

# Multiparticle Entanglement

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*(our names are entangled?)*

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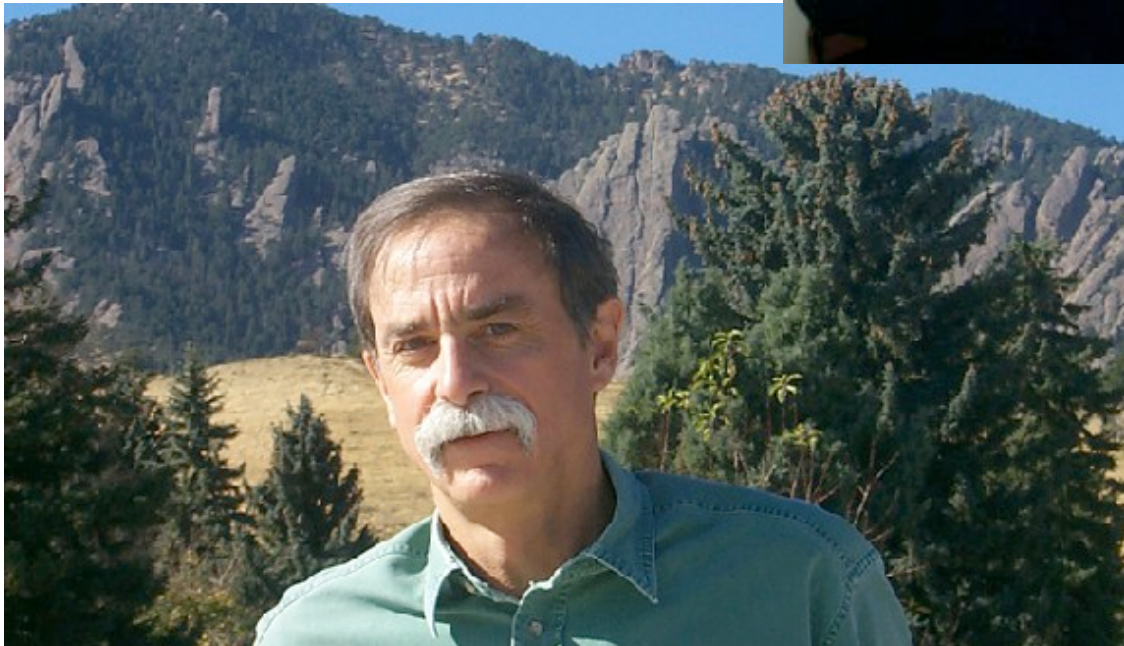
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# Entangled states of trapped atomic ions

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## 14-Qubit Entanglement: Creation and Coherence

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We report the creation of Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger states with up to 14 qubits. By investigating the coherence of up to 8 ions over time, we observe a decay proportional to the square of the number of qubits. The observed decay agrees with a theoretical model which assumes a system affected by correlated, Gaussian phase noise. This model holds for the majority of current experimental systems developed towards quantum computation and quantum metrology.

## Creation of a six-atom 'Schrödinger cat' state

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Among the classes of highly entangled states of multiple quantum systems, the so-called 'Schrödinger cat' states are particularly useful. Cat states are equal superpositions of two maximally different quantum states. They are a fundamental resource in fault-tolerant quantum computing<sup>1-3</sup> and quantum communication, where they can enable protocols such as open-destination teleportation<sup>4</sup> and secret sharing<sup>5</sup>. They play a role in fundamental tests of quantum mechanics<sup>6</sup> and enable improved signal-to-noise

$\tilde{S}_z|\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|\uparrow\rangle$  and  $\tilde{S}_z|\downarrow\rangle = -\frac{1}{2}|\downarrow\rangle$  (for simplicity we set  $\hbar = 1$ ). We define  $|\uparrow, N\rangle \equiv |\uparrow\rangle_1|\uparrow\rangle_2\dots|\uparrow\rangle_N$  and  $|\downarrow, N\rangle \equiv |\downarrow\rangle_1|\downarrow\rangle_2\dots|\downarrow\rangle_N$ . In this notation, prototypical cat states of  $N$  qubits can be written as:

$$|N \text{ Cat}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow, N\rangle + e^{i\theta}|\downarrow, N\rangle) \quad (1)$$

To generate such states we initially prepare the ions in state  $|\downarrow, N\rangle$  and then apply the following unitary operation to transform the

# Cat states

- Cat states: „equal superpositions of two maximally different states“.
- For more than two qubits (subsystems):

GHZ-states (Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger

$$|\psi\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} (|0\dots 0\rangle + |1\dots 1\rangle)$$

here:  $|N \text{ Cat}\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} (|\uparrow\dots\uparrow\rangle + e^{i\theta}|\downarrow\dots\downarrow\rangle)$

# Ion traps





# String of ions

· · · · ·  
in a linear Paul trap

**6 Qubits**

${}^9\text{Be}^+$  ions

**14 Qubits**

${}^{40}\text{Ca}^+$  ions

# Ingredients

- atomic ions
  - confined in electromagnetic traps
  - manipulated with laser beams -> pumping
- Centre-of-mass (COM) frequencies?
  - Axial COM f. between  $\omega_{\text{COM}}/2\pi = 2.6\text{MHz}$  and  $3.4\text{MHz}$
  - Radial COM f.  $\sim 8\text{ MHz}$
- Operations  $U_N$  using two-photon stimulated Raman transitions
  - Laser Pulses with a certain freq., duration, intensity & phase; same for all qubits.

# Preparation of entangled state

- Start with  $|\downarrow, N\rangle$
- Apply unitary operation:

$$U_N = (\exp[i\pi/2 J_x] \exp[i\xi\pi/2 J_z]) (\exp[i\pi/2 J_z^2]) (\exp[i\pi/2 J_x])$$

with  $\xi=1$  if  $N$  is odd and  $\xi=0$  otherwise

- Goal:  $|N \text{ Cat}\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} (|\uparrow \dots \uparrow\rangle + e^{i\theta} |\downarrow \dots \downarrow\rangle)$
- Measure Entanglement!

# We need a measure

- Fidelity:  $F = |\langle \Psi_N | N \text{ Cat} \rangle|^2$

- Useful:

$$F = \frac{1}{2}(P_{\uparrow N} + P_{\downarrow N}) + |C_{\downarrow N; \uparrow N}|$$

- That is not all there is:

for  $N > 2$  there is no single measure that quantifies entanglement!

- Only comparable if  $|\Phi\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{LOCC}} |\Psi\rangle$

# Measure (cont.)

- Witness Operator:  $W = 1 - 2|N\text{ Cat}\rangle\langle N\text{ Cat}|$
- $\langle W \rangle = 1 - 2 * \text{Fidelity}$
- If  $\langle W \rangle < 0$  significantly  $\Rightarrow$  entanglement
- then states can be purified by LOCC

# Measure (cont.)

- ‚depolarization‘ method: Using LOCC, density matrix gets transformed, then:

N-Particle entanglement if:

$$2 |C_{\downarrow N; \uparrow N}| > \max_j (P_j + P_{j'})$$

- The most important information resides in the magnitude of coherence  $C_{\downarrow N; \uparrow N}$

# Results

From amplitude of parity-oscillations:

$$|C_{\downarrow 4; \uparrow 4}| \geq 0.349(2) \quad \checkmark$$

$$|C_{\downarrow 5; \uparrow 5}| \geq 0.264(2) \quad \checkmark$$

$$|C_{\downarrow 6; \uparrow 6}| \geq 0.210(2) \quad \times$$

from poissonian fits:

$$F_{4\text{Cat}} \geq 0.76(1) \quad \checkmark$$

$$F_{5\text{Cat}} \geq 0.60(2) \quad \checkmark$$

$$F_{6\text{Cat}} \geq 0.509(4)$$

$$\langle W_4 \rangle \leq 0.51(2) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\langle W_5 \rangle \leq 0.20(2) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\langle W_6 \rangle \leq 0.018(8) \quad \sim$$

# Results

$$\langle W_6 \rangle \leq 0.018(8) \sim$$

Use 'depolarization' method:

$$2 |C_{\downarrow N; \uparrow N}| > \max_j (P_j + P_{j'})$$

knowing:  $\max_j (P_j + P_{j'}) \leq 2 \max(P_j)$

For the |6 Cat  $\rangle$  state:

$$\begin{aligned} |C_{\downarrow 6; \uparrow 6}| &\geq 0.210(2) \\ &\geq \max_j (P_{\downarrow j} \mid j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}) = 0.119(9) \end{aligned}$$





# Take Home Message

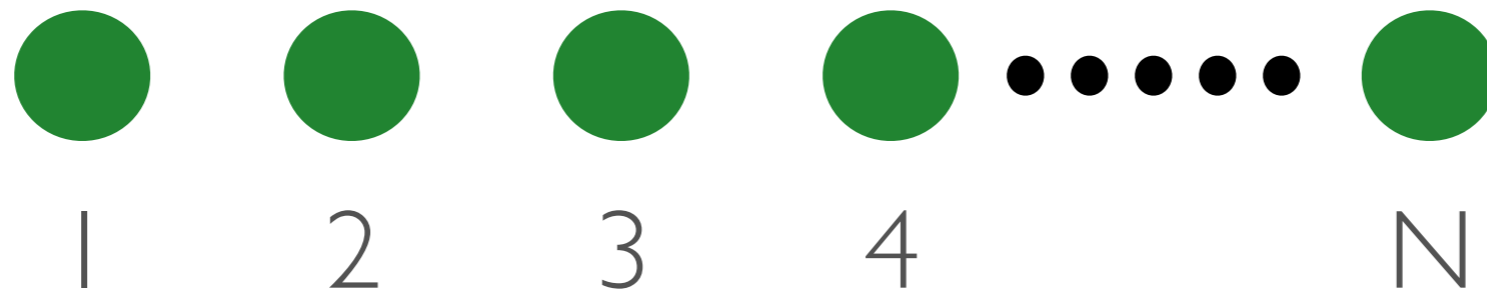
- Entanglement of  $N$  particles:  
(theoretical) problem to quantify if  $N > 2$

# DECOHERENCE IN MULTIPARTICLE SYSTEMS

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# EXPERIMENT DESCRIPTION

$N$   $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$  Ions



$$D_{5/2}(m = -1/2) \equiv |0\rangle$$

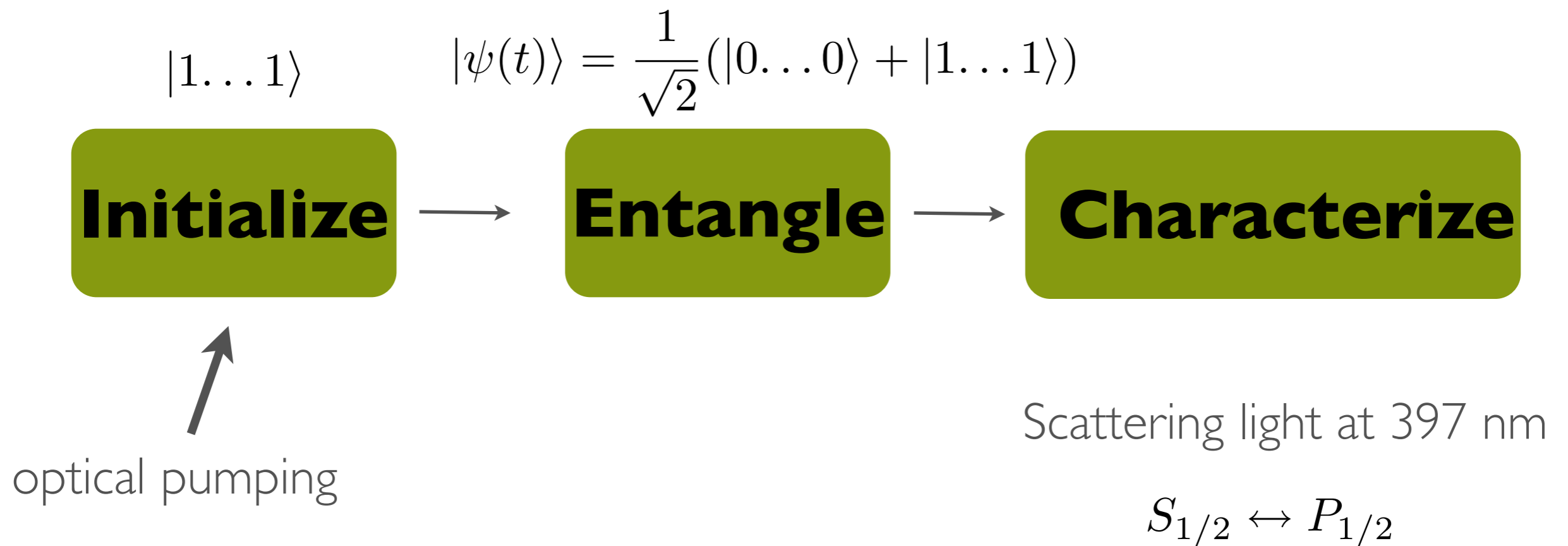
$$S_{1/2}(m = -1/2) \equiv |1\rangle$$

$$|\tilde{0}\rangle = |0\dots 0\rangle$$

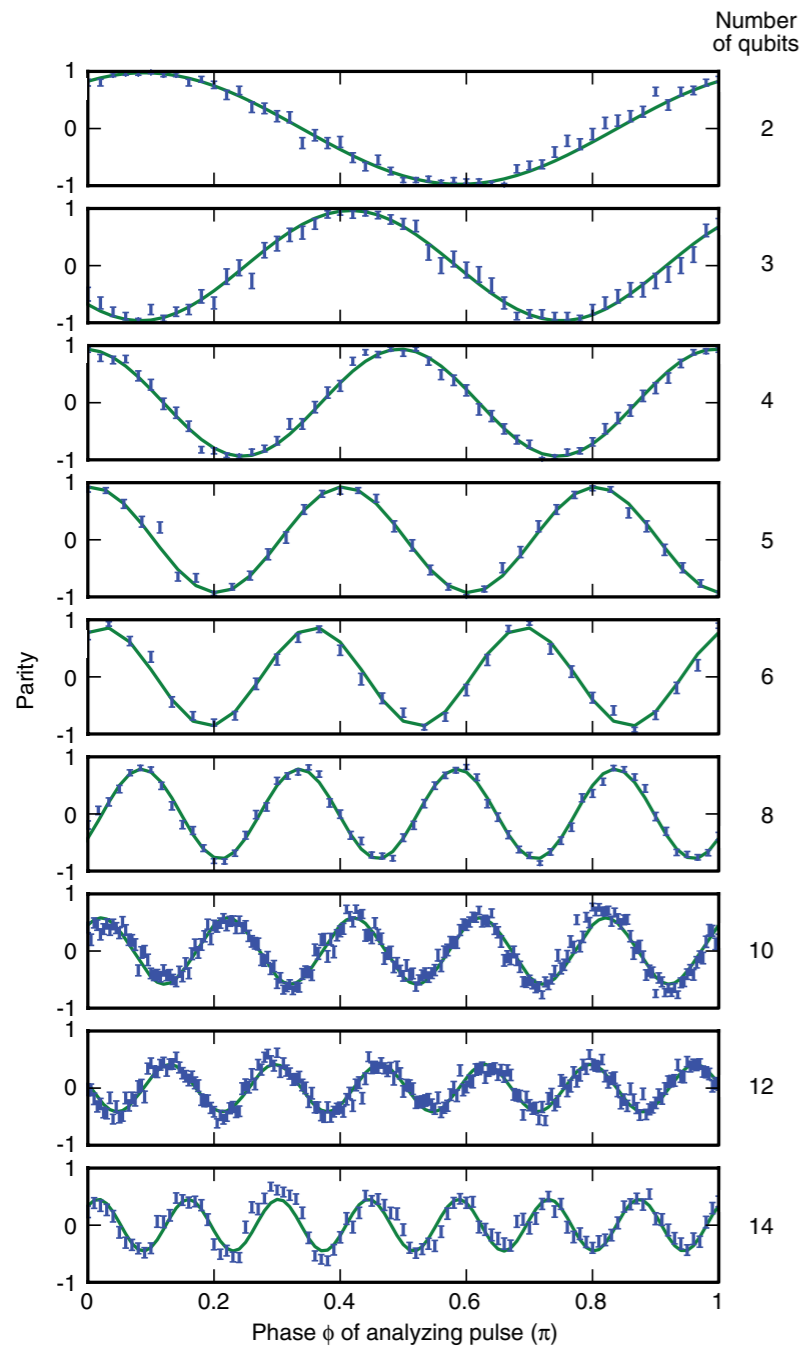
$$|\tilde{1}\rangle = |1\dots 1\rangle$$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\dots 0\rangle + |1\dots 1\rangle)$$

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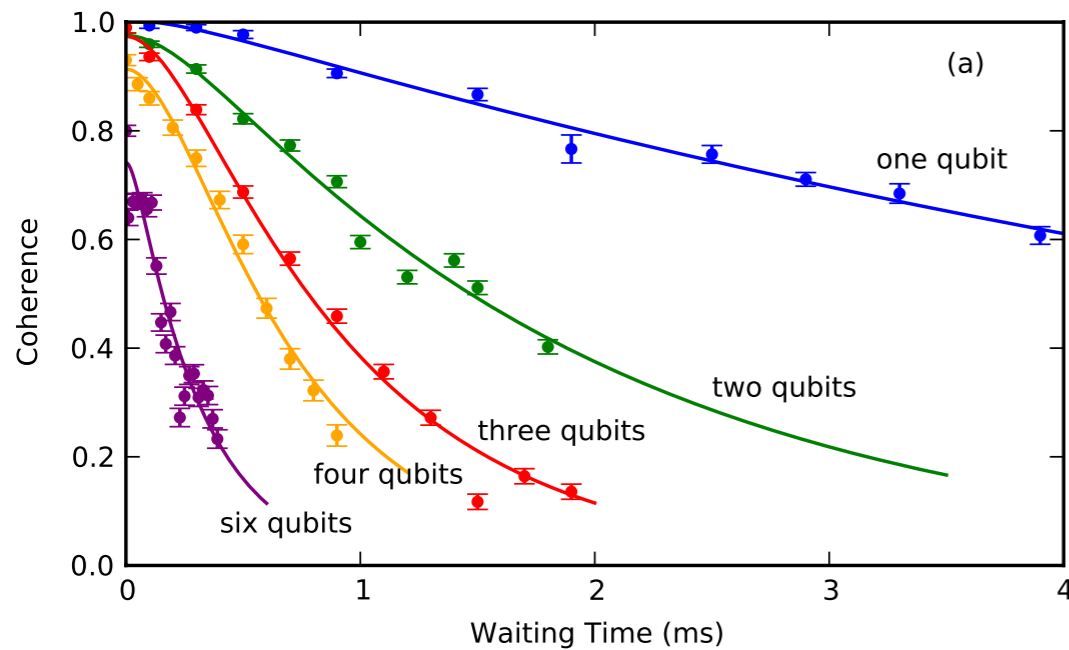
# COHERENCE AS A FUNCTION OF QBIT NUMBER



After the GHZ state is generated the qubit are rotated by

The amplitude of the oscillations is the coherence

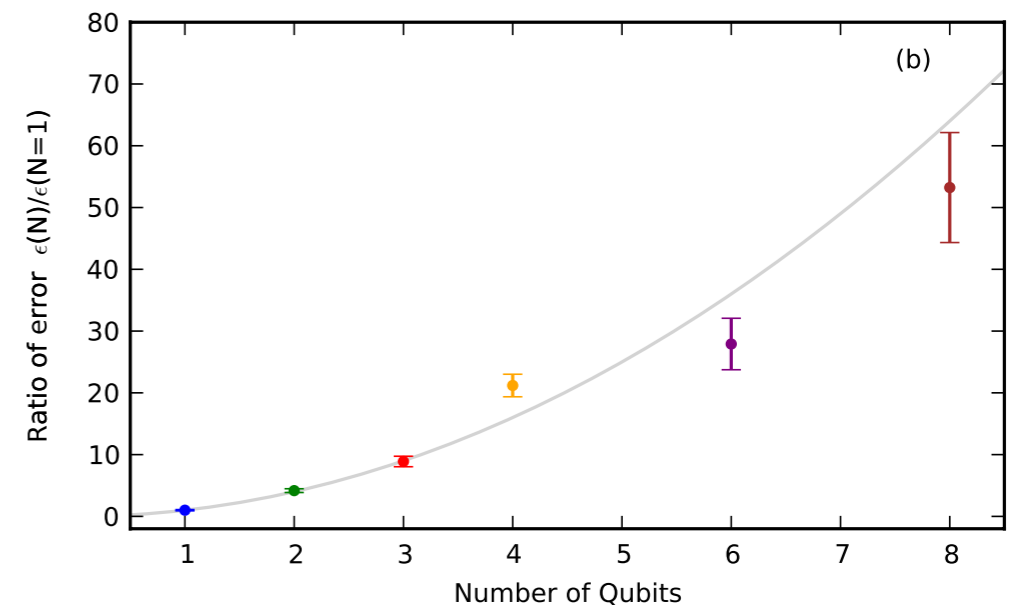
# DECOHERENCE AS A FUNCTION OF TIME



A time delay is introduced between characterization and creation of state

Coherence time decreases and error increases as number of Q-bit increases

$$\epsilon(N) = N^2$$



# MOST RELEVANT RESULTS

For 1 Qbit with a coherence time of 95 ms is found

When using a base

$$|00001111\rangle + |11110000\rangle$$

a 324 ms coherence time is  
obtained, why??

# THE MODEL FOR A SINGLE QBIT

$$H = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_z\omega_0 + \sum_k b_k^\dagger b_k + \sum_k \sigma_z (g_k b_k^\dagger + g_k^* b_k)$$

$$U(t) = \exp\left\{\sigma_z \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (b_k^\dagger \xi_k(t) - b_k \xi_k^*(t))\right\}$$

$$\sigma_z |0\rangle = -1|0\rangle$$

$$\sigma_z |1\rangle = 1|1\rangle$$

$$\xi_k(t) = 2g_k \frac{1 - e^{i\omega_k t}}{\omega_k}$$

No energy exchange or spin flip



Displacement operator in  
Quantum optics

$$D(\alpha) = \exp\{\alpha a^\dagger - \alpha^* a\}$$

$$D(\alpha)|0\rangle = |\alpha\rangle$$

$$D(1/2\sigma_z\xi_k) = \exp\{1/2\sigma_z\xi_k b^\dagger - 1/2\sigma_z\xi_k^* b\}$$

$$U(t)|0\rangle \otimes |\Psi\rangle = \prod_k D(-1/2\xi_k(t))$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = (c_0|0\rangle + c_1|1\rangle) \otimes |0_k\rangle \quad \text{Entanglement}$$

$$U(t)|\Psi\rangle = c_0|0\rangle| - 1/2\xi_k(t)\rangle + c_1|1\rangle| + 1/2\xi_k(t)\rangle$$

Generalization to 2 Qbits

$$H_{int} = \sum_k \sigma_z^a (g_k^a b_k^\dagger + g_k^{*a} b_k) + \sigma_z^b (g_k^b b_k^\dagger + g_k^{*b} b_k)$$

$$U(t) = D(1/2\sigma_z^a \xi_k^a(t) + 1/2\sigma_z^b \xi_k^b(t))$$

$$|\Phi^{(-)}\rangle = (c_{10}|1_a, 0_b\rangle + c_{01}|0_a, 1_b\rangle) \otimes |0_k\rangle$$

$$|\Phi^{(+)}\rangle = (c_{00}|0_a, 0_b\rangle + c_{11}|1_a, 1_b\rangle) \otimes |0_k\rangle$$

States with 2 different Qbit configuration couple differently to the field

$$U(t)|\Phi^{(+)}\rangle = (c_{00}|0_a, 0_b\rangle| - 1/2(\xi_k^a + \xi_k^b)\rangle + c_{11}|1_a, 1_b\rangle|1/2(\xi_k^a + \xi_k^b)\rangle$$

$$U(t)|\Phi^{(-)}\rangle = (c_{10}|1_a, 0_b\rangle| + 1/2(\xi_k^a - \xi_k^b)\rangle + c_{01}|0_a, 1_b\rangle| - 1/2(\xi_k^a - \xi_k^b)\rangle$$

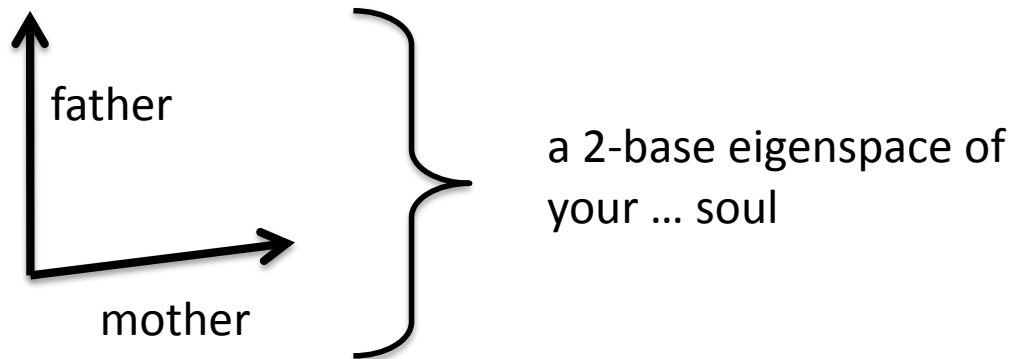
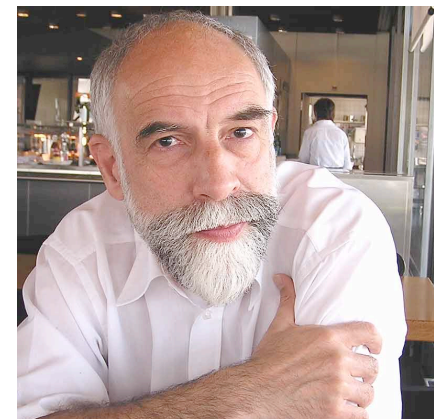
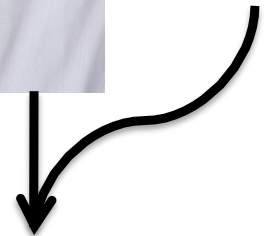
If  $\xi_k^a = \xi_k^b$   $|\Phi^{-}\rangle$  Doesn't couple to the field

general *pros* and *cons* regarding  
**QC with iontraps**

- electron and nuclear spins (Spin $\frac{1}{2}$  particles)  
inherently only have two states (*good!*)
- *problem:*  
the center of mass oscillations (phonons)  
have short coherence time
- *possible Solution:* strong interaction through  
chemical bonds -> NMR

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