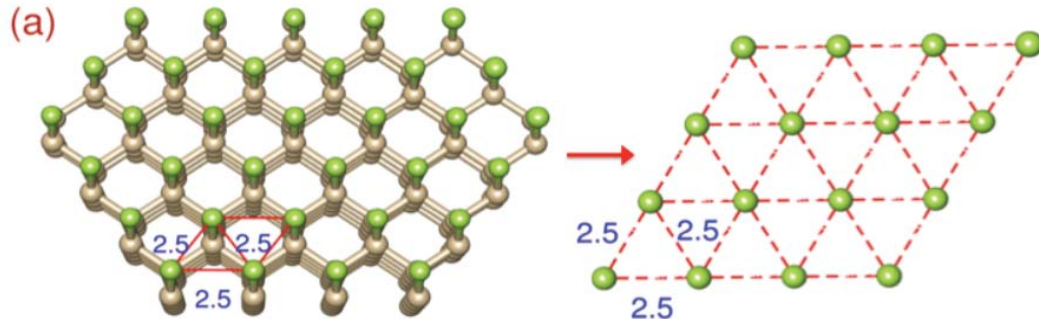


Dynamics in Noisy Quantum Networks **From Quantum Simulation to Biology and Back**

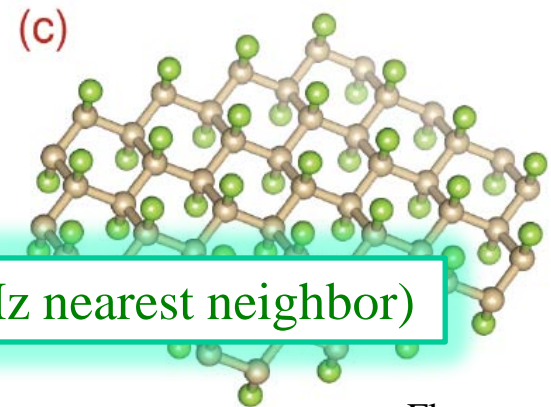
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A Diamond Surface Simulator

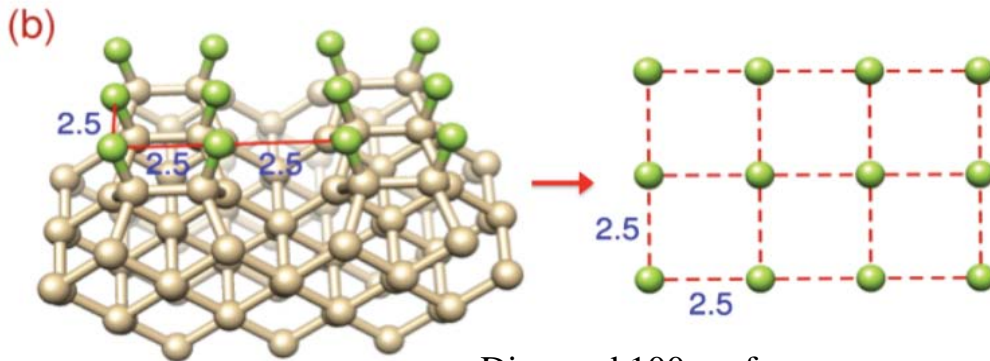


Diamond 111-surface



Fluorographene

F-F (long range dipole) interaction (6.8kHz nearest neighbor)

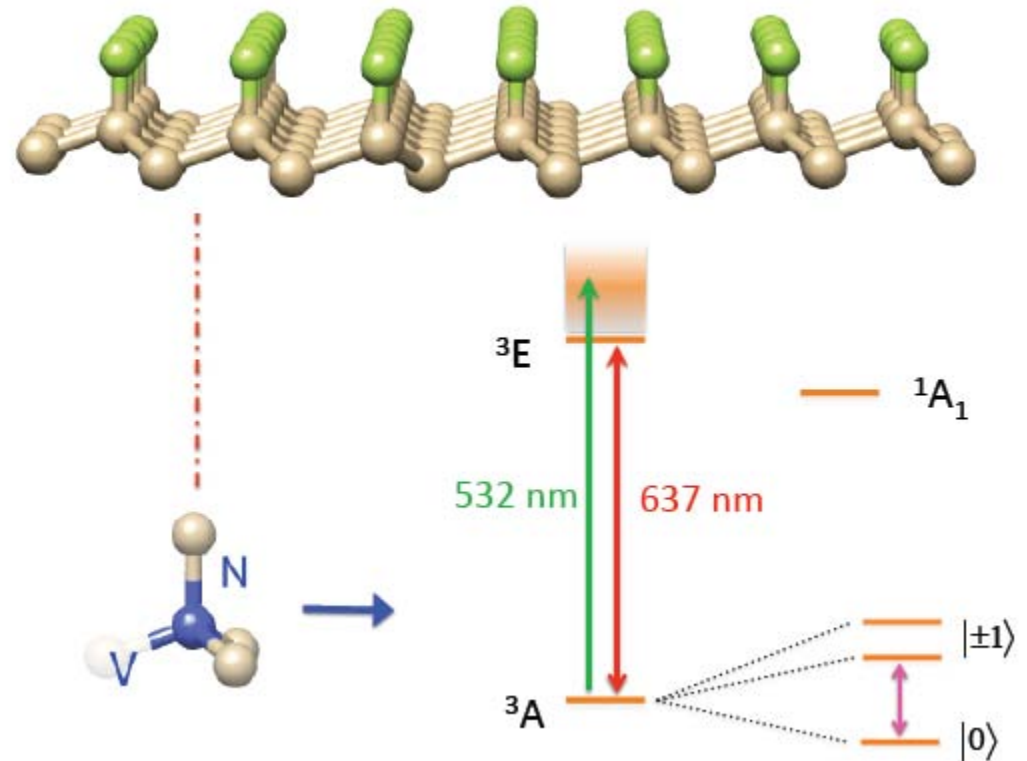


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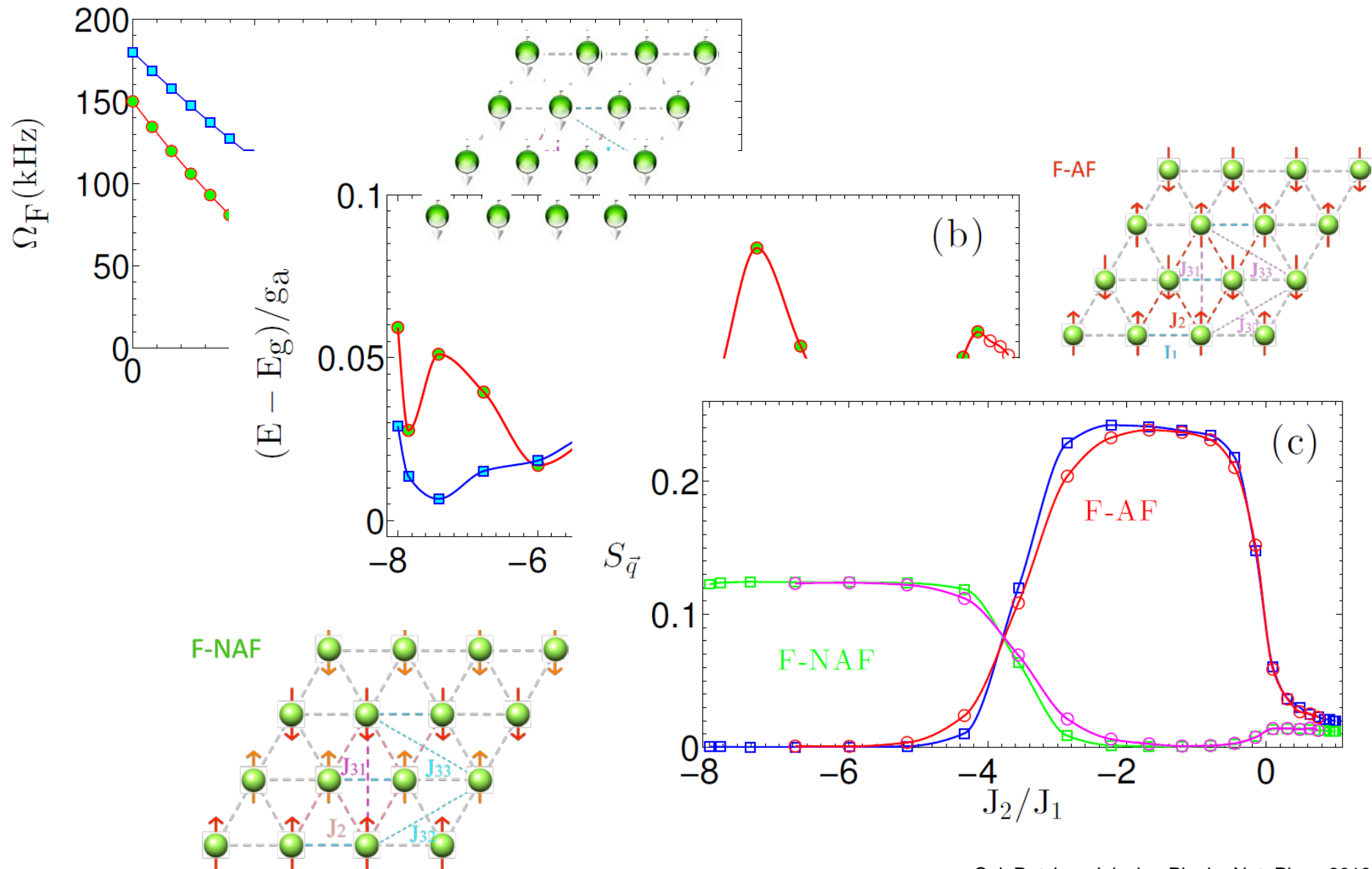
Address three main challenges

- Initialization of the nuclear spin lattice
- Control of the Hamiltonian of the nuclear spin lattice
- Readout from the nuclear spin lattice



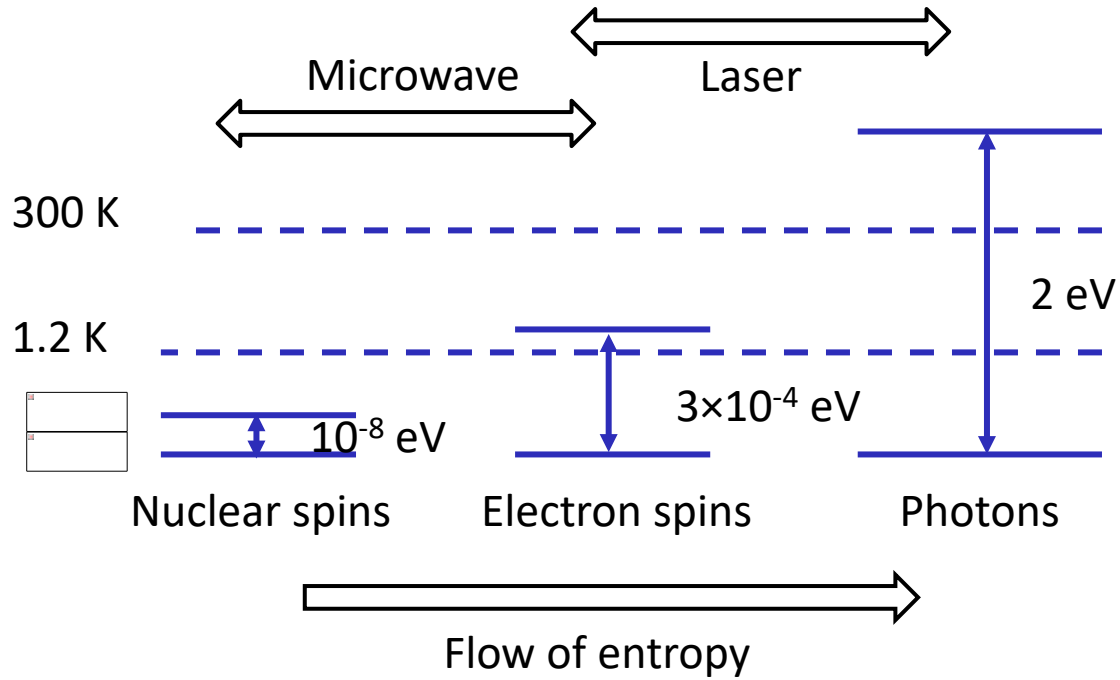
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Ground State Preparation & Detecting Quantum Phases



An Atomic Scale Fridge

Converting Light to Nuclear Spin Polarisation



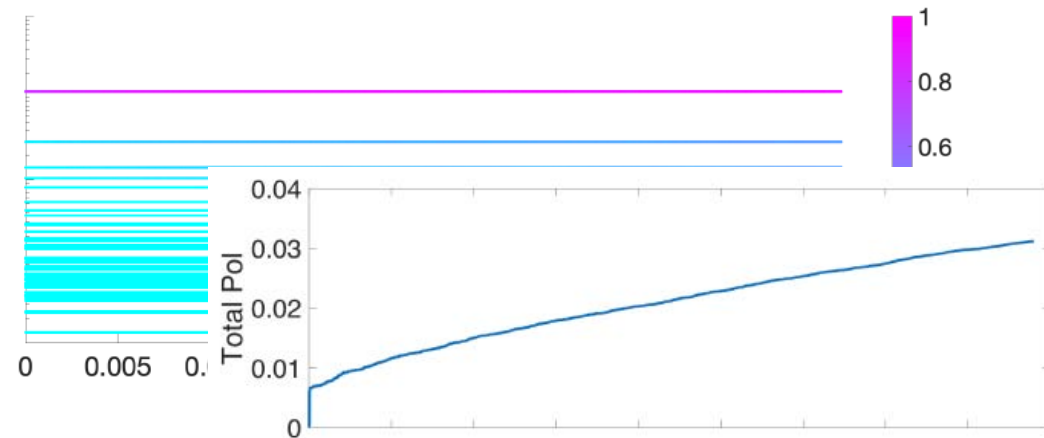
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Dark States and the Benefits of Noise

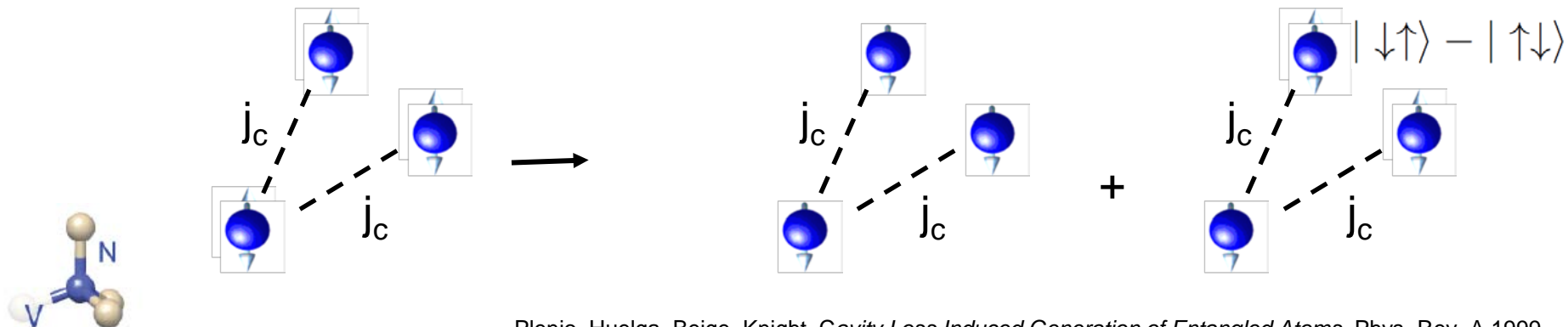
The polarisation protocol reaches a stationary state well before perfect polarisation is reached

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No dephasing



Origin: A significant part of the Hilbert space is decoupled due to destructive interference



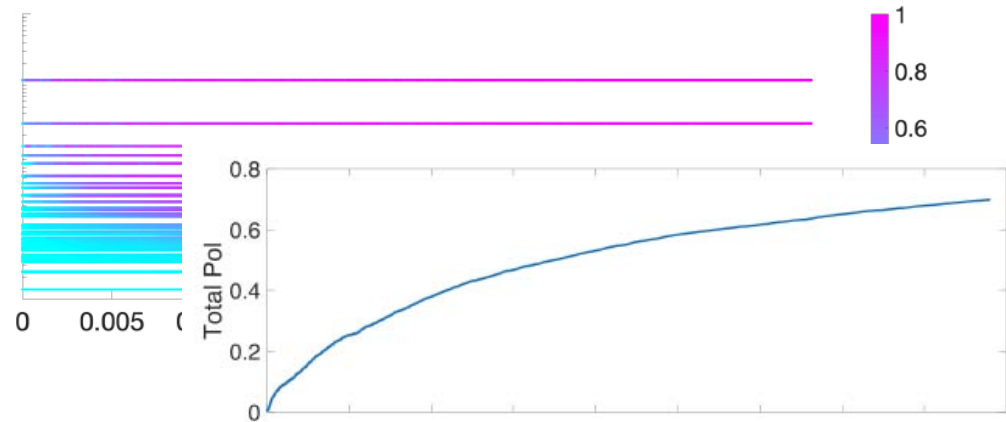
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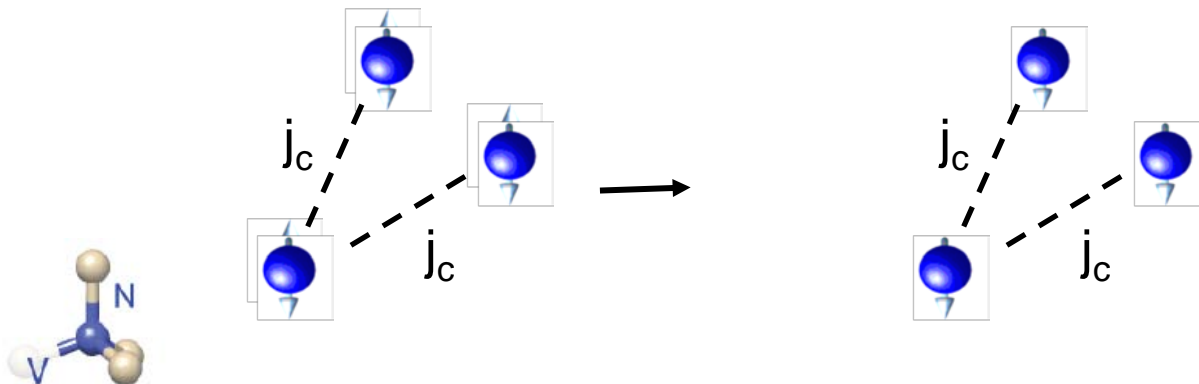
Moderate dephasing

Now polarisation protocol reaches a stationary state that is perfectly polarised

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Origin: Dephasing noise disrupts destructive interference



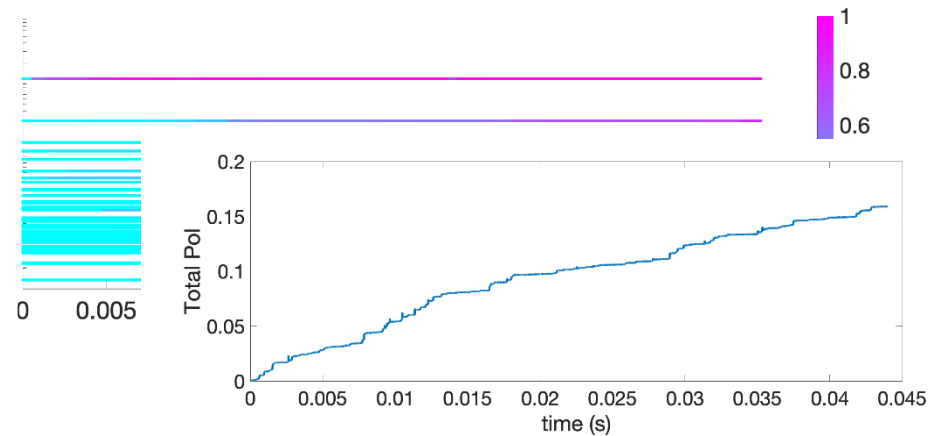
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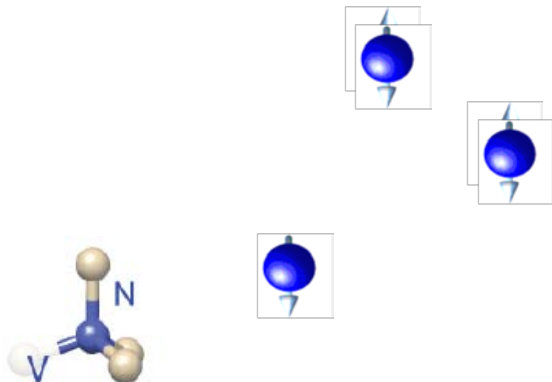
Strong dephasing

Now polarisation protocol fails as diffusion and coupling is suppressed

Cai, Retzker, Jelezko, Plenio, Nature Phys. 2013

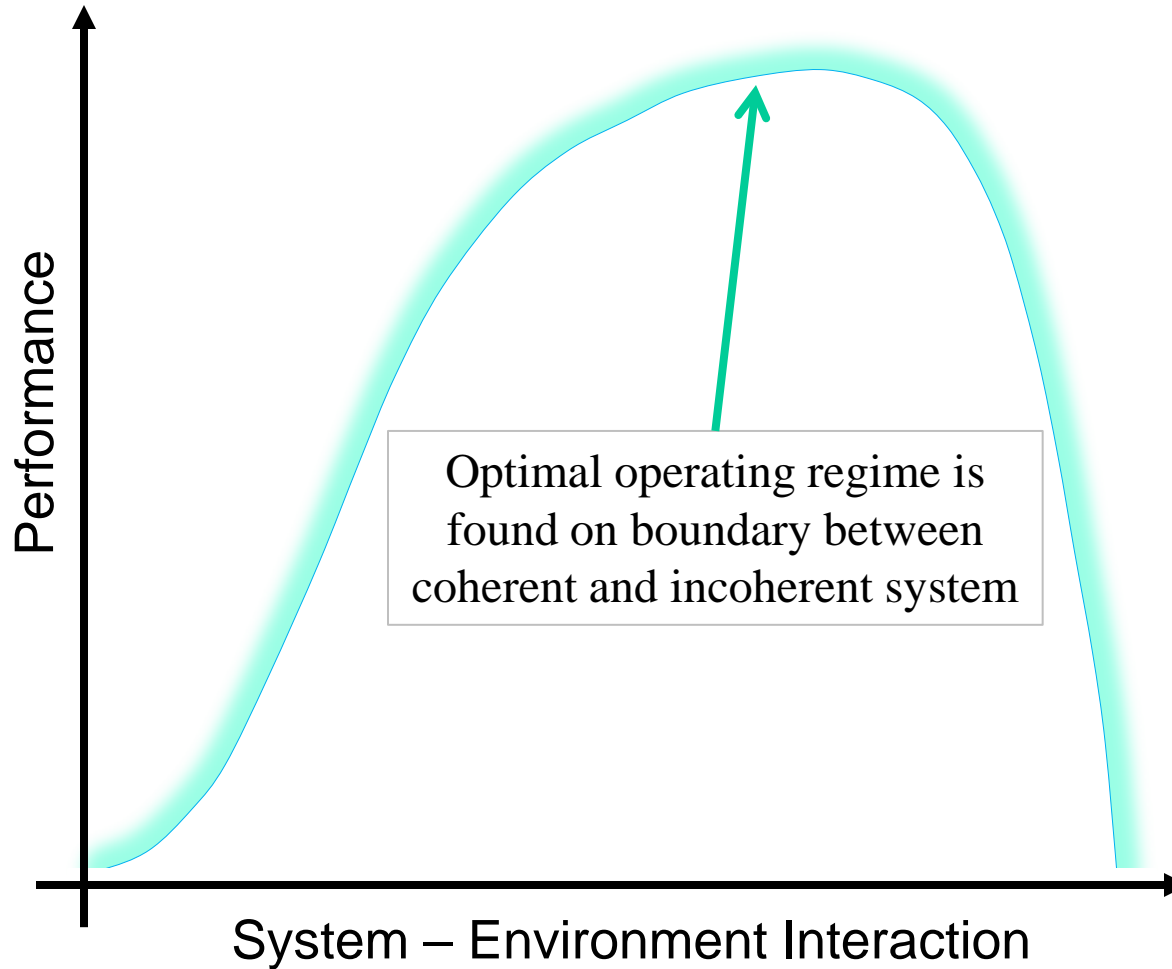


Origin: Dephasing noise disrupts constructive coherence, here the coherent spin diffusion



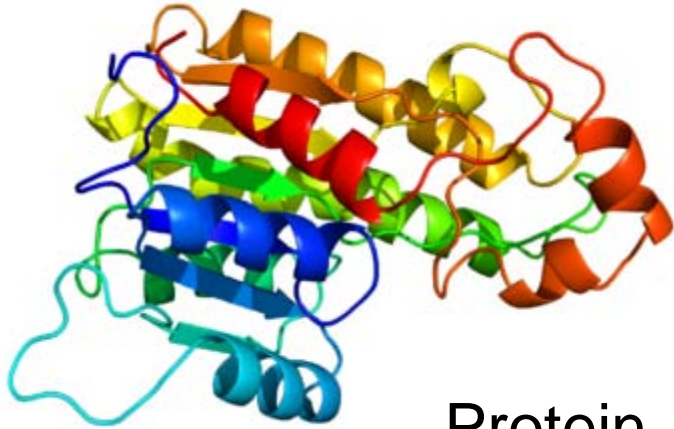
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A Moderate Level of Noise is Good

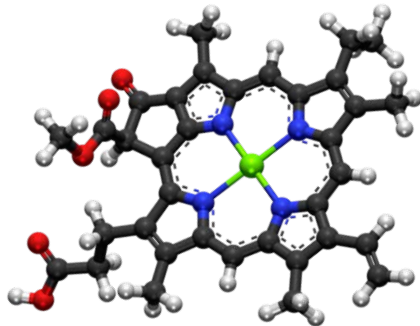


Quantum Dynamics in Biology

Controlling Structure of System and Environment



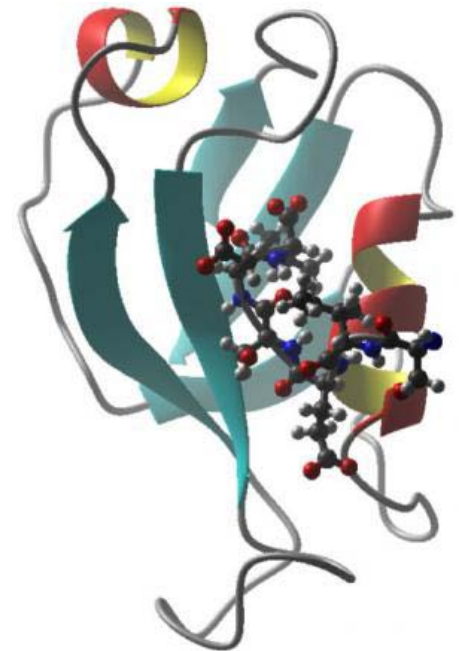
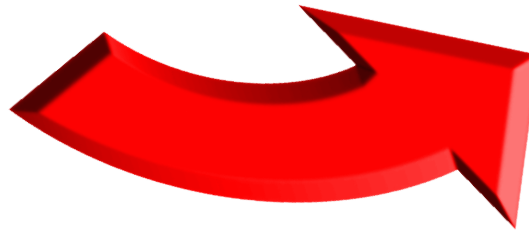
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Molecules

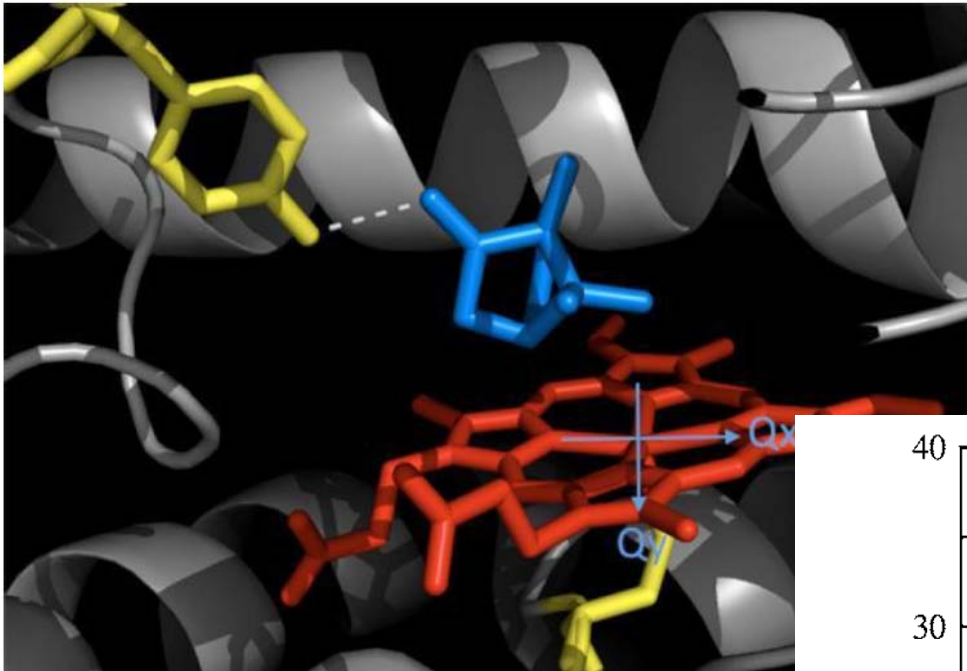


Controlled
Arrangements



Quantum Dynamics in Biology

Control Implies Noise

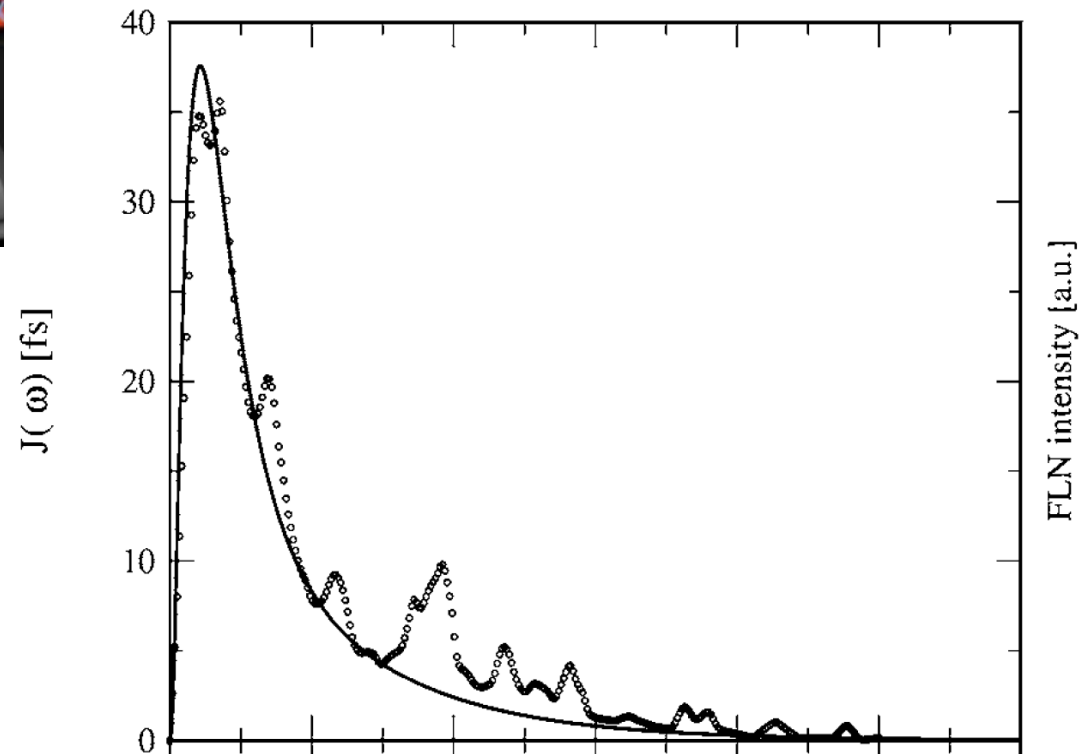


- Coupling is neither weak nor strong
- Spectral density is highly structured
- Difficult to simulate numerically

Vibrations affects
local environment

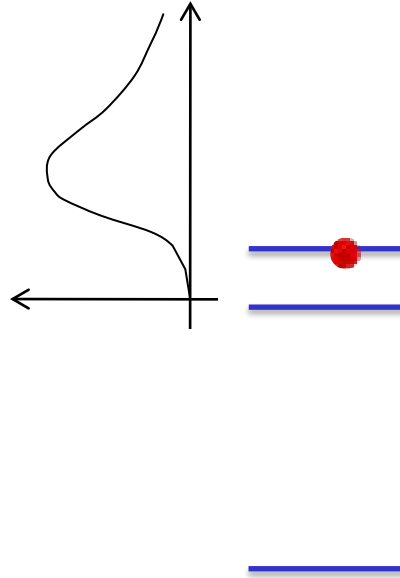
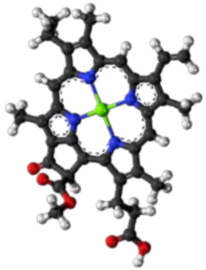
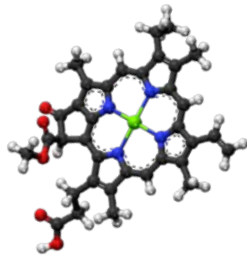
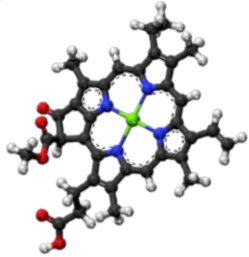
⇒ excitation energy
fluctuates

⇒ dephasing



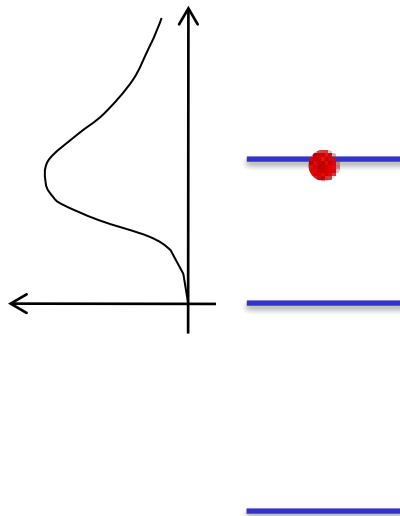
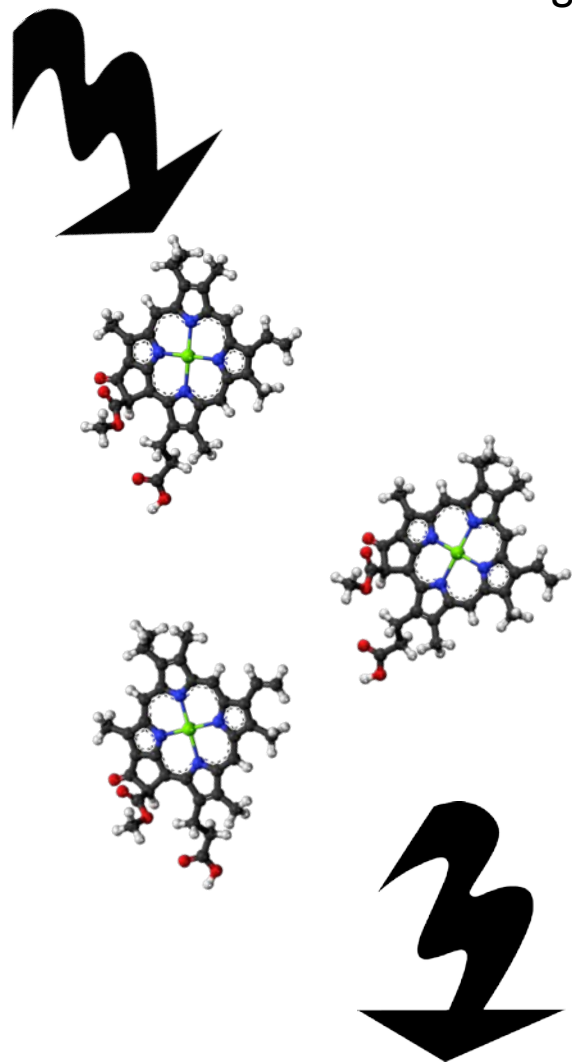
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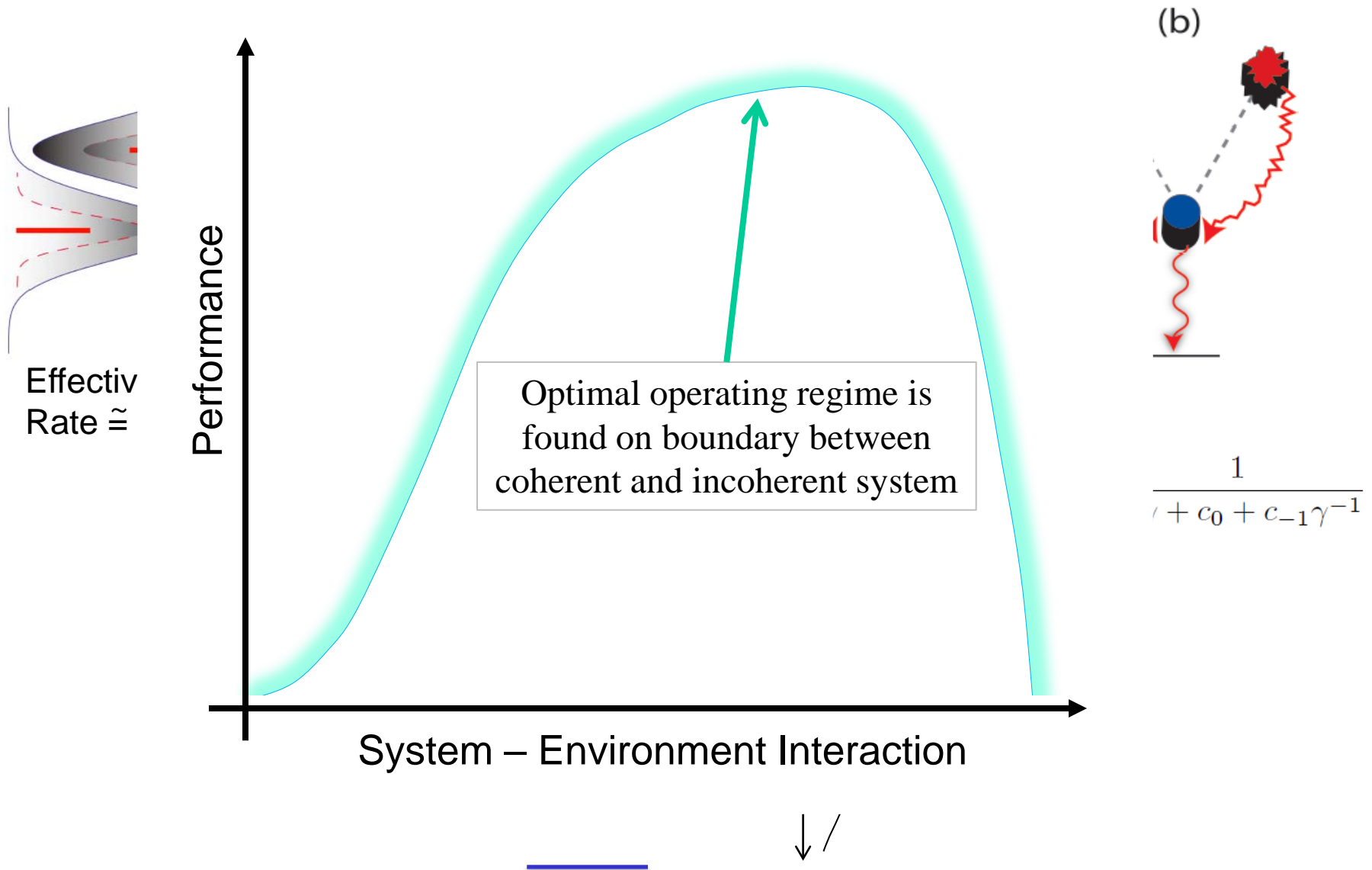


System-Environment interaction not too strong to suppress formation of dressed states

System-Environment interaction strong enough to drive transitions between dressed states

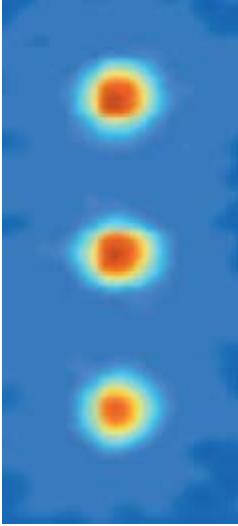
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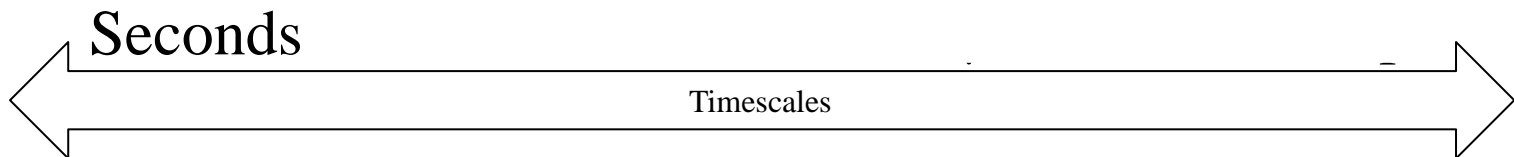
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Quantum Dynamics in Hot and Noisy Environments



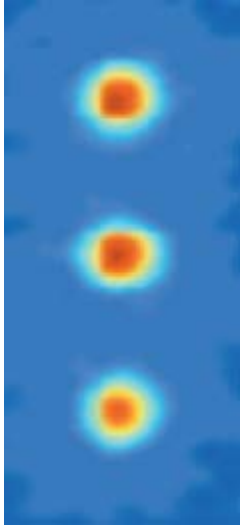
Quantum technologies

Isolate system to observe &
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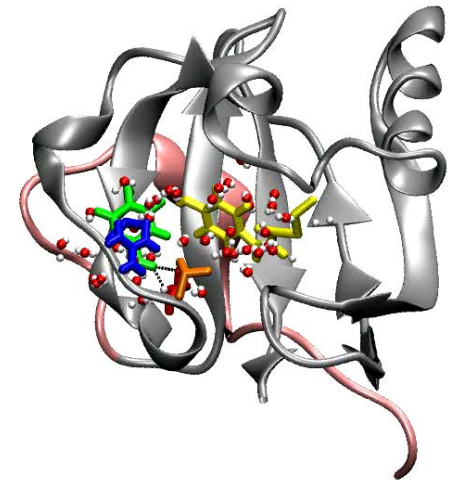
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Biology

Systems in strong contact with environment



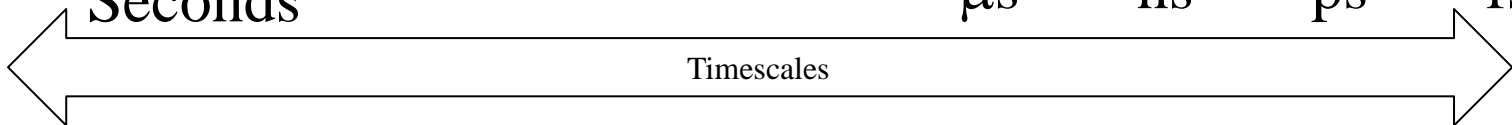
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Nuclear spins electron spins excitons & charges
 μs - ns - ps - fs

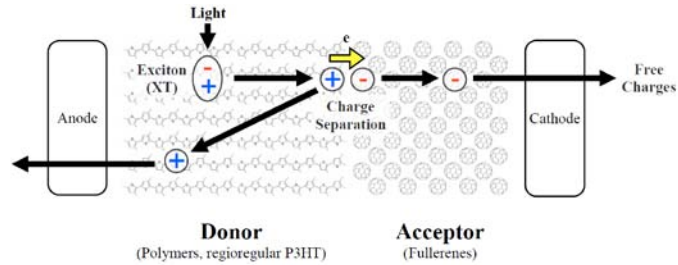
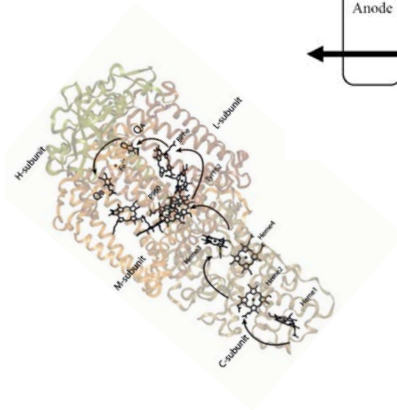
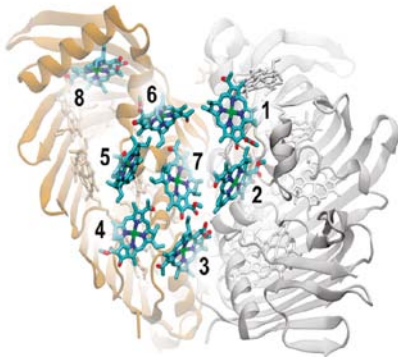
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Biological Processes: Vibrations, Dynamics & Quanta

Observe Biological (Quantum) Dynamics



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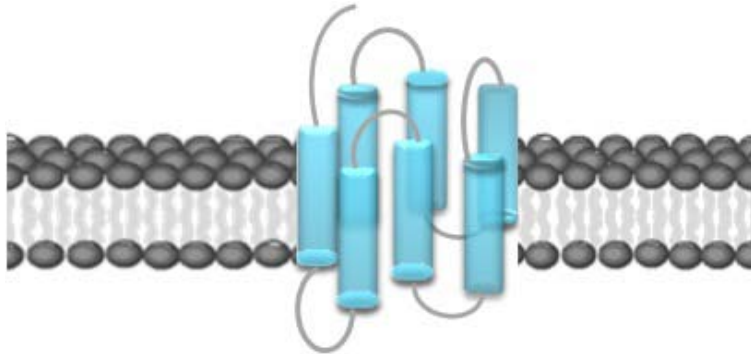
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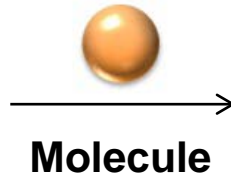
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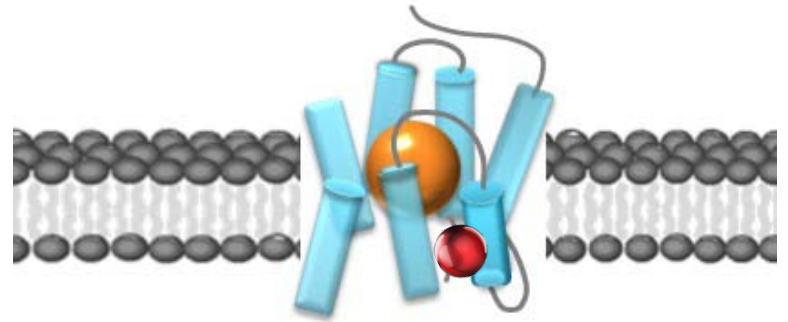
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G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR)



Molecule



Receptor activation



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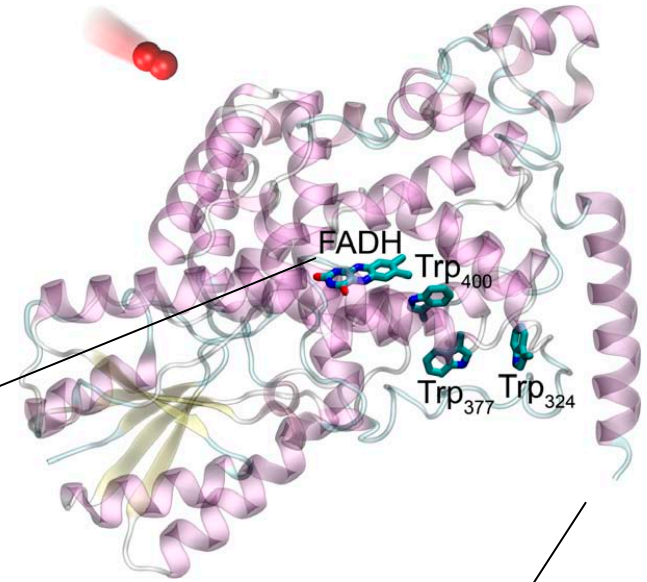
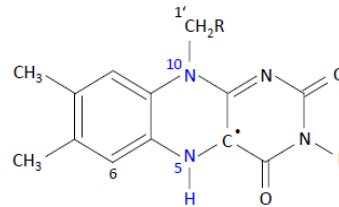
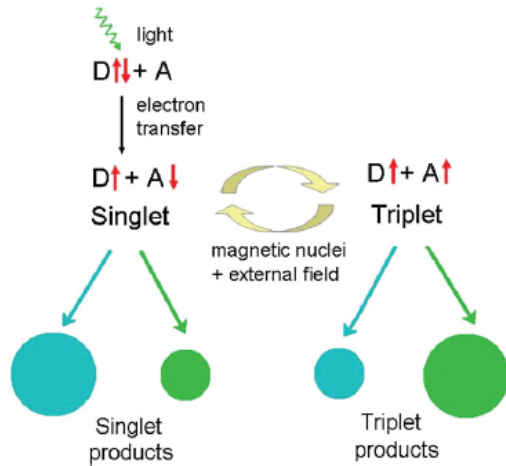
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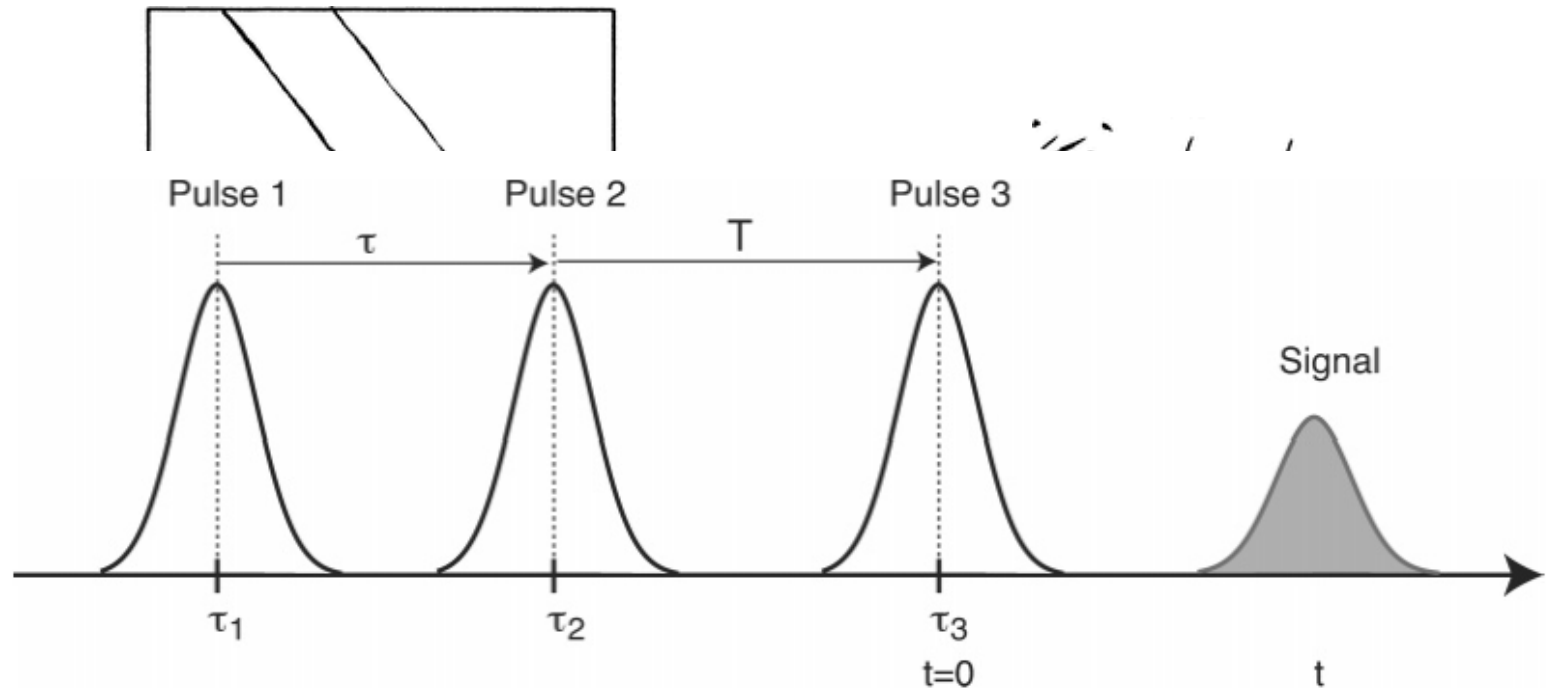
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Measuring Electronic Dynamics

Ultrafast 2D-spectroscopy



Push with period of the swing gives increases amplitude

Push with half the period of the swing gives small amplitude

Experimental Evidence

LETTERS

Evidence for wavelike energy transfer through quantum coherence in photosynthetic systems

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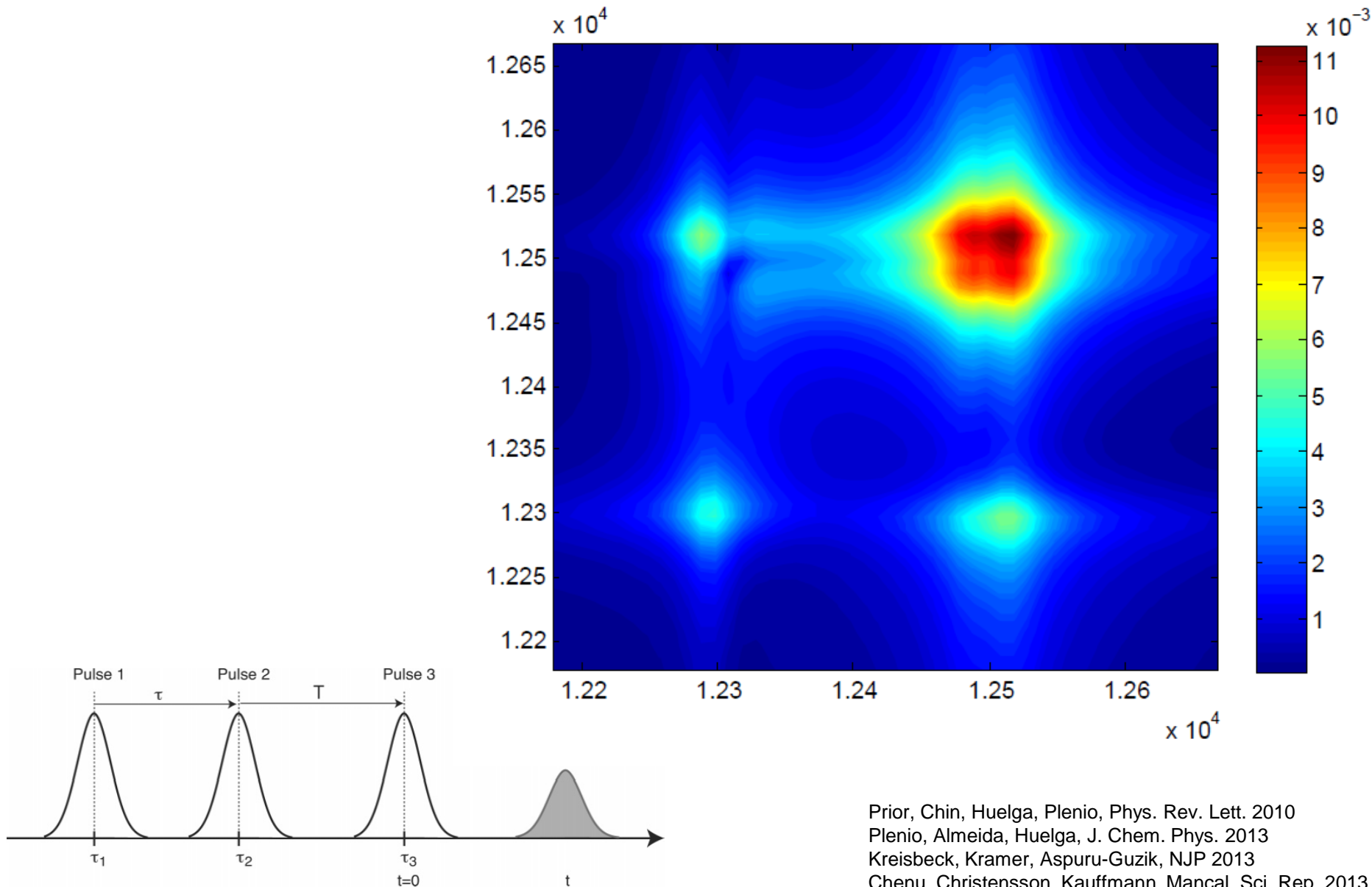
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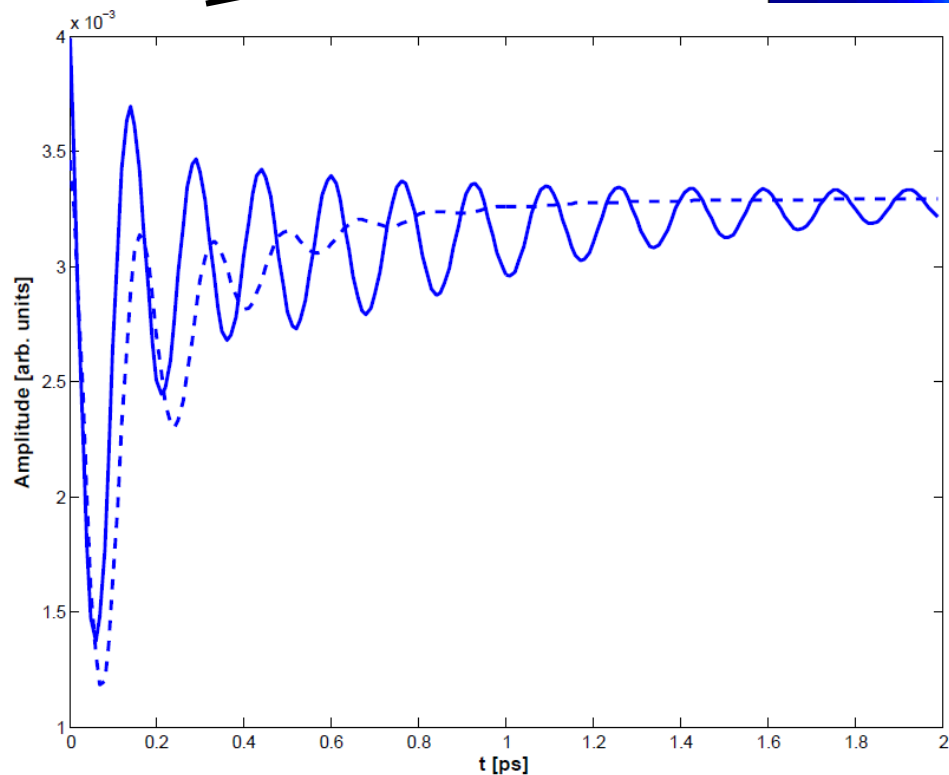
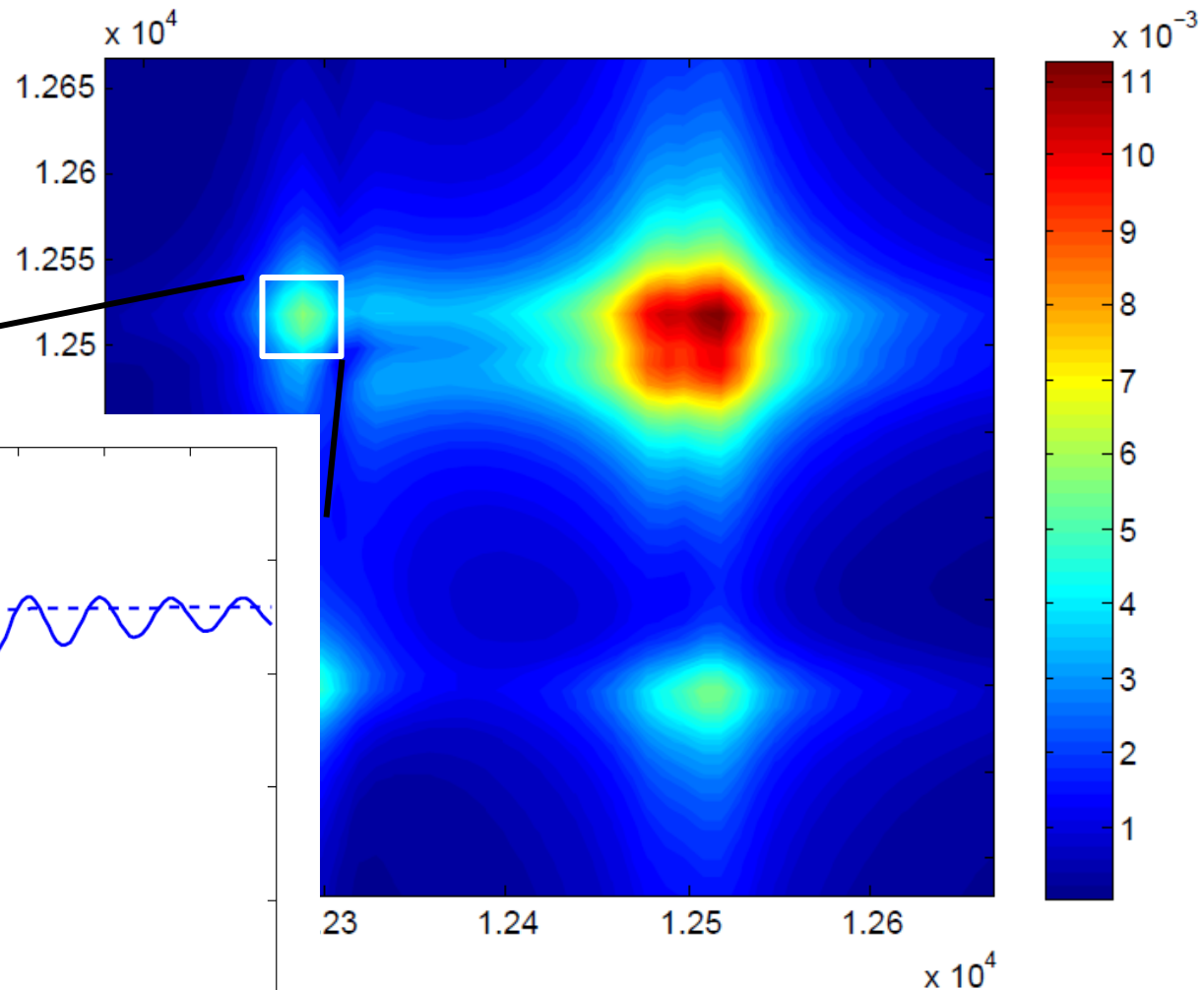
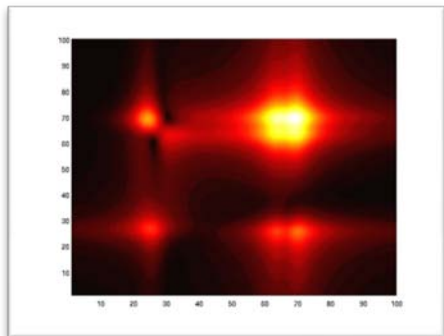
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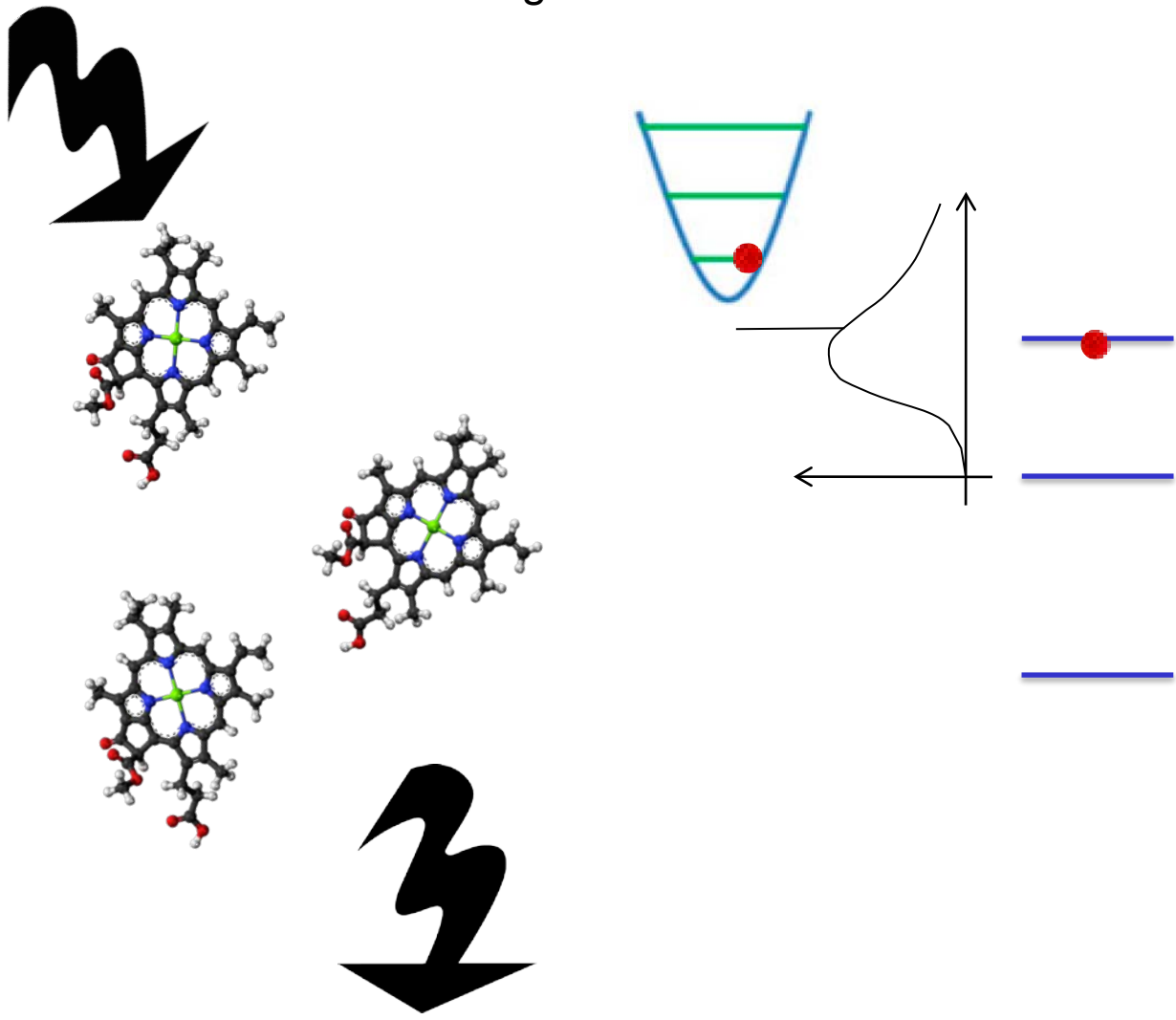
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Excitonic and vibrational resonance allows for periodic exchange of excitation and maintains electronic oscillatory dynamics

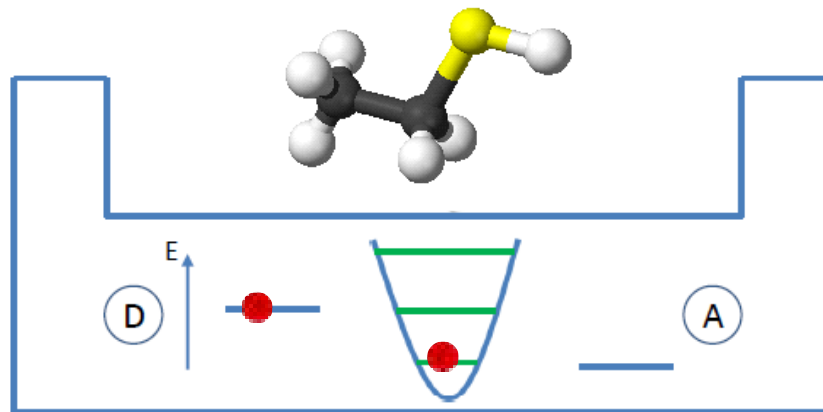
Transport Dynamics for Sensing

Sensing a ~~Vibration~~ Molecule



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Quantum Simulation Challenge

System-Environment interaction is in a non-Markovian regime in which standard Master equation deliver qualitatively and quantitatively wrong answers.

Requires costly computational methods for accurate modeling

Already 5-10 sites with approximated spectral density is at the limit of current classical computer technology.

Quantum Simulation Challenge

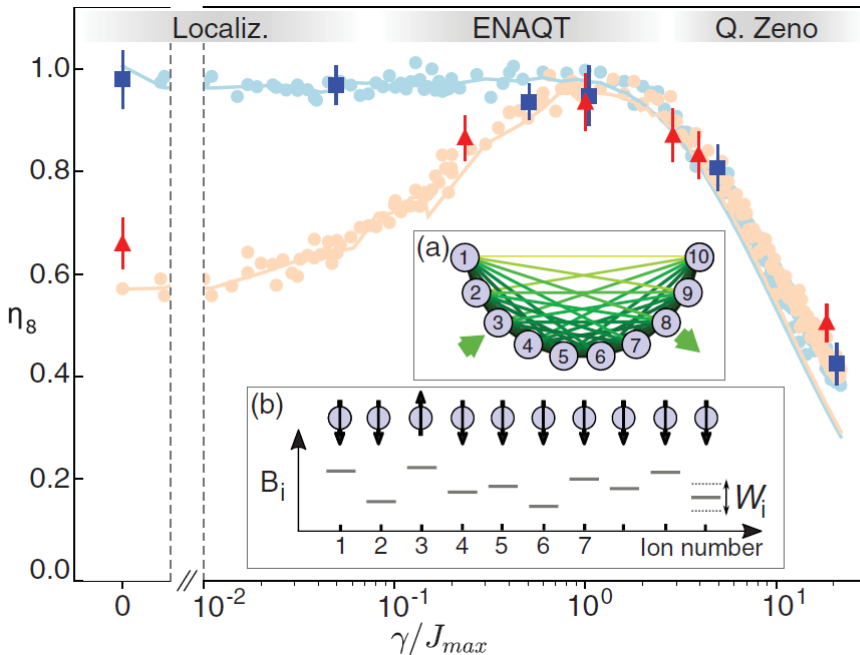
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Editors' Suggestion

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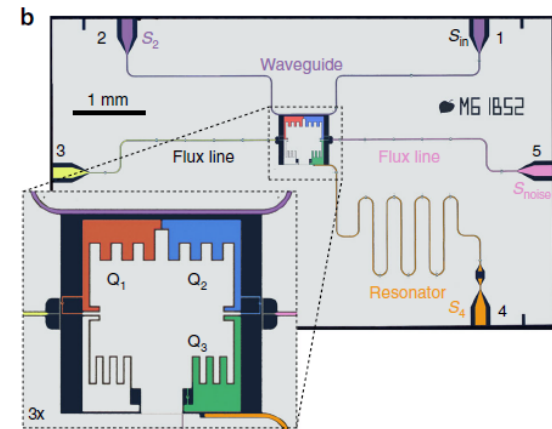
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Studying light-harvesting models with superconducting circuits

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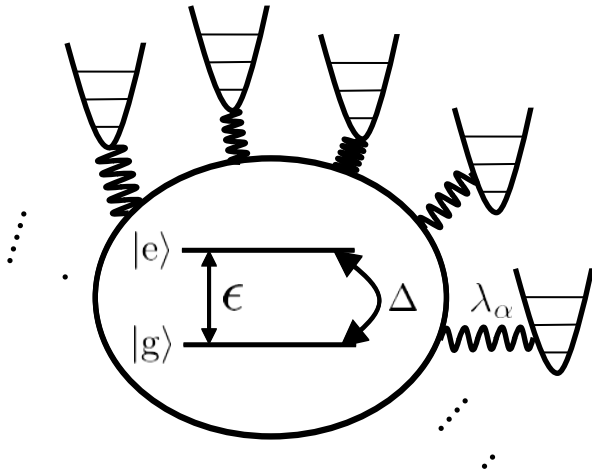


But: Environmental noise are classical fluctuating fields

No backaction of system on environment

The (Multi)Spin-Boson Model

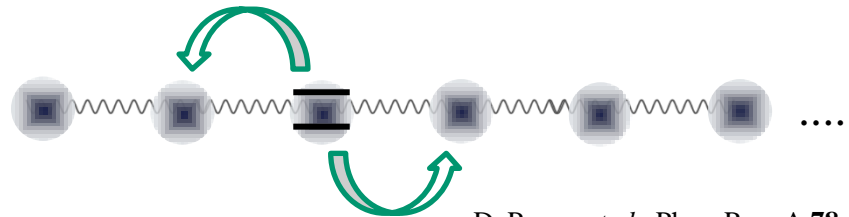
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$$H = \frac{\epsilon}{2}\sigma^z - \frac{\hbar\Delta}{2}\sigma^x - \sigma^z \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\hbar\lambda_{\alpha}}{2}(a_{\alpha} + a_{\alpha}^{\dagger}) + \sum_{\alpha} \hbar\omega_{\alpha}a_{\alpha}^{\dagger}a_{\alpha}$$

U. Weiss *Quantum Dissipative systems* (World Scientific, Singapore, 2007)

Possible Trapped Ion Realisation



D. Porras *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A **78**, 010101(R) (2008)

Nice but experimentally very demanding

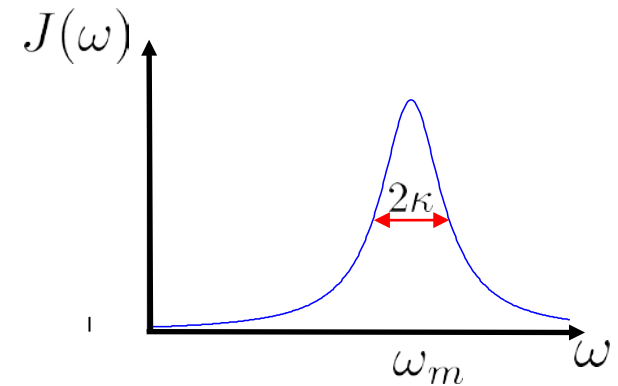
- needs many ions ($N \geq 50$ mesoscopic environment)
- control of a long chain is hard

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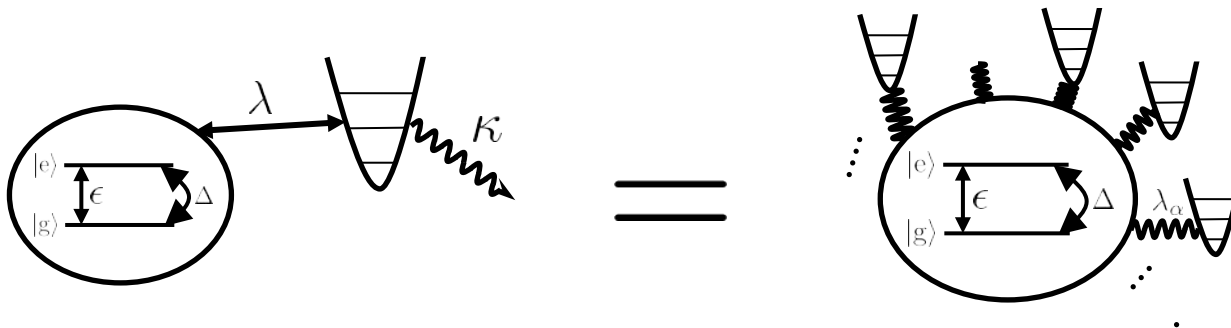
An Efficient Trapped Ion Realisation

- Spin-boson model with Lorentzian spectral density

$$J_{\text{eff}}(\omega) = \lambda^2 \left[\frac{\kappa}{\kappa^2 + (\omega - \omega_m)^2} - \frac{\kappa}{\kappa^2 + (\omega + \omega_m)^2} \right]$$



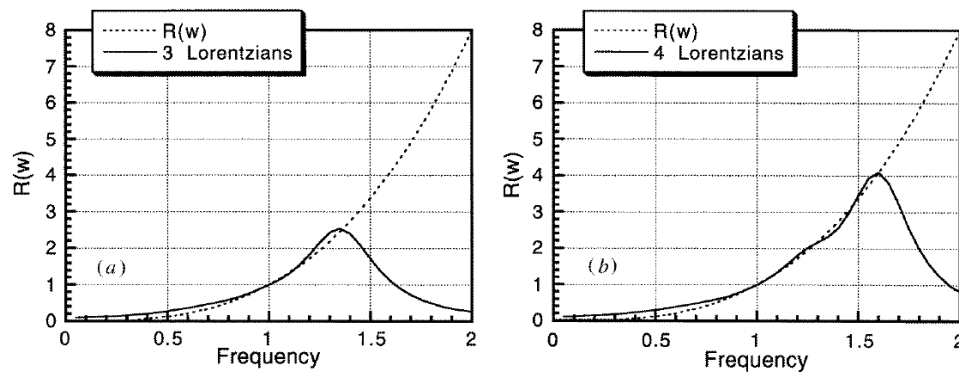
- Spin coupled to small number of damped oscillators



The (Multi)Spin-Boson Model

An Efficient Trapped Ion Realisation

- Every spectral density can be decomposed as a superposition of Lorentzians
- Exact decomposition for $\kappa_n \rightarrow 0$
Good approximation for $\kappa_n \ll \omega_n$
- Non-Markovian spectral densities can be approximated in this way



Heuristic approach:
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Quantum Semiclass. Opt. **8**, 283 (1996)

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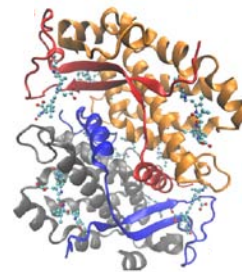


Faster, smaller, more quantum

Interplay of Coherent Dynamics and Environment

Fluctuations grow, more noise

Experimental Tools



Numerical Modelling

Design Principles

Nuclear spins electron spins excitons & charges
 μs - ns - ps - fs

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