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Possible solution : network of interacting molecules, each holding a small number of qubits

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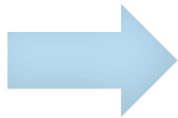
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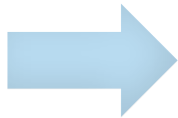
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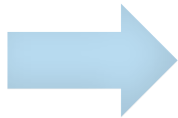
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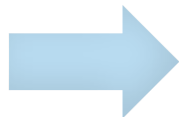
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Using this approach, we implemented intra- and intermolecular quantum gates and algorithms

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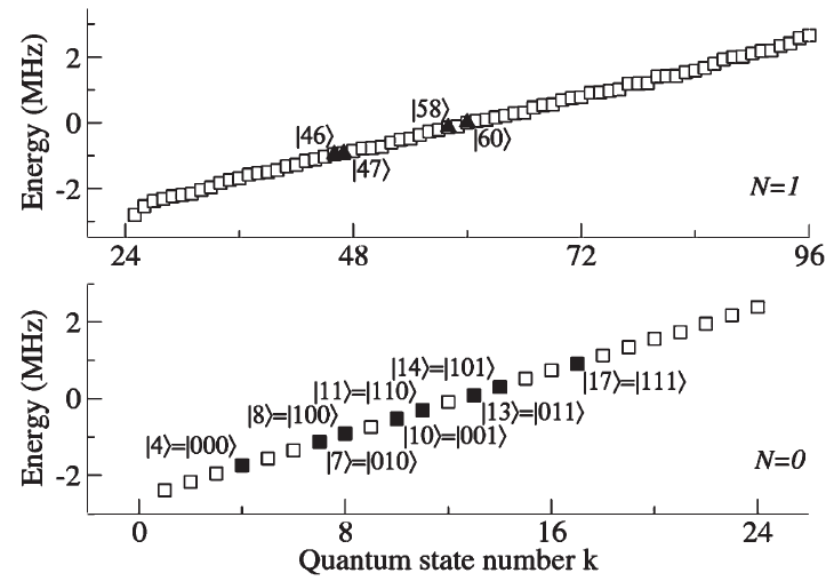
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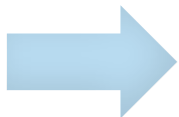
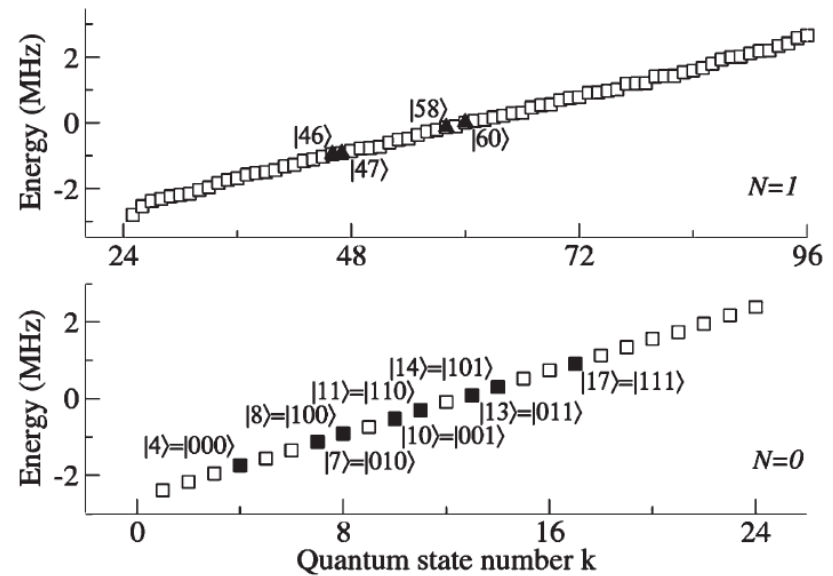
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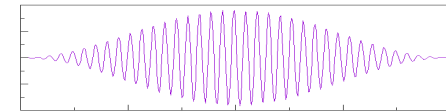
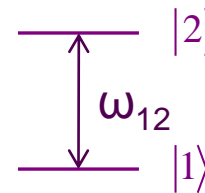
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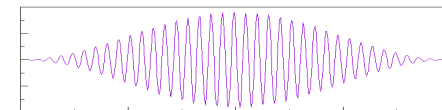
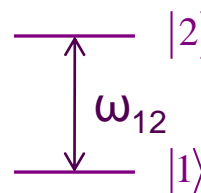
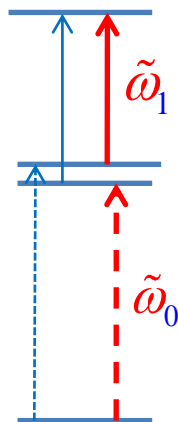


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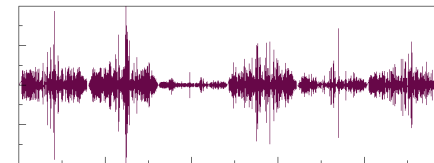
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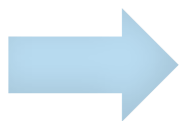
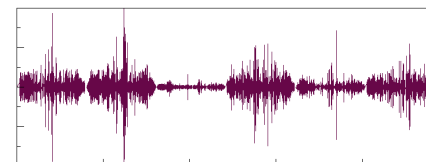
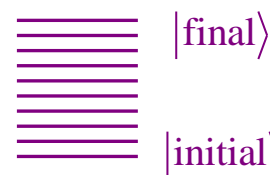


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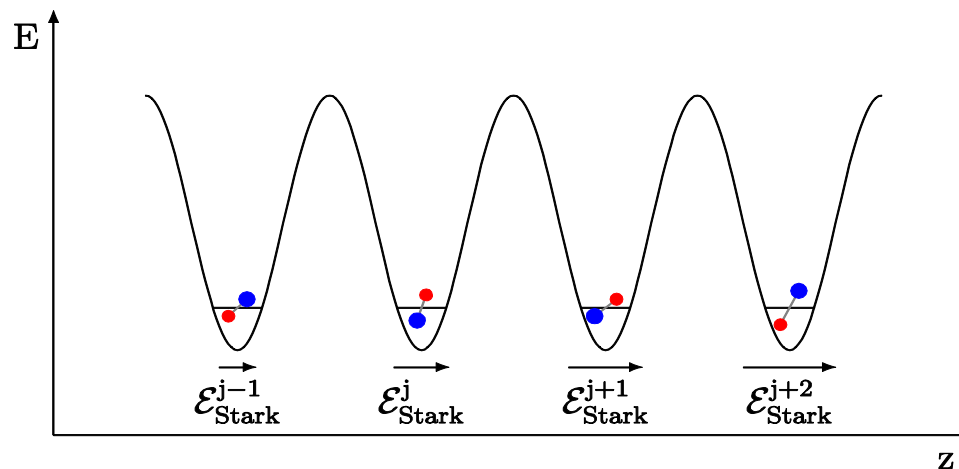


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## Model

**Quantum register**

- A string of polar molecules is stored in an optical trap
- An electric field with a gradient along Z differentiates their energy levels and allows individual addressing
- When qubits are encoded on a hyperfine states, a static magnetic field is added to cause their splitting
- In the present calculations, the qubits were encoded on two neighboring molecules



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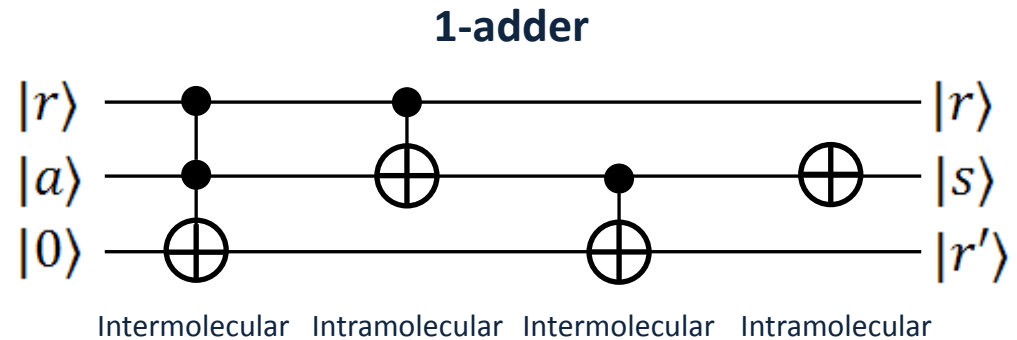
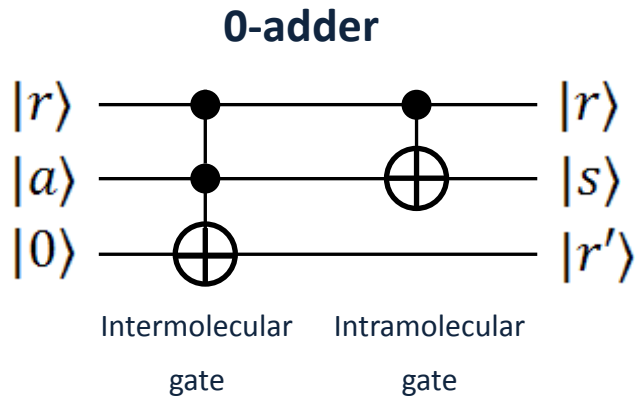
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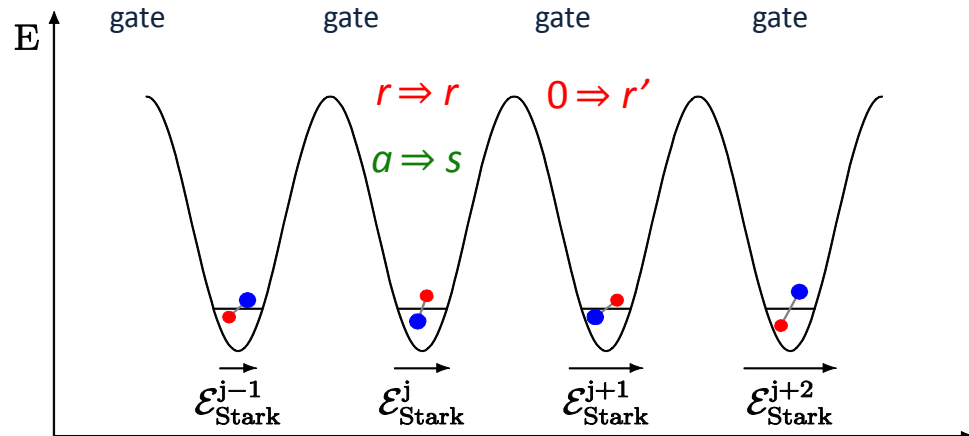
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- Each gate corresponds to a  $\pi$ -pulse
- Encoding :
  - $Q_1$  : **rotation** of the molecule  $j$
  - $Q_2$  : **vibration** of the molecule  $j$
  - $Q_3$  : **rotation** of the molecule  $j+1$

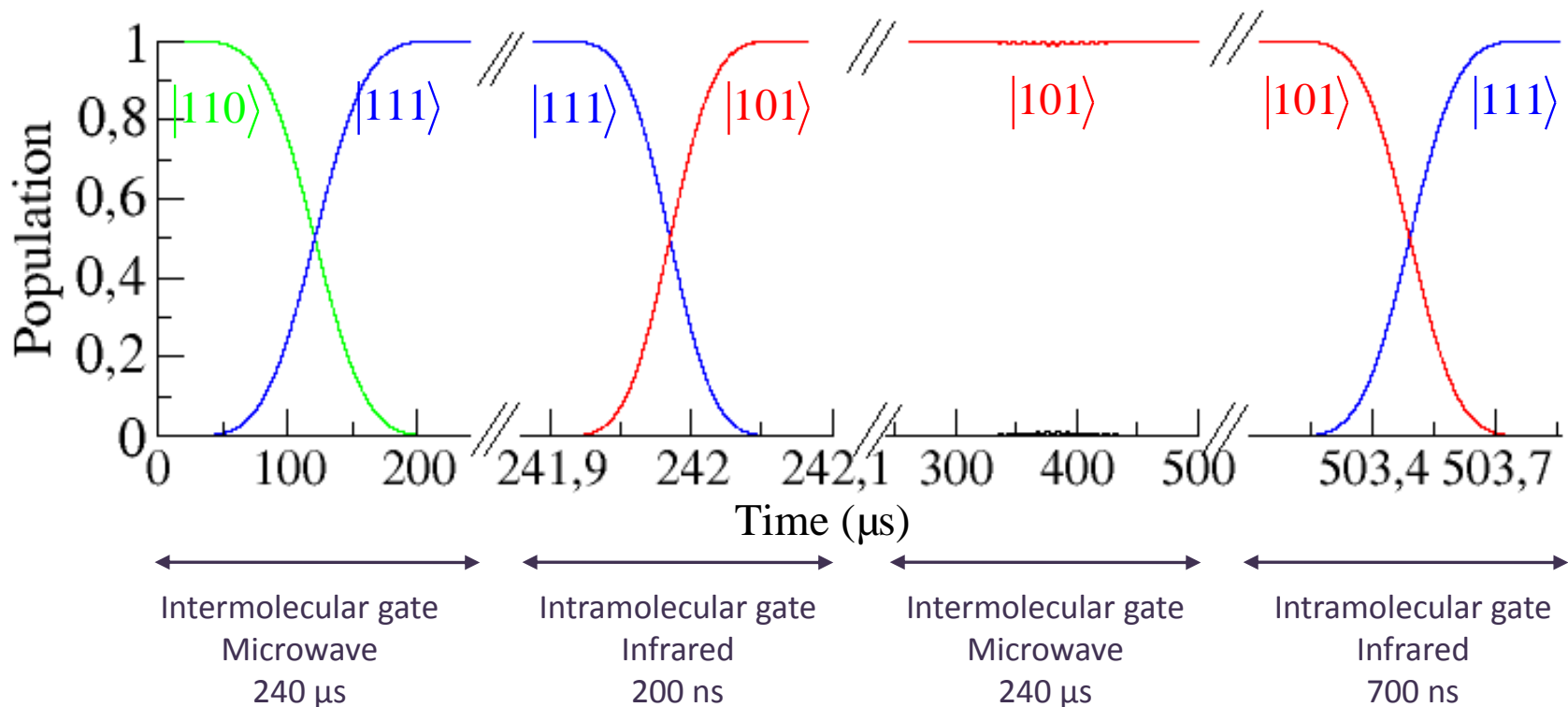


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Result : 1-adder

$$|r_i a_i 0\rangle = |1 1 0\rangle \Rightarrow |r_i s_i r_{i+1}\rangle = |1 1 1\rangle$$





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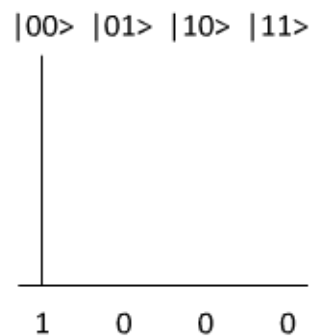
- Aim : find a specific item  $S_v$  among  $N=2^n$  elements in an unsorted database
- Each element of the database is associated to a pure state of a  $n$ -qubit register
- Most efficient classical algorithm : examine each item one by one
  - ⇒ Requires  $0,5 N$  tests on average
- Grover's algorithm : quantum parallelization
  - ⇒ Requires  $O(\sqrt{N})$  operations

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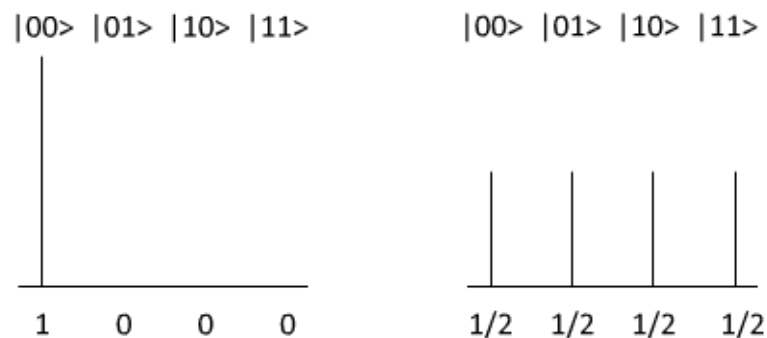


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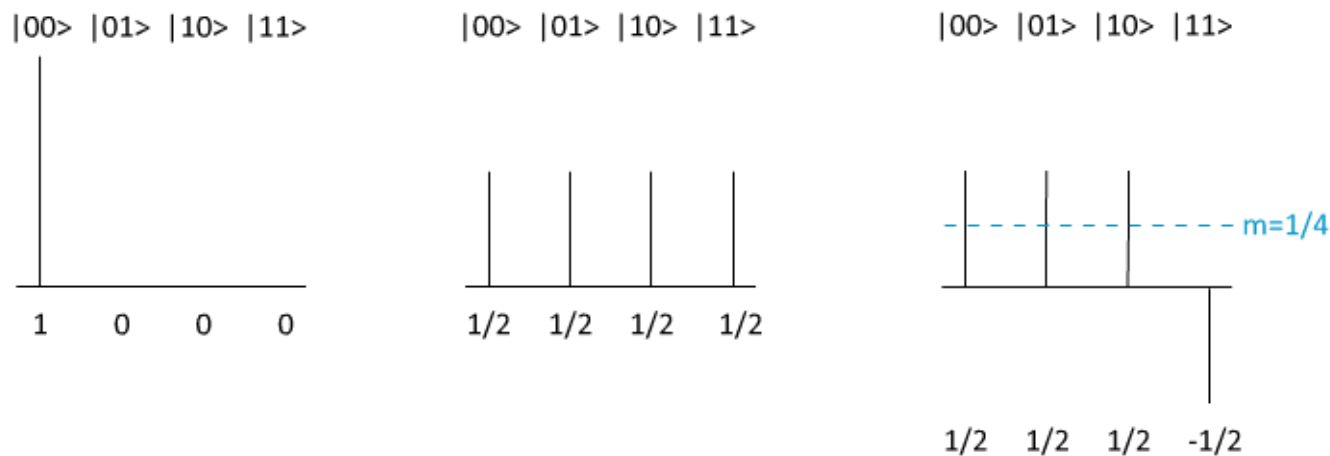
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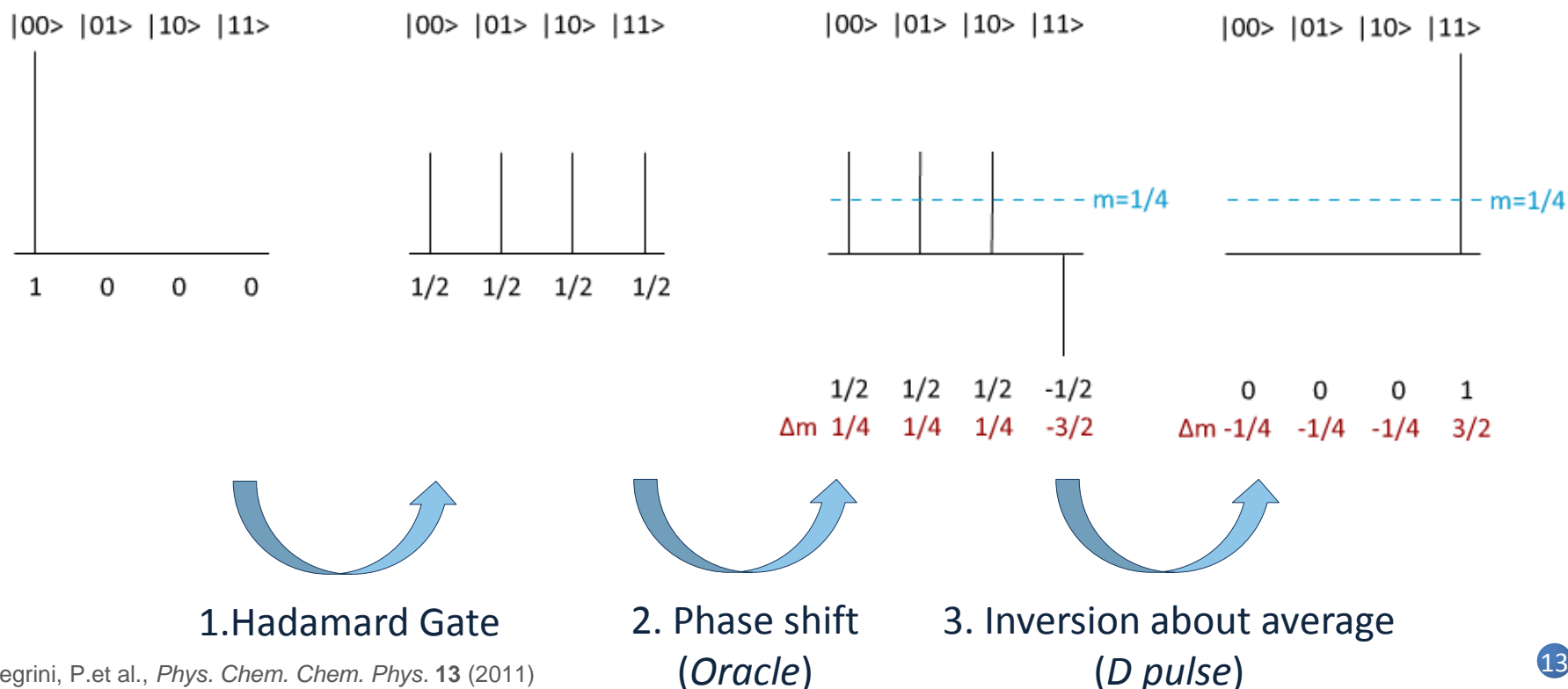
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(Oracle)

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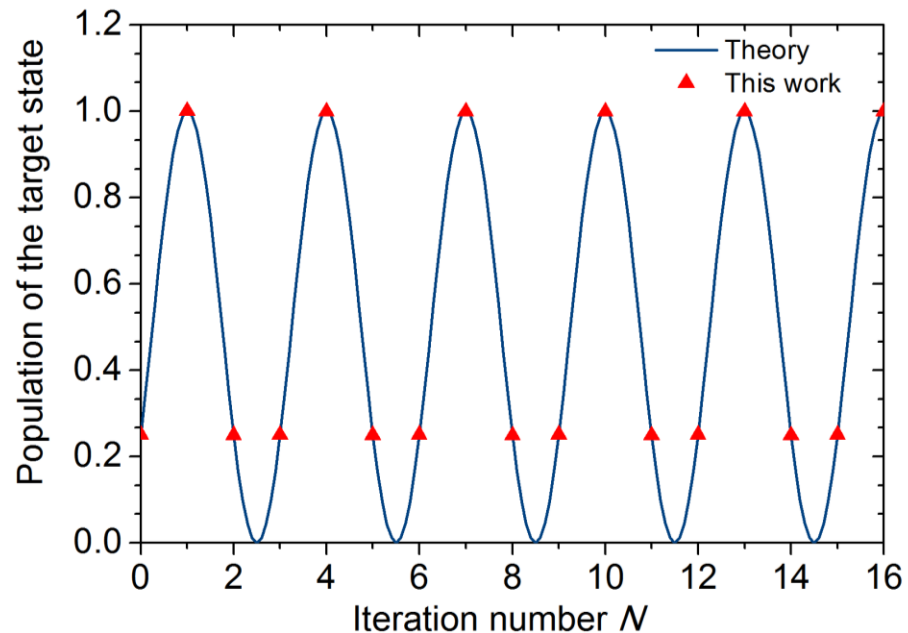
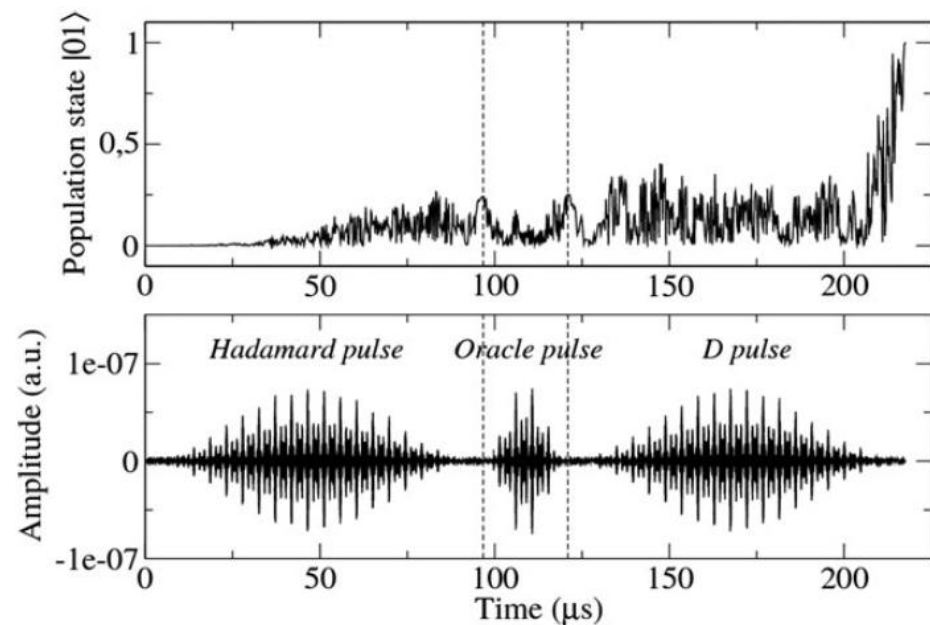
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