

# The Noise Environment for Spin Qubits

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## Quantum computation with quantum dots

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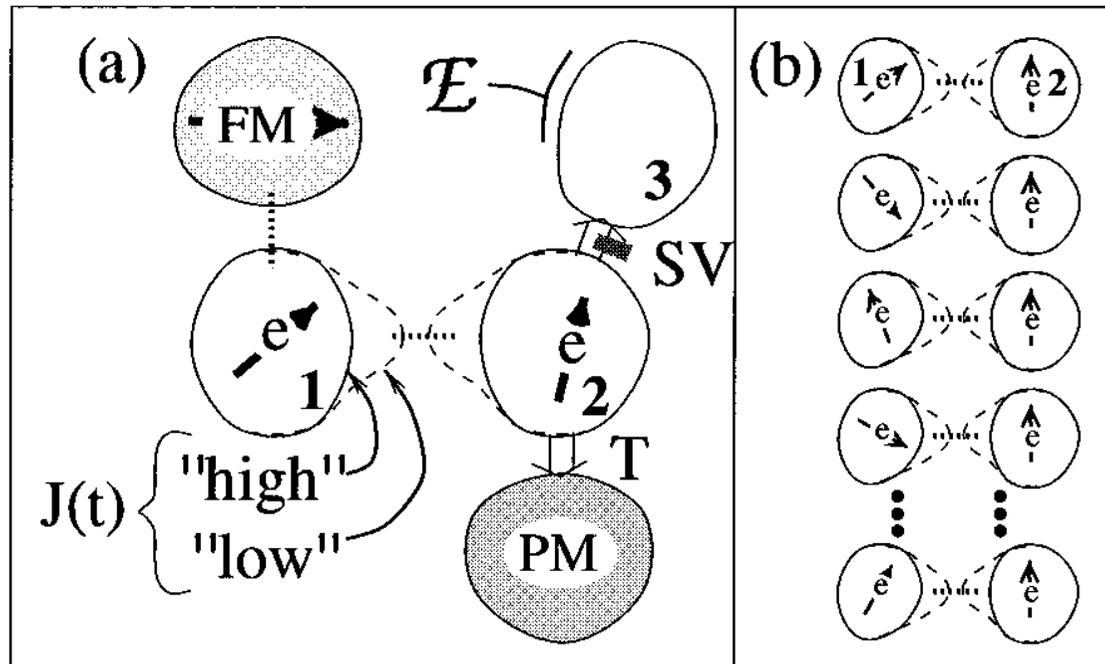
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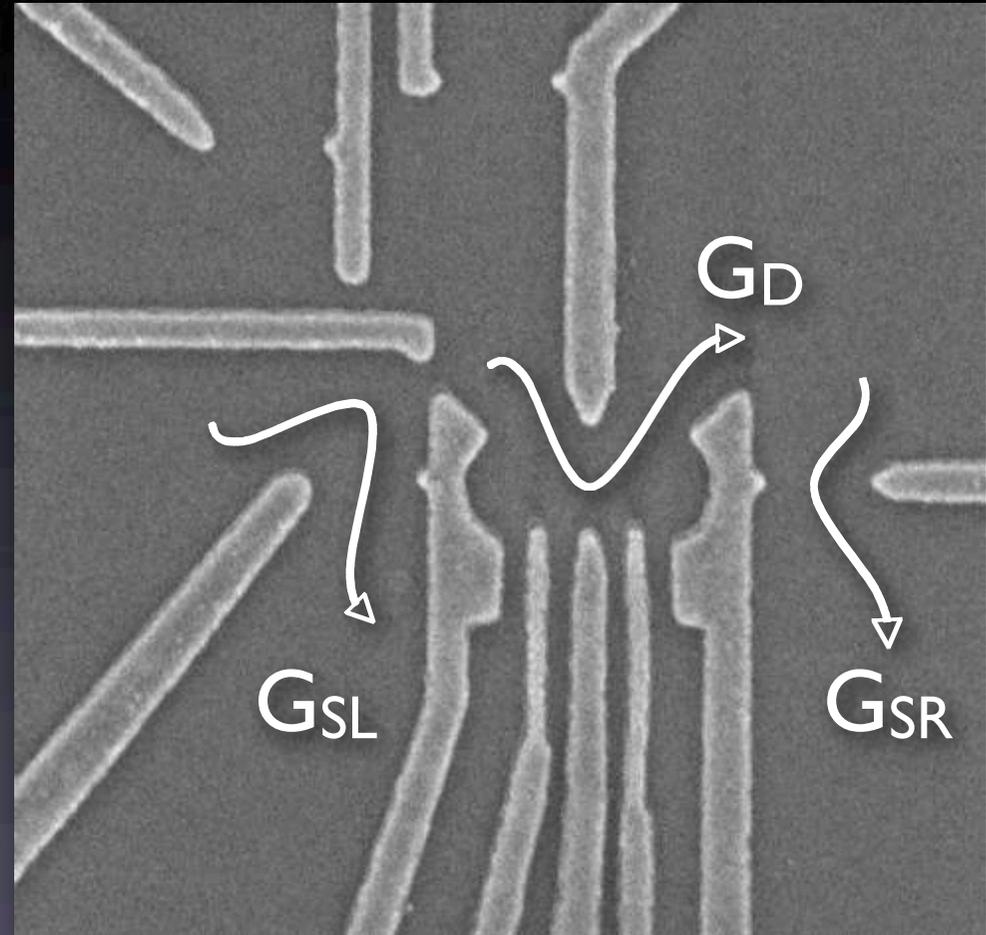
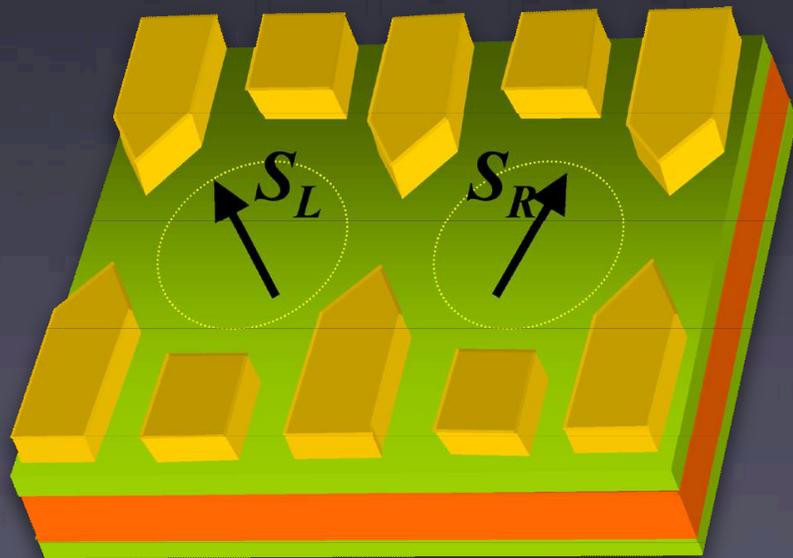
We propose an implementation of a universal set of one- and two-quantum-bit gates for quantum computation using the spin states of coupled single-electron quantum dots. Desired operations are effected by the gating of the tunneling barrier between neighboring dots. Several measures of the gate quality are computed within a recently derived spin master equation incorporating decoherence caused by a prototypical magnetic environment. Dot-array experiments that would provide an initial demonstration of the desired nonequilibrium spin dynamics are proposed. [S1050-2947(98)04501-6]



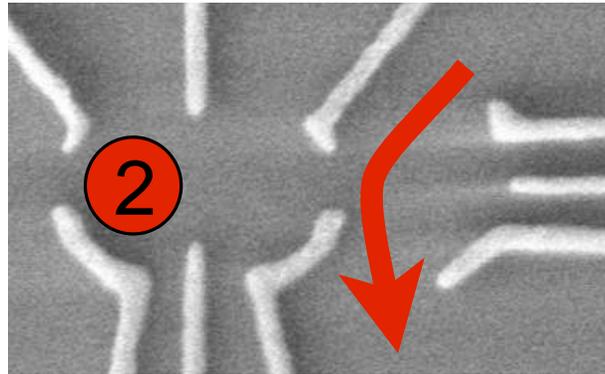
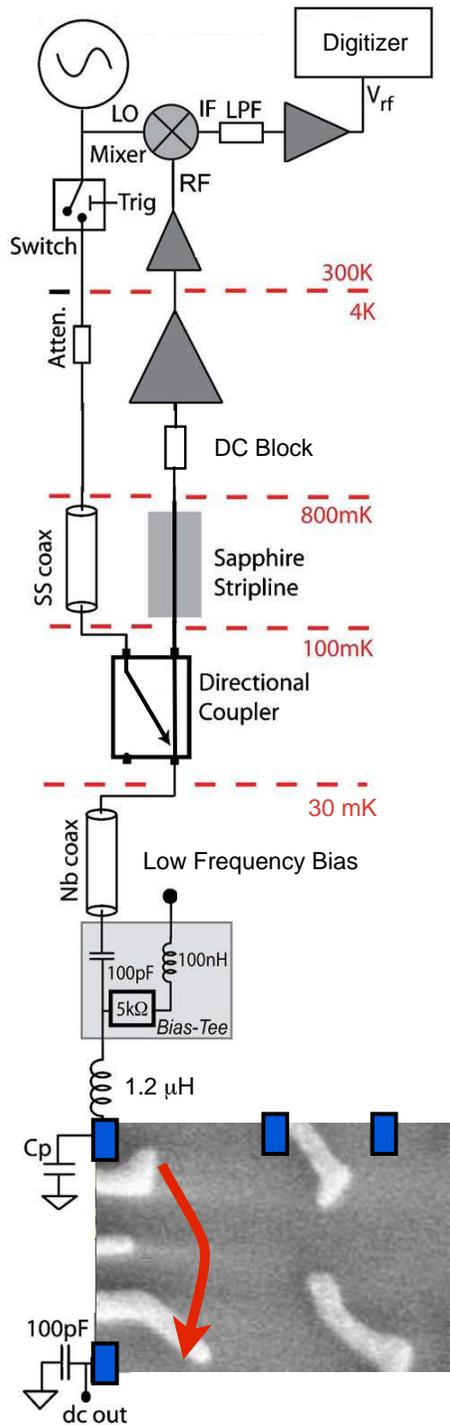
# Semiconductor Spin Qubits

10 nm GaAs cap
60 nm $\text{Al}_{0.3}\text{Ga}_{0.7}\text{As}$
40 nm $\text{Al}_{0.3}\text{Ga}_{0.7}\text{As}$
800 nm GaAs
50 nm GaAs
GaAs substrate

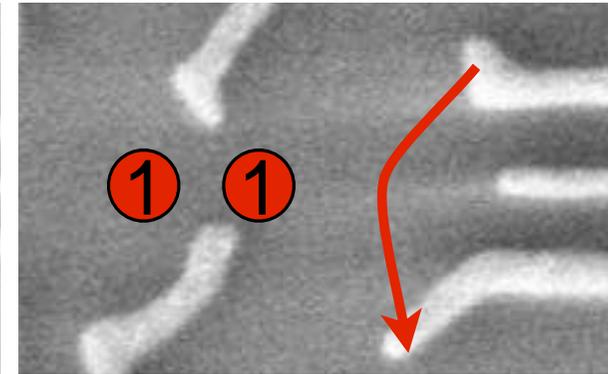
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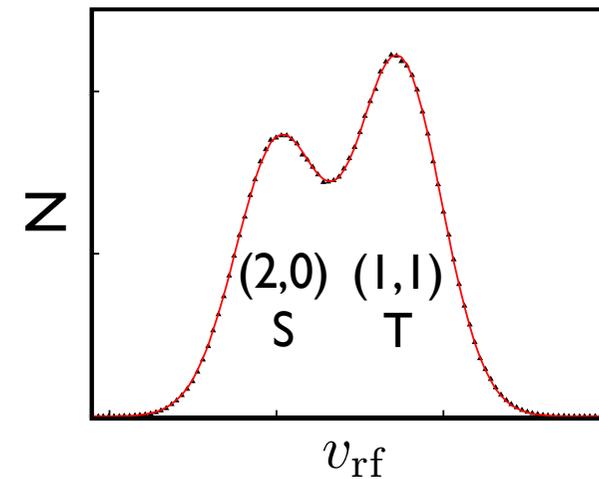
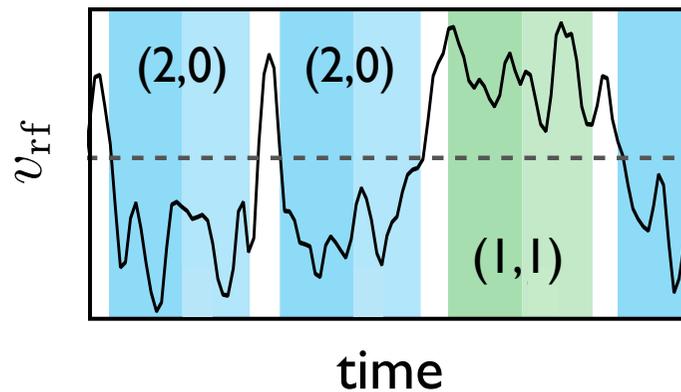
# Readout Circuit and Single-shot



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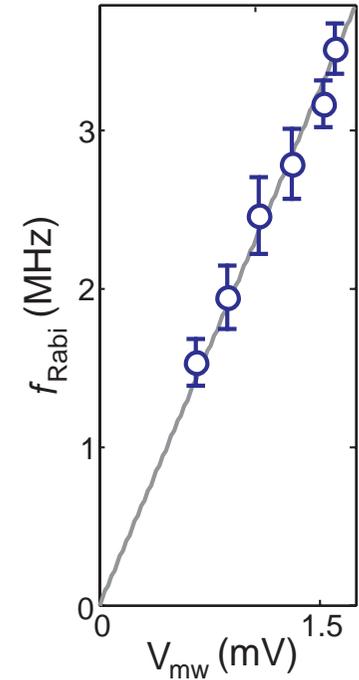
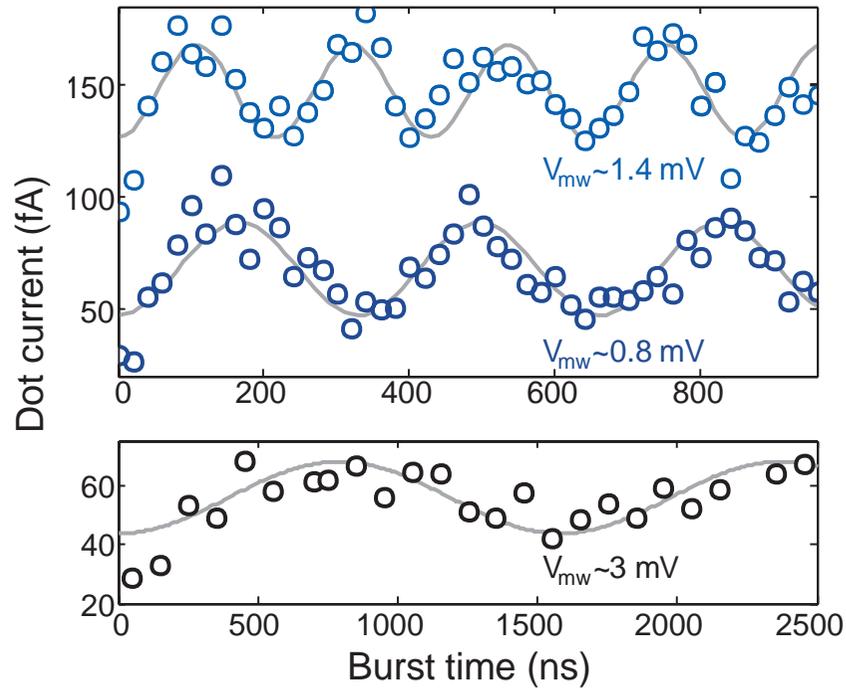
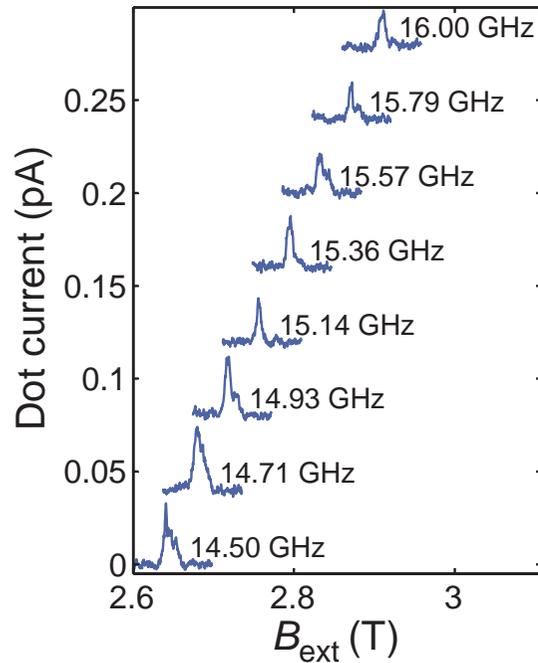
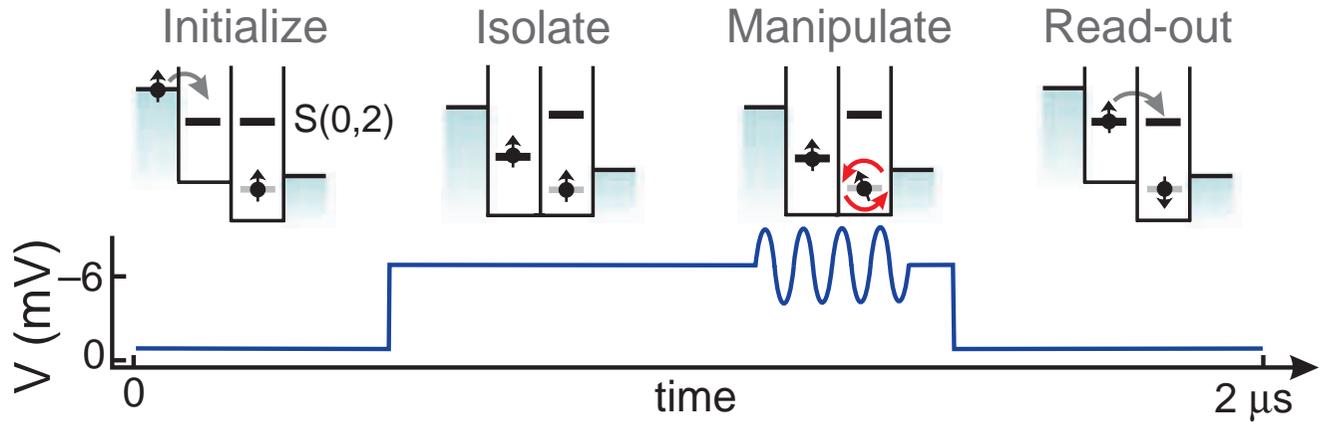
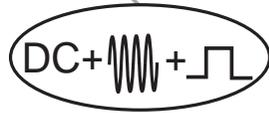
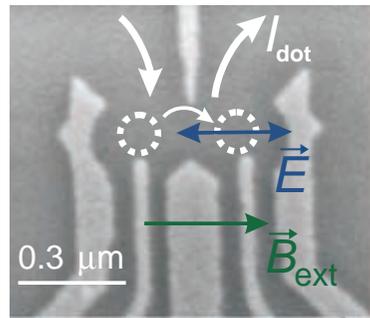
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# Coherent Control of a Single Electron Spin with Electric Fields

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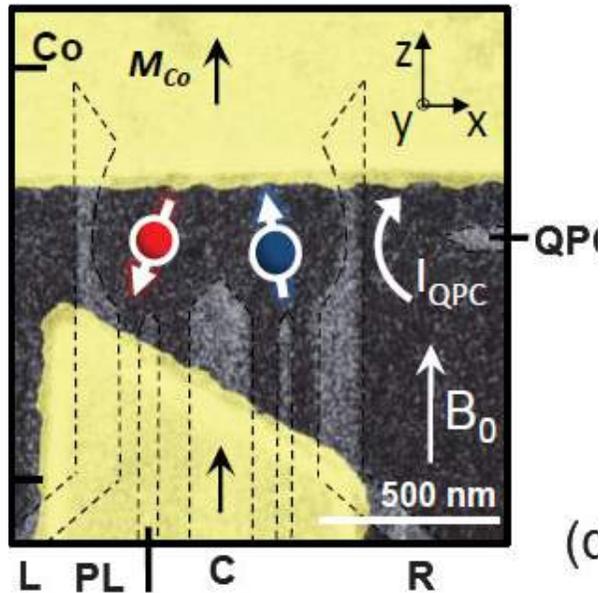




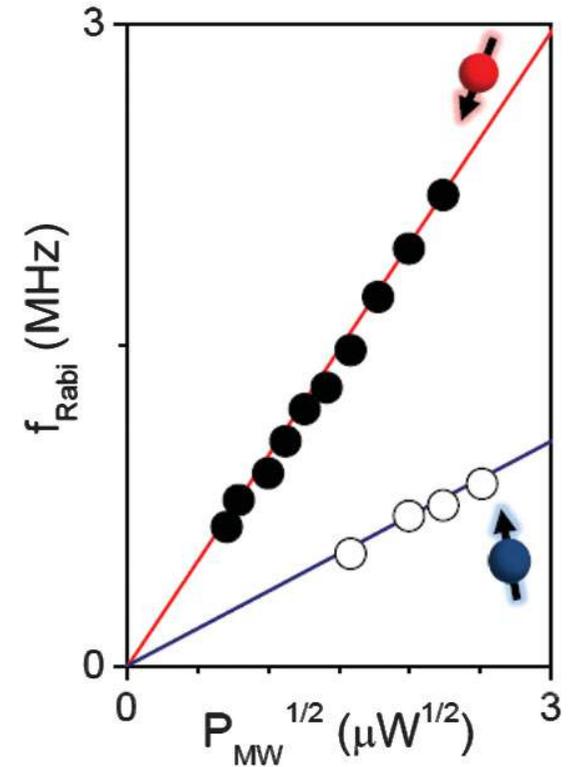
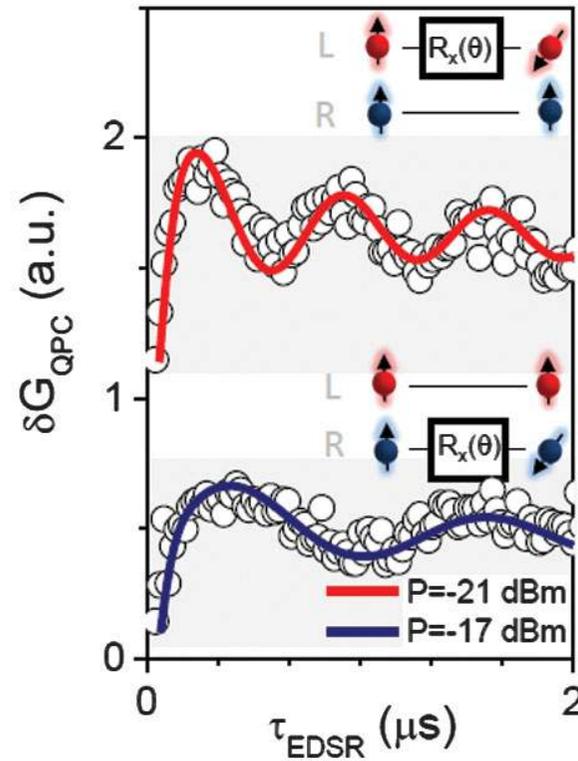
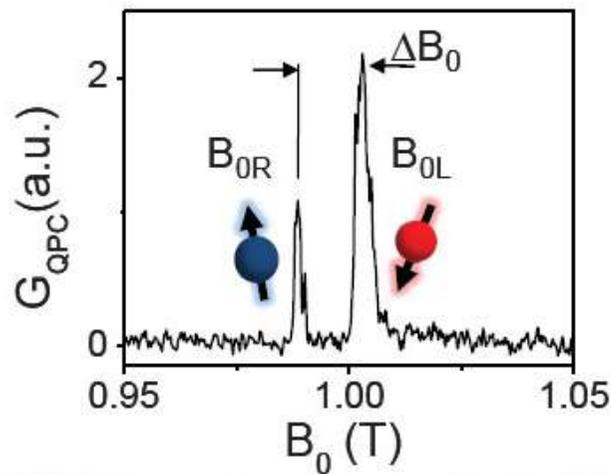
# Two-Qubit Gate of Combined Single-Spin Rotation and Interdot Spin Exchange in a Double Quantum Dot

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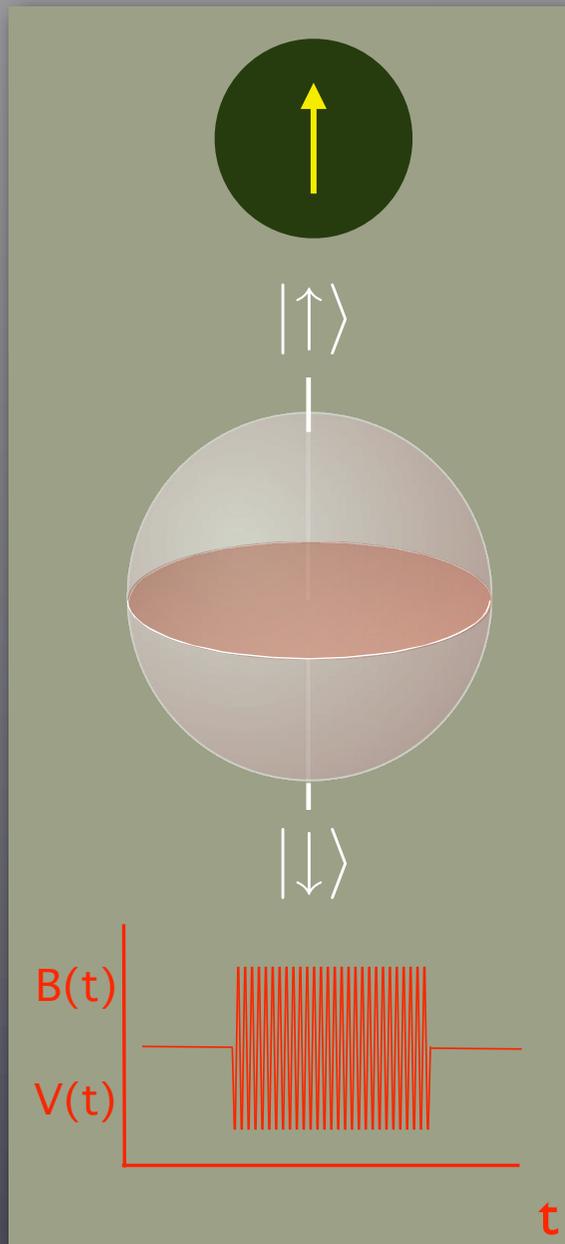
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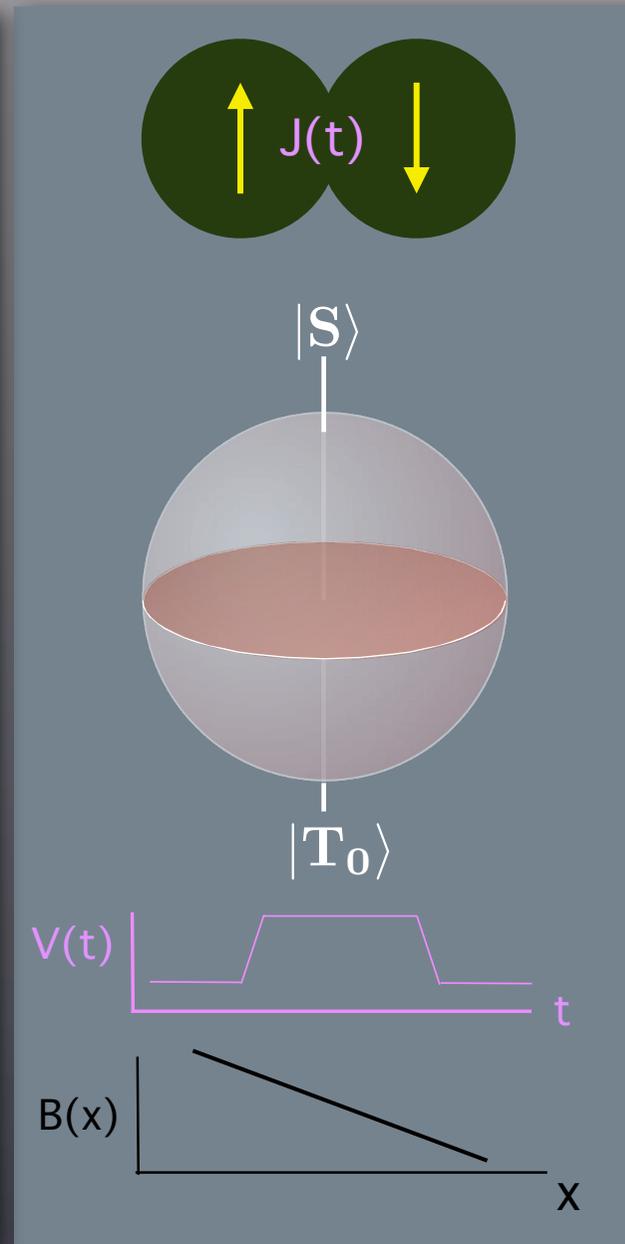
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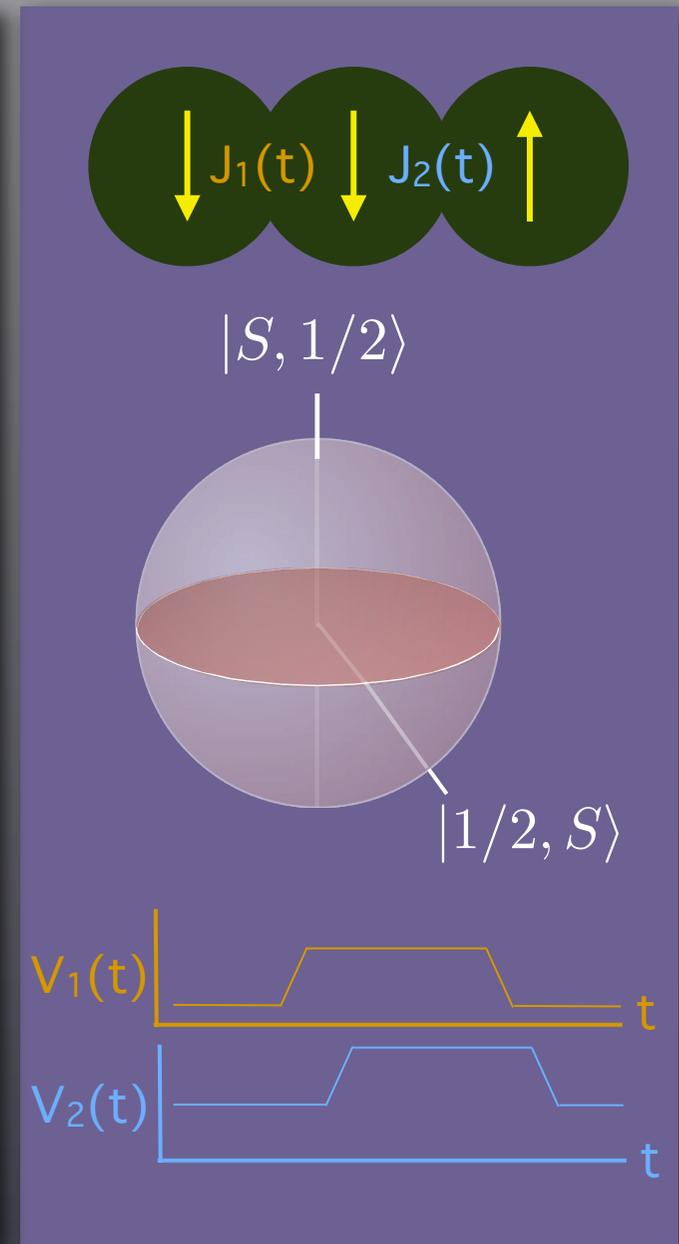
# More Choices and Trade-offs for the Logical Qubit



Loss DiVincenzo, PRA 1998



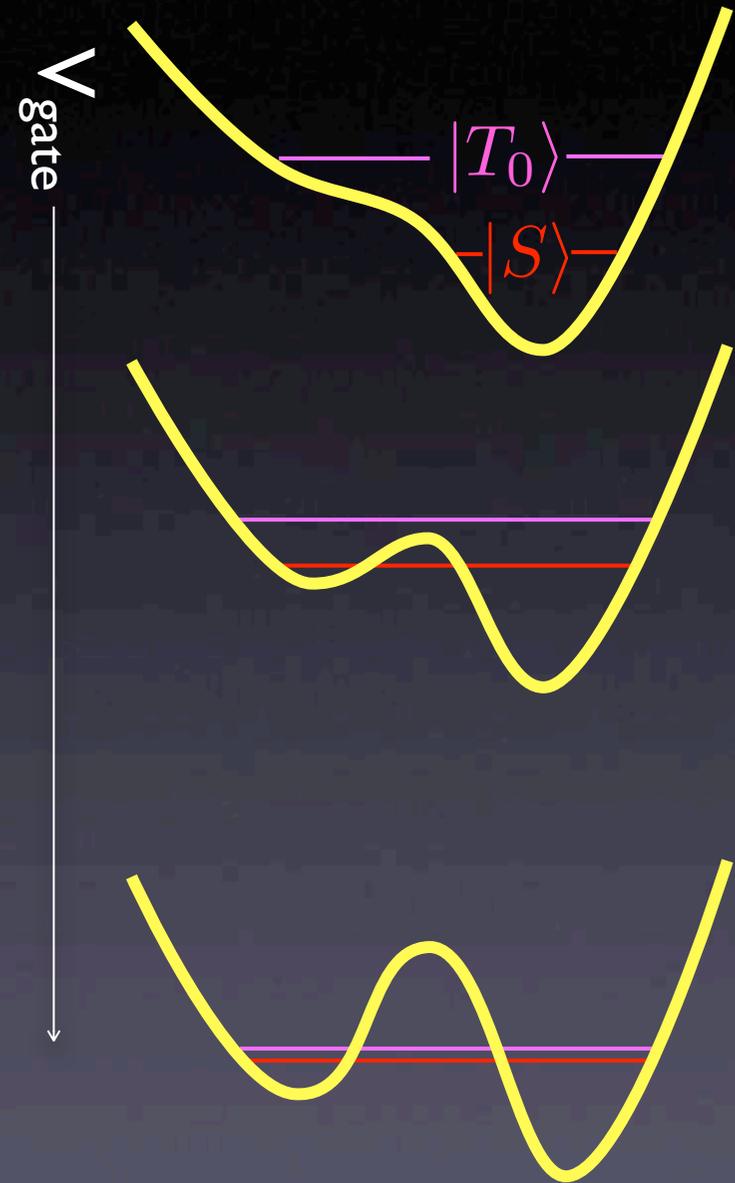
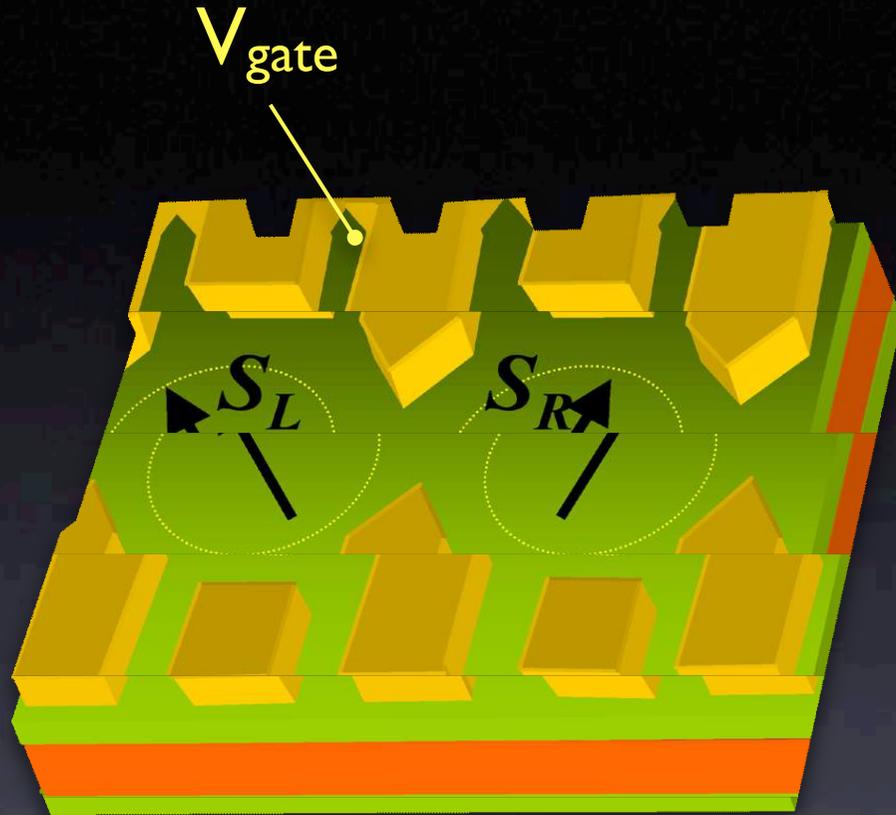
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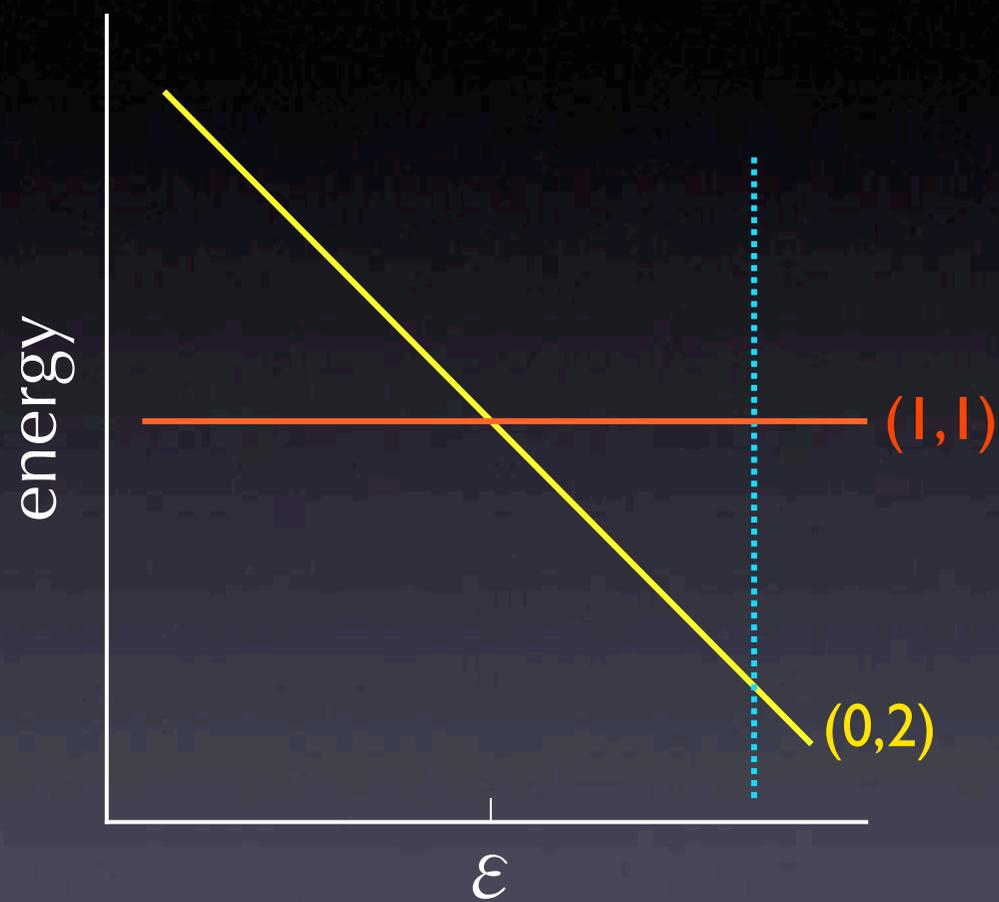
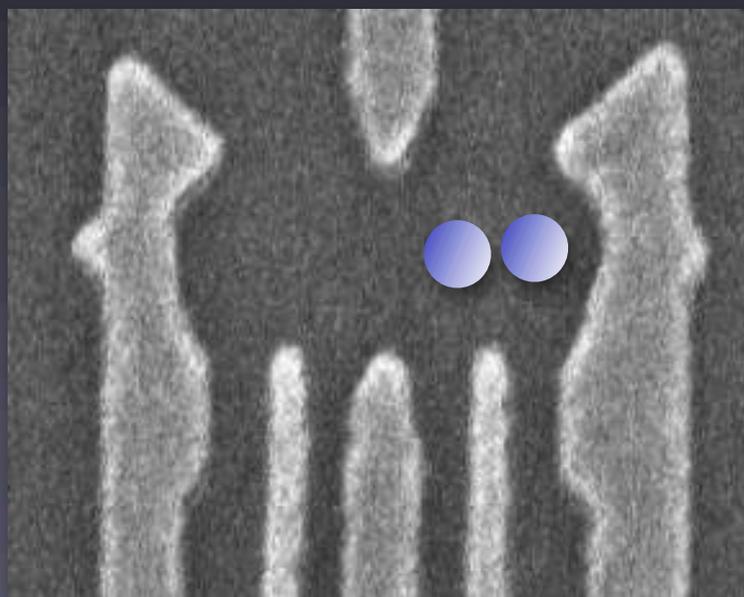
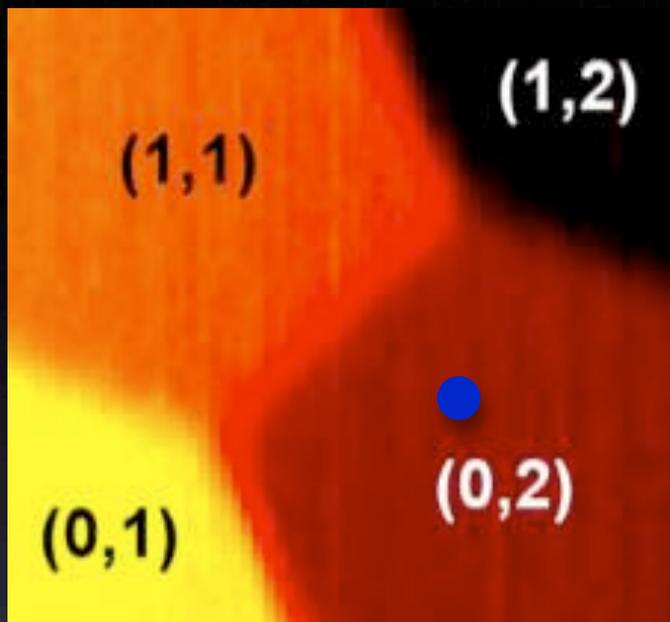
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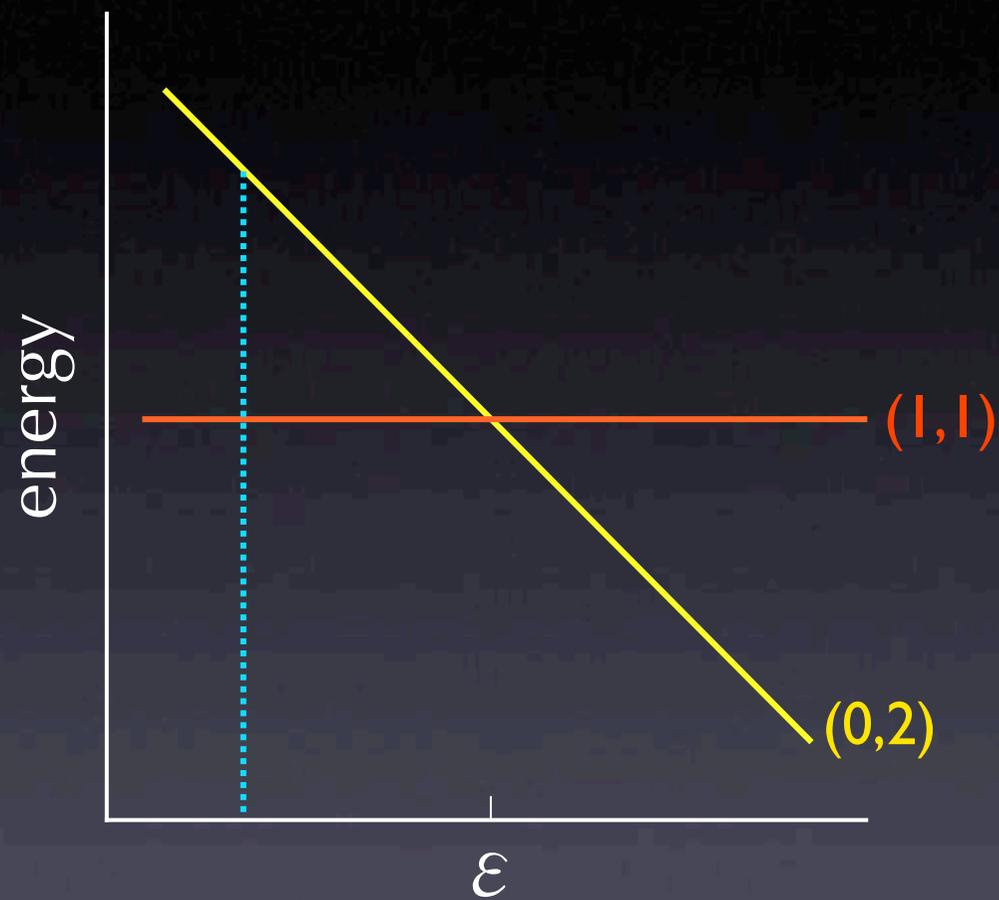
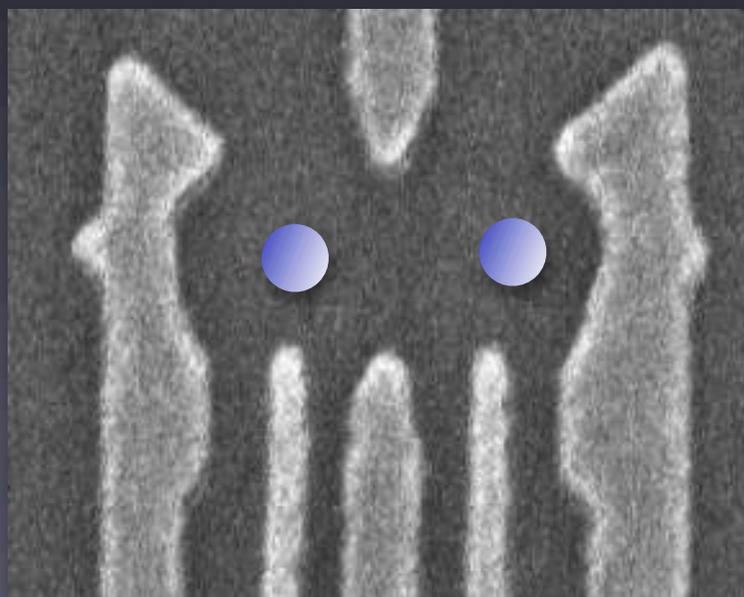
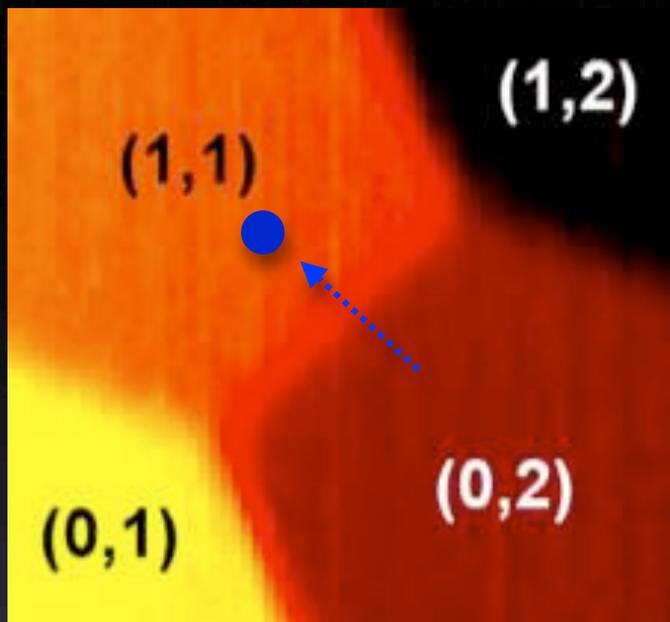
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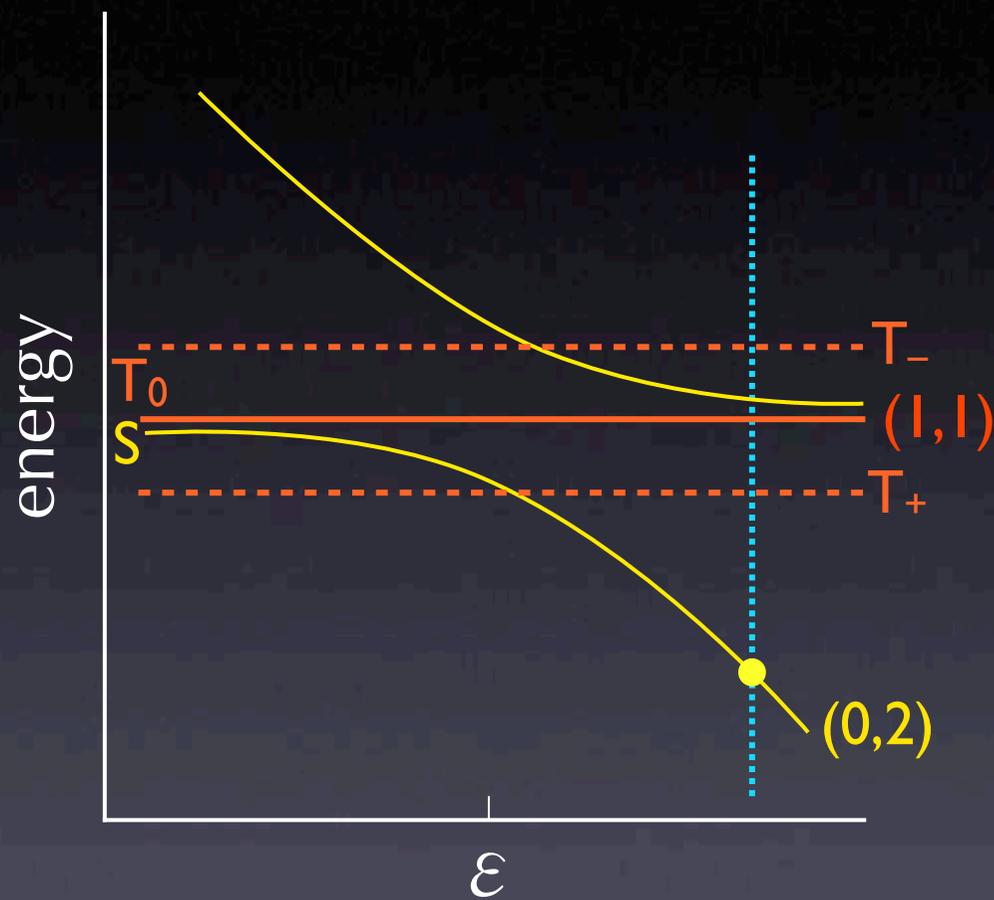
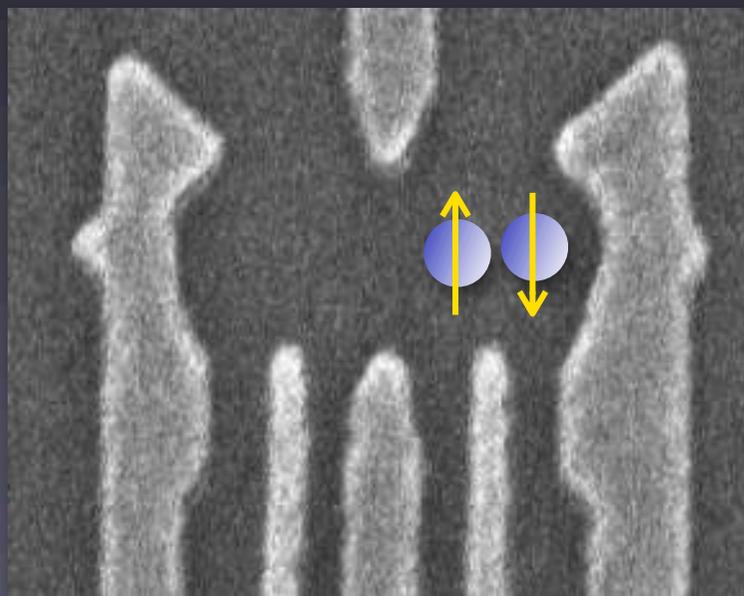
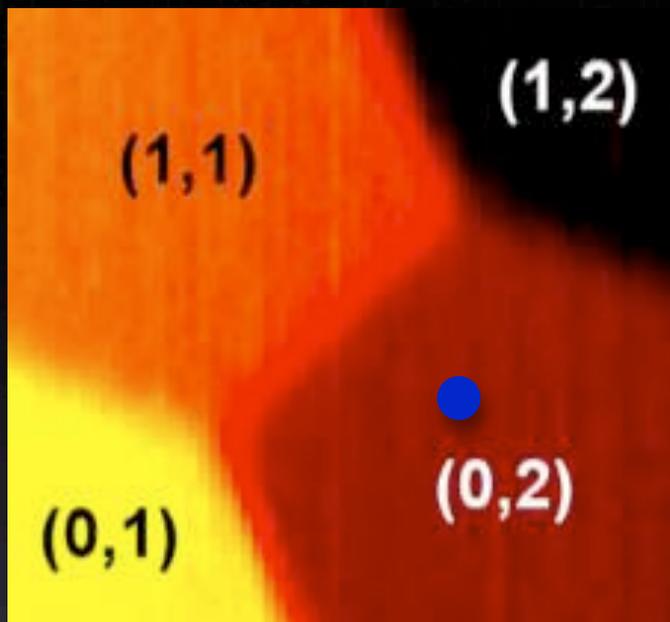


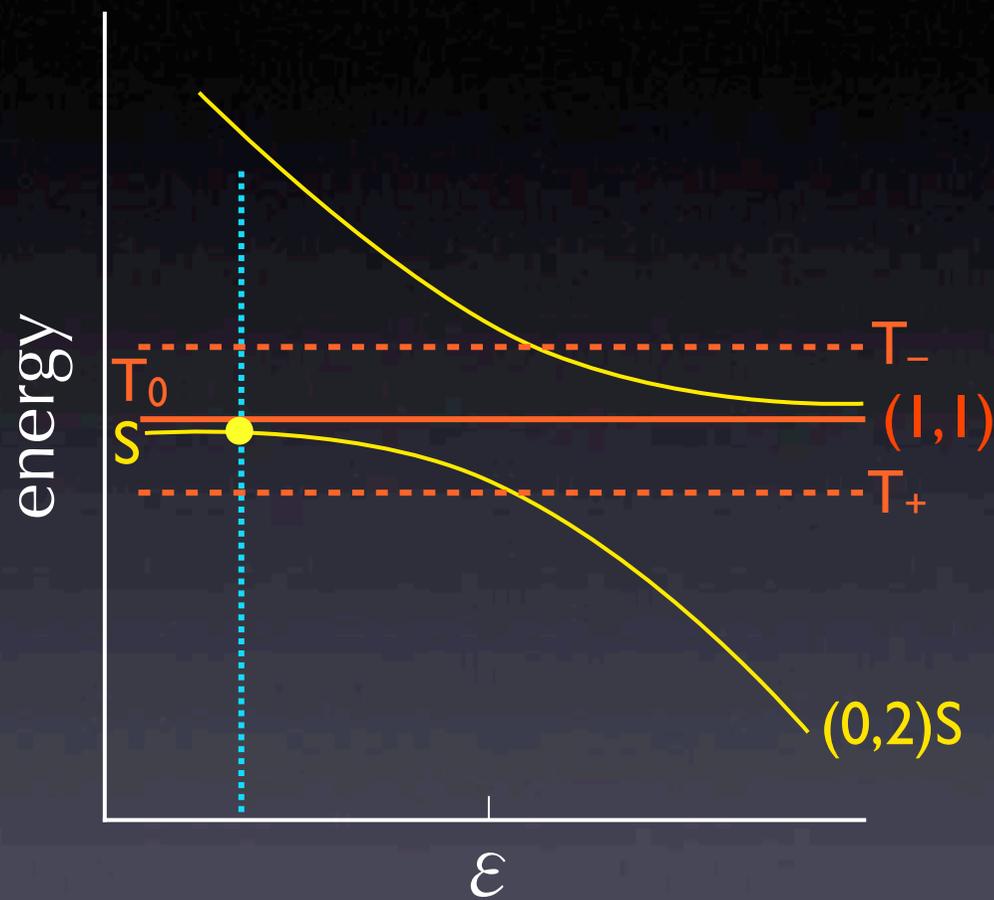
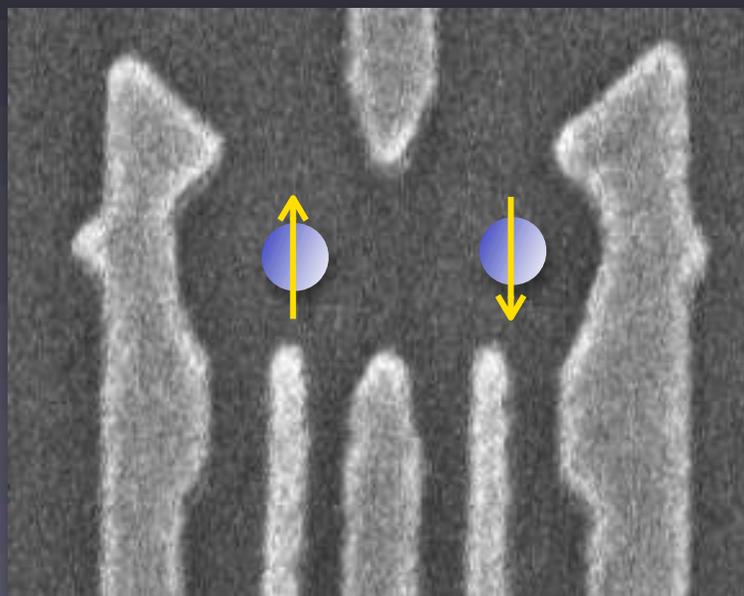
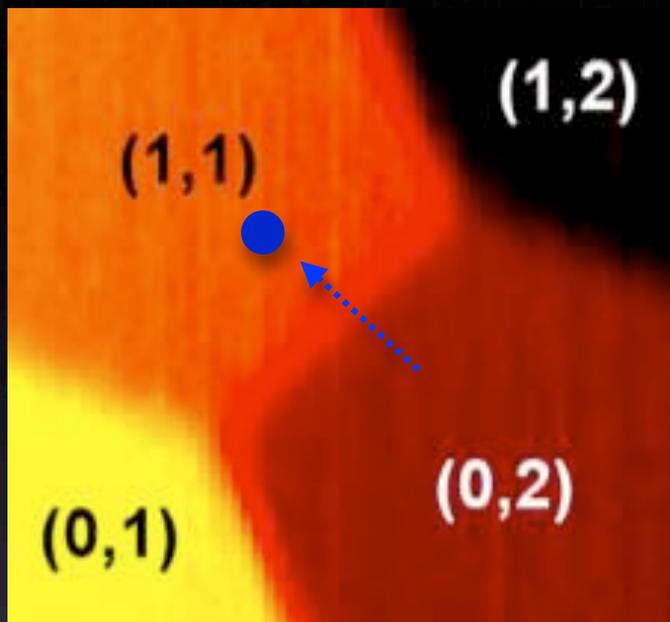
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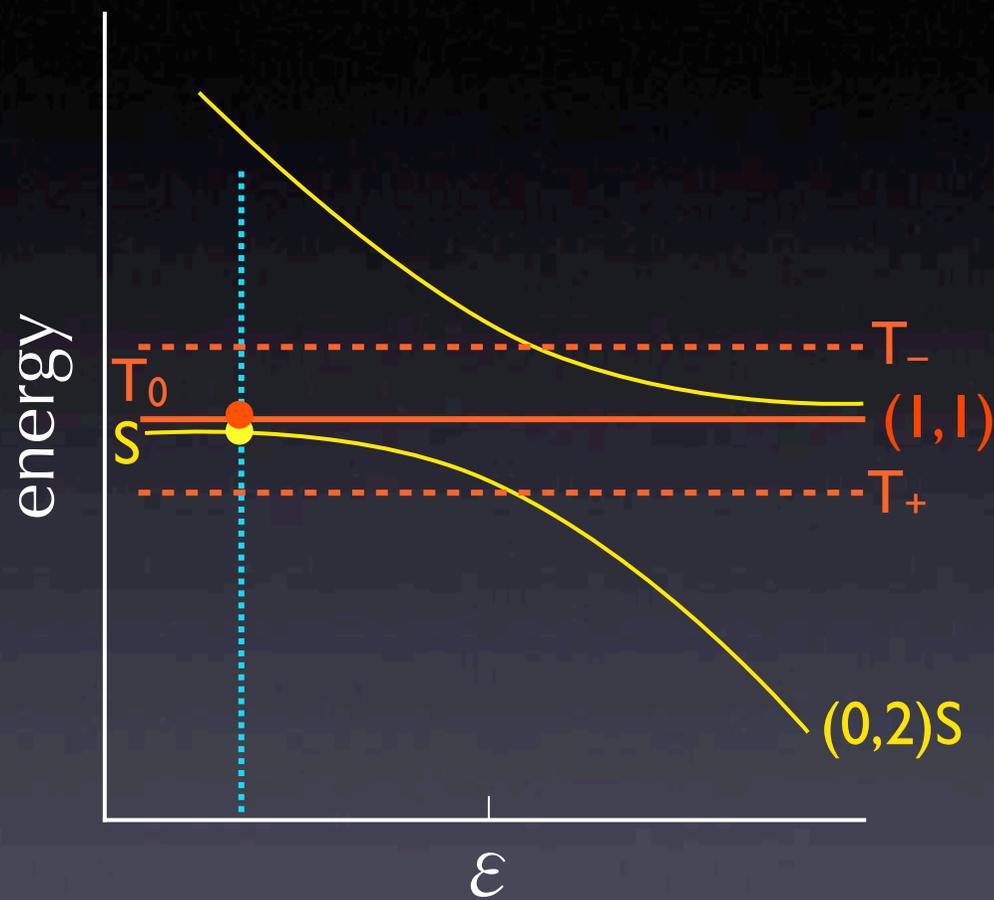
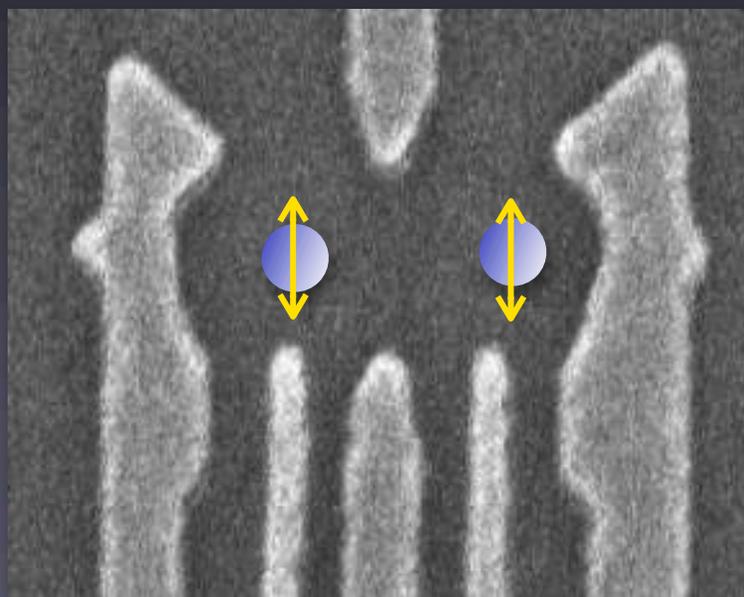
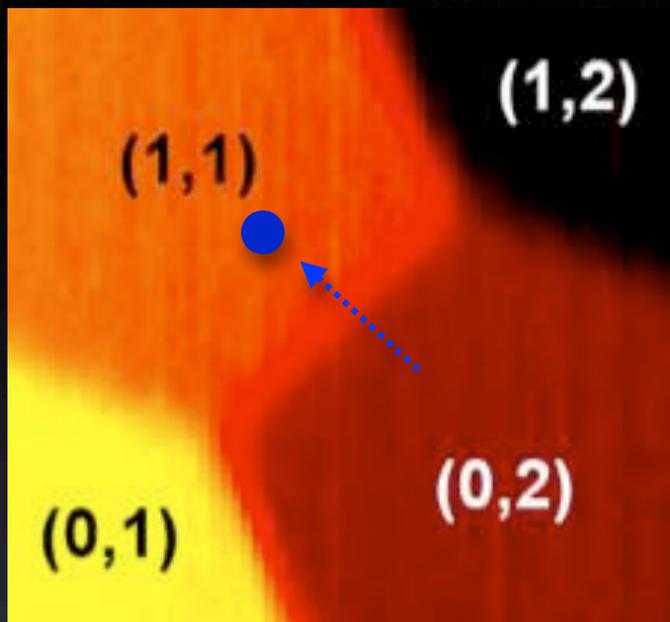
$$|T_0\rangle = |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$$

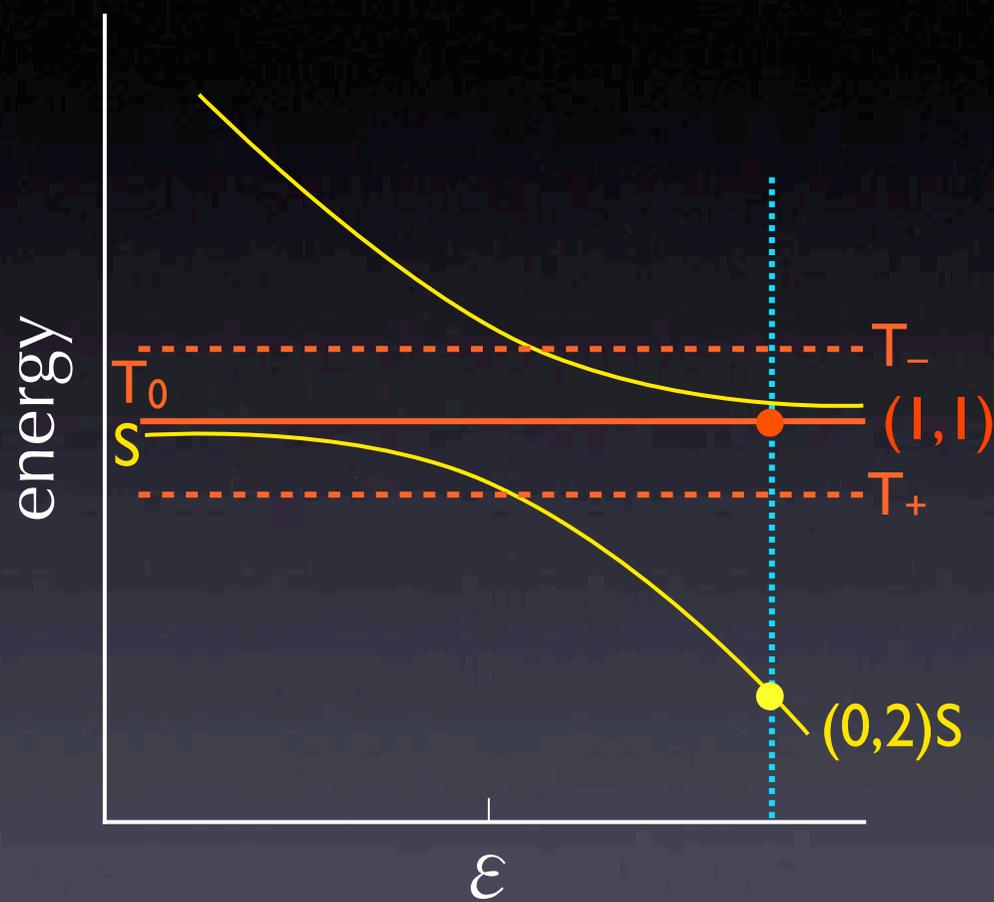
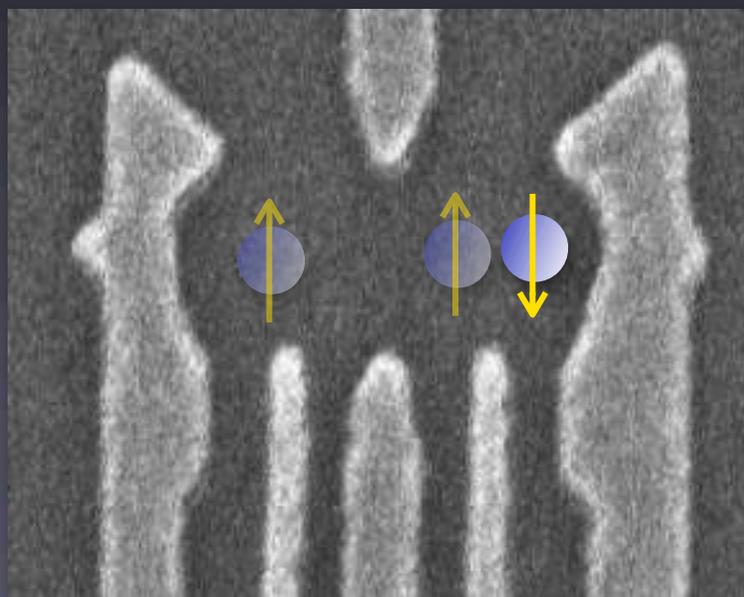
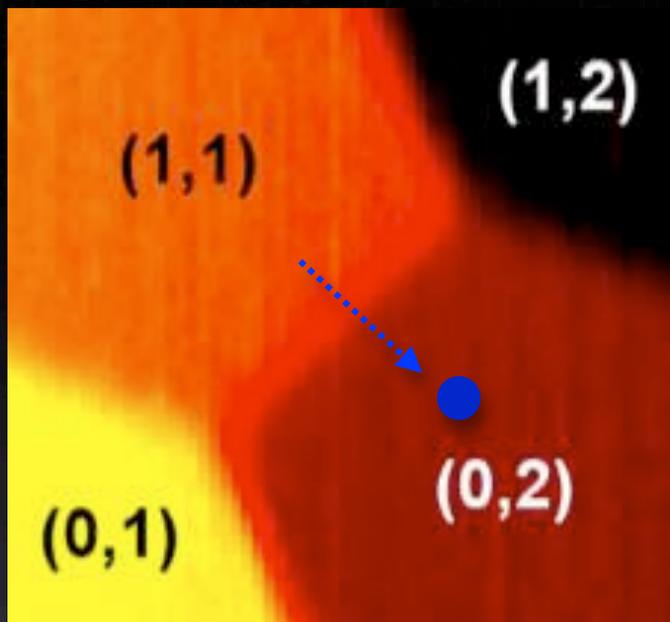




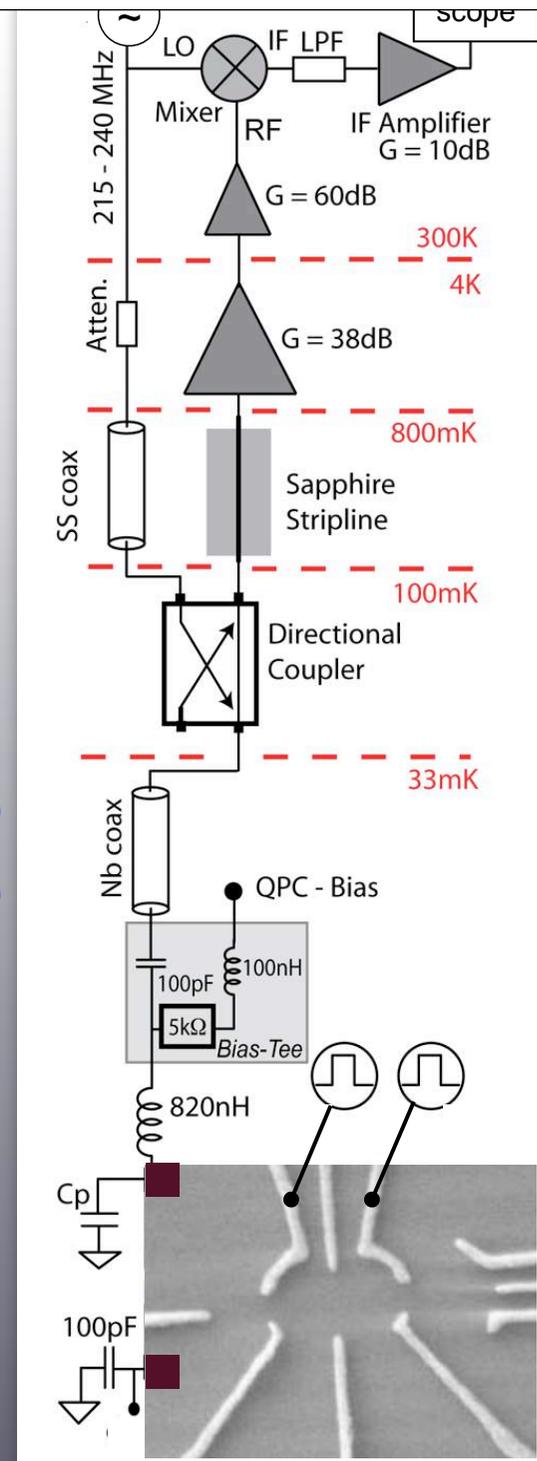
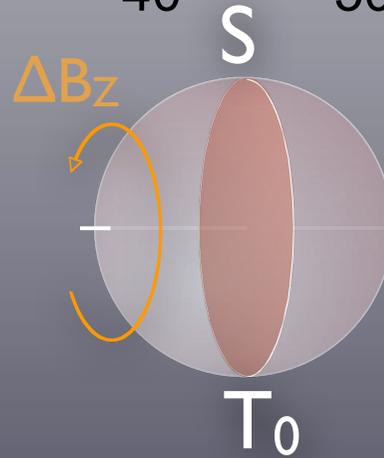
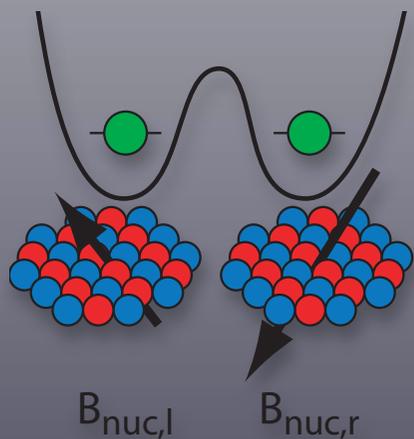
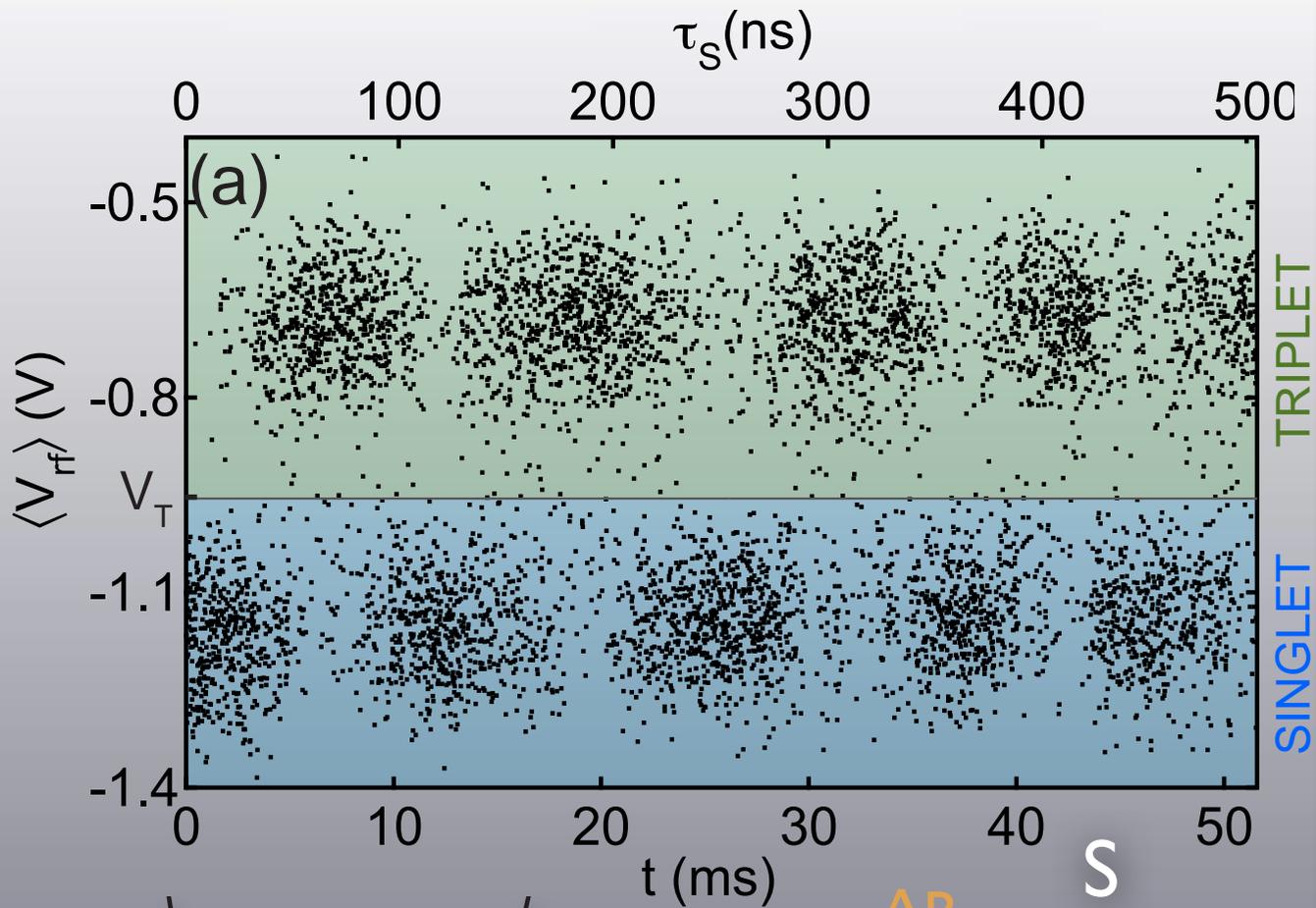








# Single-shot S-T detection



## Electron Spin Decoherence in Quantum Dots due to Interaction with Nuclei

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We study the decoherence of a single electron spin in an isolated quantum dot induced by hyperfine interaction with nuclei. The decay is caused by the spatial variation of the electron wave function within the dot, leading to a nonuniform hyperfine coupling  $A$ . We evaluate the spin correlation function and find that the decay is not exponential but rather power (inverse logarithm) lawlike. For polarized nuclei we find an exact solution and show that the precession amplitude and the decay behavior can be tuned by the magnetic field. The decay time is given by  $\hbar N/A$ , where  $N$  is the number of nuclei inside the dot, and the amplitude of precession decays to a finite value. We show that there is a striking difference between the decoherence time for a single dot and the dephasing time for an ensemble of dots.

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The spin dynamics of electrons in semiconducting nanostructures has become of central interest in recent years [1]. The controlled manipulation of spin, and in particular of its phase, is the primary prerequisite needed for novel applications in conventional computer hardware as well as in quantum information processing. It is thus desirable to understand the spin phase coherence in GaAs semiconductors, with unusually long spin decay times of about 100 ns [2]. Since in GaAs the hyperfine interaction between the electron spin and nuclei is unavoidable, and it is particularly so for electron spins confined in quantum dots, it is important to study its effect on the electron spin dynamics. Recent work on spin relaxation in GaAs nanostructures [3] has motivated this work.

Motivated by this work, we study the spin dynamics of a single electron confined to a quantum dot in the presence of nuclear spins. We treat the case of unpolarized nuclei perturbatively, while for the fully polarized case we present an exact solution for the spin dynamics and show that the decay is nonexponential and can be strongly influenced by external magnetic fields. We use the term “decoherence” to describe the case with a single dot, and the term “dephasing” for an ensemble of dots [8]. The typical fluctuating nuclear magnetic field seen by the electron spin via the hyperfine interaction is of the order of [9]  $\sim A/\sqrt{N} g \mu_B$ , with an associated electron precession frequency  $\omega_N = A/\sqrt{N}$ , where  $A$  is a hyperfine constant,  $g$  the electron  $g$  factor, and  $\mu_B$  the Bohr magneton. For a typical dot size the electron wave function covers approximately  $N = 10^5$  nuclei, then this field is of the order of 100 G in a GaAs quantum dot. The nuclei in

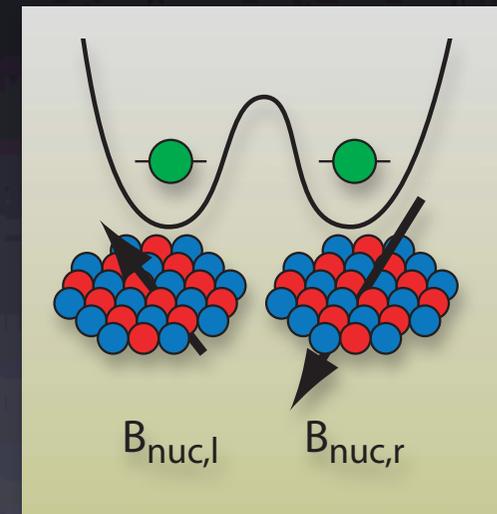
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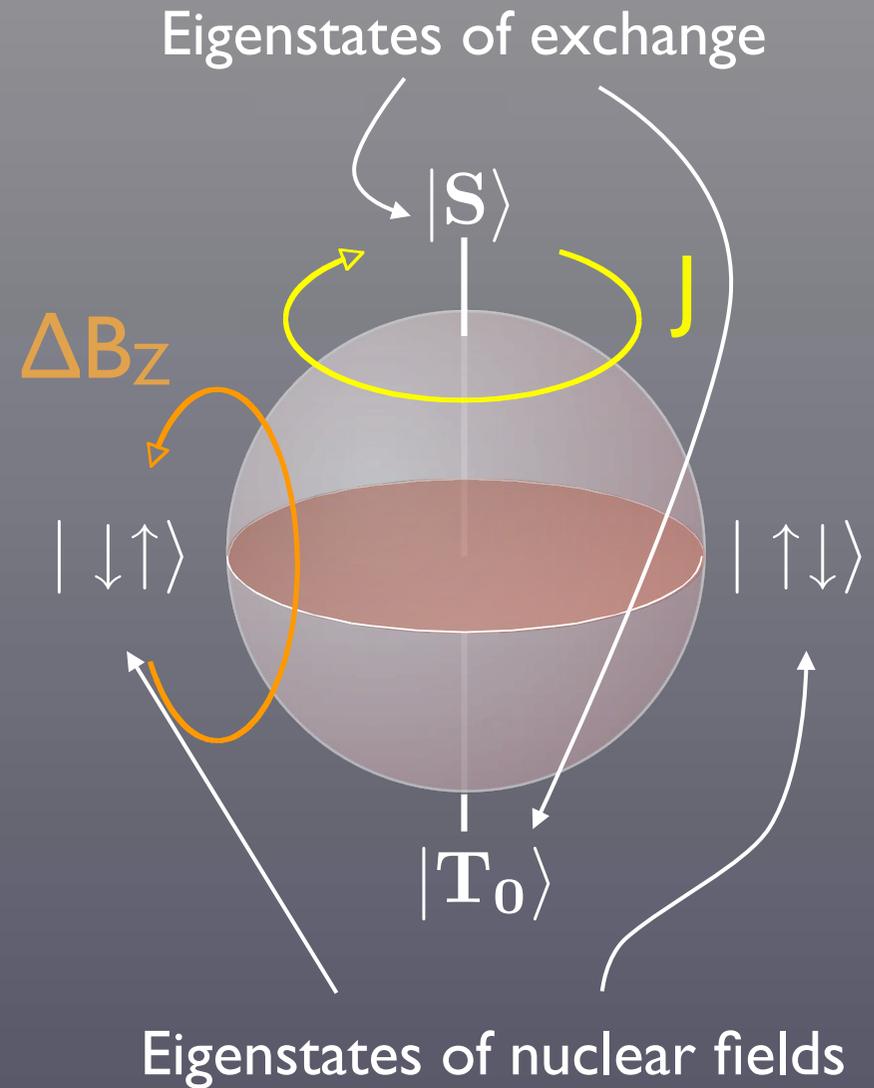
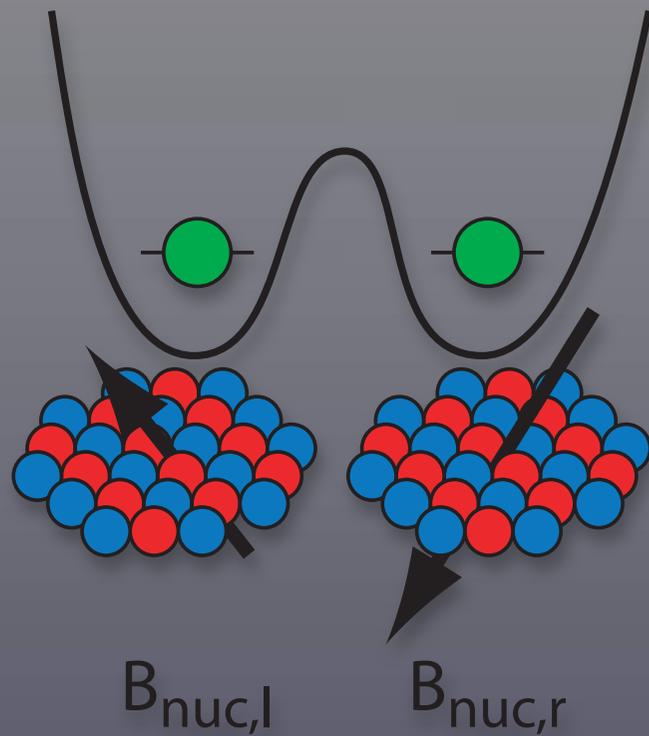
*Unpolarized nuclei.*—We consider a single electron confined to a quantum dot whose spin  $\mathbf{S}$  couples to an external magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  and to nuclear spins  $\{\mathbf{I}^i\}$  via

# Nuclear coupling well understood

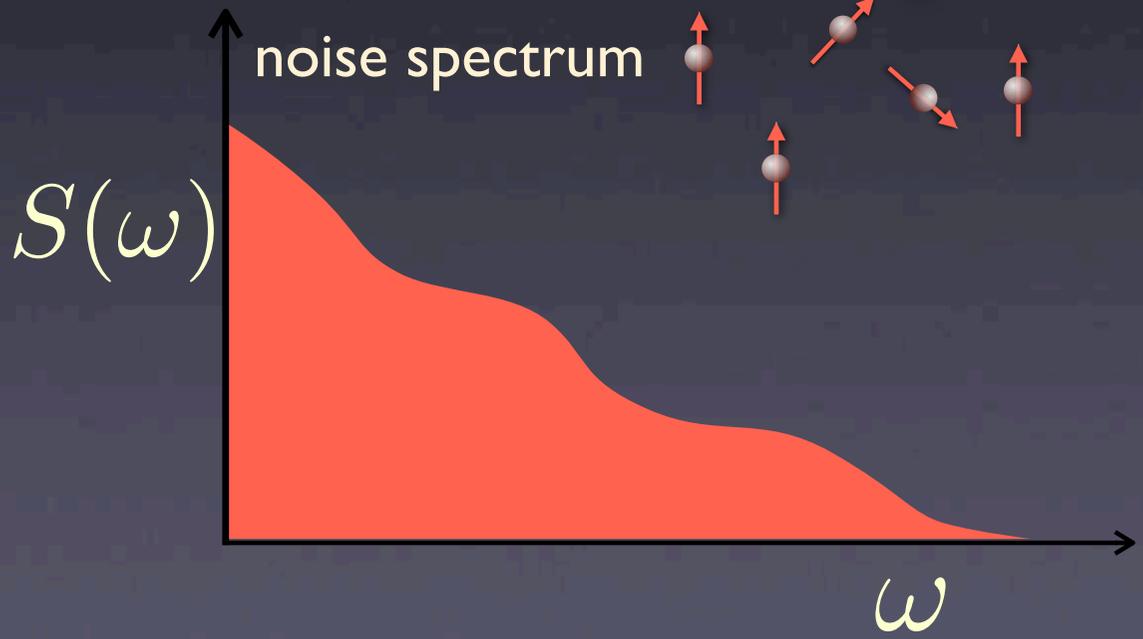
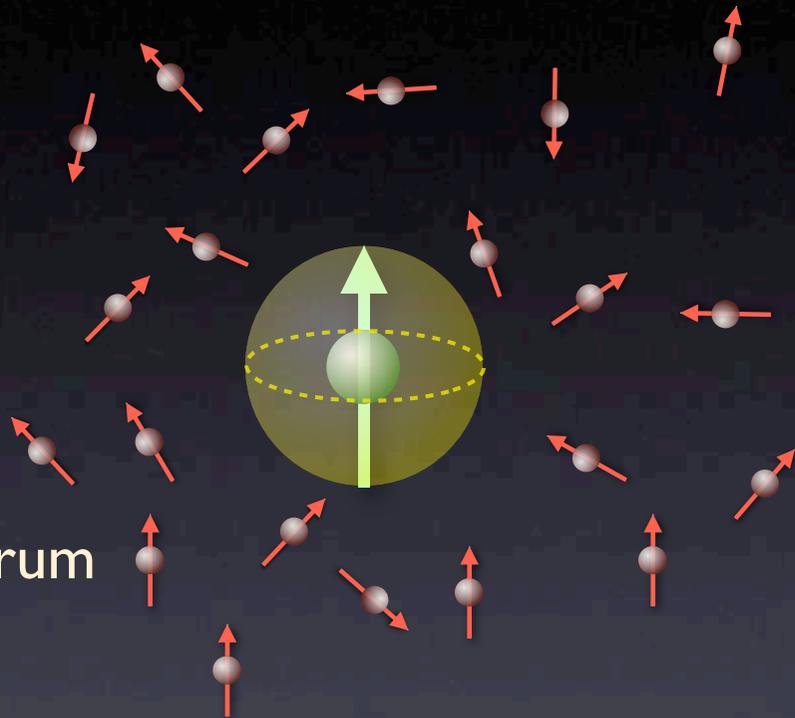


$$T2^* \sim \omega_N^{-1} \sim 10ns$$

# Hyperfine coupling and the S-T qubit



# Spin Qubit



## Measurement of Temporal Correlations of the Overhauser Field in a Double Quantum Dot

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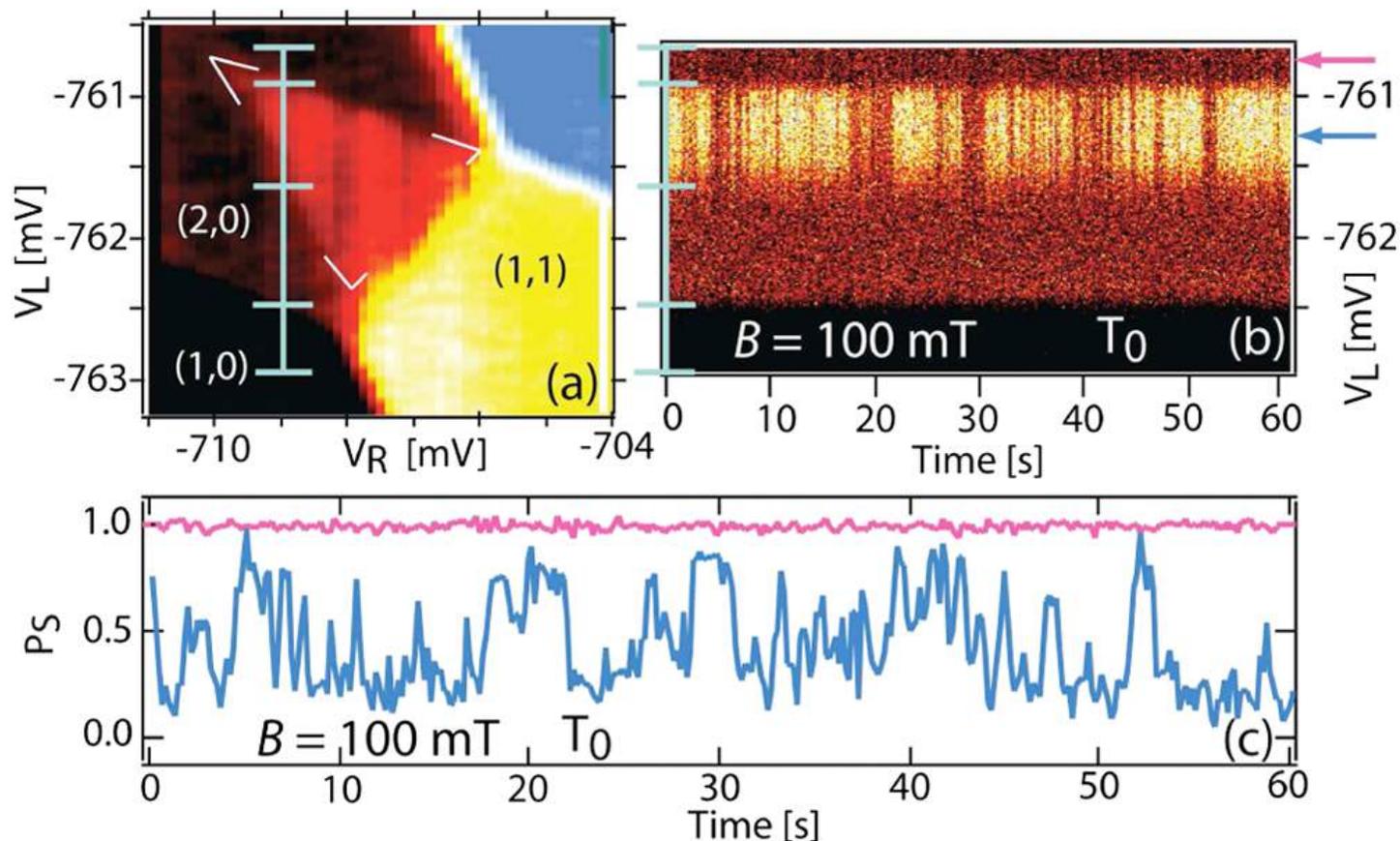
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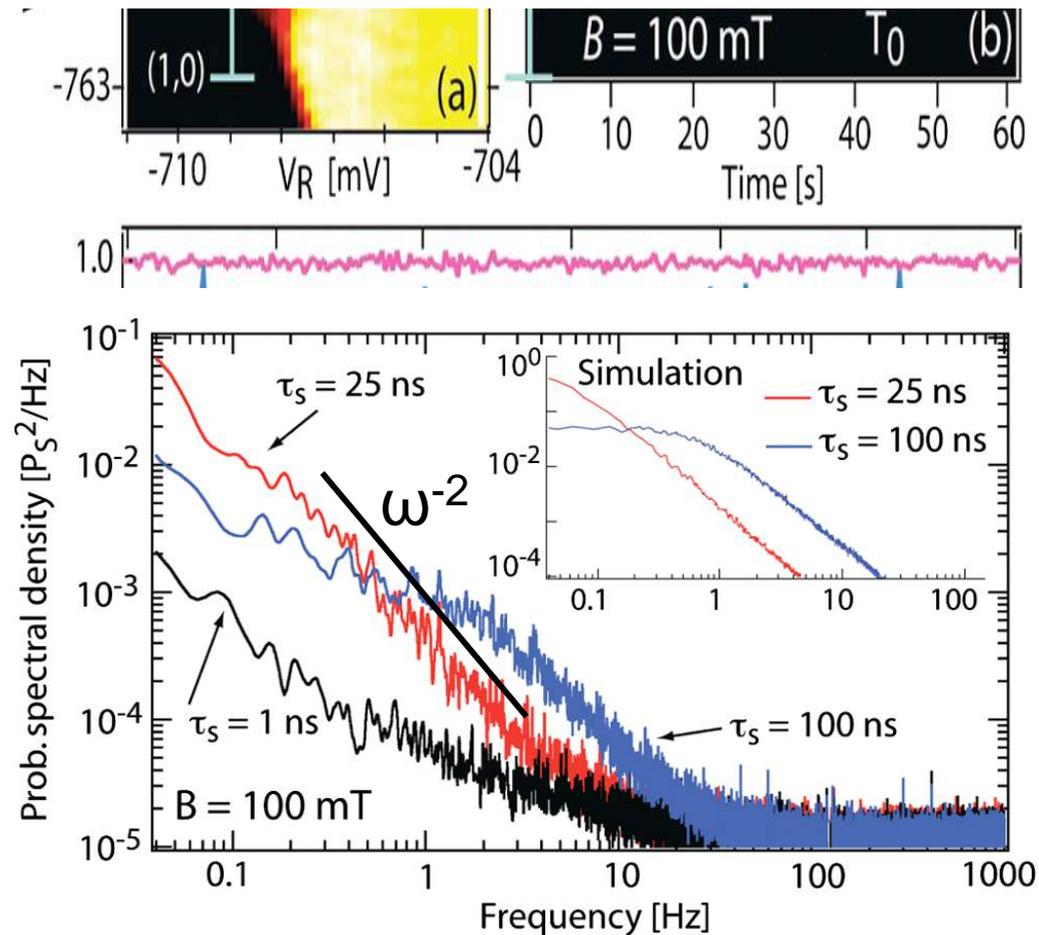
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Model spectral diffusion

$$C(t) = \langle B_{nuc}(t) B_{nuc}(0) \rangle \propto e^{(-t/\tau_C)}$$

Nuclear spectral function

$$S(\omega) = A \omega^{-\beta} \\ \beta = 2$$

# Nuclear spin dynamics in double quantum dots: Fixed points, transients, and intermittency

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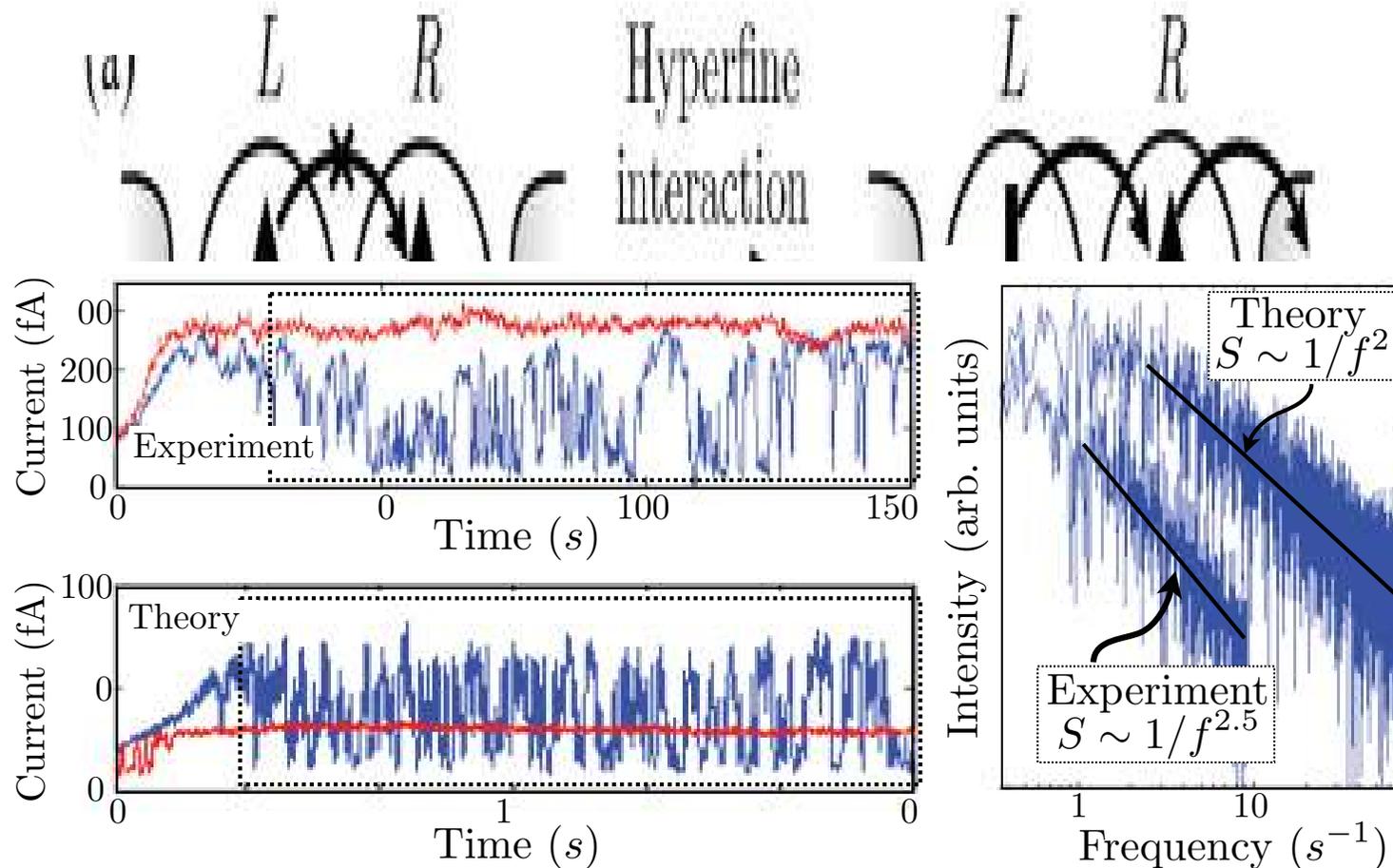
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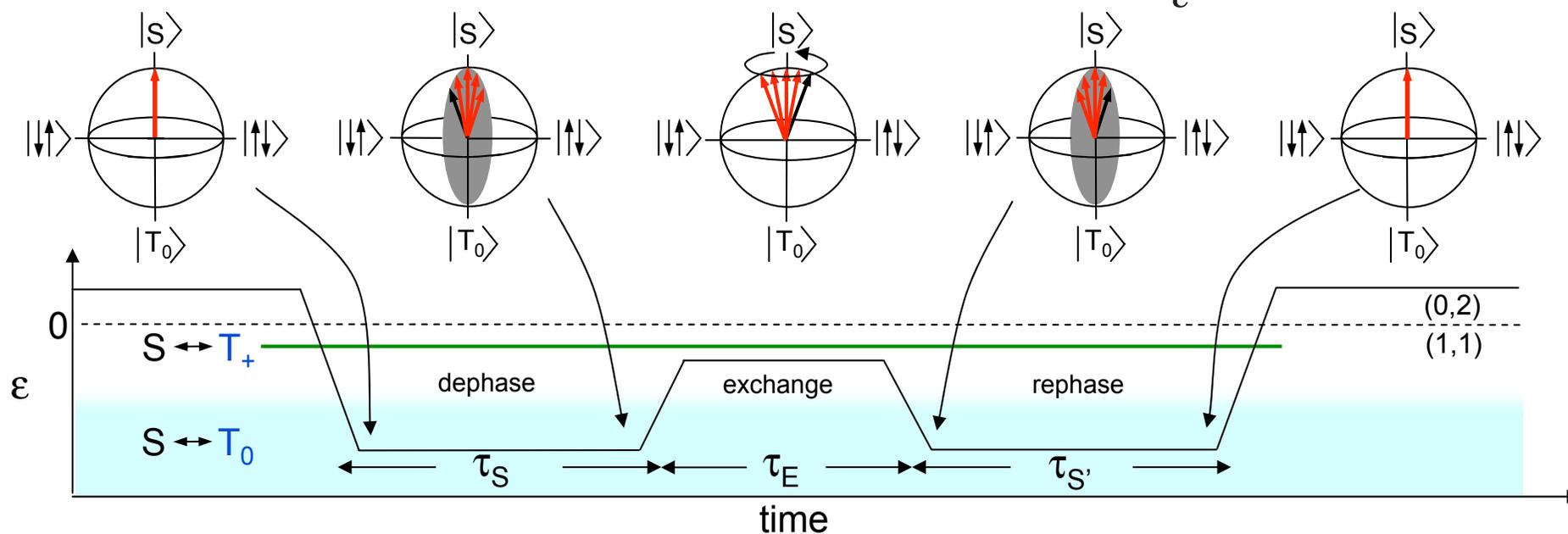
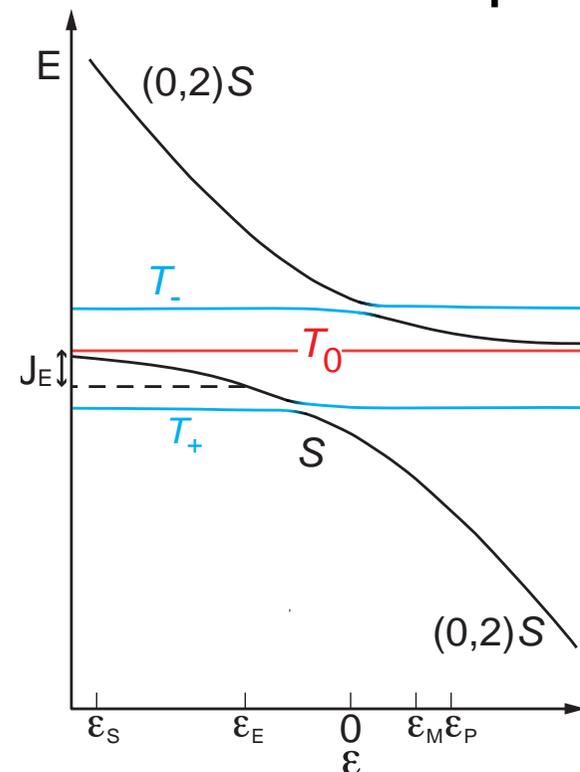
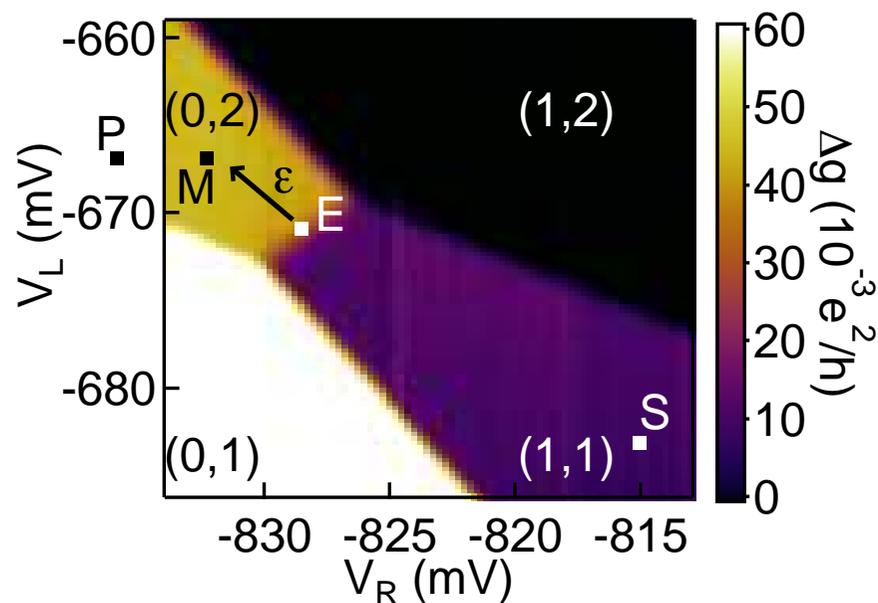
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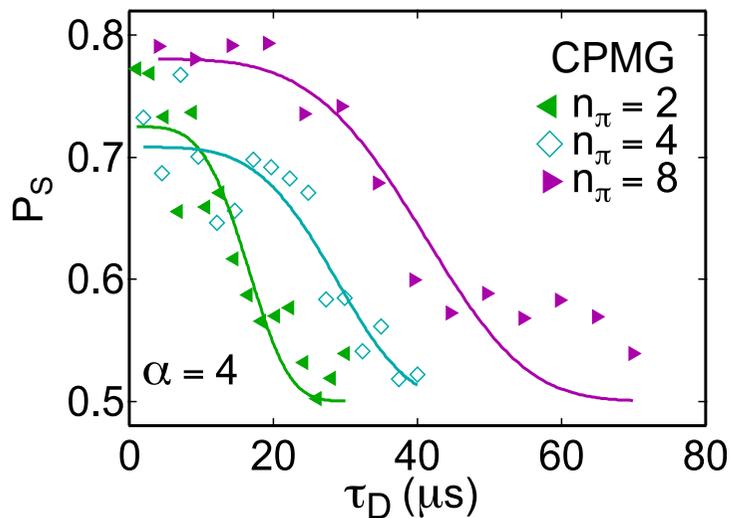
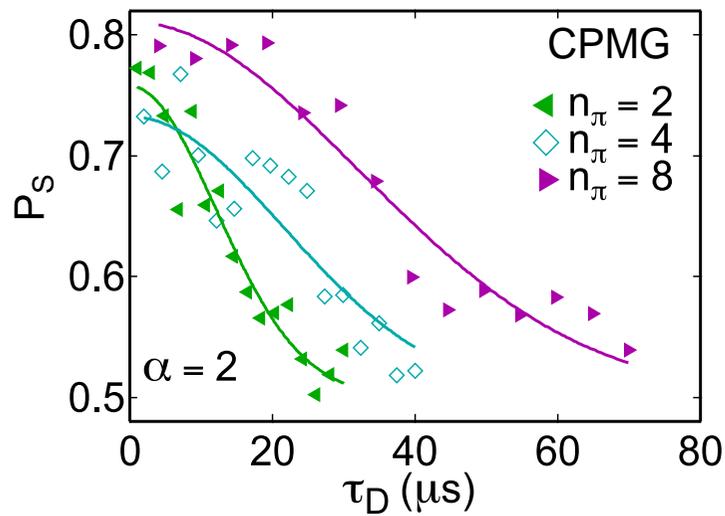
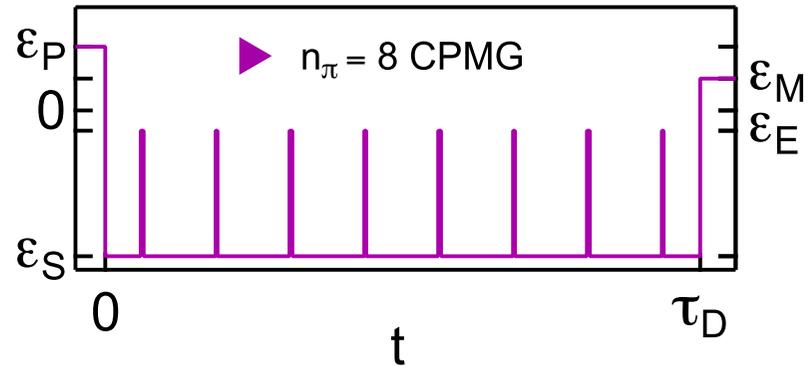
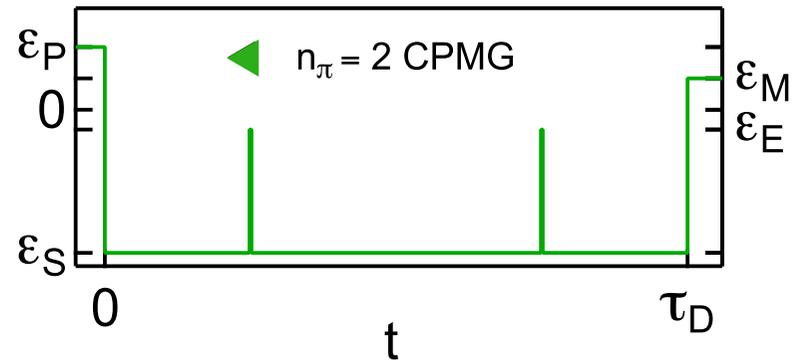
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# Prepare-Separate-Echo-Separate-Return sequence



# From Echo to CPMG



Envelope function for singlet return probability

$$P_S(\tau_D) = 0.5 + V e^{-\left(\frac{\tau_D}{T_2}\right)^\alpha}$$

Different models give different values of  $\alpha$

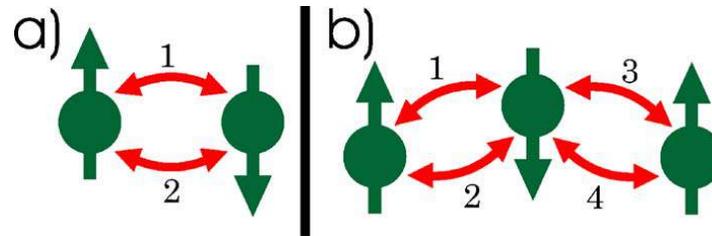
Difficult to measure  $\alpha$  directly (compare  $\alpha=2$  and  $\alpha=4$  fits).

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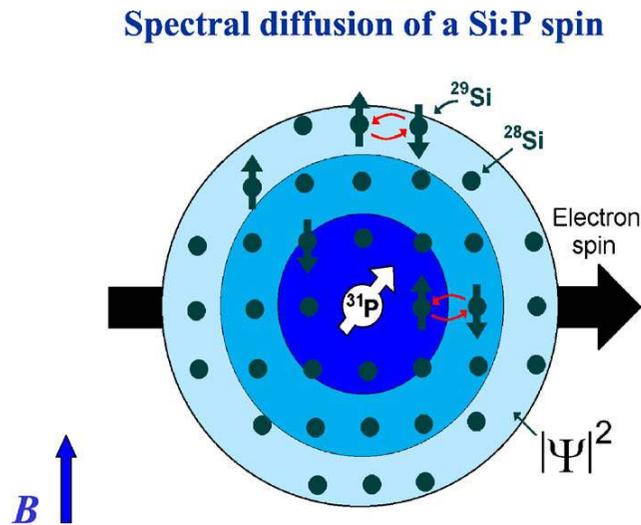
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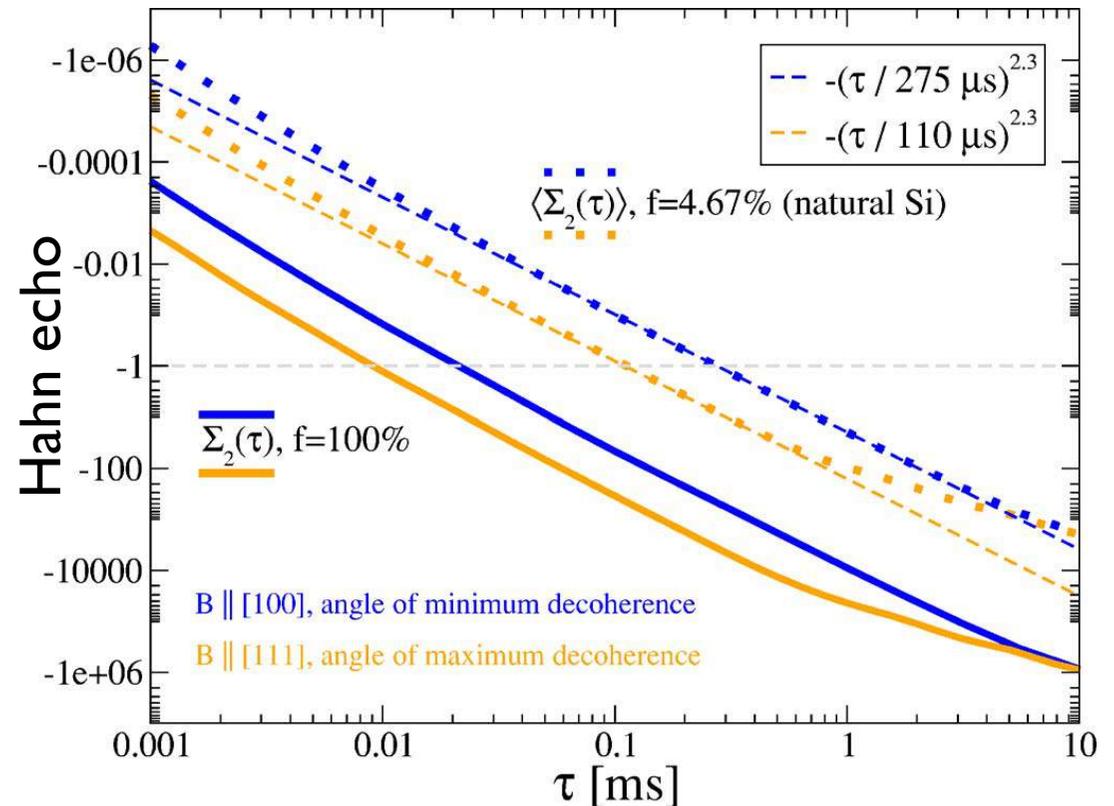
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Hahn echo

$$\text{Signal} \propto e^{-(t/T^{HE})^\alpha}$$

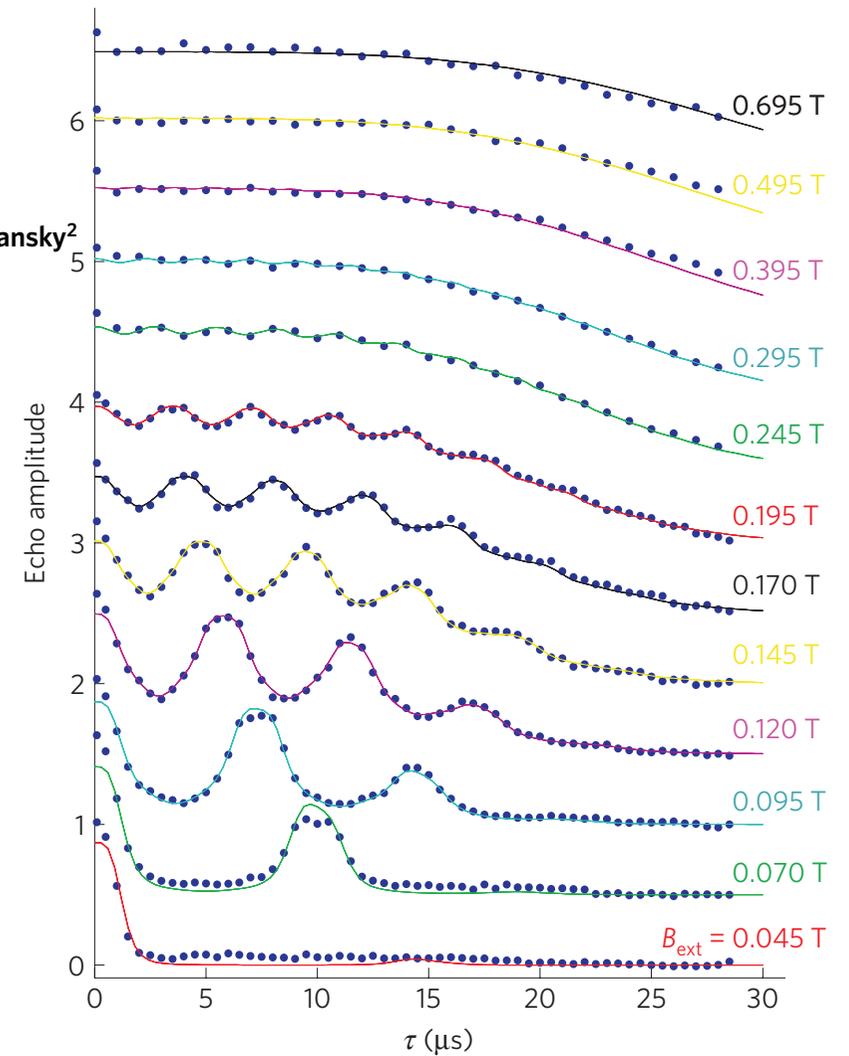
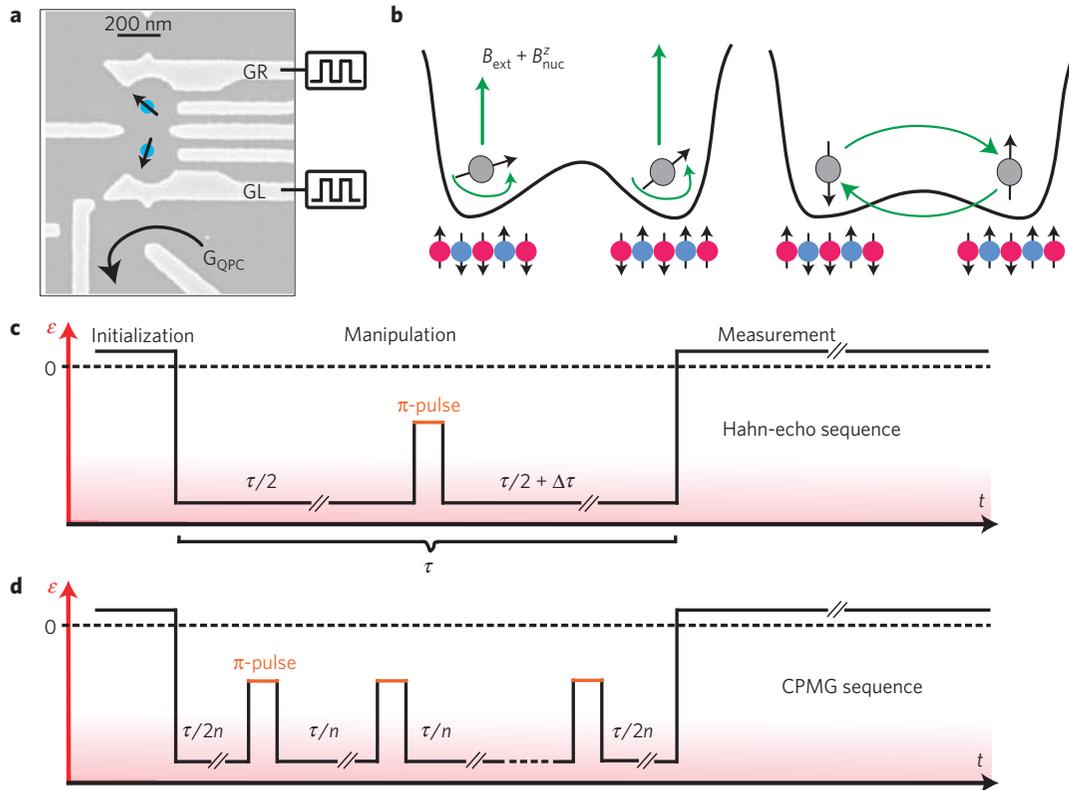
$$\alpha = 2.3$$



A. M. Tyryshkin and S. A. Lyon (private communication); A. M. Tyryshkin, S. A. Lyon, A. V. Astashkin, and A. M. Raitsimring, Phys. Rev. B **68**, 193207 (2003);

# Dephasing time of GaAs electron-spin qubits coupled to a nuclear bath exceeding 200 $\mu\text{s}$

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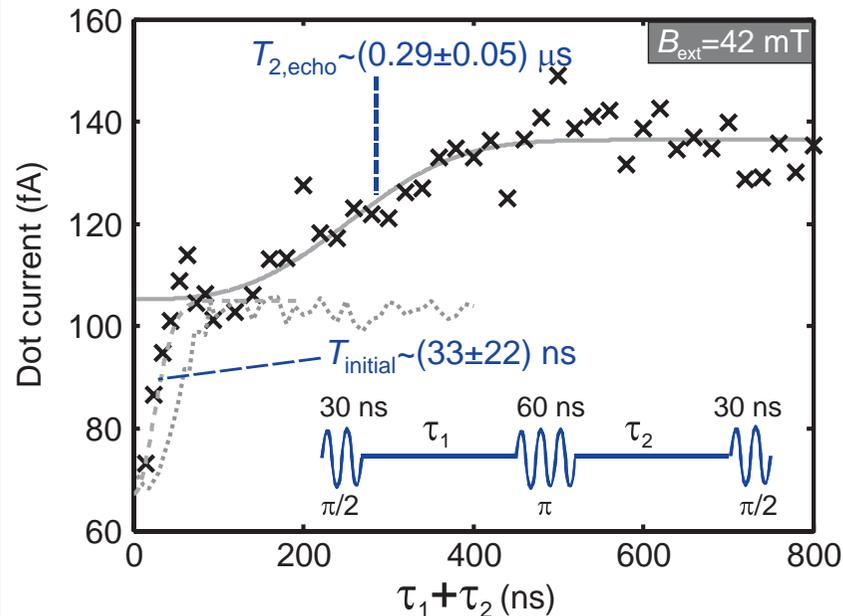
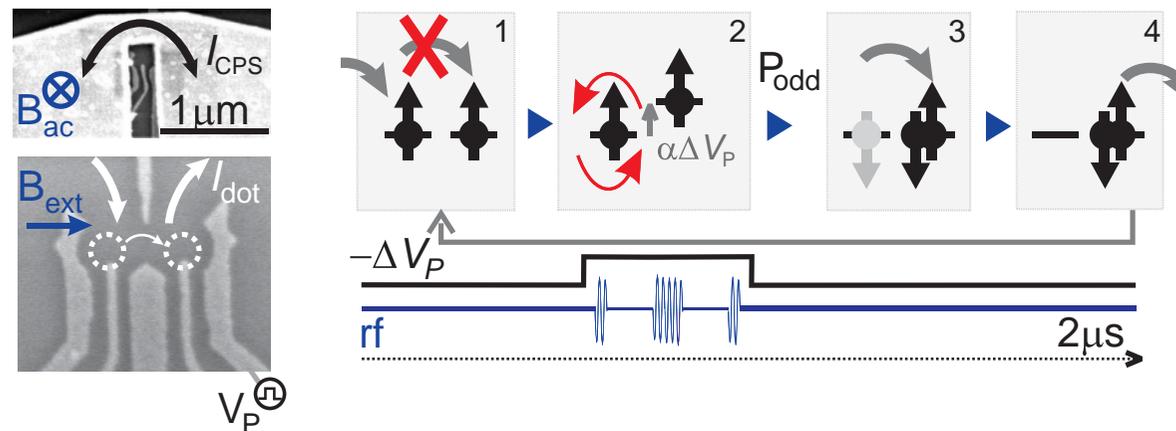
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## Spin Echo of a Single Electron Spin in a Quantum Dot

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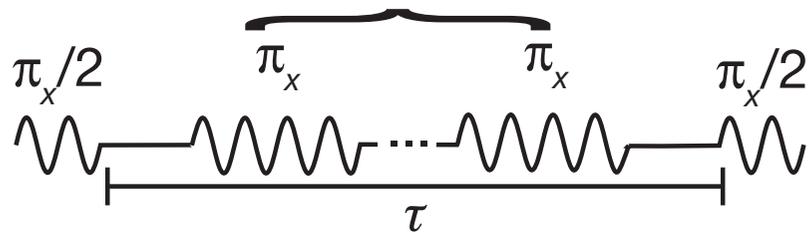
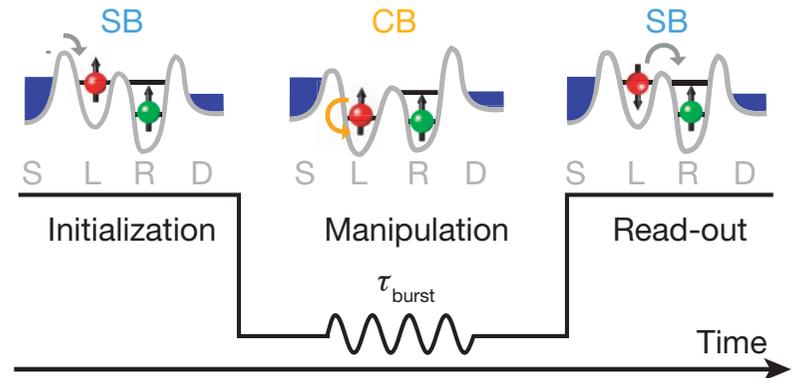
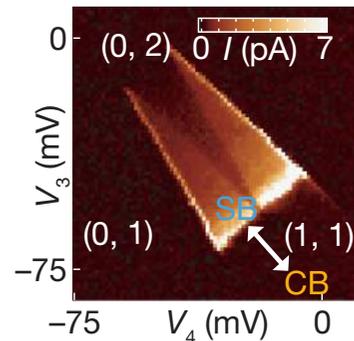
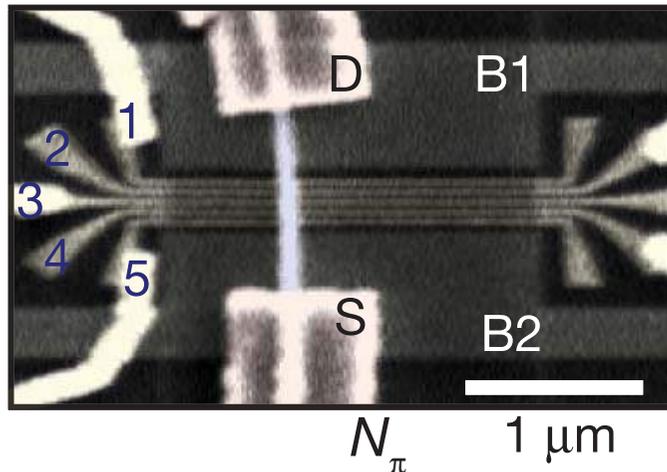


We extract the spin-echo coherence time  $T_{2,\text{echo}}$  from a best fit of  $a + be^{-[(\tau_1 + \tau_2)/T_{2,\text{echo}}]^d}$  to the data ( $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $T_{2,\text{echo}}$  are fit parameters and  $d$  is kept fixed) and find  $T_{2,\text{echo}} = (290 \pm 50)$  ns at  $B_{\text{ext}} = 42$  mT for  $d = 3$  [see Fig. 3(a), solid line]. We note that the precise functional form of the decay is hard to extract from the data, but we find similar decay times and reasonable fits for the range  $d = 2-4$ .

# Spin-orbit qubit in a semiconductor nanowire

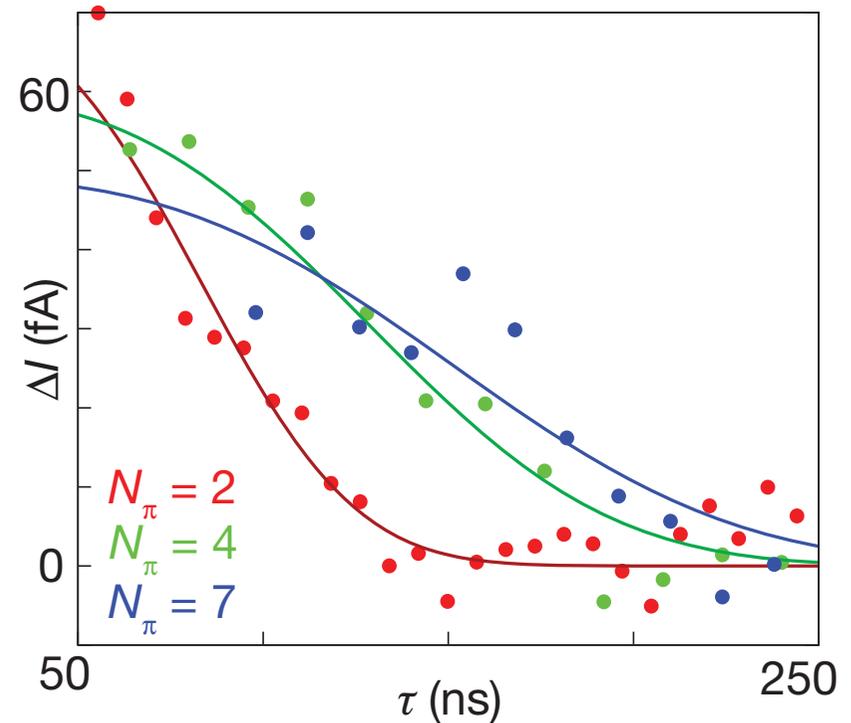
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$$\Delta I \propto e^{-(\tau/T^{\text{CPMG}})^{\alpha}}$$

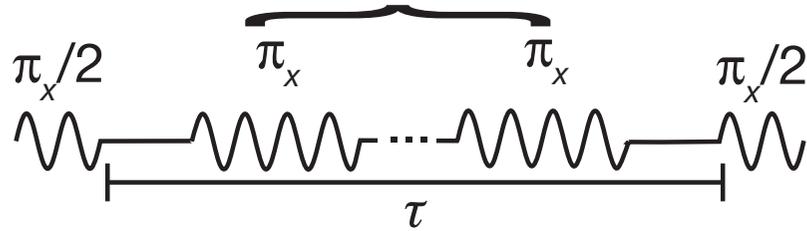
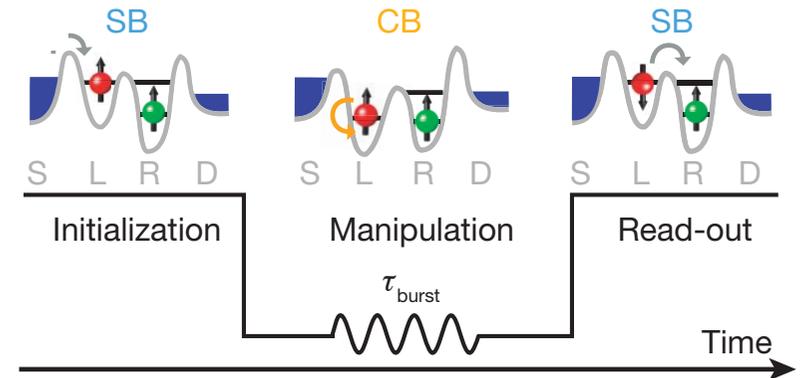
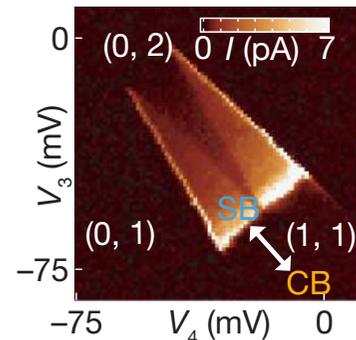
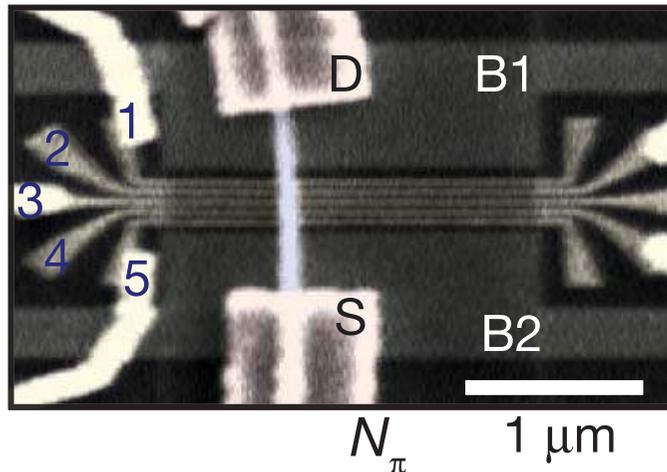
$$\alpha = 3$$



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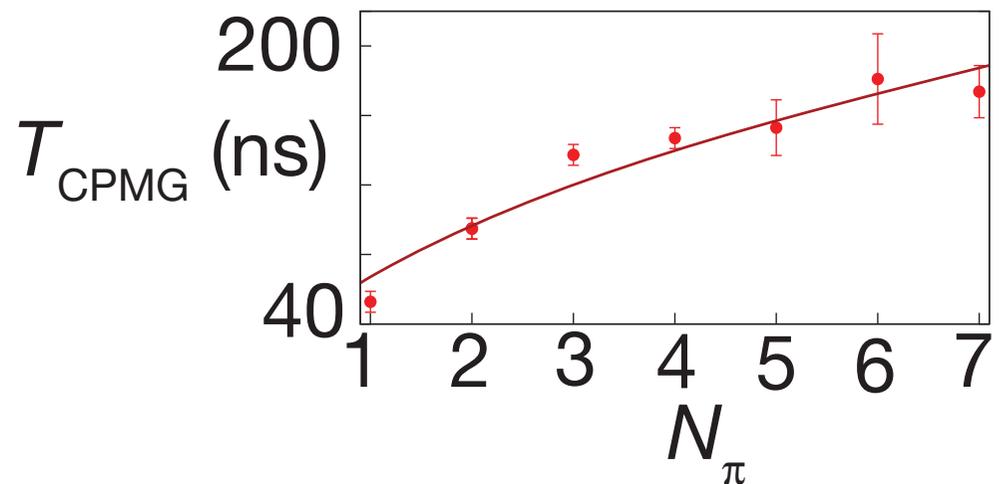
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$$T_{\text{CPMG}} \propto (N_{\pi})^{\gamma}$$

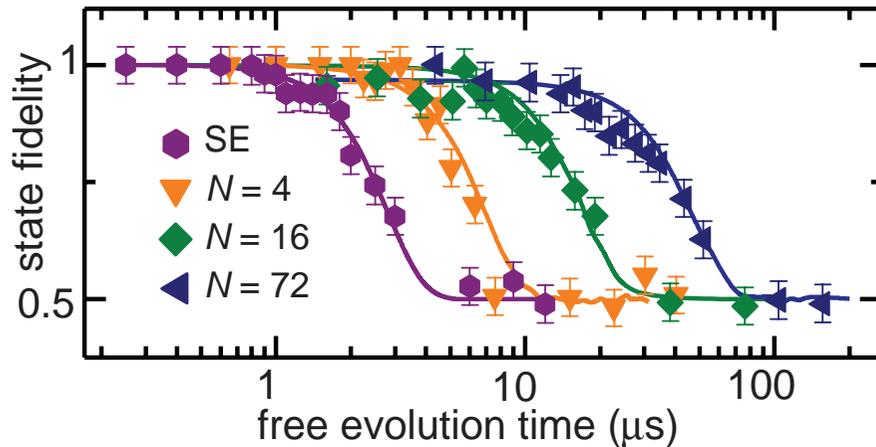
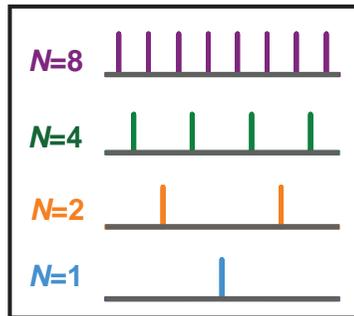
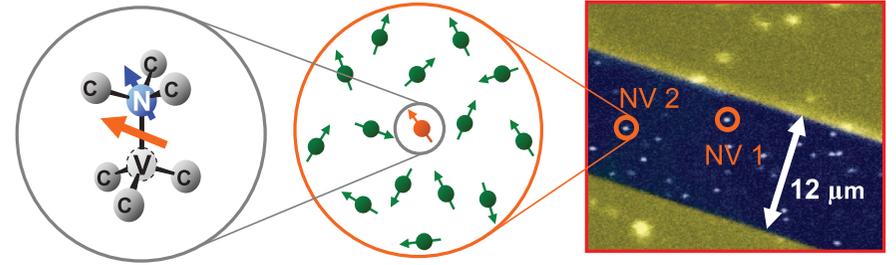
$$\gamma = 0.53 \pm 0.1$$



# Universal Dynamical Decoupling of a Single Solid-State Spin from a Spin Bath

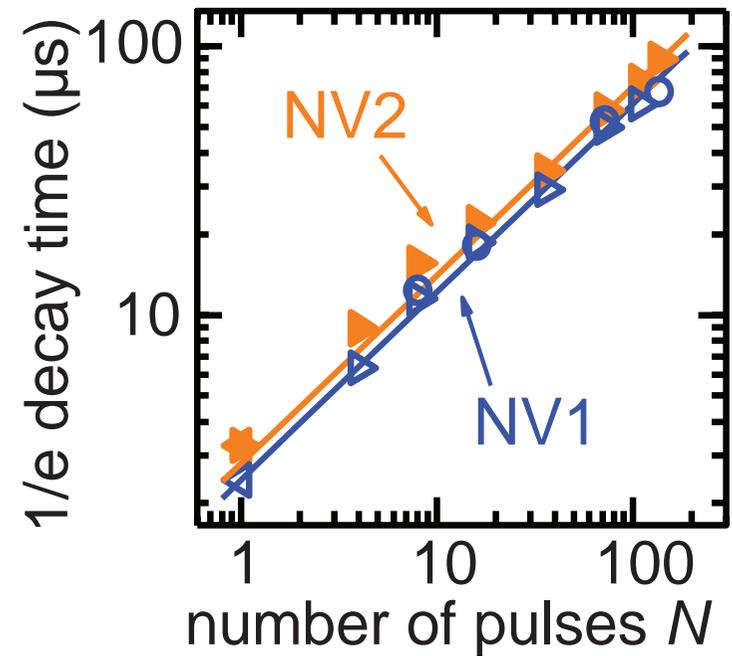
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$$e^{-(\tau/T^{\text{CPMG}})^{\alpha}}$$

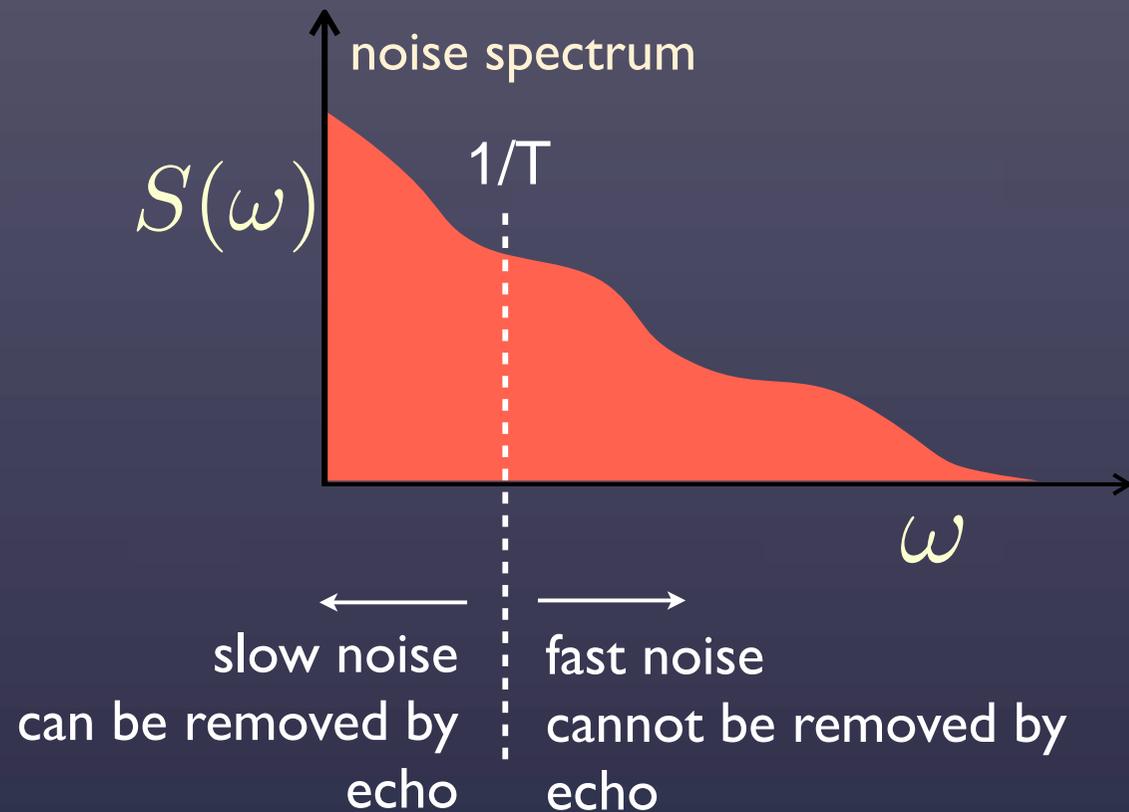
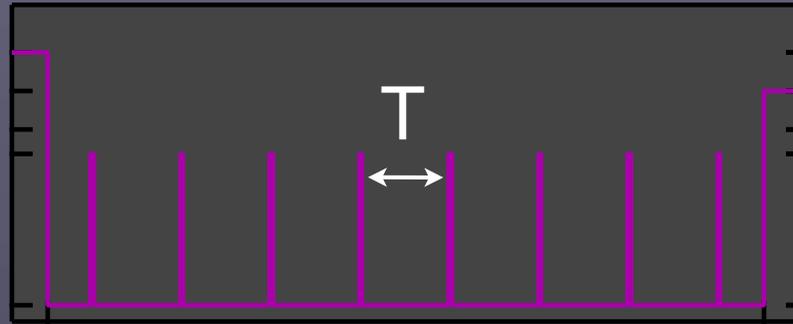
$$\alpha = 3$$



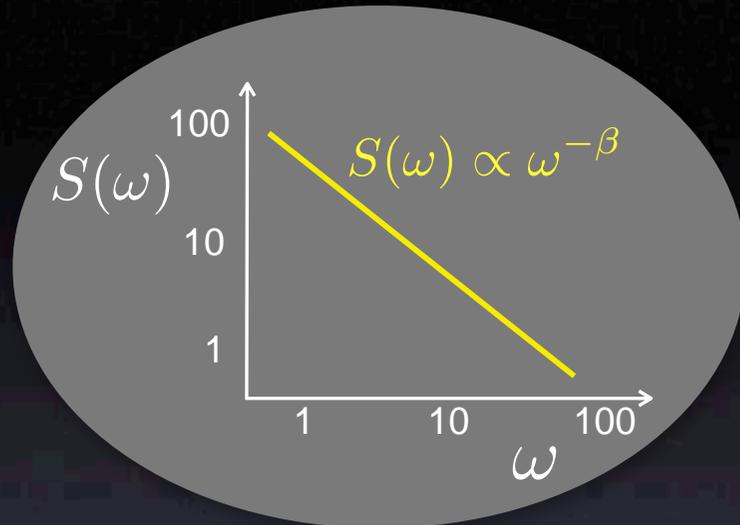
$$T^{\text{CPMT}} \propto N_{\pi}^{\gamma}$$

$$\gamma = 0.66$$

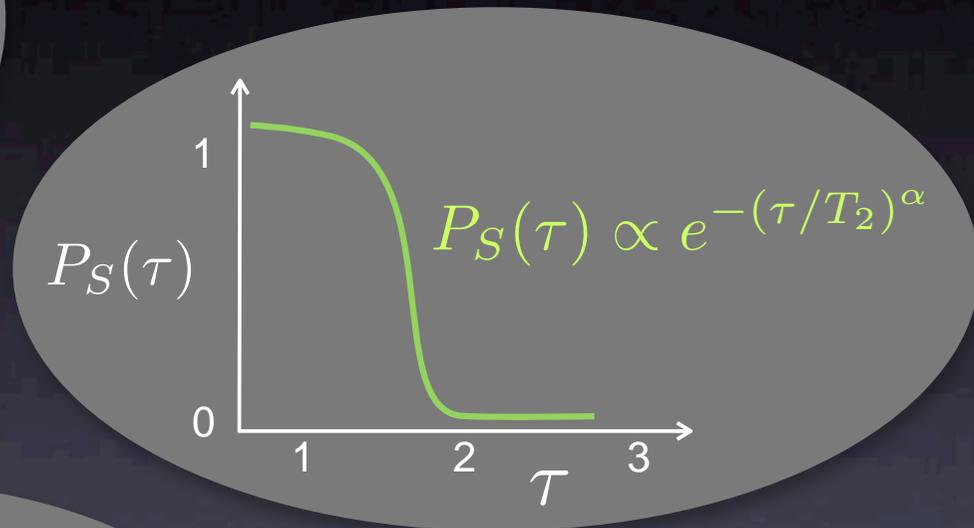
# intuition for connection between scaling of dynamical decoupling and noise spectrum



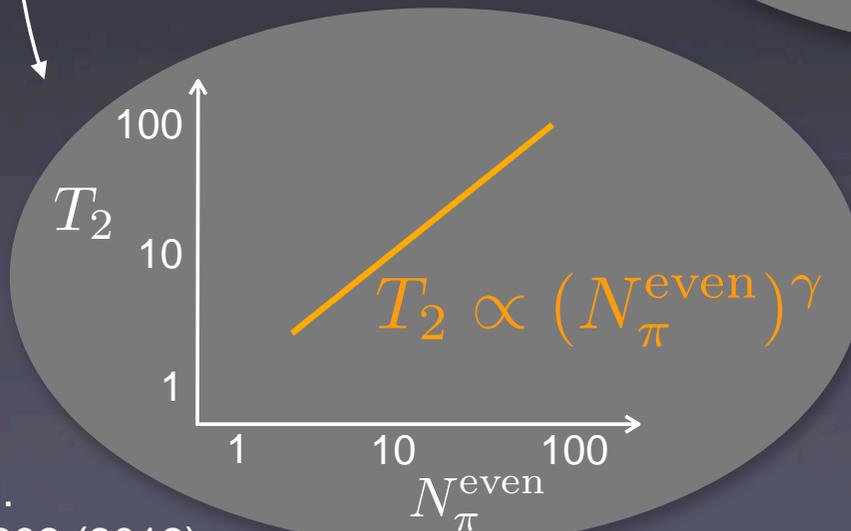
remarkably simple relation between noise spectrum,  
fidelity envelope, and pulse scaling exponent\*



$$\alpha = \beta + 1$$



$$\beta = \frac{\gamma}{1 - \gamma}$$

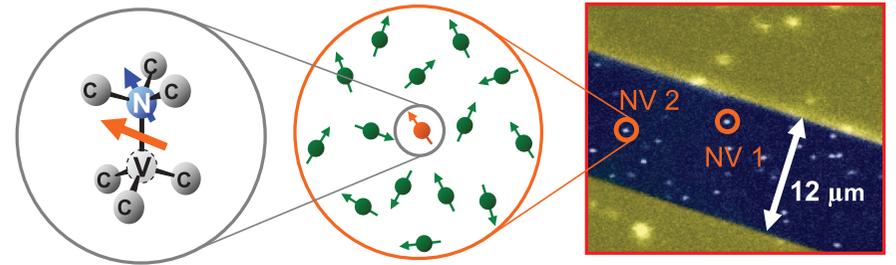


$$\alpha = \frac{1}{1 - \gamma}$$

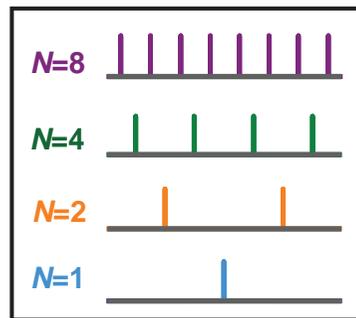
\*applies to power-law noise spectrum and  $T_2 \ll T_1$

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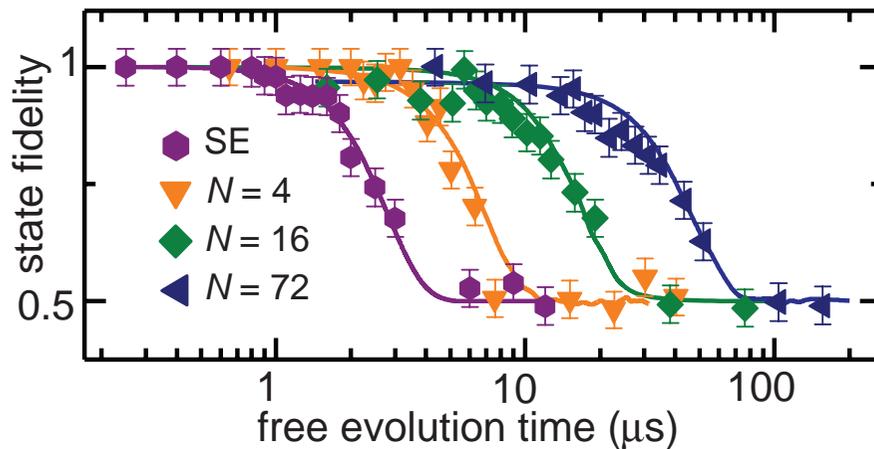
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Ornstein-Uhlenbeck

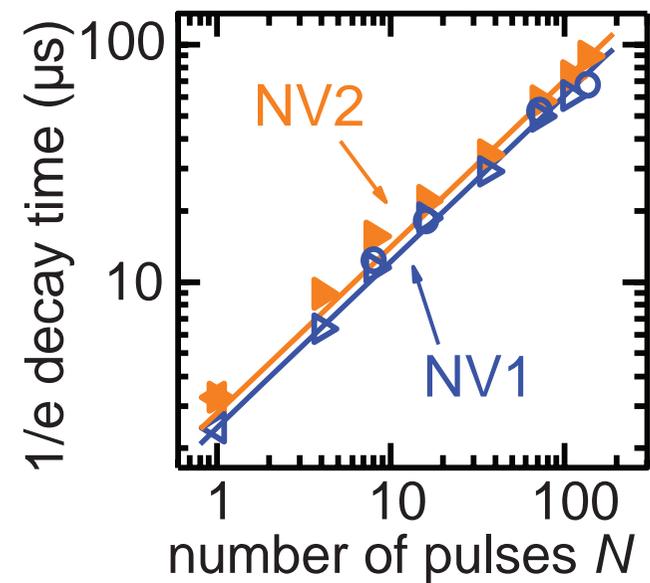
$$S(\omega) \propto \omega^{-\beta}$$

$$\beta = 2$$



$$e^{-(\tau/T^{\text{CPMG}})^{\alpha}}$$

$$\alpha = \beta + 1 = 3$$



$$T_2 \propto N^{\gamma}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1} = 2/3$$

## Scaling of Dynamical Decoupling for Spin Qubits

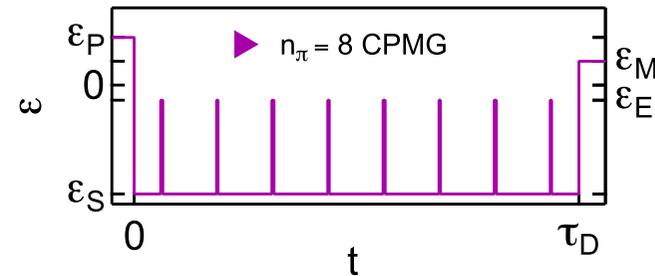
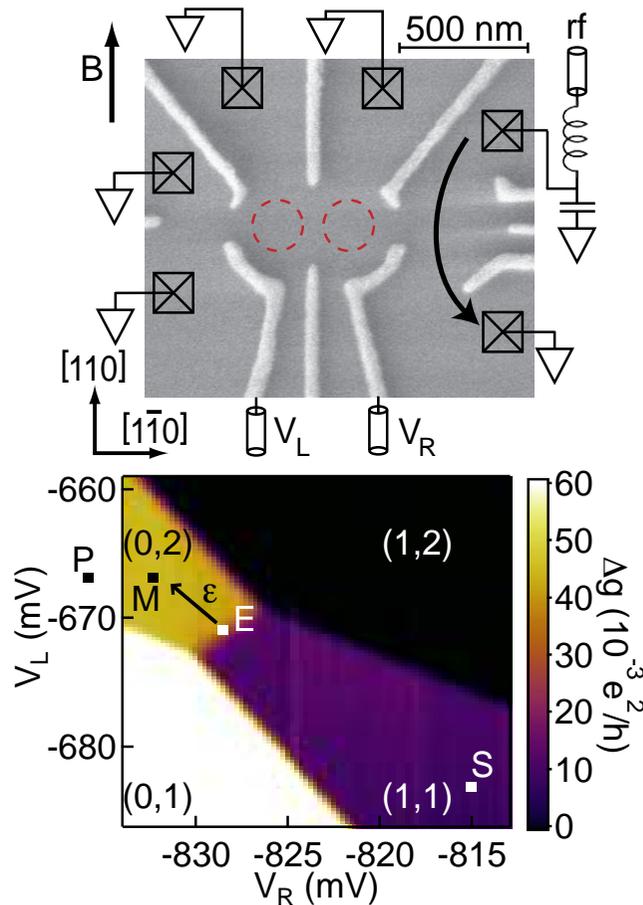
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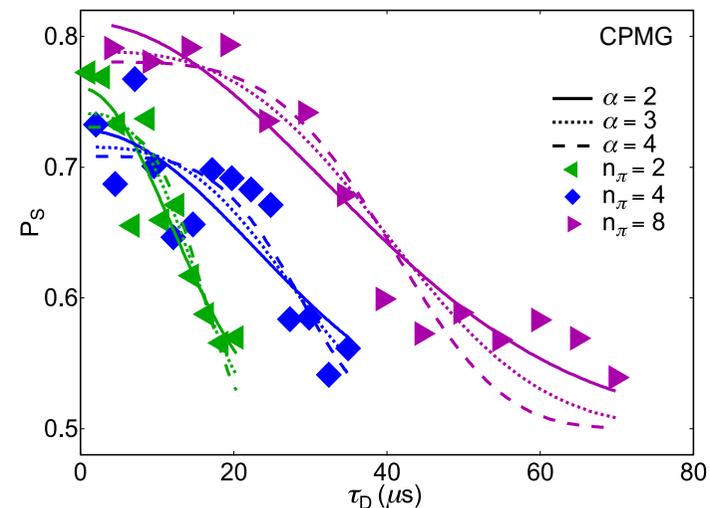
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$$P_S(\tau_D) = 0.5 + \sqrt{2} \exp(-(\tau_D/T_2)^\alpha)$$



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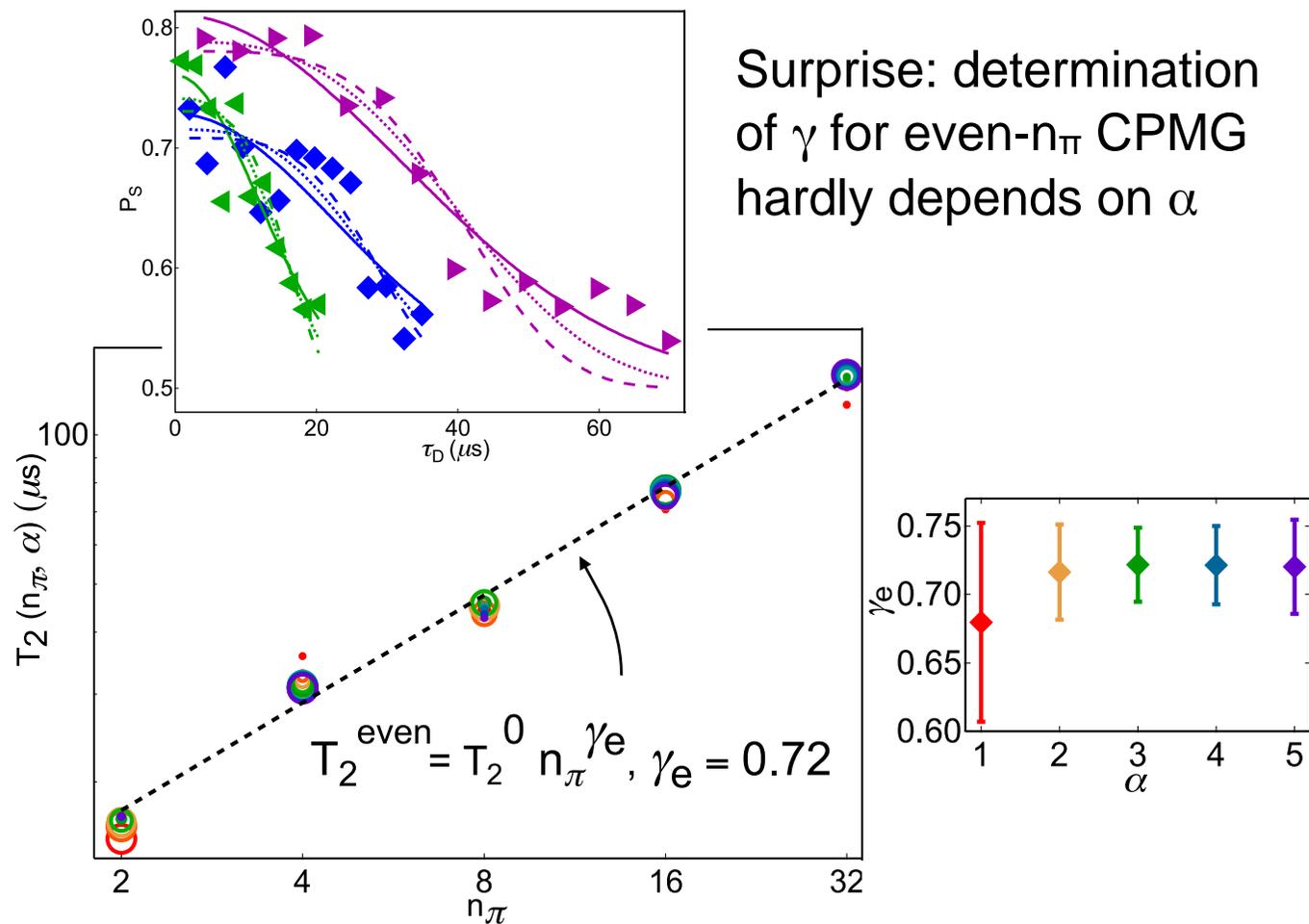
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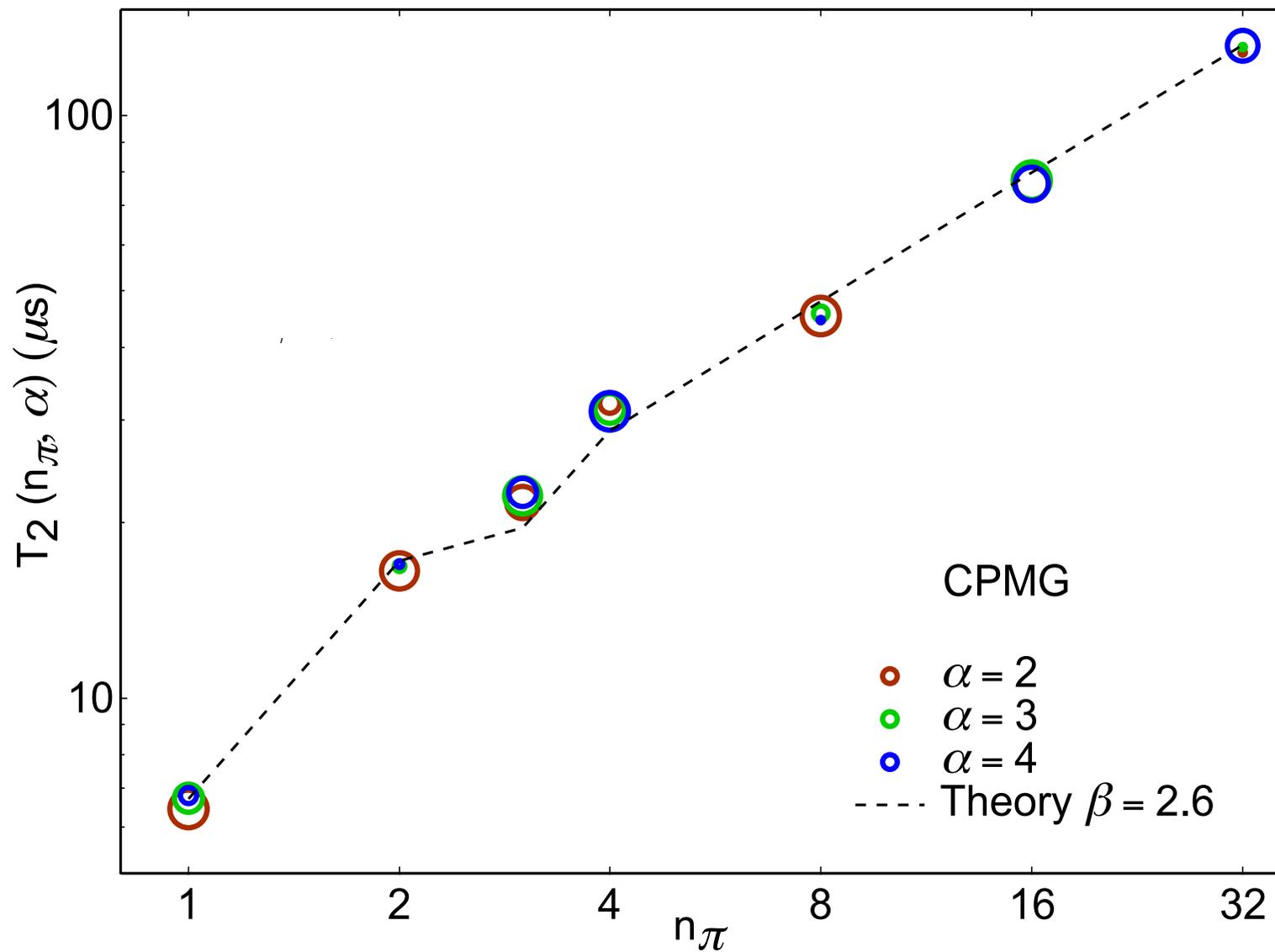
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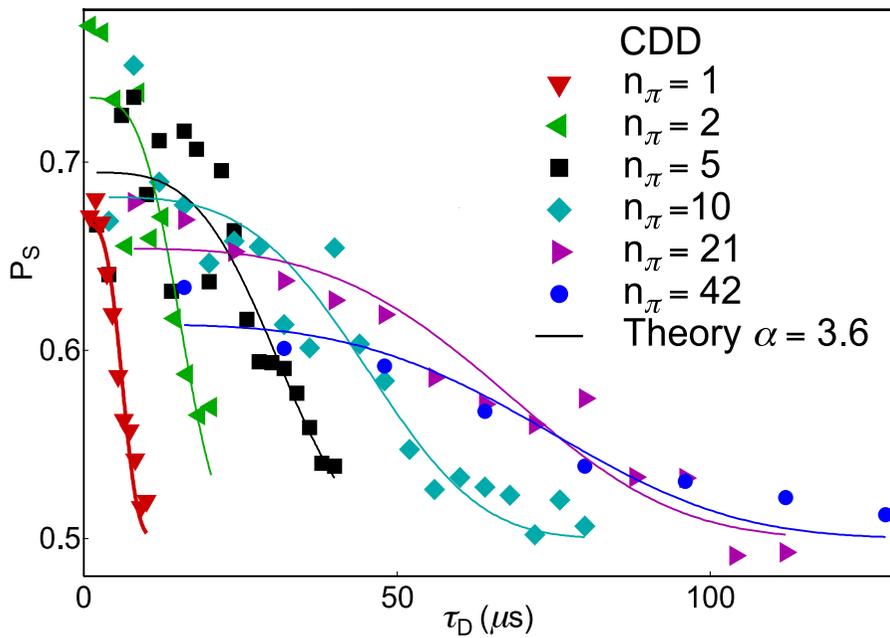
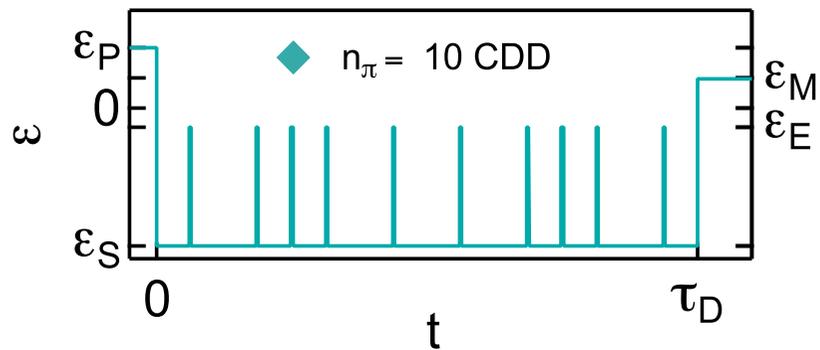
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# full numerical solution for even and odd $n_\pi$

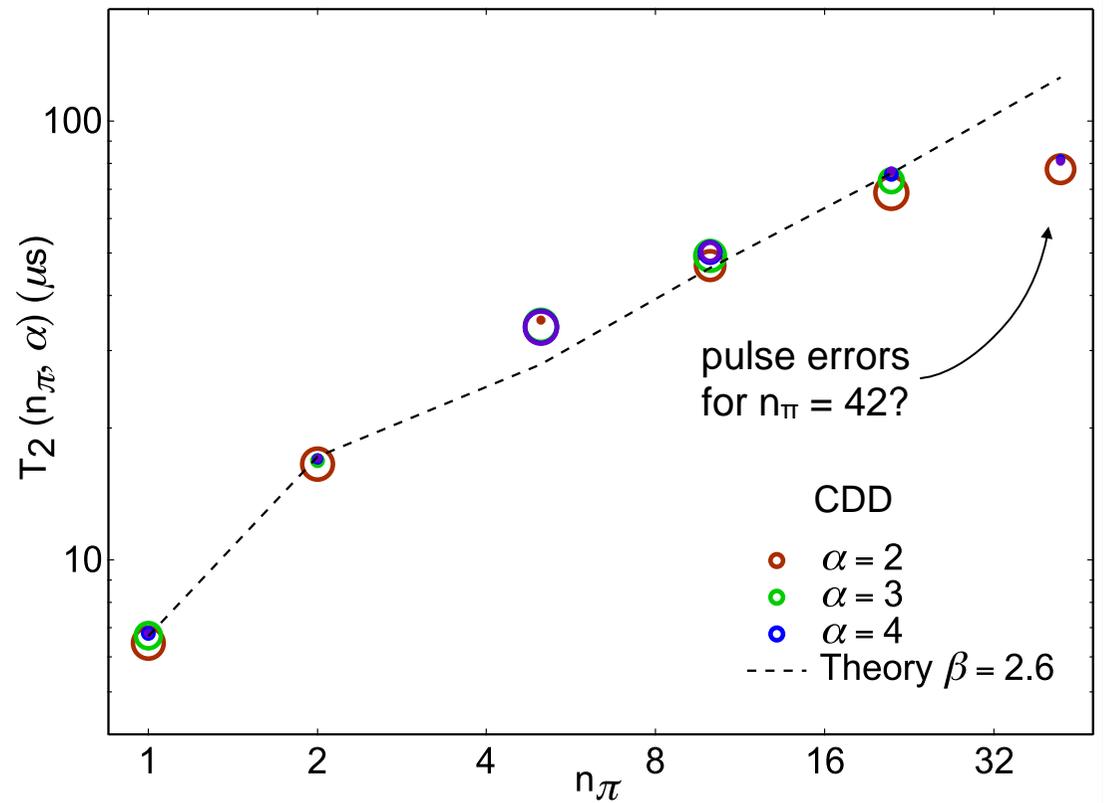


# Full numerical solution for Concatinated Dynamical Decoupling (CDD)

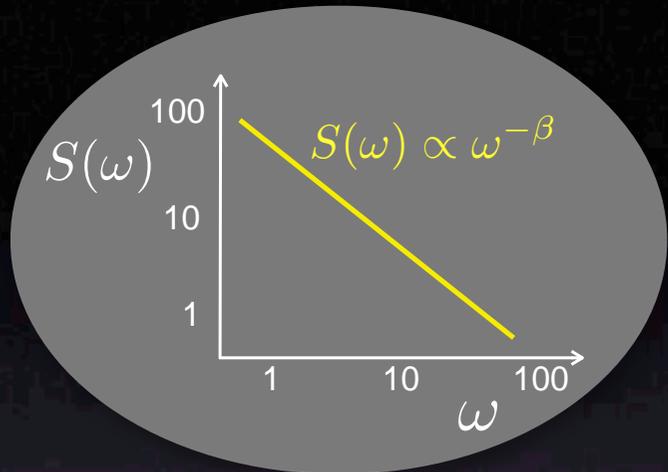


$$S(\omega) = A^{\beta+1} / \omega^\beta$$

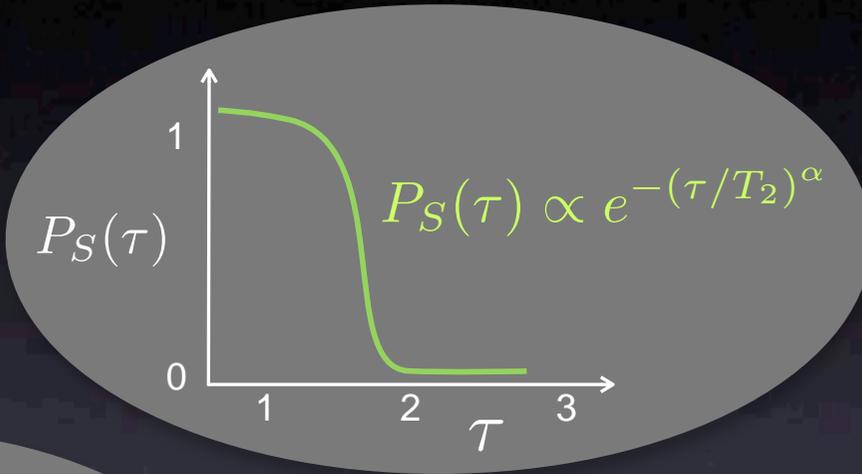
$A$  and  $\beta$  are fit parameters based on even- $n_\pi$  CPMG.



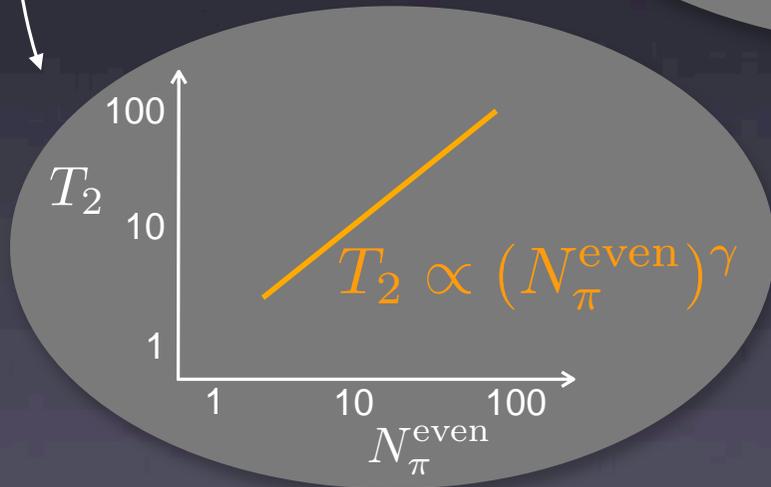
# Values for GaAs DQD



$$\alpha = \beta + 1$$



$$\beta = \frac{\gamma}{1 - \gamma}$$



$$\alpha = \frac{1}{1 - \gamma}$$

$$\gamma = 0.72 \pm 0.01$$

$$\beta = \frac{\gamma}{1 - \gamma} = 2.6 \pm 0.1$$

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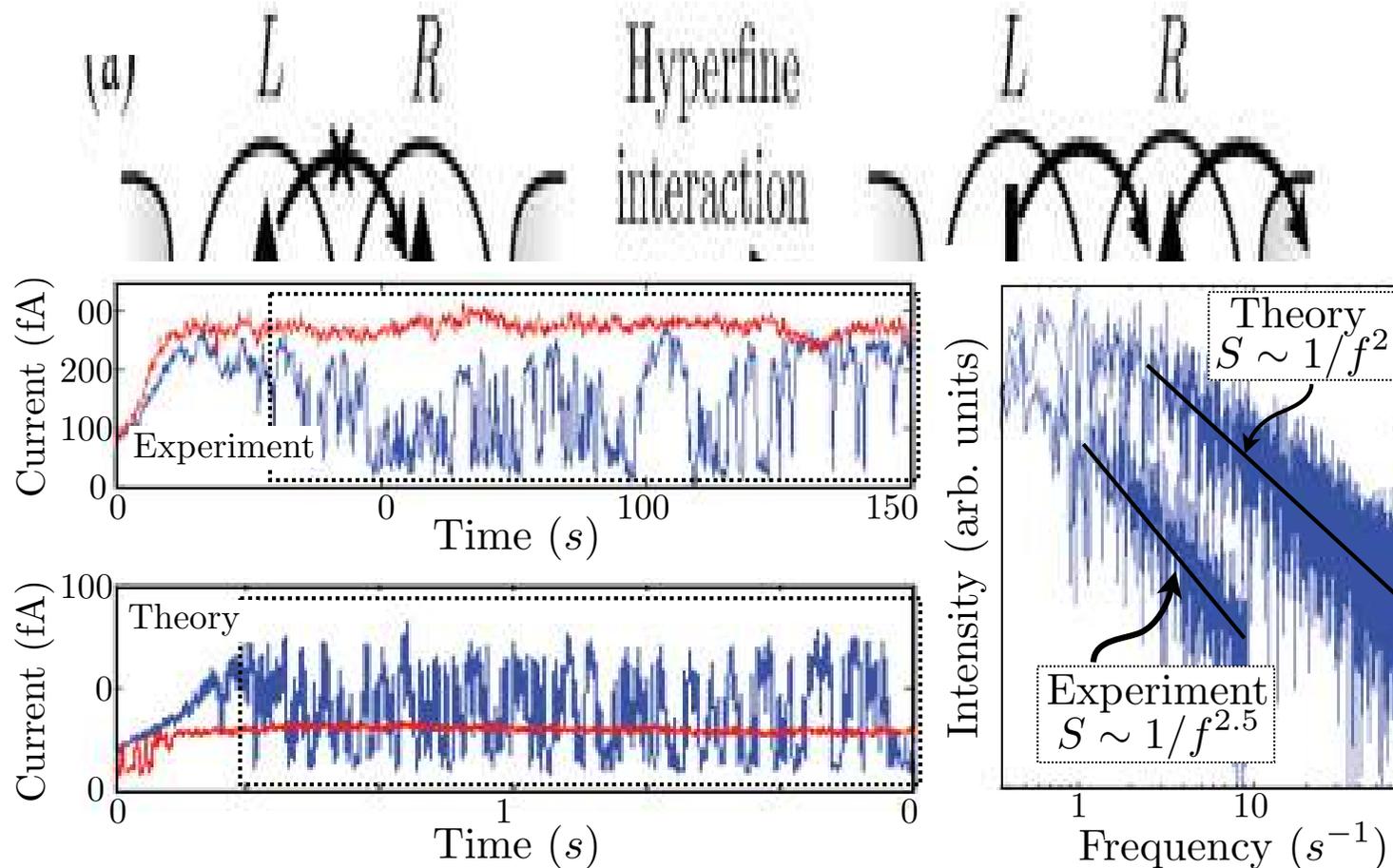
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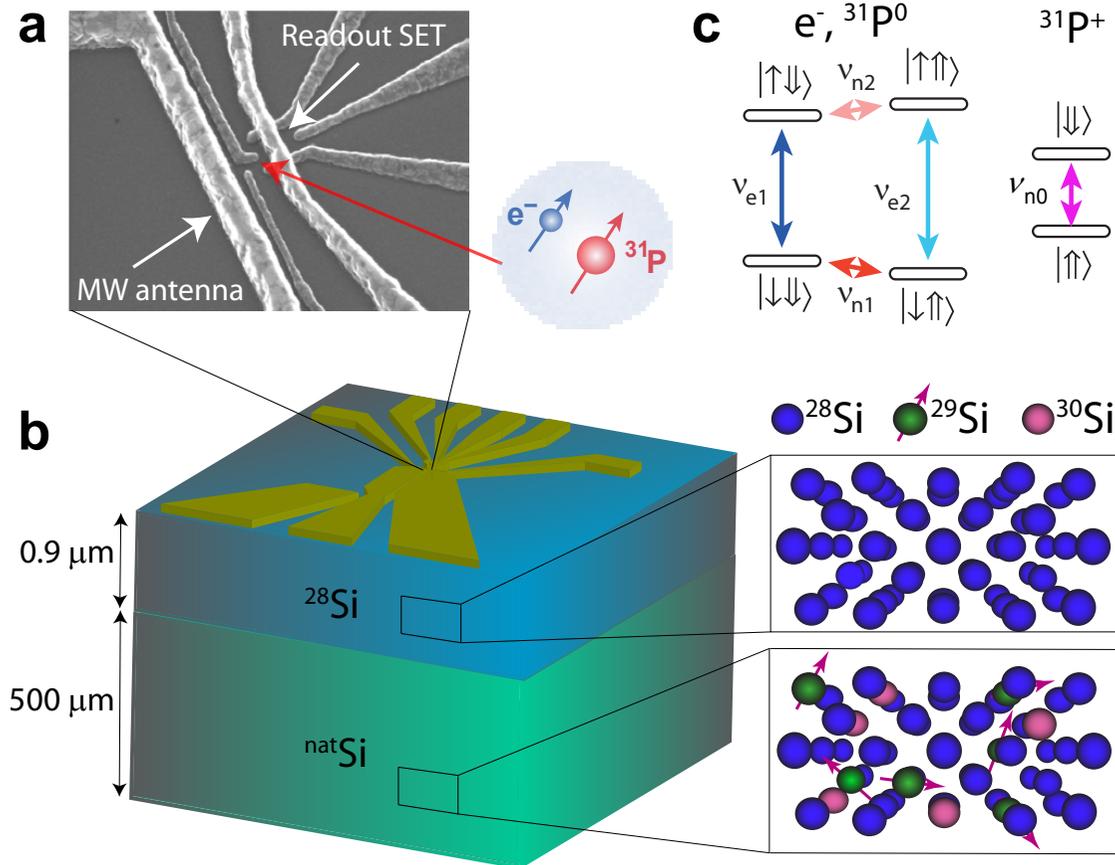
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