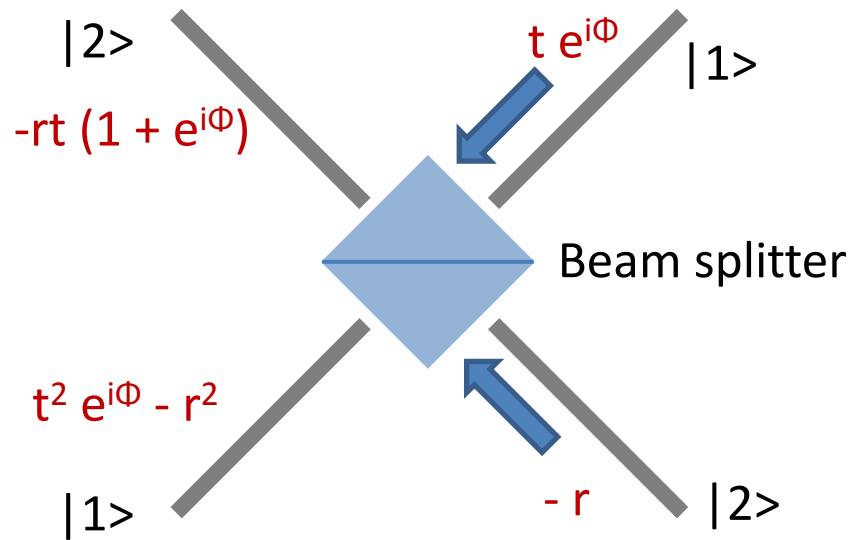
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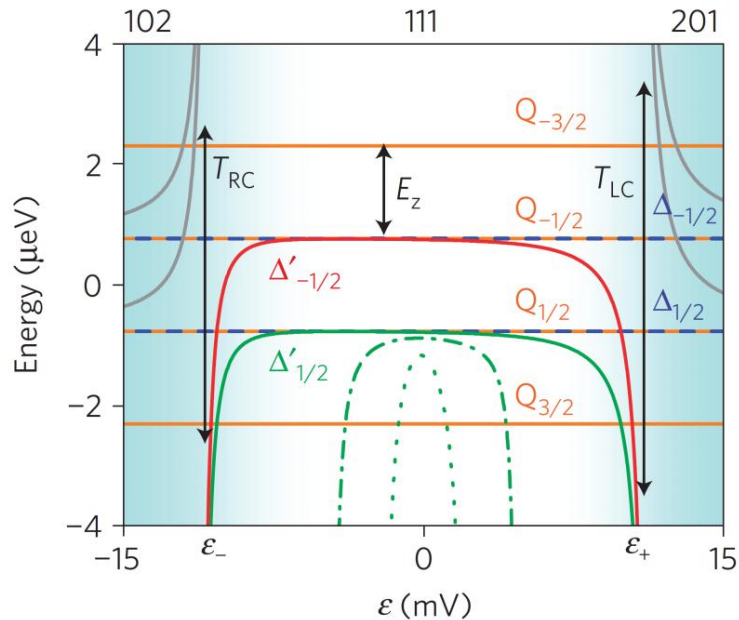
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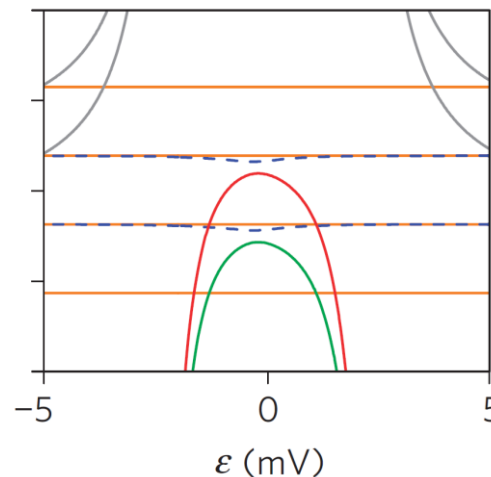
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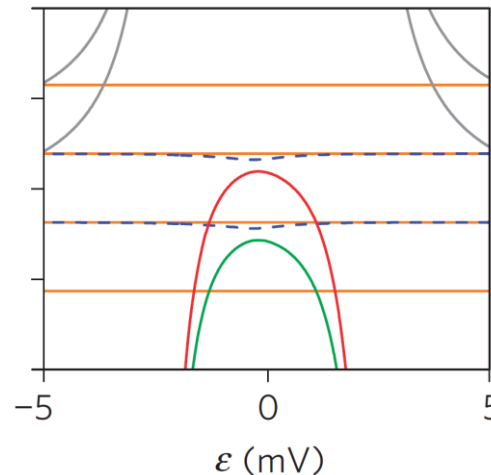
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**NEW Experiment!
What does one expect??**

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Brief outline:

Pulse shape $\rightarrow \varepsilon(t) \rightarrow J(t) \rightarrow$ eigenenergies(t)

Hamiltonian with parameter for hyperfine coupling

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} E_{Q_{3/2}} & \Gamma_{\Delta', Q_{3/2}} \\ \Gamma_{\Delta', Q_{3/2}}^* & E_{\Delta'_{1/2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Inclusion of other states:

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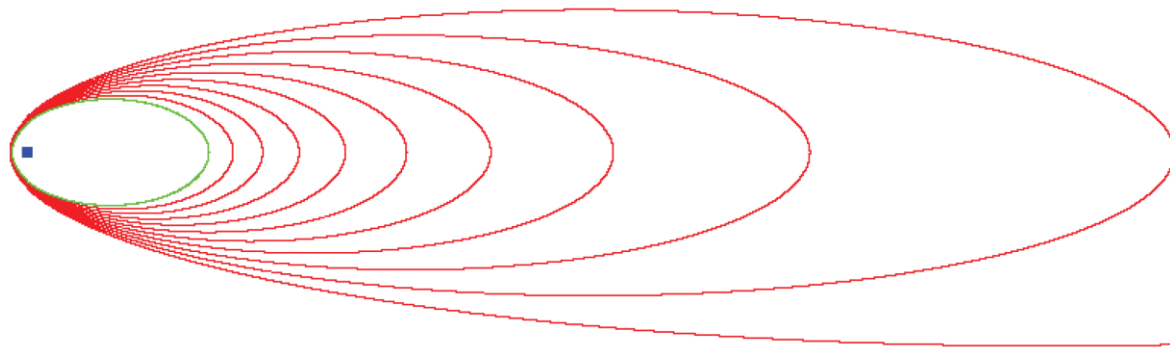
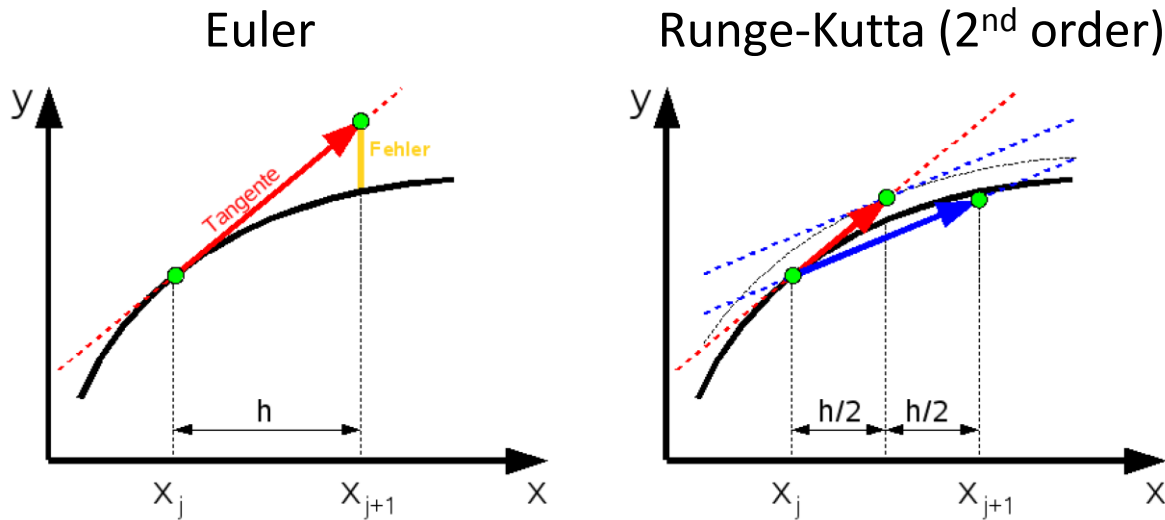
Master equation for the density matrix

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = i [\rho, H/\hbar] \quad (+ \text{decoherence})$$

Resulting differential equations are solved **numerically via the Runge-Kutta method**

Runge-Kutta Method

Excerpt from lecture notes on “Computational Physics” by Haye Hinrichsen



“Runge-Kutta method”: Usually means the extension to 4th order

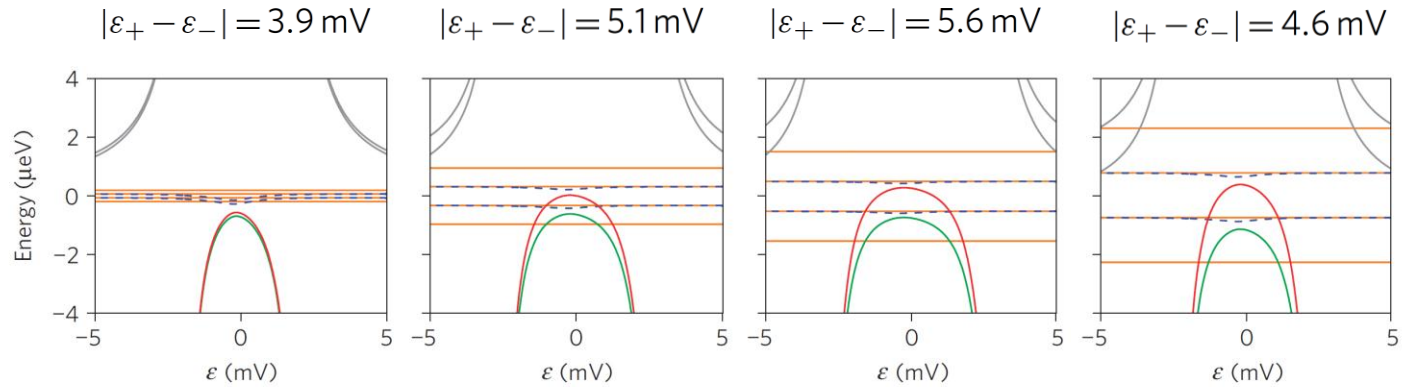
Parameters for Simulation

Figure	$ \epsilon_+ - \epsilon_- $ (mV)	$J_{\text{TQD}}^{\text{min}}$ (μeV)	$\frac{J_{LC} + J_{RC}}{2}$ (μeV)	$\tilde{\alpha}_{RC}$ ($\frac{\mu\text{eV}}{\text{mV}}$)	T_{RC} (μeV)	C_{RC} ($\frac{1}{\text{mV}}$)	$\tilde{\alpha}_{LC}$ ($\frac{\mu\text{eV}}{\text{mV}}$)	T_{LC} (μeV)	C_{LC} ($\frac{1}{\text{mV}}$)	$\Gamma_{\Delta', Q_{3/2}}$ (μeV)	$\Gamma_{\Delta', Q_{1/2}}$ (μeV)	$\Gamma_{\Delta, Q_{1/2}}$ (μeV)
M1d, S2b	9.0	0.116	0.0751	62.5	8.20	0.1627	38.0	5.28	0.061	-	-	-
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S4b(left)	~ 50	-	-	42.5	10.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
M2b, S5a	~ 50	-	-	42.5	10.0	0.0	-	-	-	0.15	0.0	0.0
S4b(right)	27	-	-	-	-	-	35.9	5.89	0.0	-	-	-
M2d, S5b(mid & bottom)	27	-	-	-	-	-	35.9	9.96	0.1154	0.12	0.0	0.0
S5b(top)	27	-	-	-	-	-	35.9	9.96	0.1154	0.17	0.0	0.0
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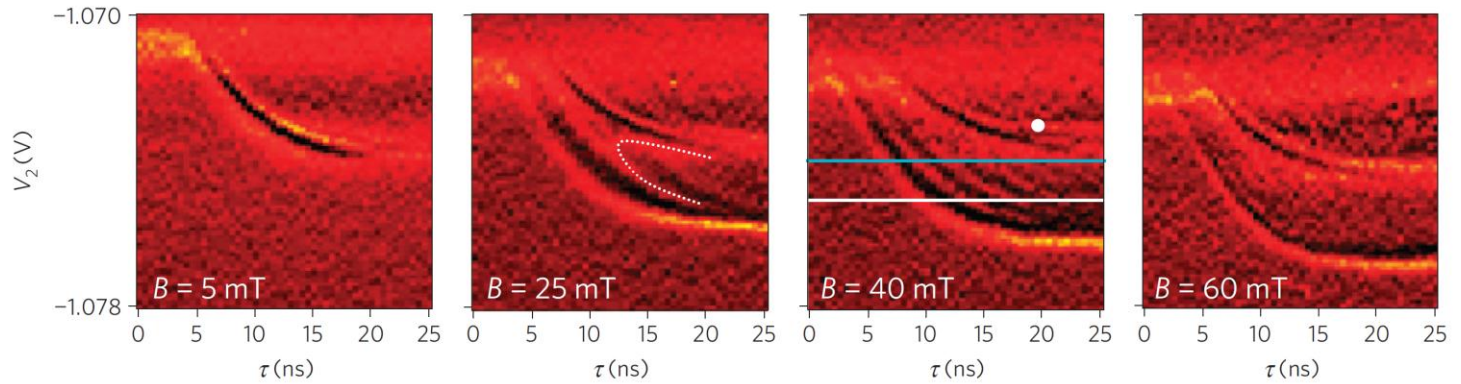
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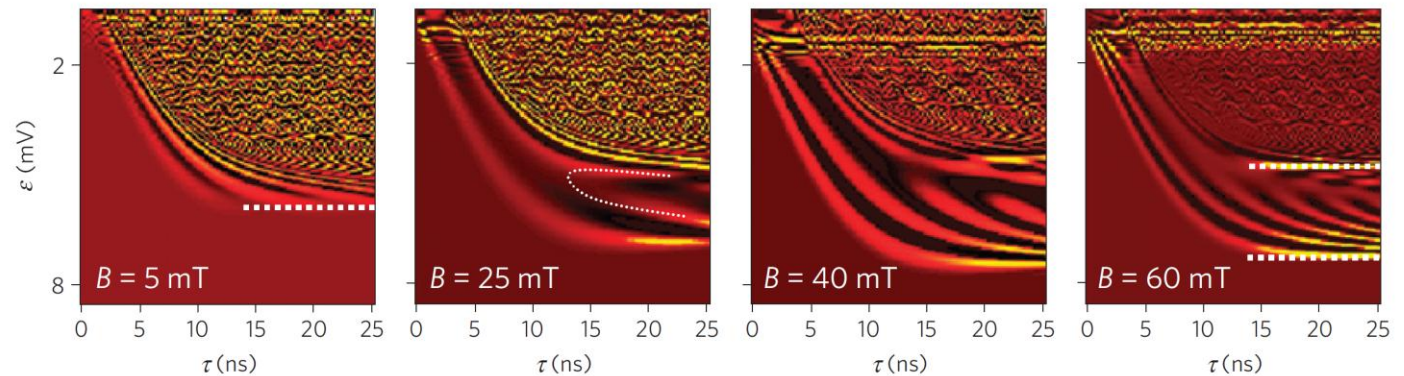
Calculated
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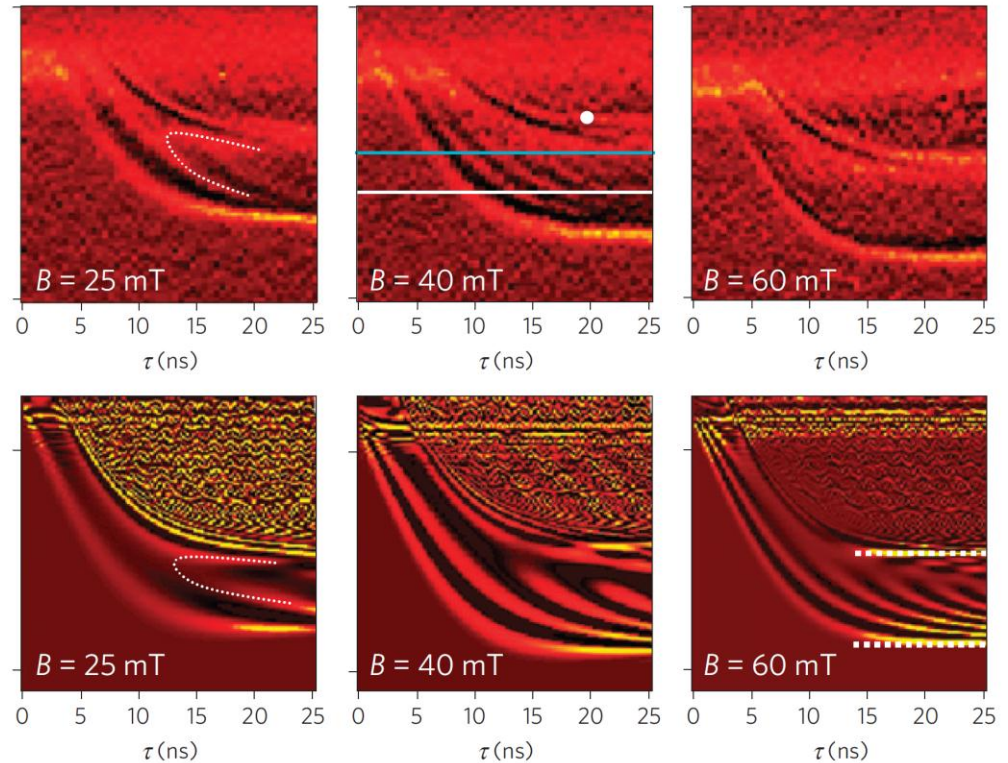
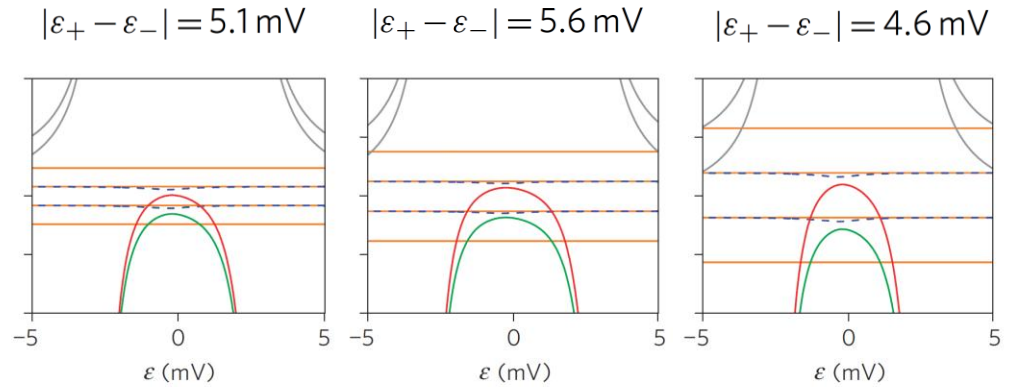
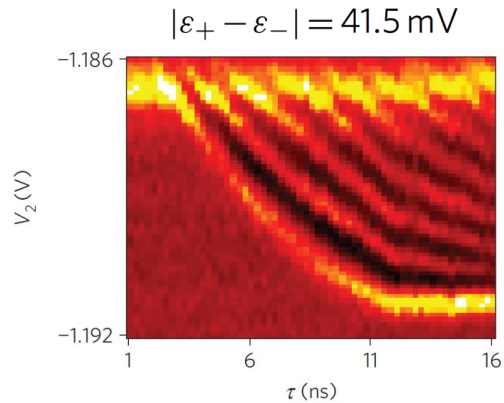
Simulation
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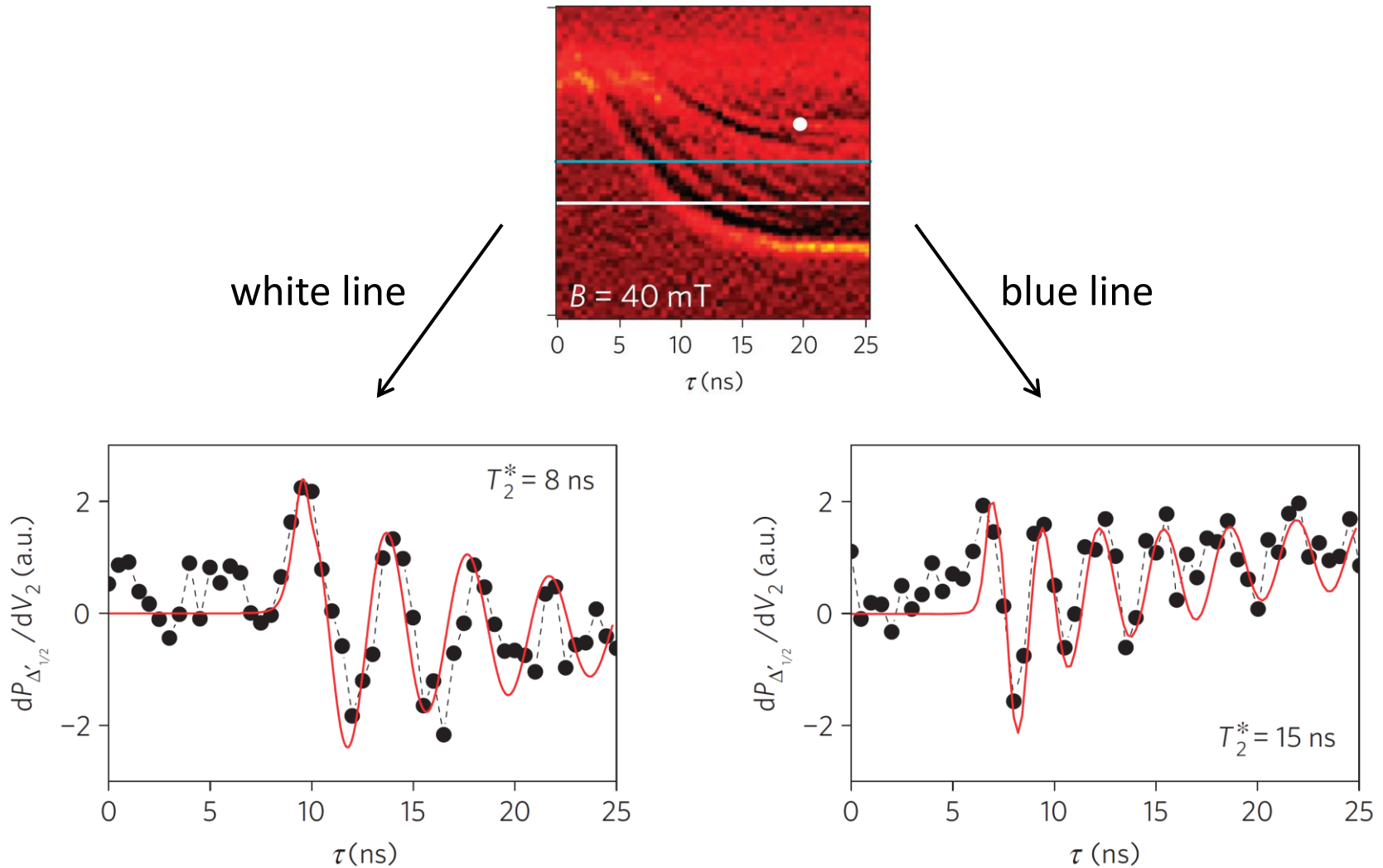
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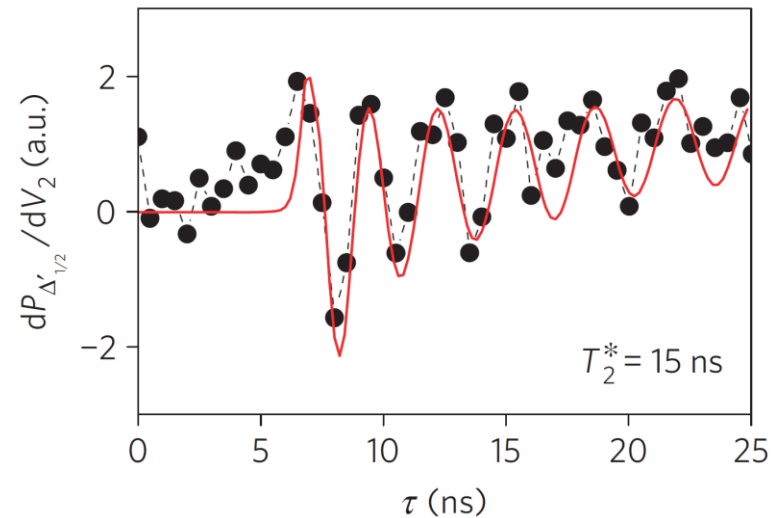
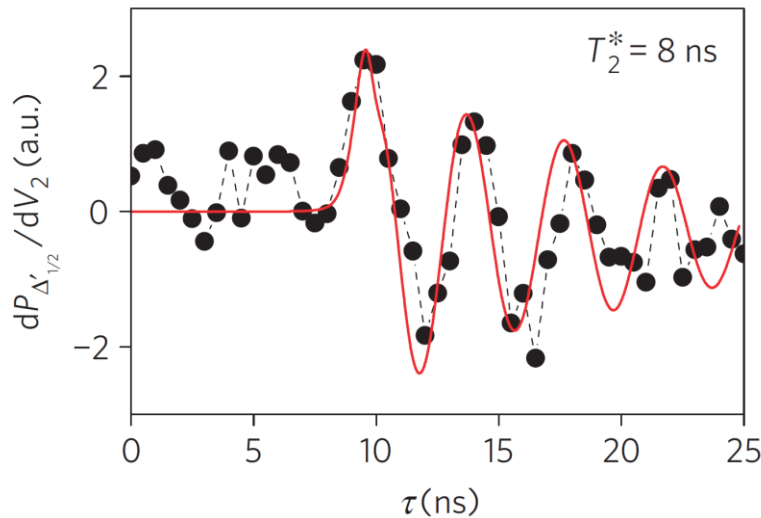
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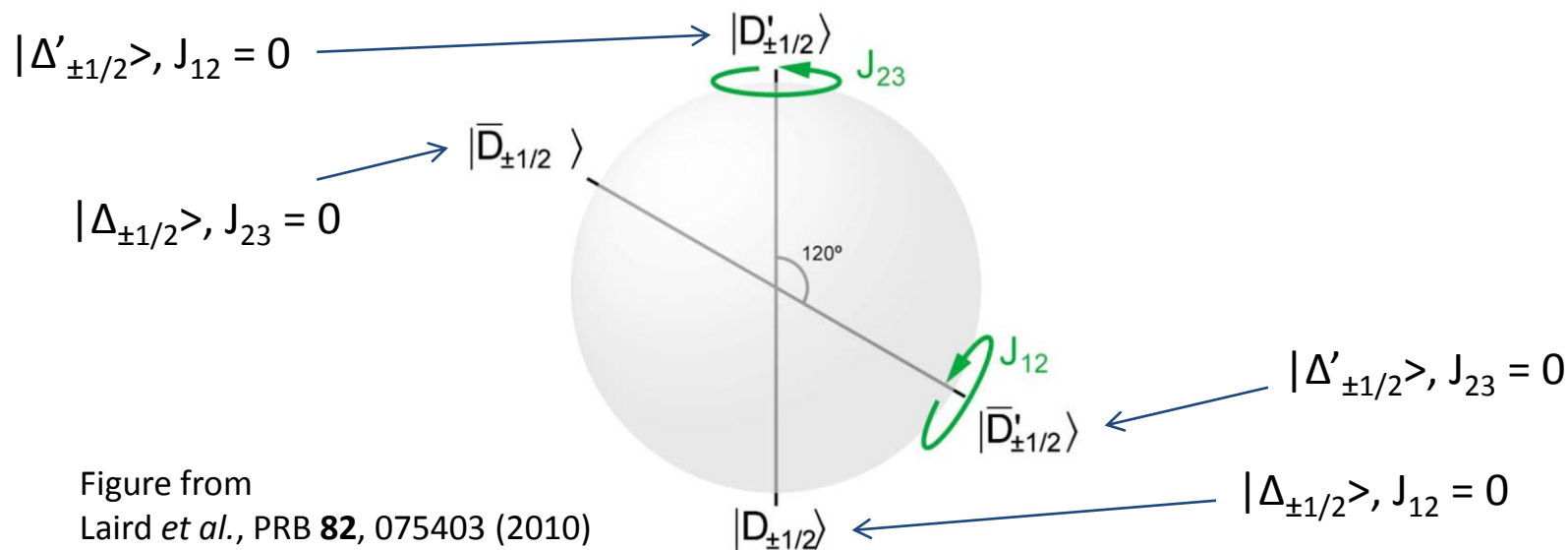


Figure from
Laird *et al.*, PRB **82**, 075403 (2010)

In contrast, Gaudreau *et al.* work with the qubit basis $|Q_{3/2}\rangle, |\Delta'_{1/2}\rangle$

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