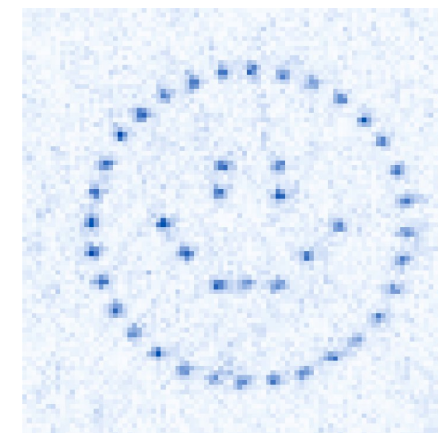
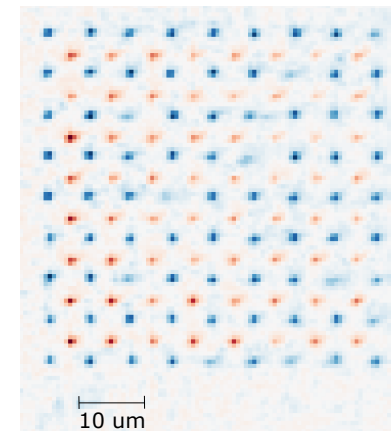
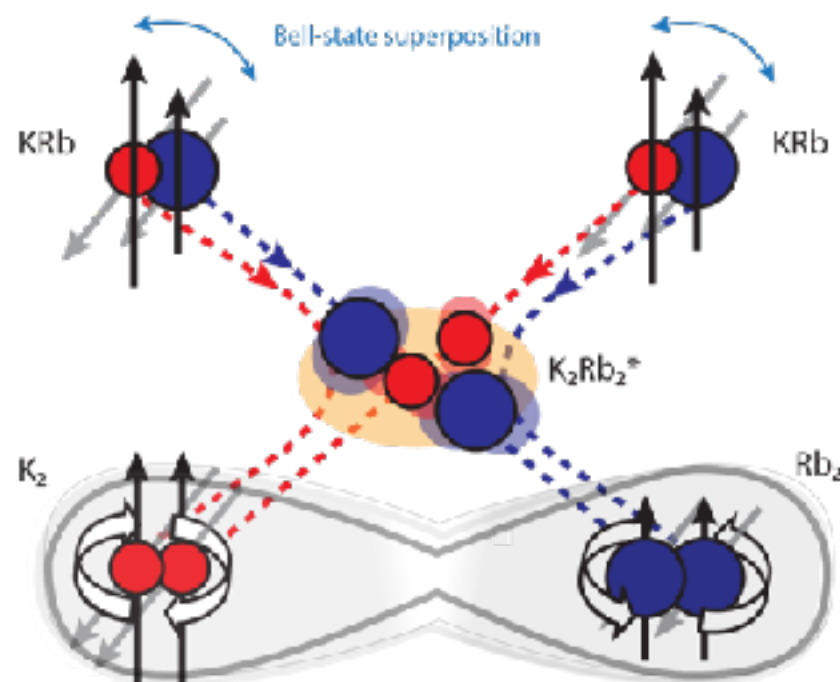
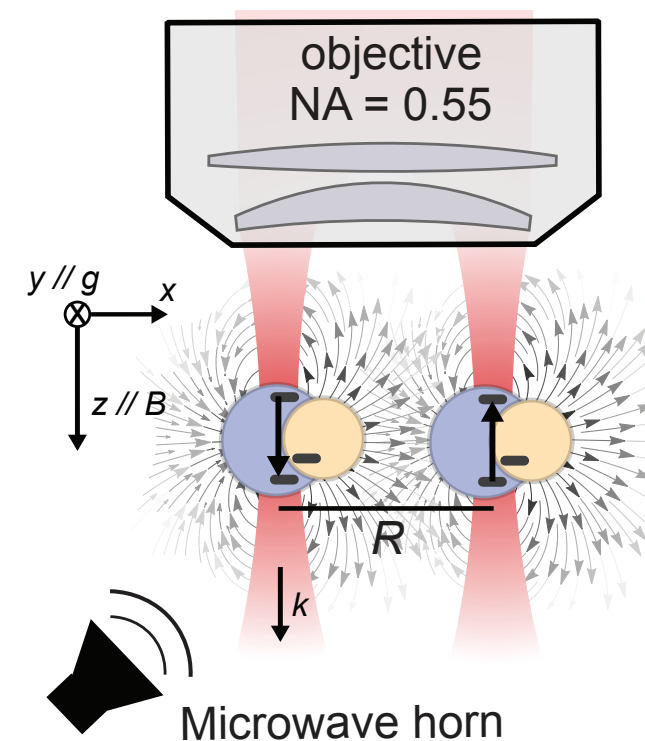




Many-Body Physics/QIS: *Entanglement and Logic Gate between Molecules*



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Harvard University



Why Ultracold Molecules?

Physica Scripta. Vol. T70, 34–41, 1997

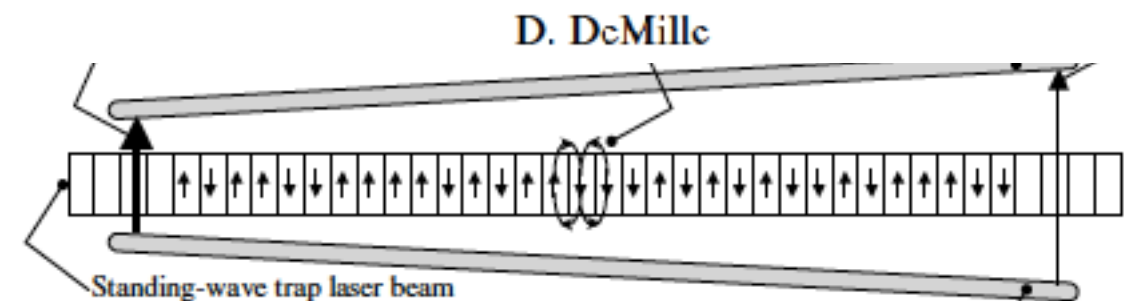
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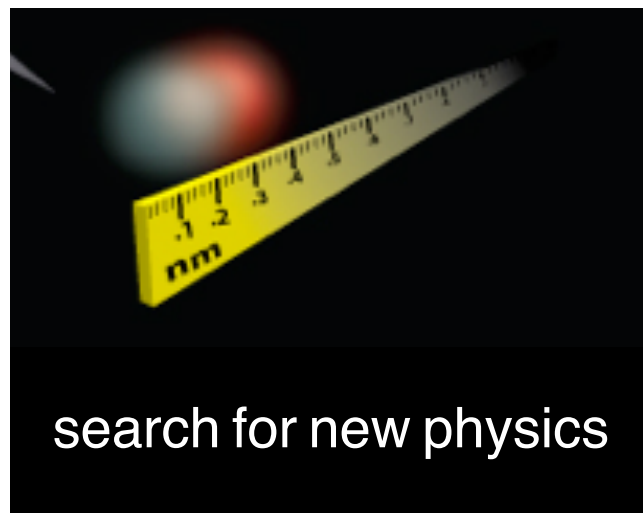
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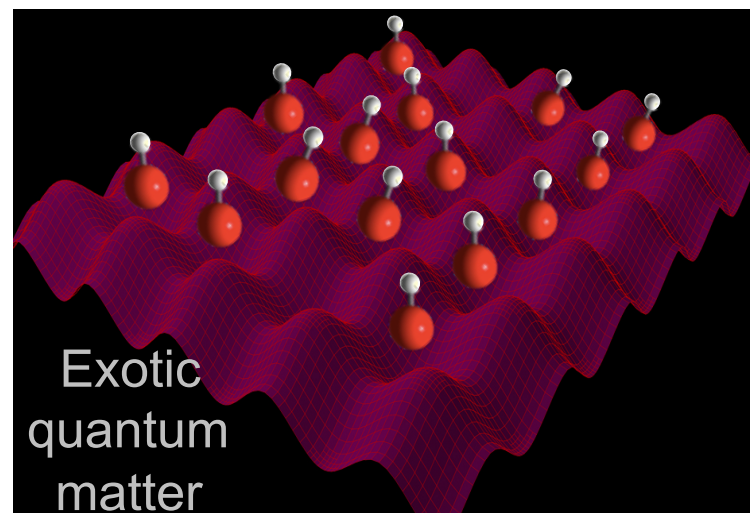
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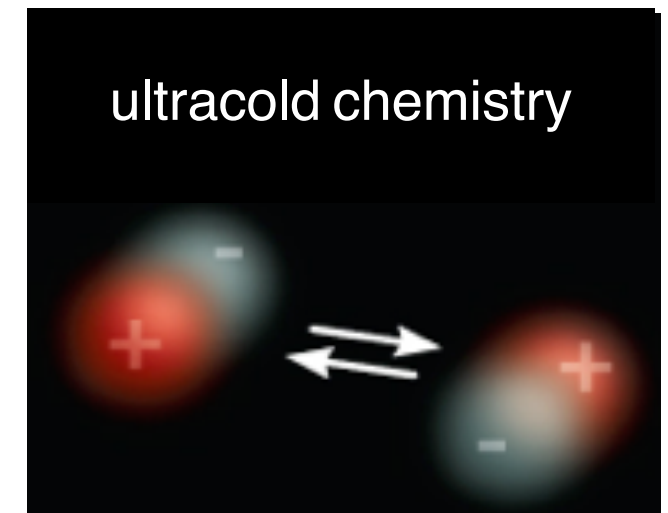
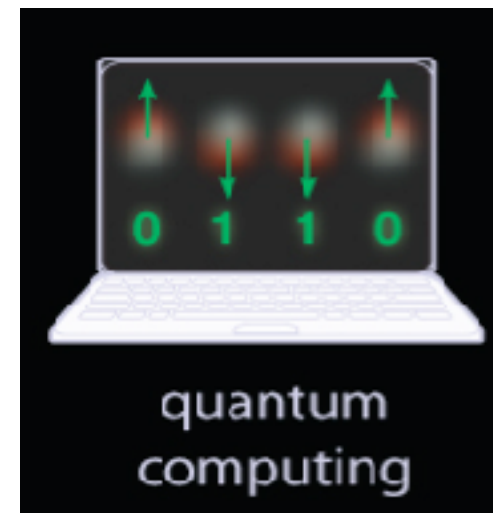
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single-body physics



two- to many-body physics



two- to few-body physics

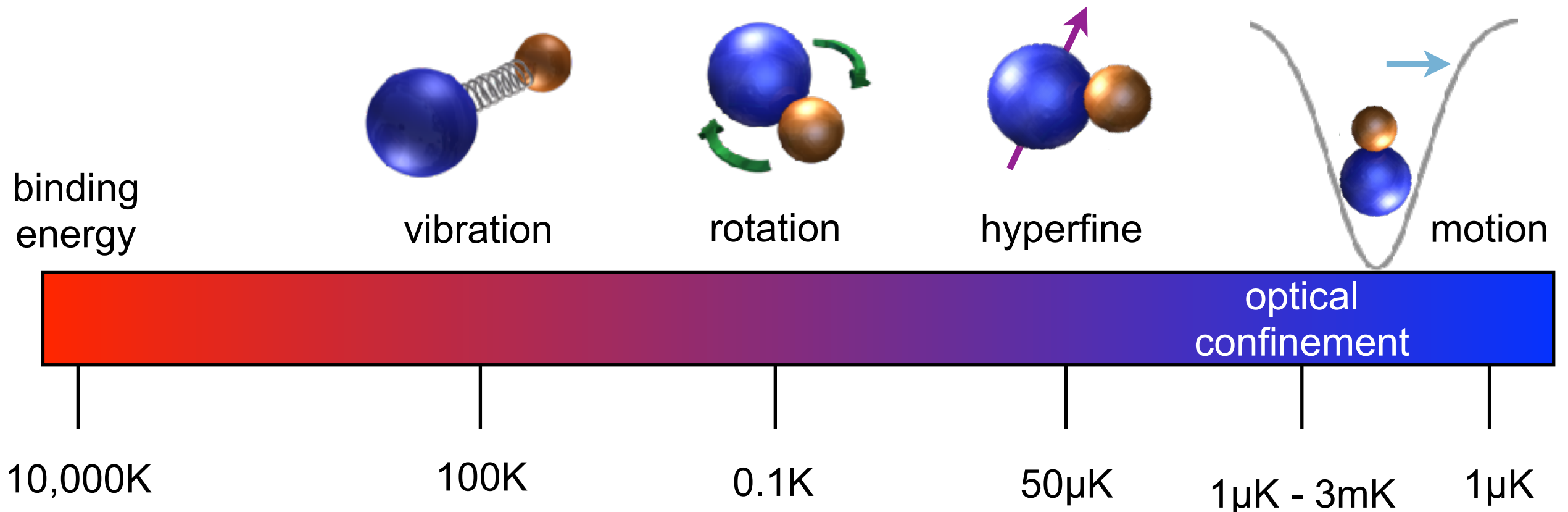
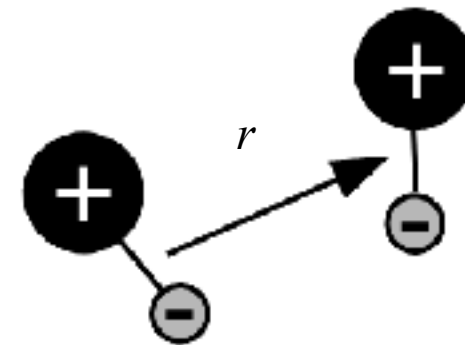
Molecular Resources

- * Rich internal degrees of freedom
- * Intrinsic, tunable electric dipolar interactions

complex, but intrinsically coherent *qubits* to tailor to multiple requirements

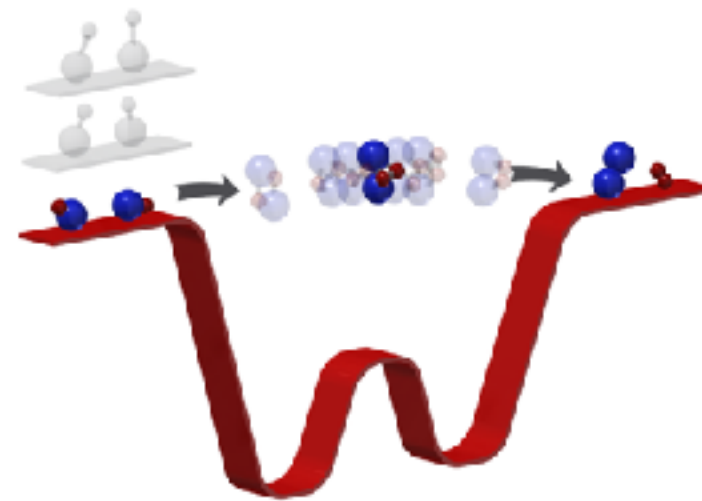
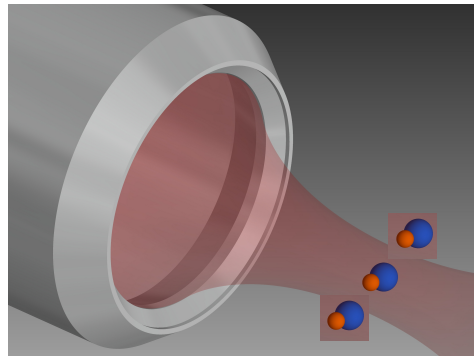
Dipole-dipole interaction

$$\hat{H}_{DD} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} [\hat{d}_1 \cdot \hat{d}_2 - 3(\hat{d}_1 \cdot \hat{e}_r)(\hat{d}_2 \cdot \hat{e}_r)]$$



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iSWAP gate
with molecules

* via well-controlled interactions

Dipolar interaction
between molecules

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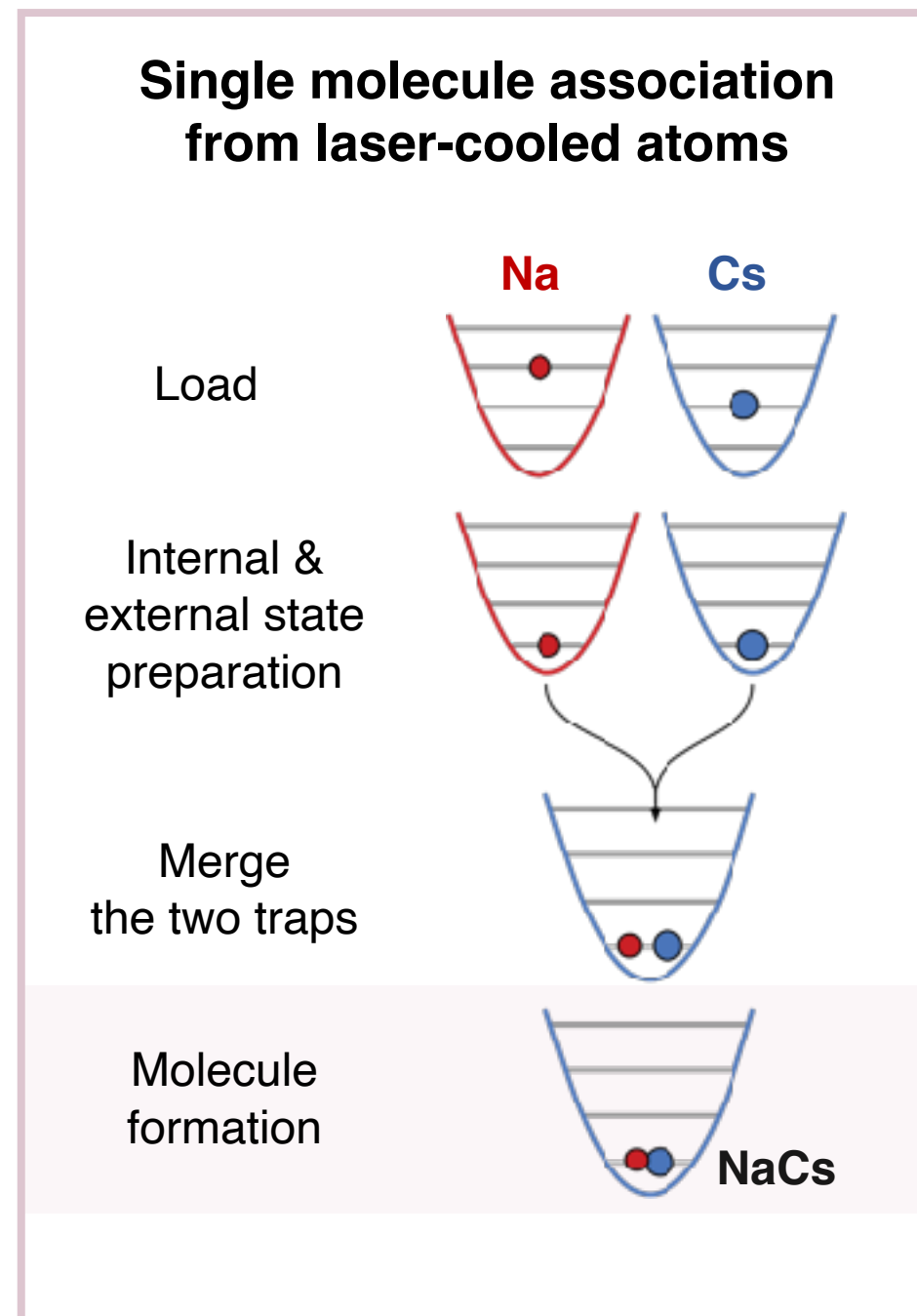
Two approaches to

Programmable arrays of *single* molecules

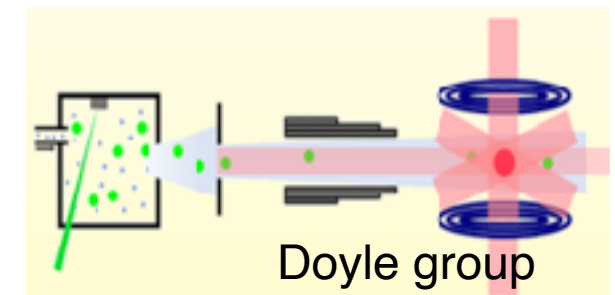


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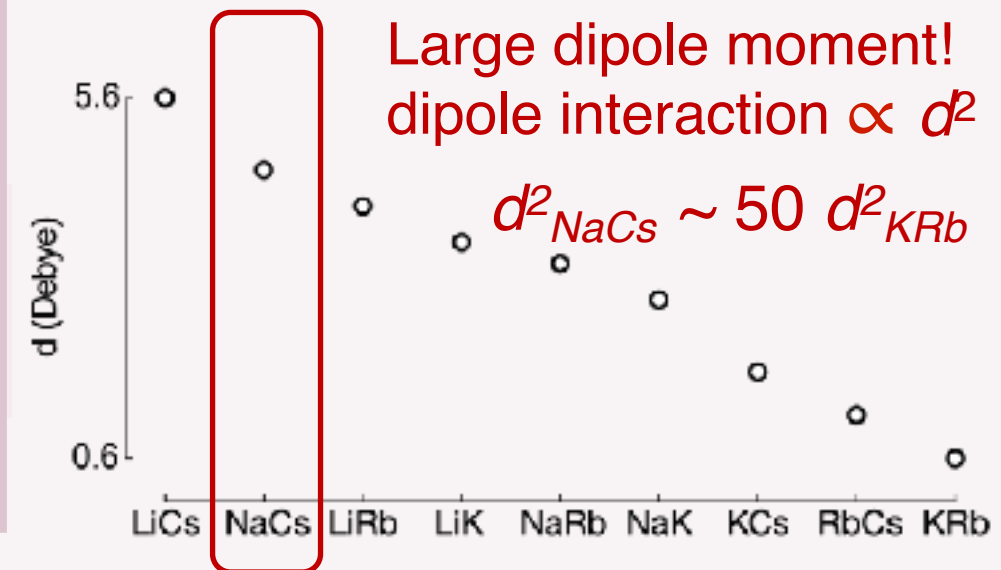
- * single particle control and detection
- * single quantum state preparation
- * rovibrational ground state
- * motional ground state



Another approach
Direct laser cooling



CaF tweezer array
Doyle @ Harvard
Cheuk @ Princeton



Related Molecule work in Tweezers: Doyle (CaF, CaOH), Cheuk (CaF), Cornish (RbCs), Wuhan group (Rb₂^{*})

Other approaches: molecular ions and quantum gas microscope of molecules

Pioneering work: JILA, Innsbruck, ...

Resonant Dipolar Exchange

in the absence of a laboratory
polarizing electric field

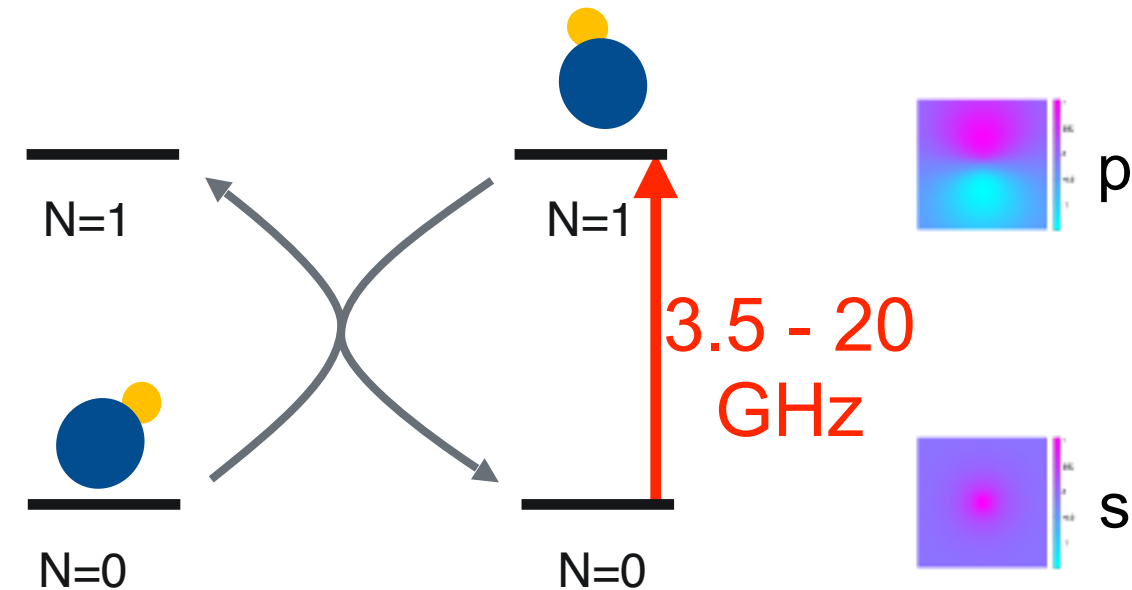
$$\hat{H}_{DD} = \frac{J_{\perp}}{2} \sum_{i>j} V_{dd}(r_i - r_j)(S_i^+ S_j^- + S_i^- S_j^+)$$

Rey, Gorshkov et al., PRL 107, 115301 (2011)

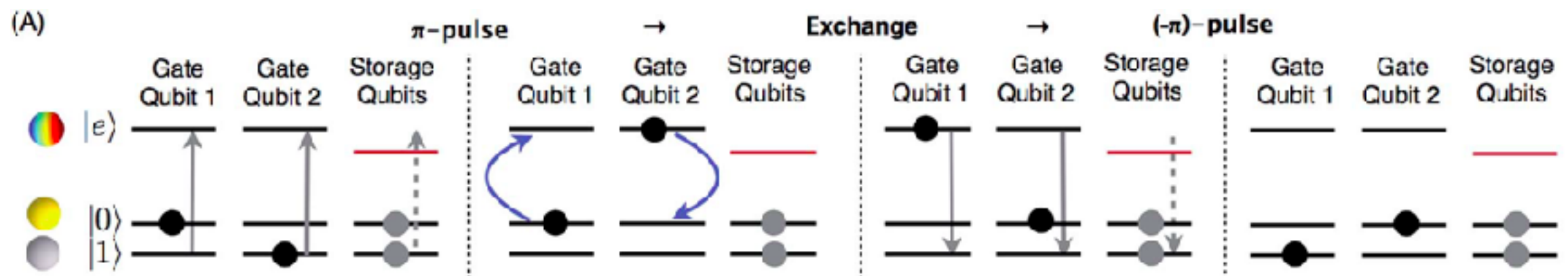
(JILA) Jin & Ye & Rey, Yan et al., Nature (2013)

Bakr, Cheuk, Doyle groups (2023)

Pioneering work with Rydberg atoms & Magnetic atoms: Browaeys, Pfau, Laburthe-Tolra, Ferlaino, Lev...



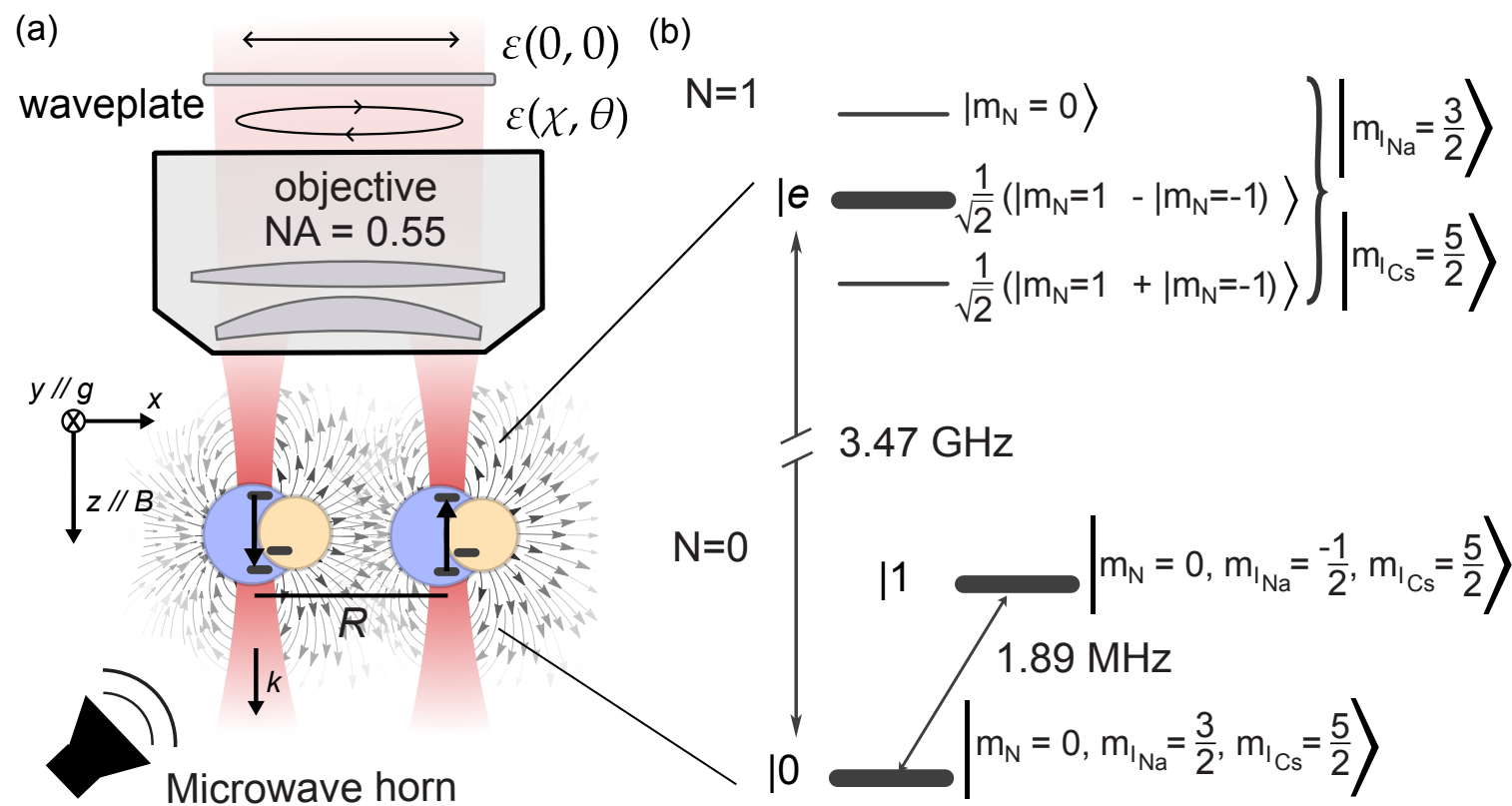
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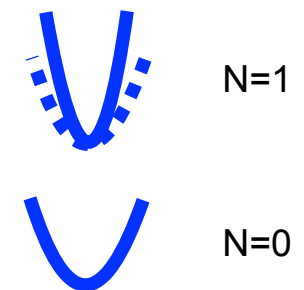
Related work: Hudson, Campbell, PRA **98**, 040302 (2018)

NaCs Molecular Structure



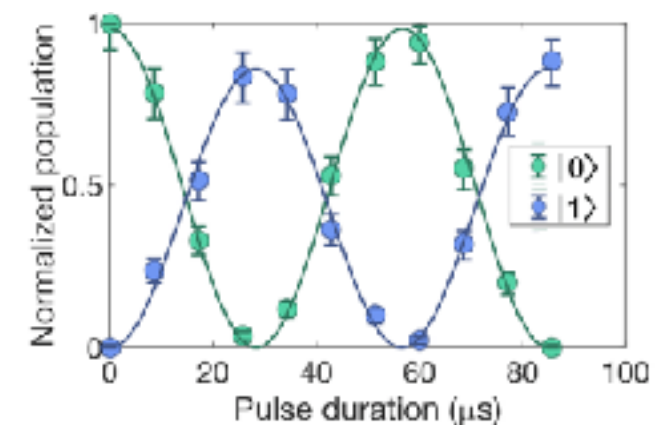
* 3 relevant levels
 $|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |e\rangle$

* “Magic” ellipticity trapping



Park*, Picard* et al, PRL(2023)

* Multi-state readout



Picard*, Pantenotte*, Park* et al, PRX Quantum (2024)



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Park



Lewis
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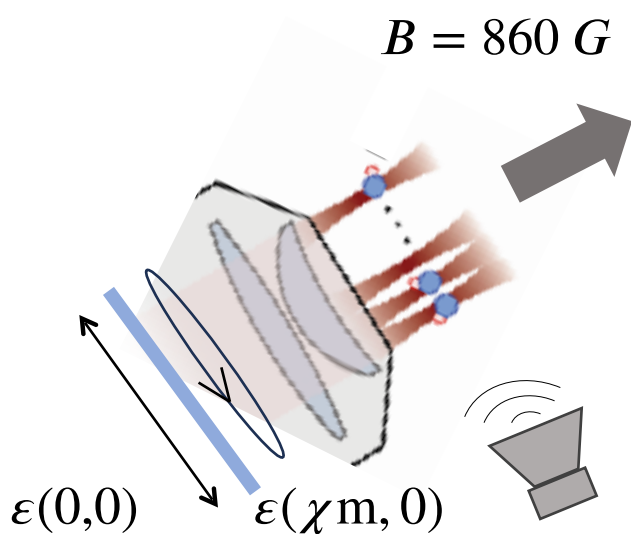


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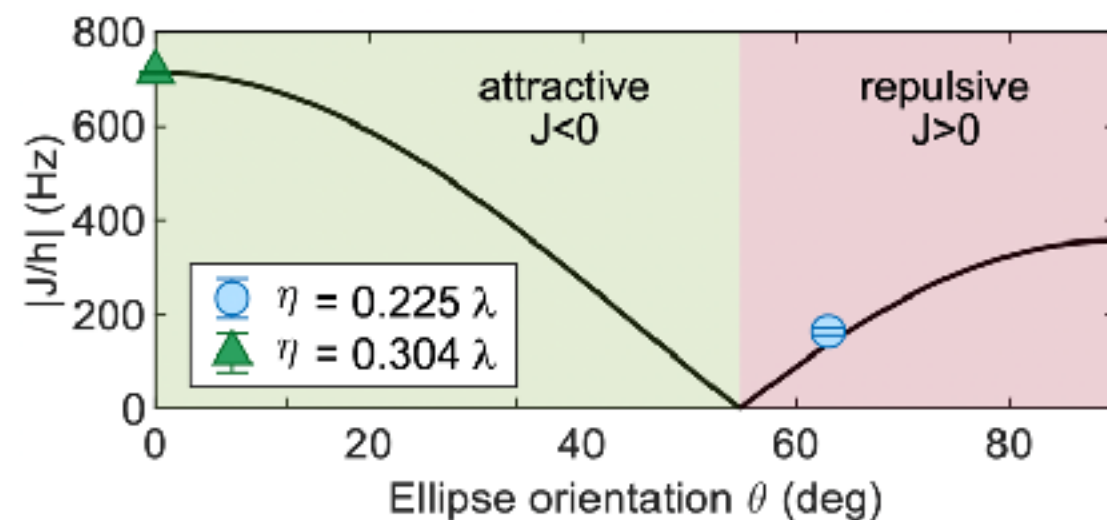
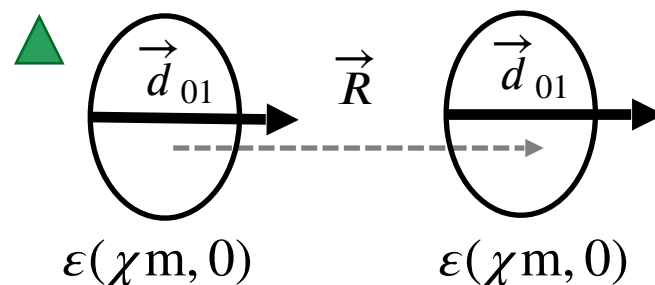


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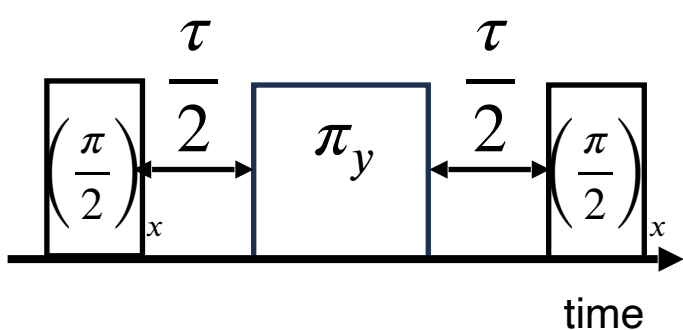
Tunable Dipolar Interaction



Tune interaction to max,
and bring molecules close

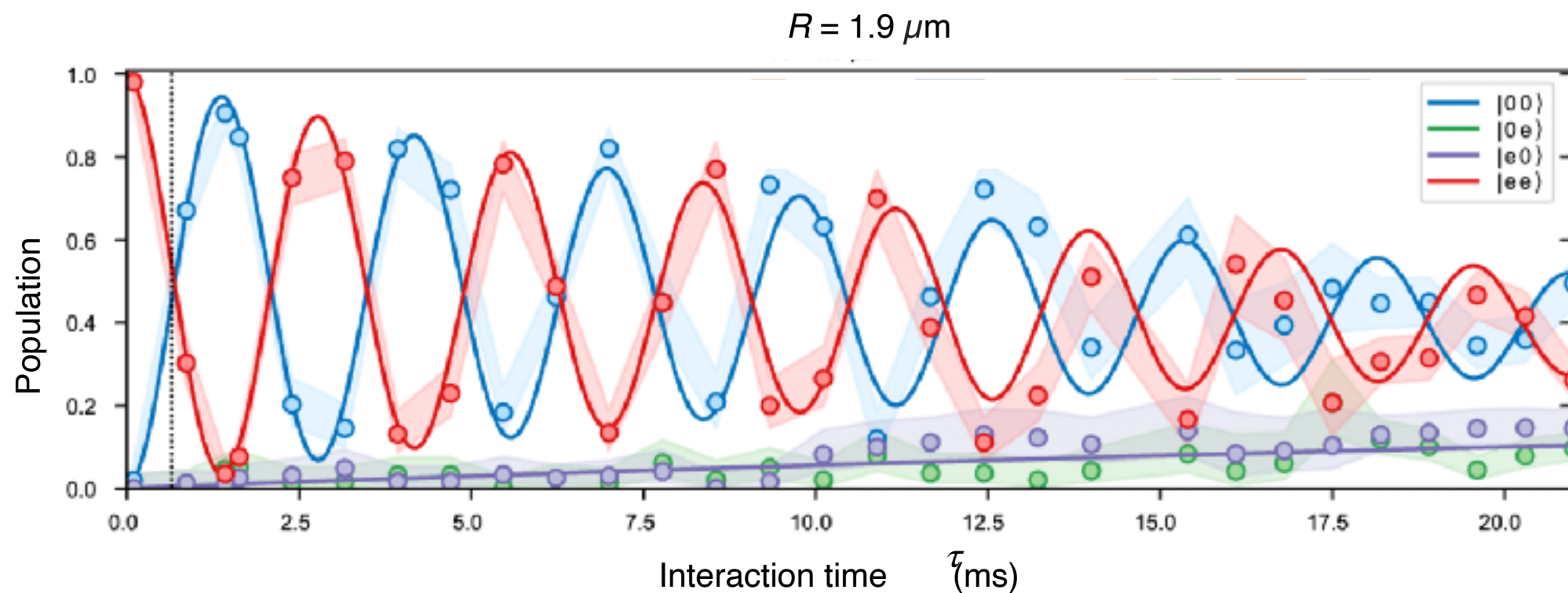


Ramsey sequence



Final state:

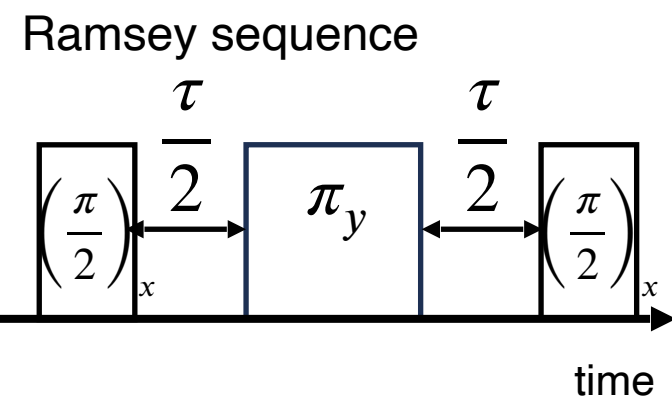
$$|\psi(\tau)\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-i\frac{J\tau}{2\hbar}})|00\rangle + \frac{1}{2}(1 + e^{-i\frac{J\tau}{2\hbar}})|ee\rangle$$



Solid lines: phenomenological Master equation fit

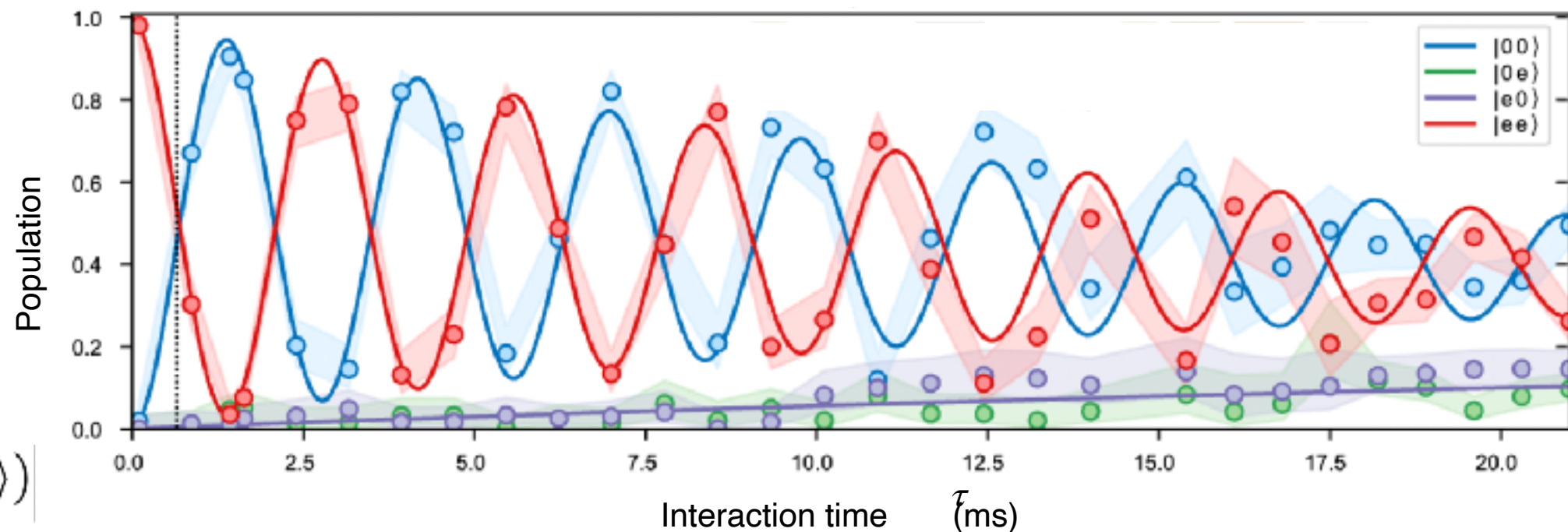
Sub-millisecond Bell-state Creation

$R = 1.9 \mu\text{m}$



At $\tau = h/2J = 664\mu\text{s}$

$$|\psi(\tau)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - i|ee\rangle)$$

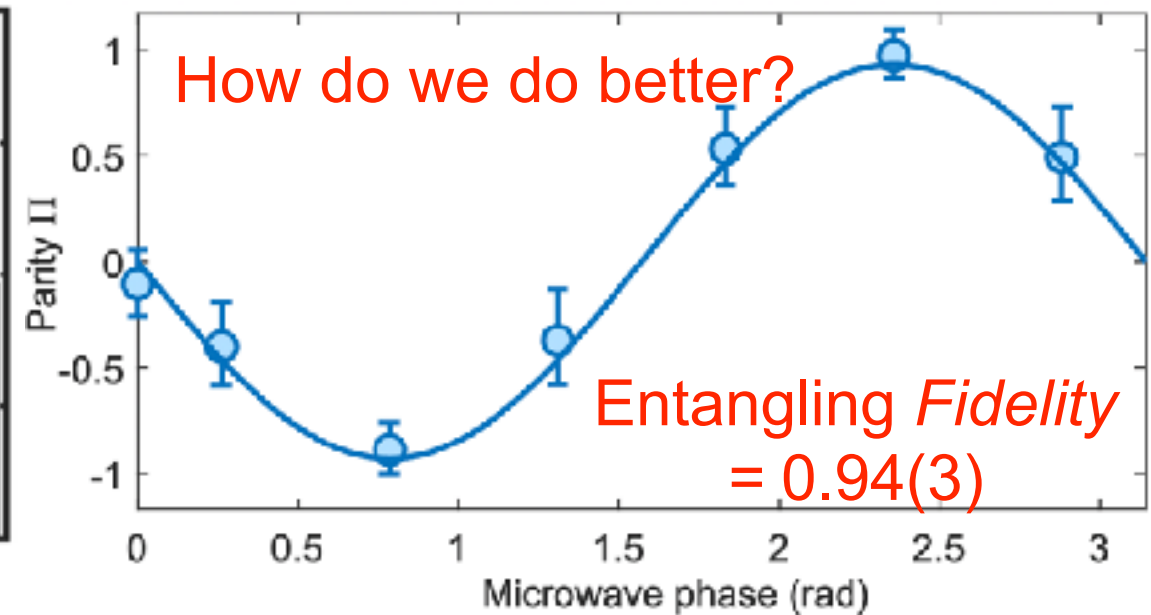
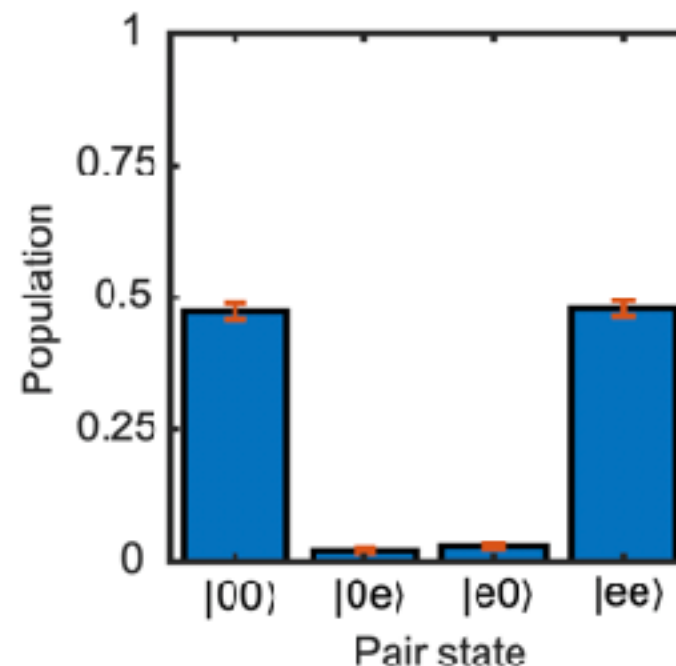


Bell state fidelity

$$F = \frac{1}{2}(C + P_{00} + P_{ee})$$

1. Population measurement
2. Parity Oscillation

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi &= P_{00} + P_{ee} - (P_{0e} + P_{e0}) \\ &= C \sin(2\theta)\end{aligned}$$



Previous work:

Holland et al., Science **382**, 1143 (2023)

Bao et al., Science **382**, 1138 (2023)

leveraging Motion-Rotation Coupling



David Wellnitz



Ana Maria Rey

Determine **temperature** (T) of molecules,
which estimates noise in separation R
→ *the **main** limit on*
two-particle decoherence

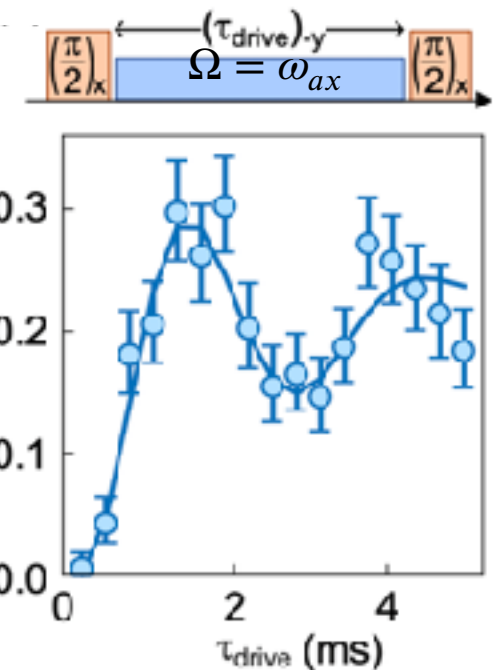
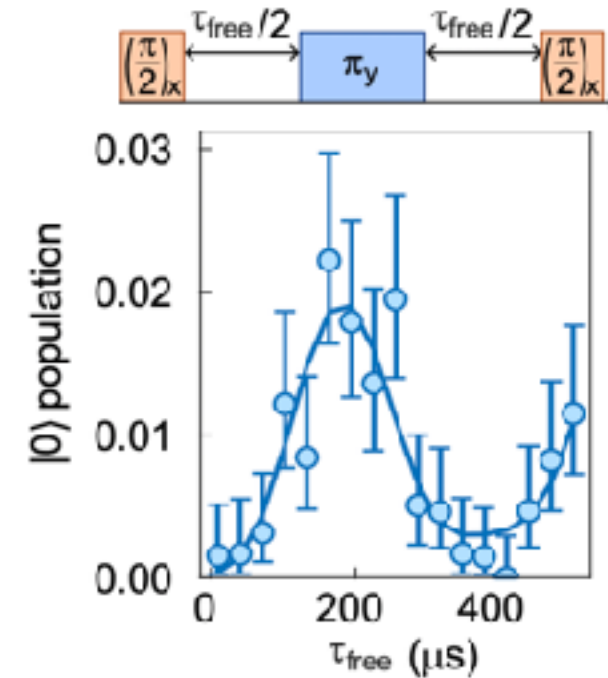
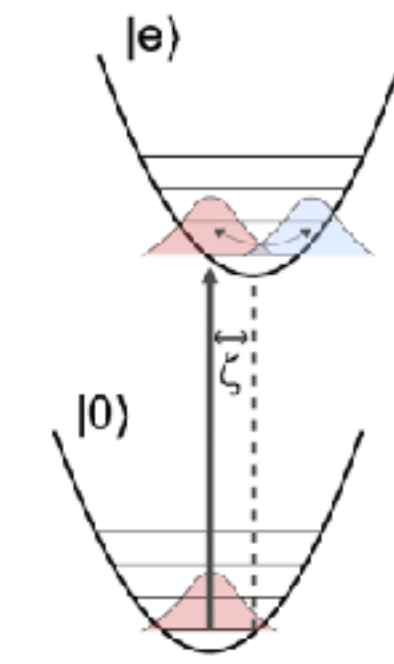
Solid lines:
**Theoretical
simulation**

assuming parameters
found above + single
particle decoherence
chosen to match the
data

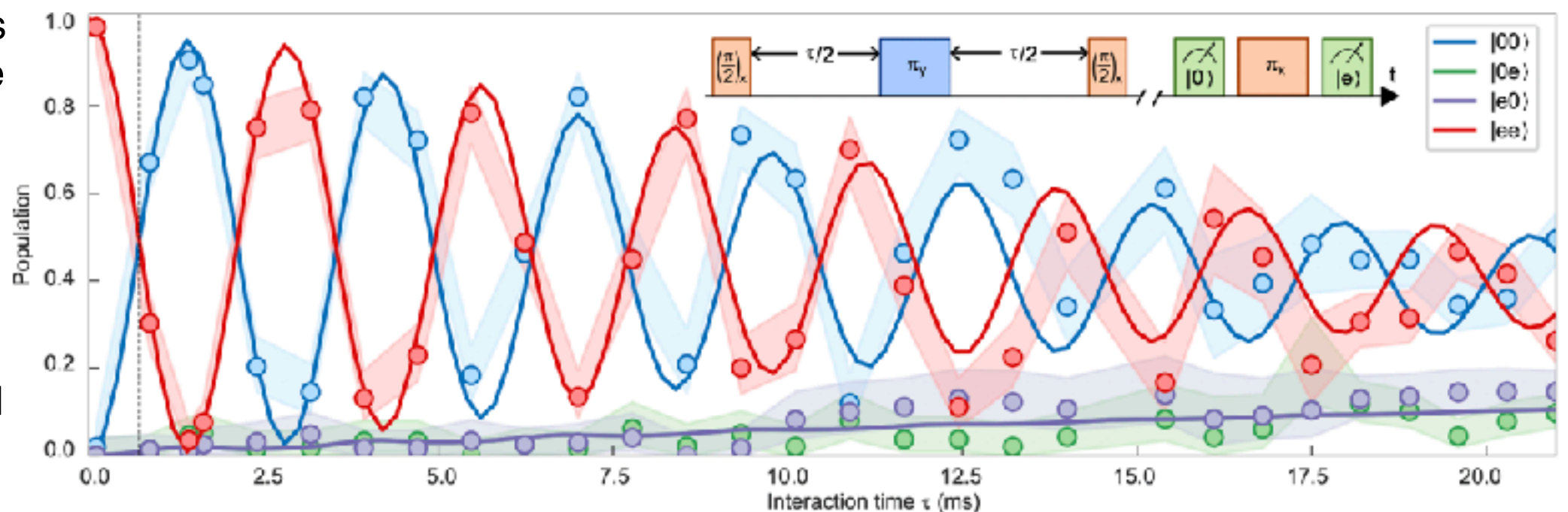
Future:

Infidelity $\sim 2 \times 10^{-4}$ by
achieving 80 % ground
state fraction + fixing
astigmatism

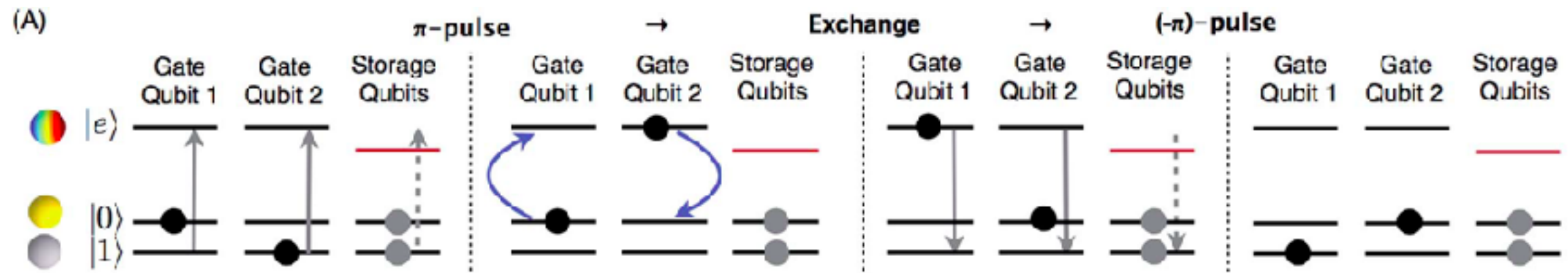
Single-particle measurements to estimate ζ and T



$\zeta \sim 5$ nm, $\hbar\omega_{ax}/(k_B T) = 0.42(6) \rightarrow$ Axial ground state fraction: 34(4) %

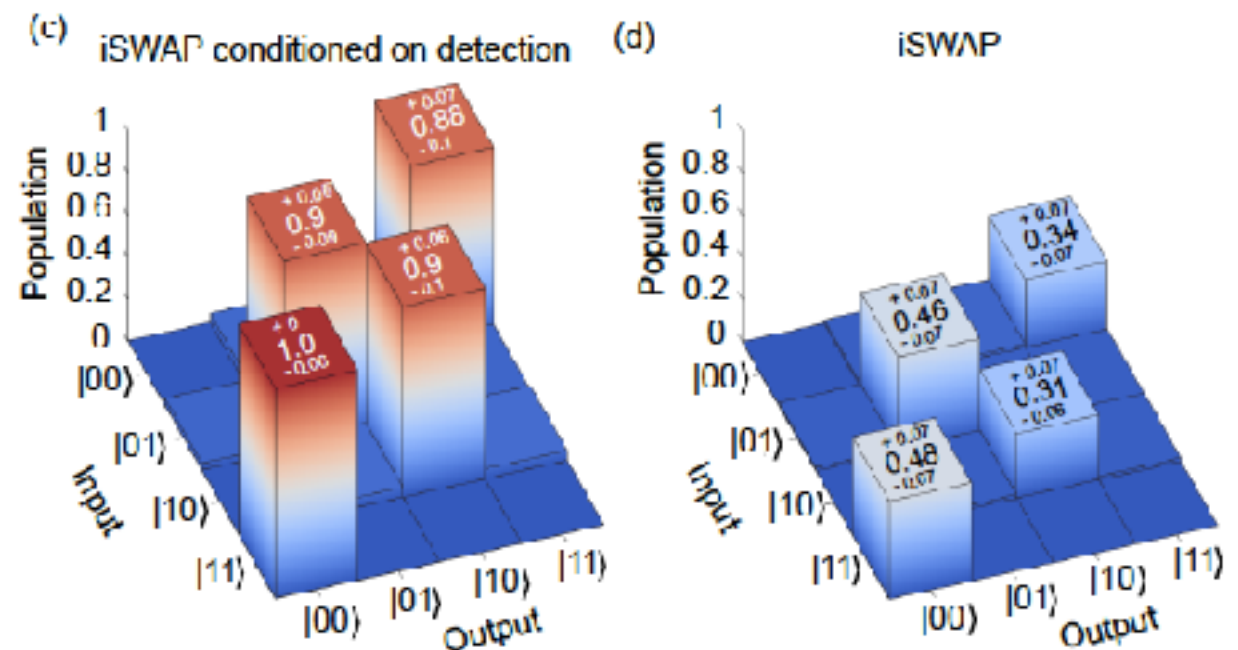


iSWAP gate



- * Encode qubits in a pair of hyperfine states
- * Switch on/off interaction by driving between $|1\rangle$ and $|e\rangle$ via nuclear quadruple coupling (the current limiting factor)
- * Total gate time 960 μs

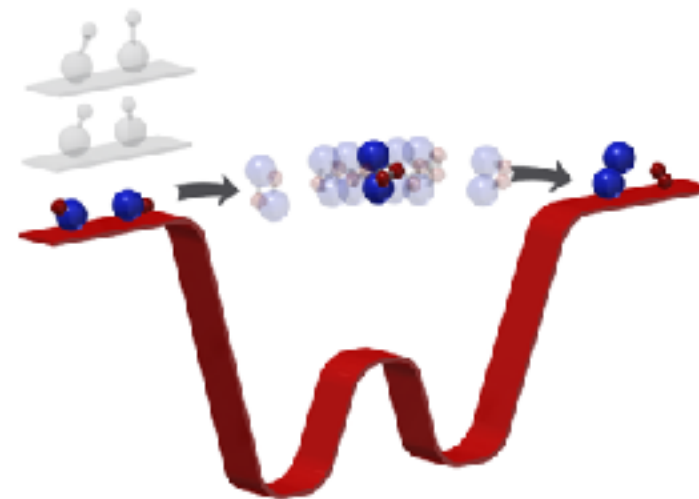
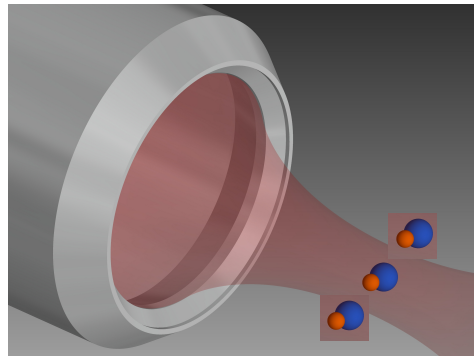
Logic output truth table



Leveraging the intrinsic molecular properties gives rise to highly coherent interactions. Quantum state preparation of molecules remains a key challenge.

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iSWAP gate
with molecules

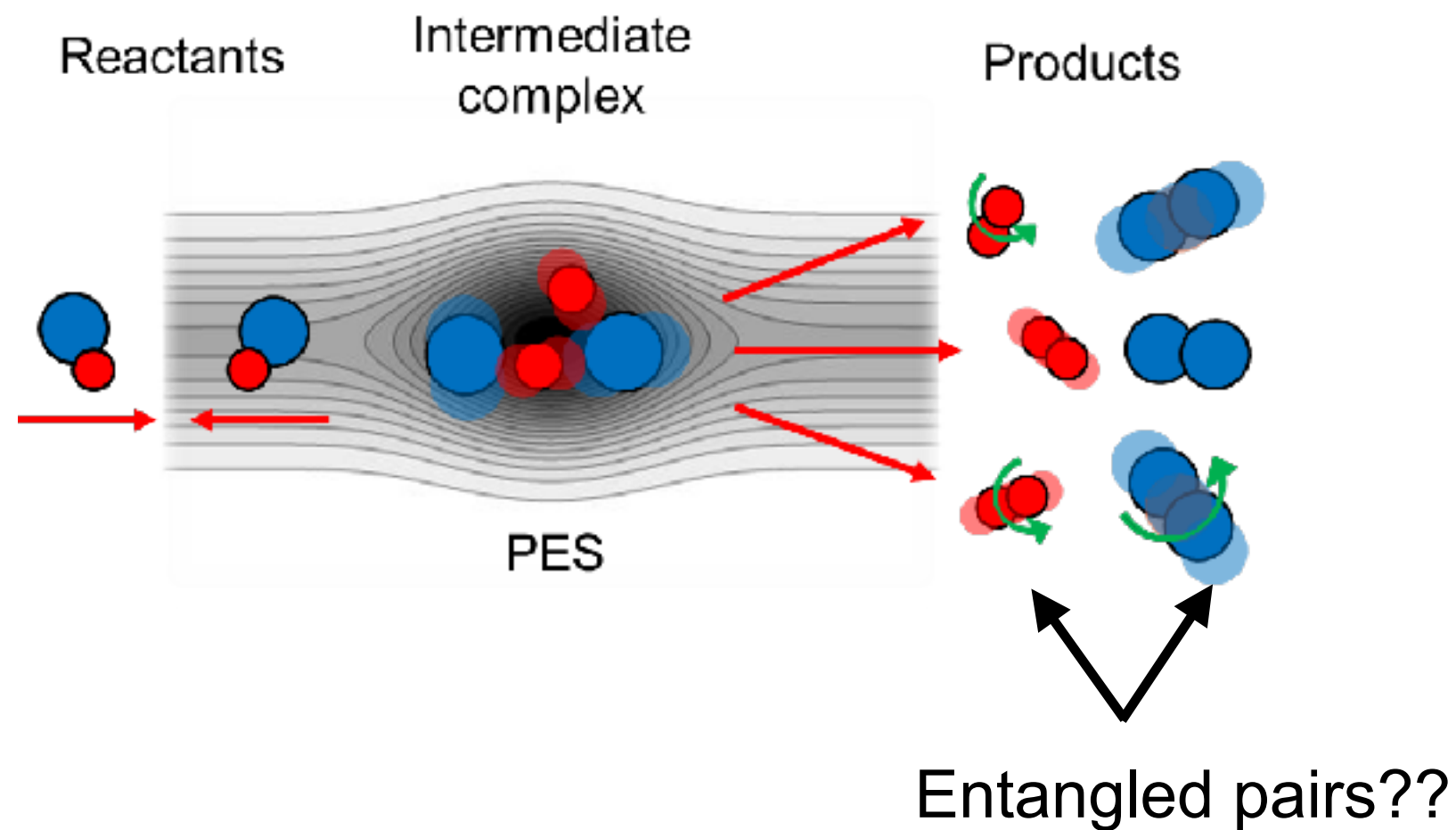
* via well-controlled interactions

Dipolar interaction
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Harnessing Chemical Reaction for Quantum Science?

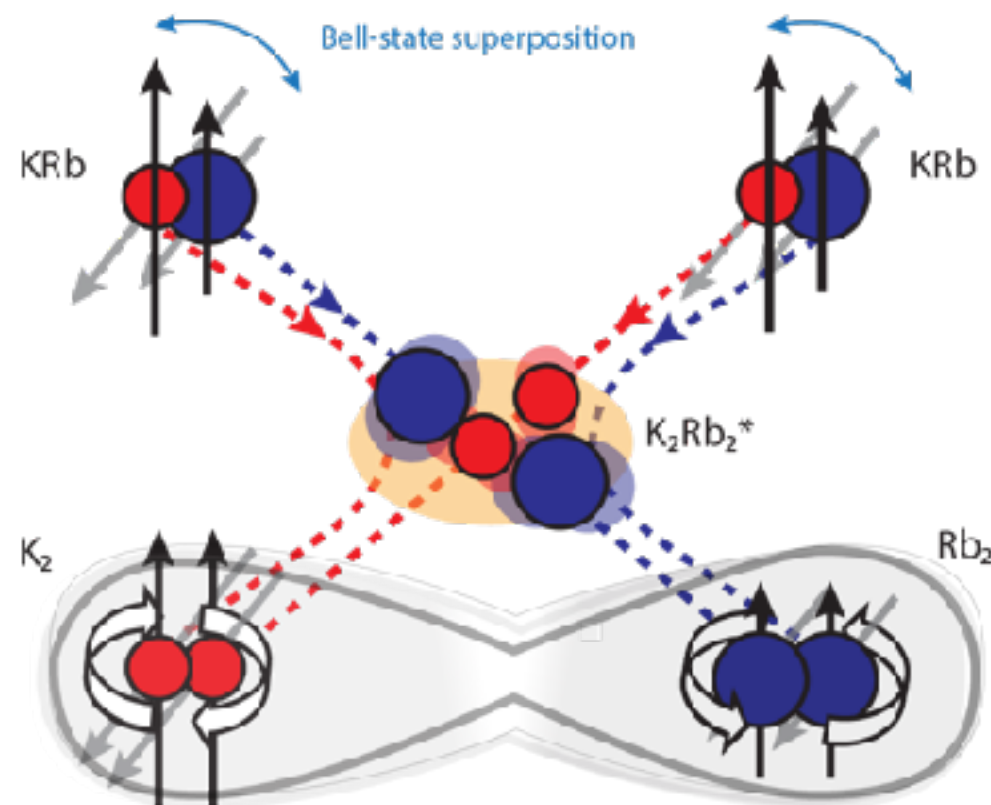


Idea

Prepare entangled spins within each molecules, then use chemical reaction to rearrange the atoms into separate, entangled molecules

Questions:

Can coherence (phase) be maintained throughout a reaction?



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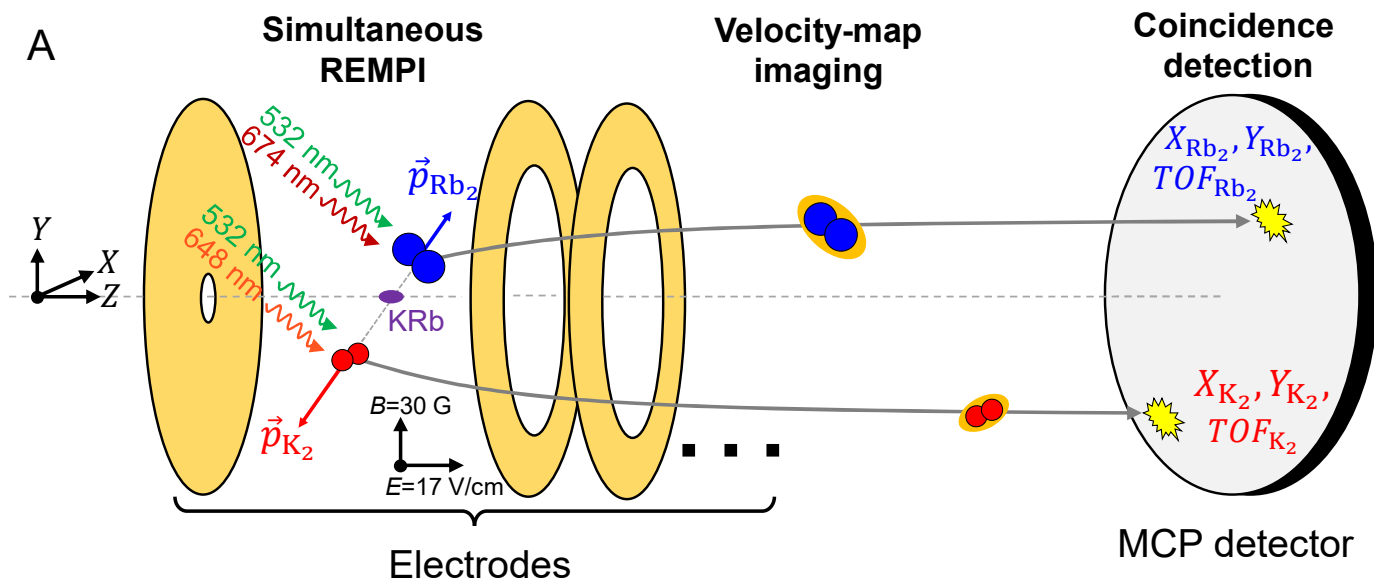
Arfor Houwman

What we need?

- ☒ Molecules in a *single* quantum state
- ☒ Chemical Reactions!
- ☒ State detection of products
- ☐ Coincidence detection of products from the same event
- ☐ Avoid chaotic dynamics?
Look in the nuclear spin degree of freedom?!
- ☐ Check to see coherence survives reactions

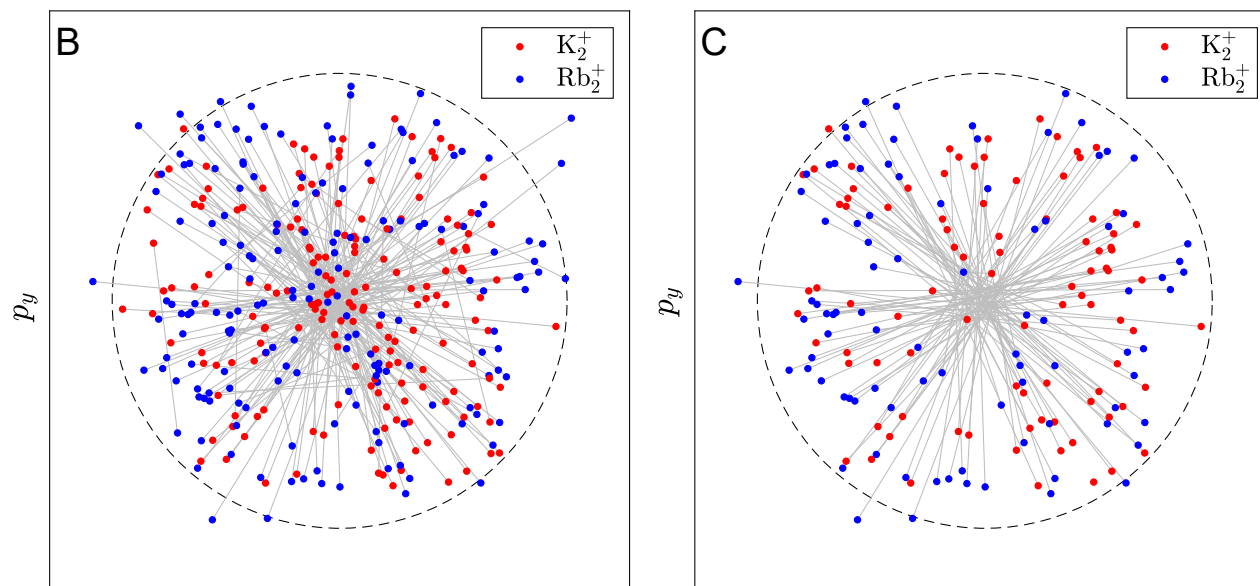


Coincidence detection of products



Momentum conservation constrains

$$\vec{p}_{\text{K}_2} + \vec{p}_{\text{Rb}_2} = \vec{p}_{\text{KRb}} + \vec{p}_{\text{KRb}} \rightarrow 0$$



Identify product pairs created in the same reaction event



Each K_2 , Rb_2 rotation state pair corresponding to a possible outcome of the reaction

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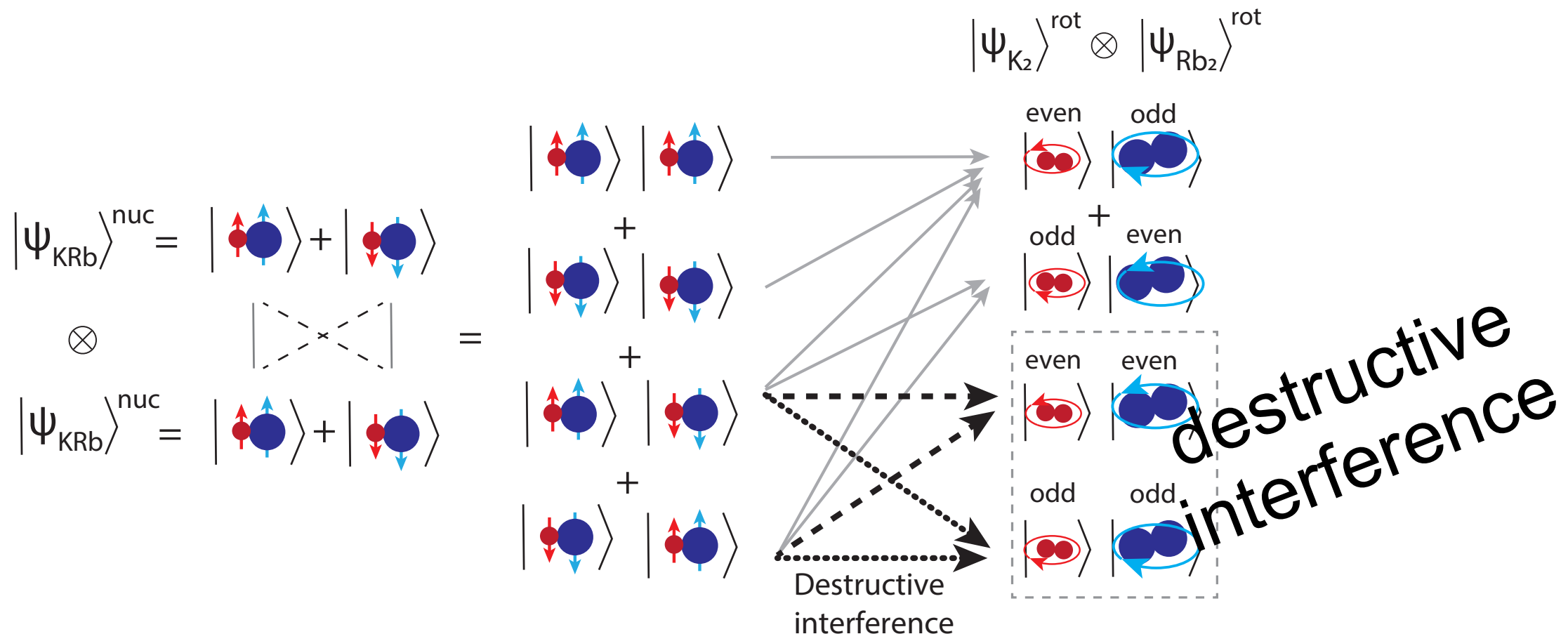
Assume coherence survives reactions

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\uparrow_K \uparrow_{Rb}\rangle + |\downarrow_K \downarrow_{Rb}\rangle \right)_A \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\uparrow_K \uparrow_{Rb}\rangle + |\downarrow_K \downarrow_{Rb}\rangle \right)_B$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(|\uparrow_{K_A} \uparrow_{K_B}; \uparrow_{Rb_A} \uparrow_{Rb_B}\rangle + |\uparrow_{K_A} \downarrow_{K_B}; \uparrow_{Rb_A} \downarrow_{Rb_B}\rangle + |\downarrow_{K_A} \uparrow_{K_B}; \downarrow_{Rb_A} \uparrow_{Rb_B}\rangle + |\downarrow_{K_A} \downarrow_{K_B}; \downarrow_{Rb_A} \downarrow_{Rb_B}\rangle \right)$$

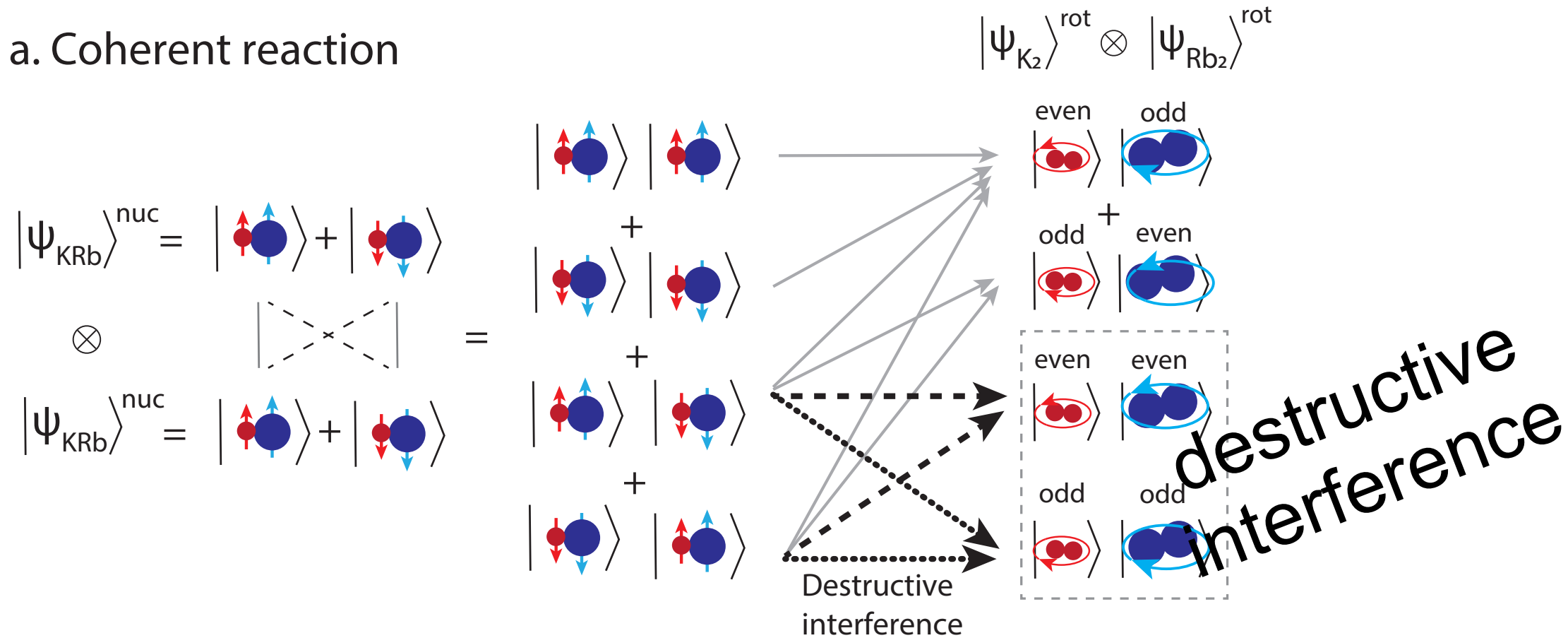


need to be properly symmetrized because indistinguishability

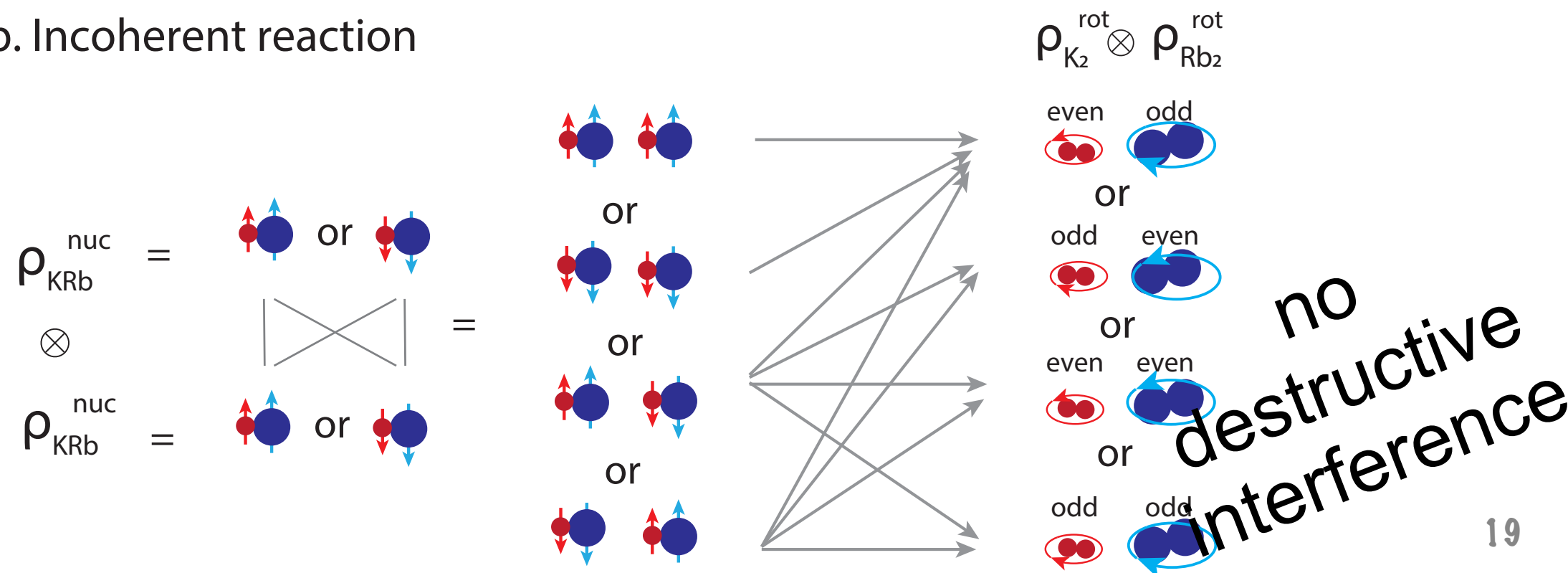


Coherence vs Incoherence in reactions

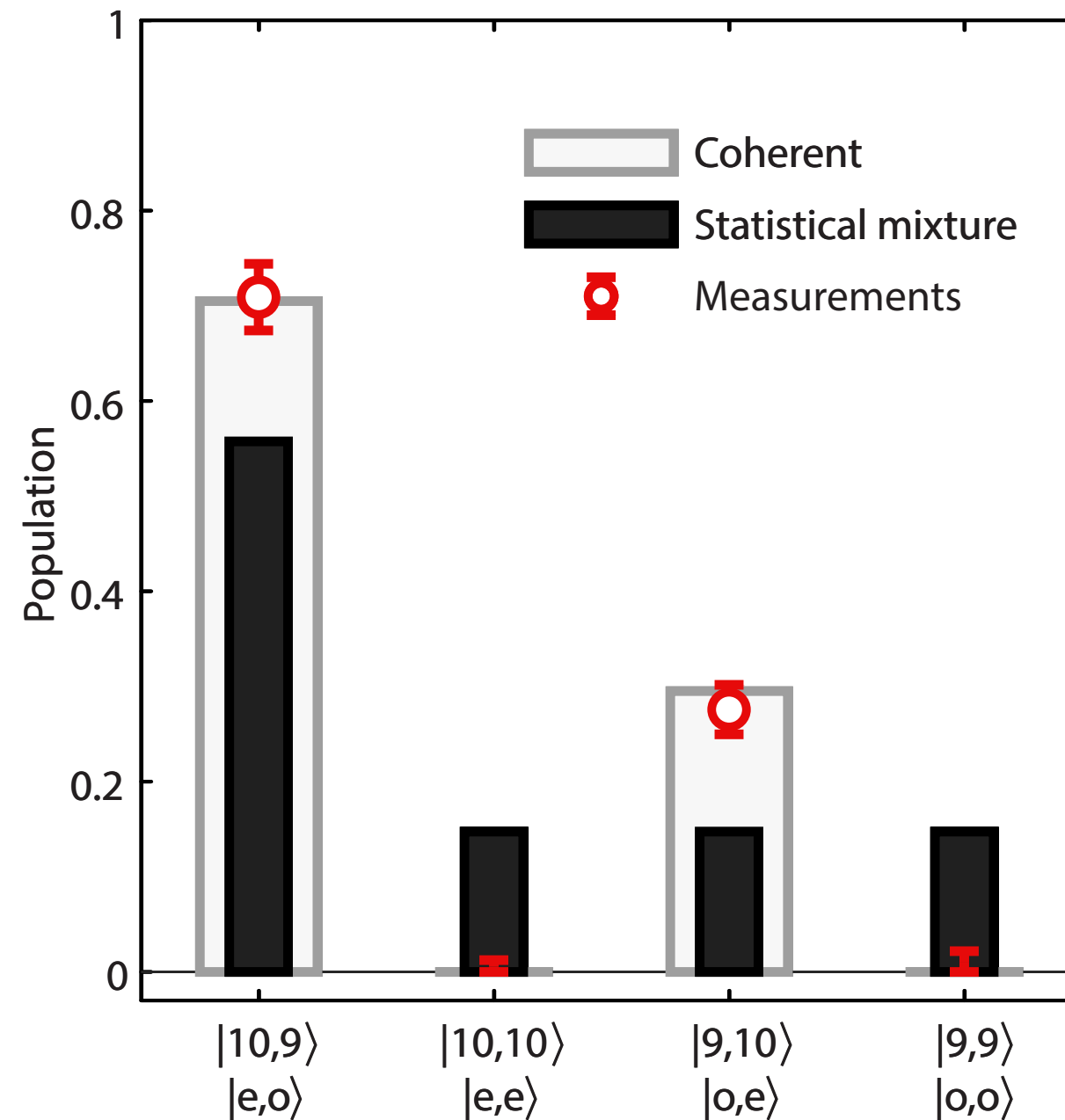
a. Coherent reaction



b. Incoherent reaction



Let's check!



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Coherence is $[0.9014, 1]$ (95% confidence level)

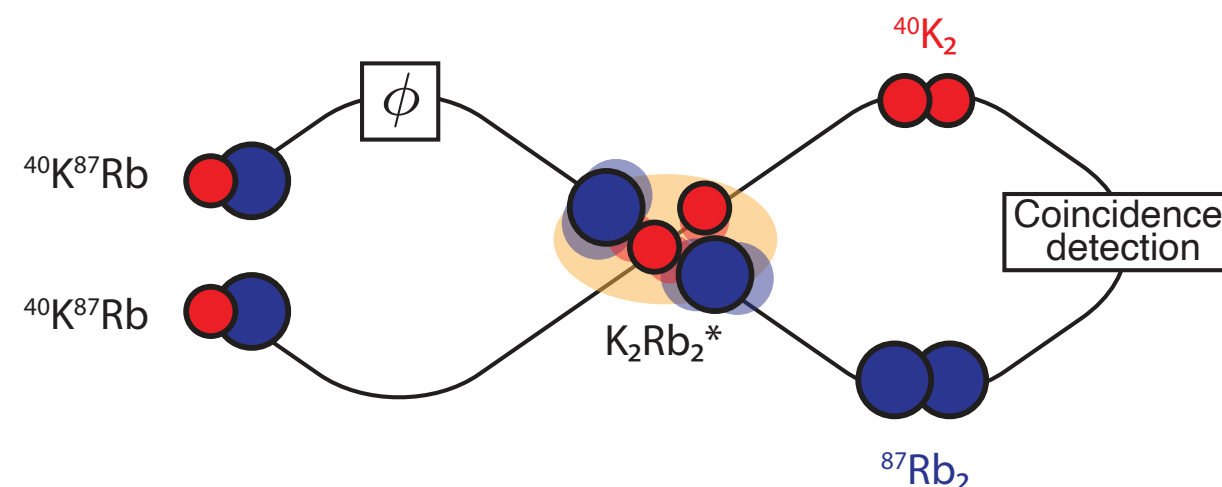
What we need?

☒ Check to see coherence survives reactions

This *implies* the products are entangled

Open Questions

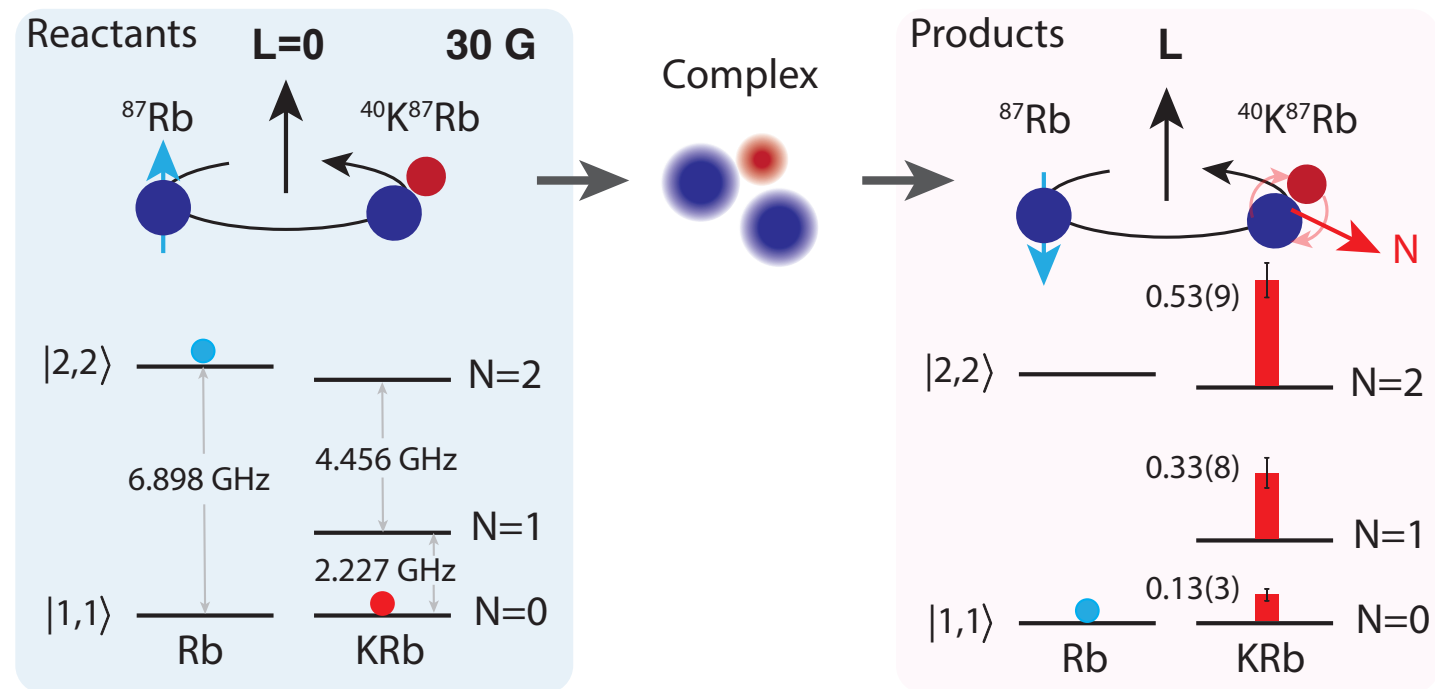
- * Entangled products need to be rigorously shown via a direct phase measurement, but we have only measured populations
- * What would break the phase coherence of the reactions? A new way to scrutinize the short-range physics and the role of nuclear spins in reactions. How general is it?
- * How do we measure and alter the phase directly?



reaction interferometer

Hyperfine-to-Rotational energy transfer in ultracold atom-molecule collisions

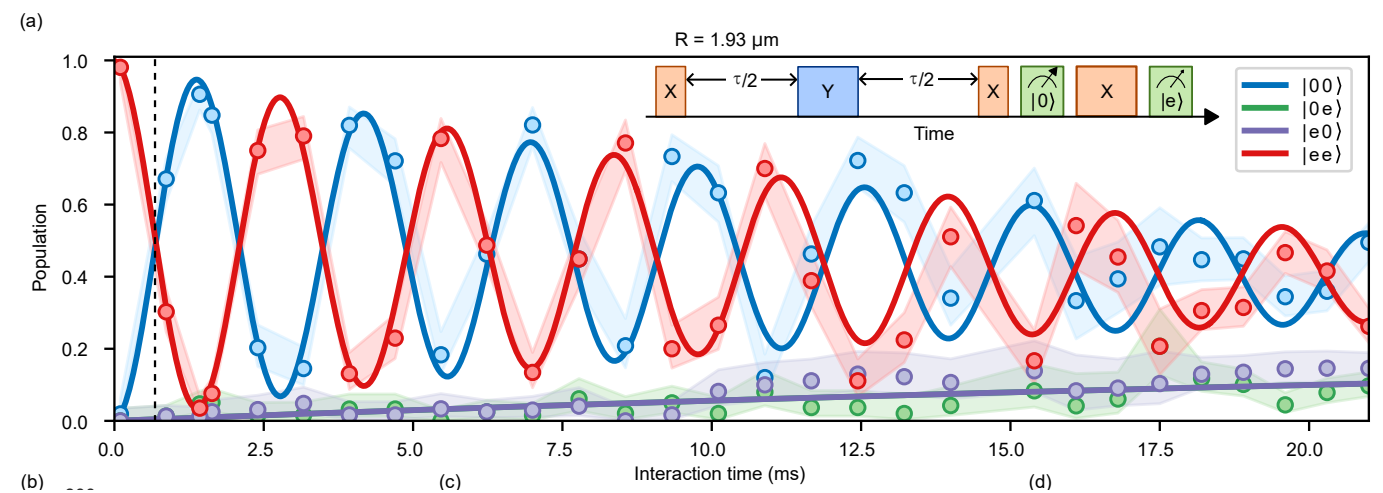
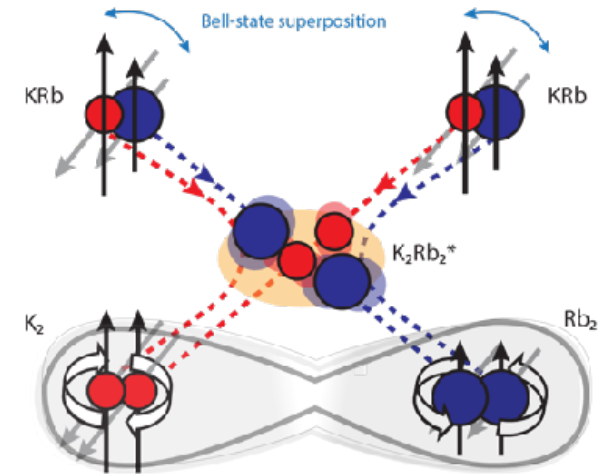
YX Liu*, LB Zhu* et al., in collaboration with Tscherbul, Tomza, Bohn (arXiv:2407.08891)



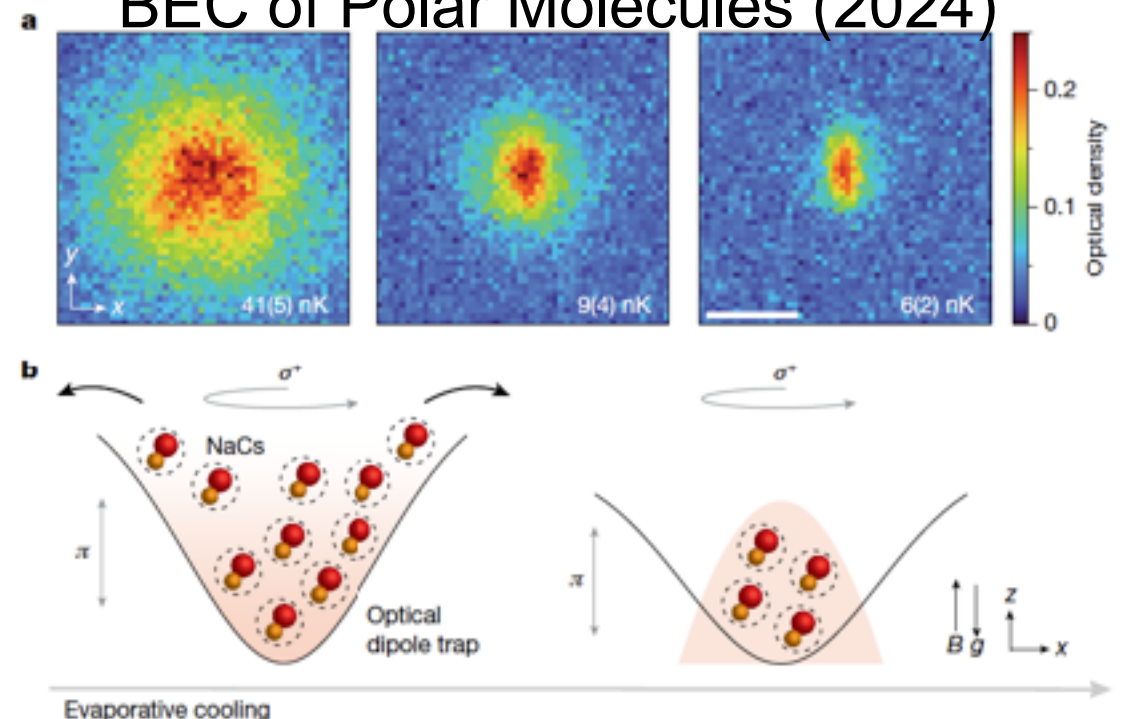
- * Spin-dependent interaction is important in KRb_2^* complex ($\times 10^5$ long-lived complex a consequence?)
- * Conical intersection lies below the collision energy!
- * “Statistical” branching ratio cannot be explained by tour-de-force quantum scattering calculation assuming Rigid Rotor of KRb . Considering vibration will be important for a quantitative agreement!!

Summary and Outlook

- * Individual molecules under control!
- * Fast, coherent dipolar interaction in a “programmable” tweezer array of molecules
- * iSWAP gate with molecules demonstrated!
- * entanglement fidelity limited by thermal motion -> a path forward
- * Phase coherence is preserved for nuclear spins in $\text{KRb} + \text{KRb} \rightarrow \text{K}_2 + \text{Rb}_2$ reactions. Is it general?
- * Harnessing molecular resources for quantum science



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