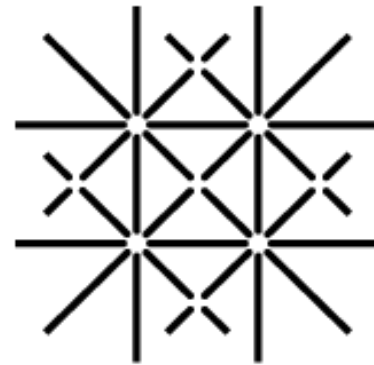


HOPPING MODE IN PLANAR GE

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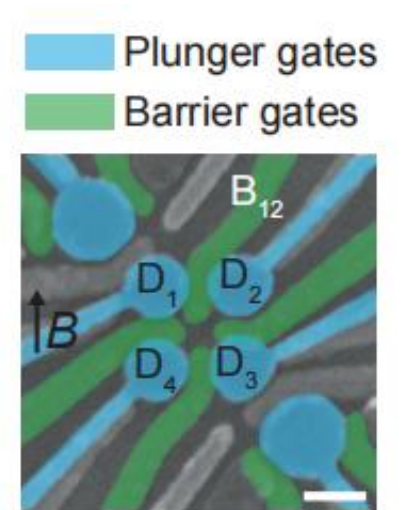
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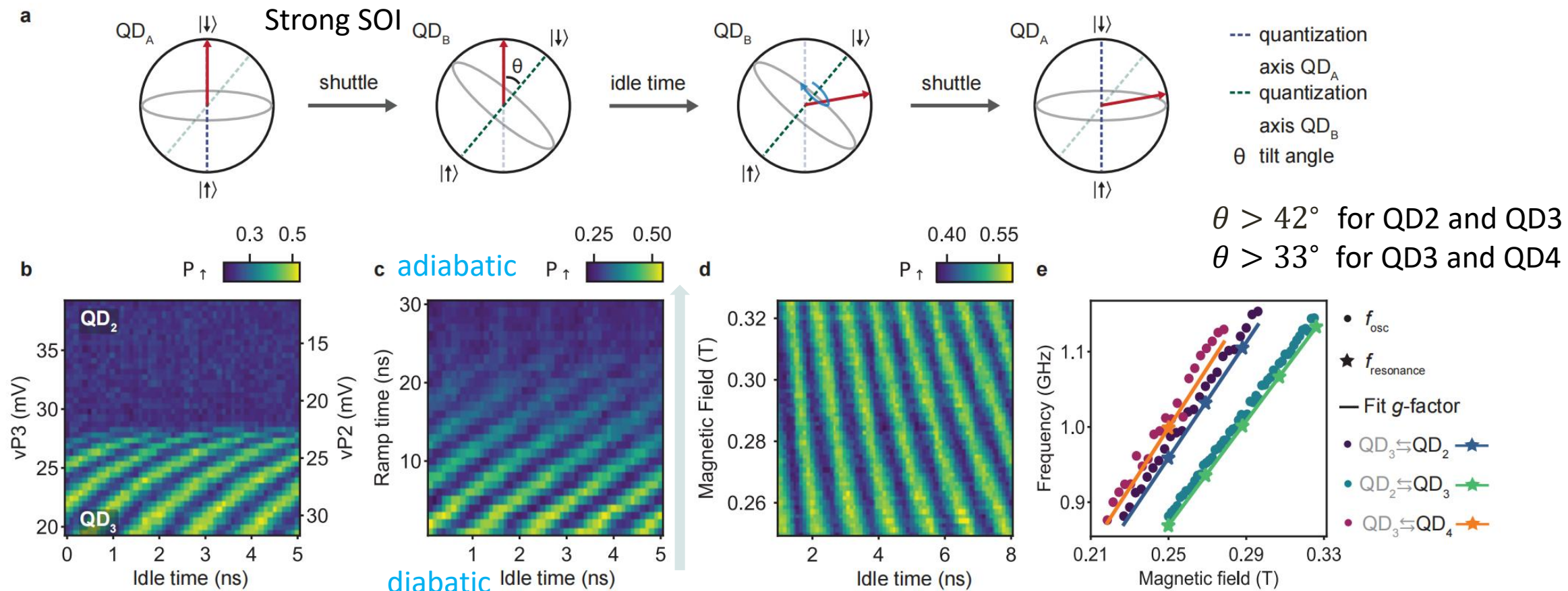
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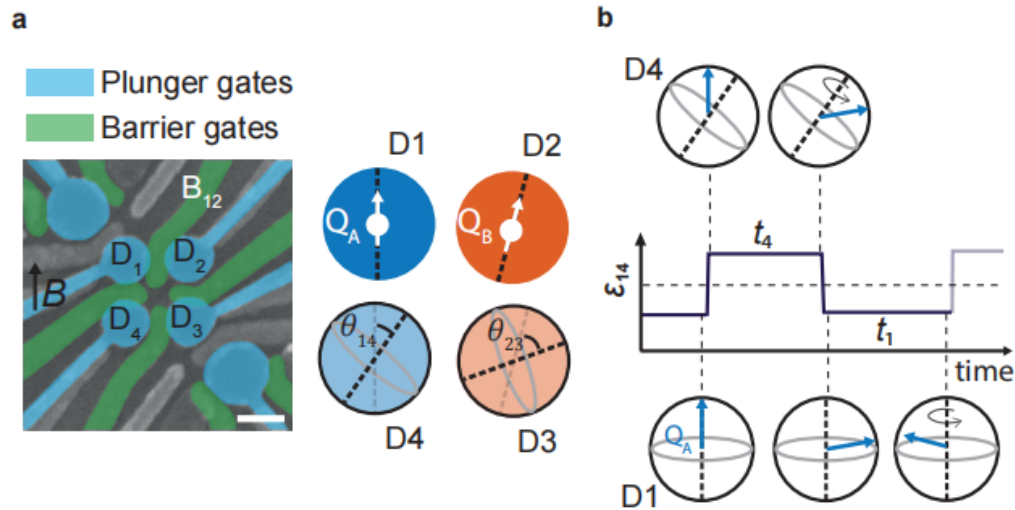


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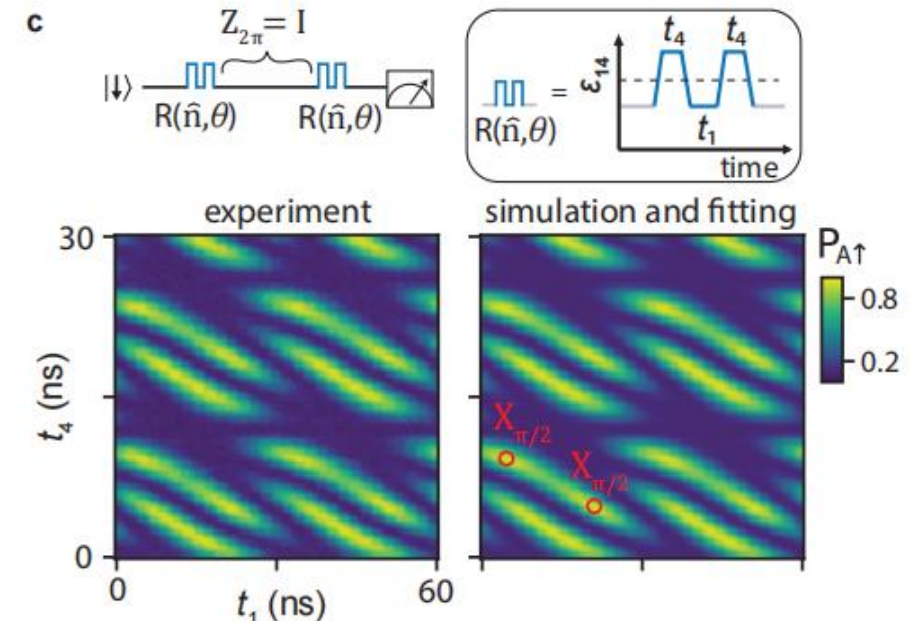
Shuttle in Ge is not easy: large axis angle between the neighbor QDs

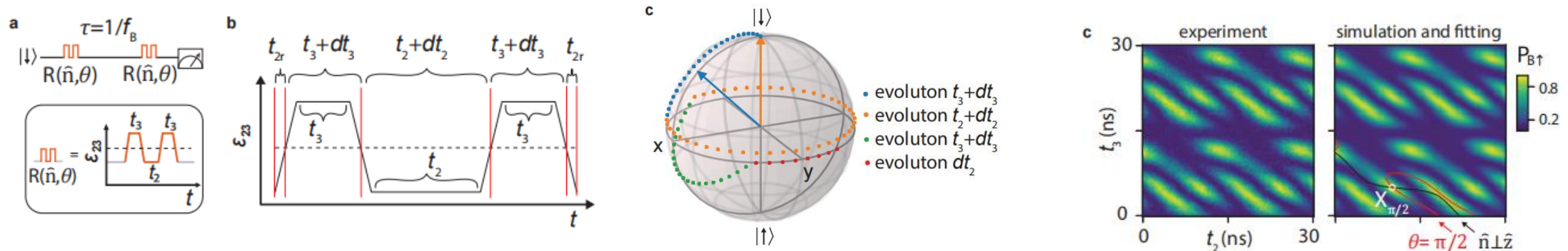
What is hopping mode



- Hopping mode: shuttle the spin between quantum dot with differences in the spin quantization axis to manipulate the qubit

- Hopping the qubit between Q1 and Q4. Measure the spin up probability with different (t_1 , t_4)
- From simulation we can extract **quantization axes angle θ_{14}** , **individual Larmor frequencies** and **the effective precession time during the ramp**
- $Y_{\frac{\pi}{2}} = Z_{\frac{\pi}{2}} X_{\frac{\pi}{2}} Z_{\frac{3\pi}{2}}$, $Z_{\frac{\pi}{2}}$ gate is implemented by idling the qubit for the time defined by its precession in the lab frame



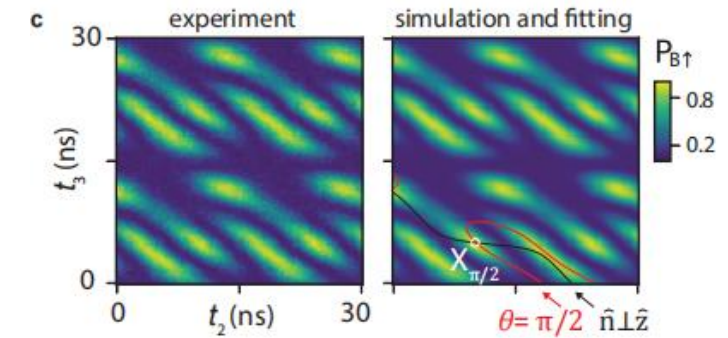


Shuttle method QB

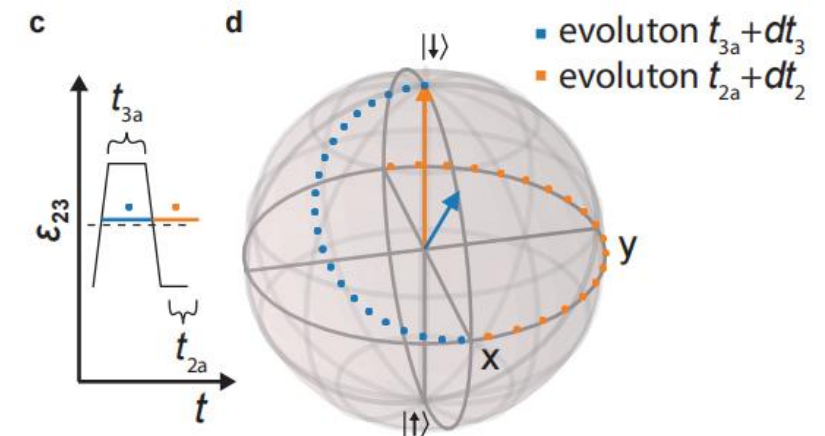
- θ_{23} is close to 45 degree, we can get the X gate only shuttle back and forth
- Efficient qubit rotation frequency 7.1MHz, Larmor frequency 89.5 MHz
- $T_2^* = 4.5 \mu s$, $T_2^{Hahn} = 24 \mu s$, $T_2^{CPMG} = 1.7 ms$
- Measured in 25mT
- Fidelity of $X_{\pi/2, B} > 99.960\%$, $F_{shuttle} = 99.992\%$

EDSR method

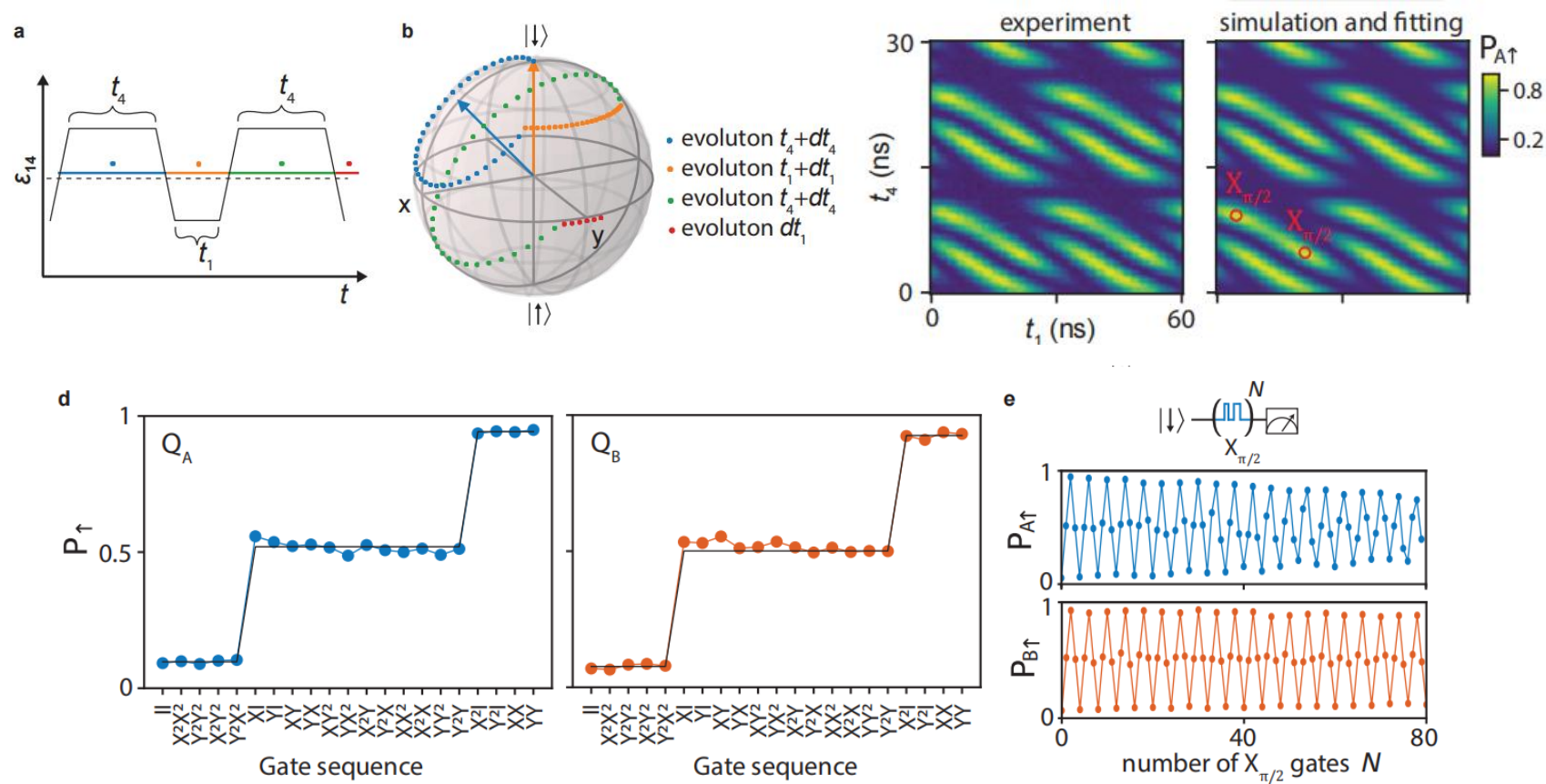
- Measured in 1.05T
- $T_2^* = 146 ns$



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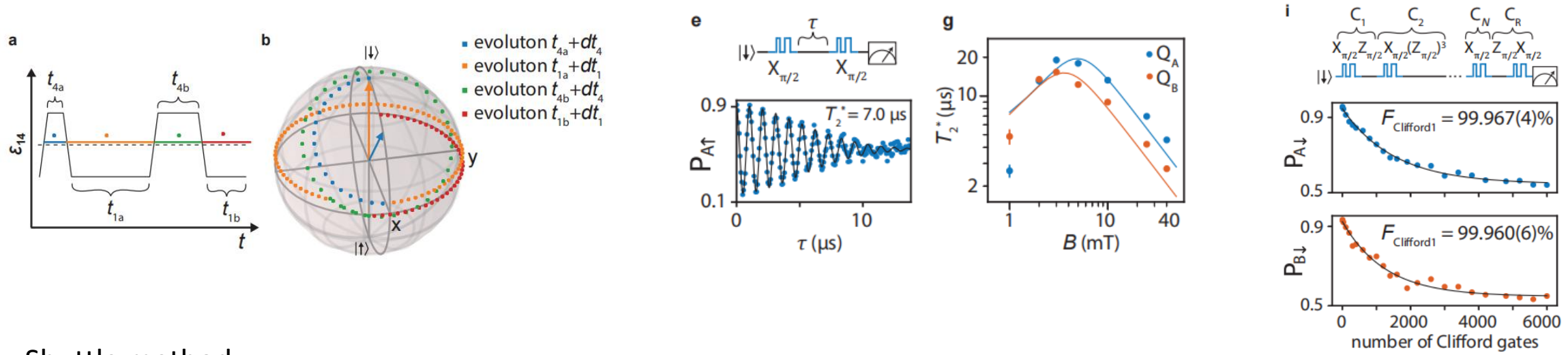


QA hopping: equal waiting time



- Shuttle D1-D4-D1-D4-D1 to make a X gate of qubit A, $\theta_{14} \sim 65$ degree
- Efficient qubit rotation frequency 2.6 MHz, Larmor frequency 42.6 MHz
- Measured in 25mT

QA hopping: unequal waiting time

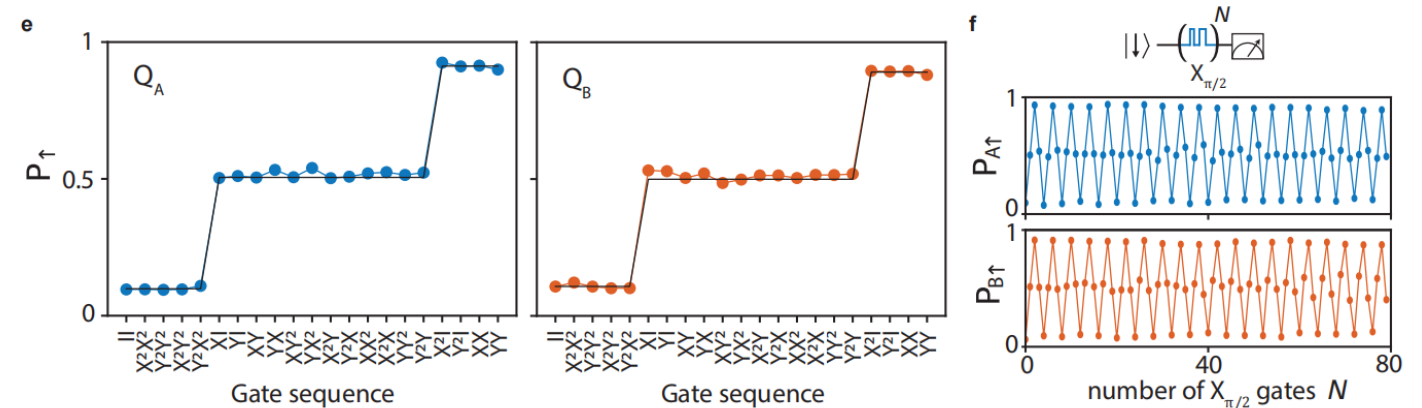


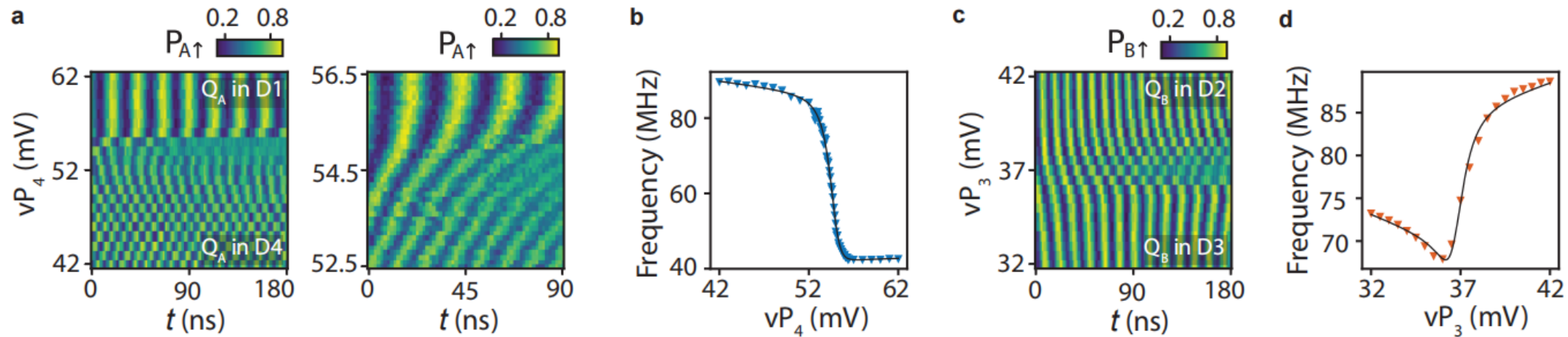
Shuttle method

- t_{4a} and t_{4b} is different. The first rotation in D4 is π and the subsequent rotations in D1 and D4 are either close to π or 2π .
- $T_2^* = 7.5 \mu s, T_2^{Hahn} = 32 \mu s, T_2^{CPMG} = 1.9 ms$
- T_2^* changes with magnetic field, affected by electric noise and nuclear noise
- Fidelity of $X_{\pi/2,A} > 99.967\%$, $F_{shuttle} = 99.992\%$

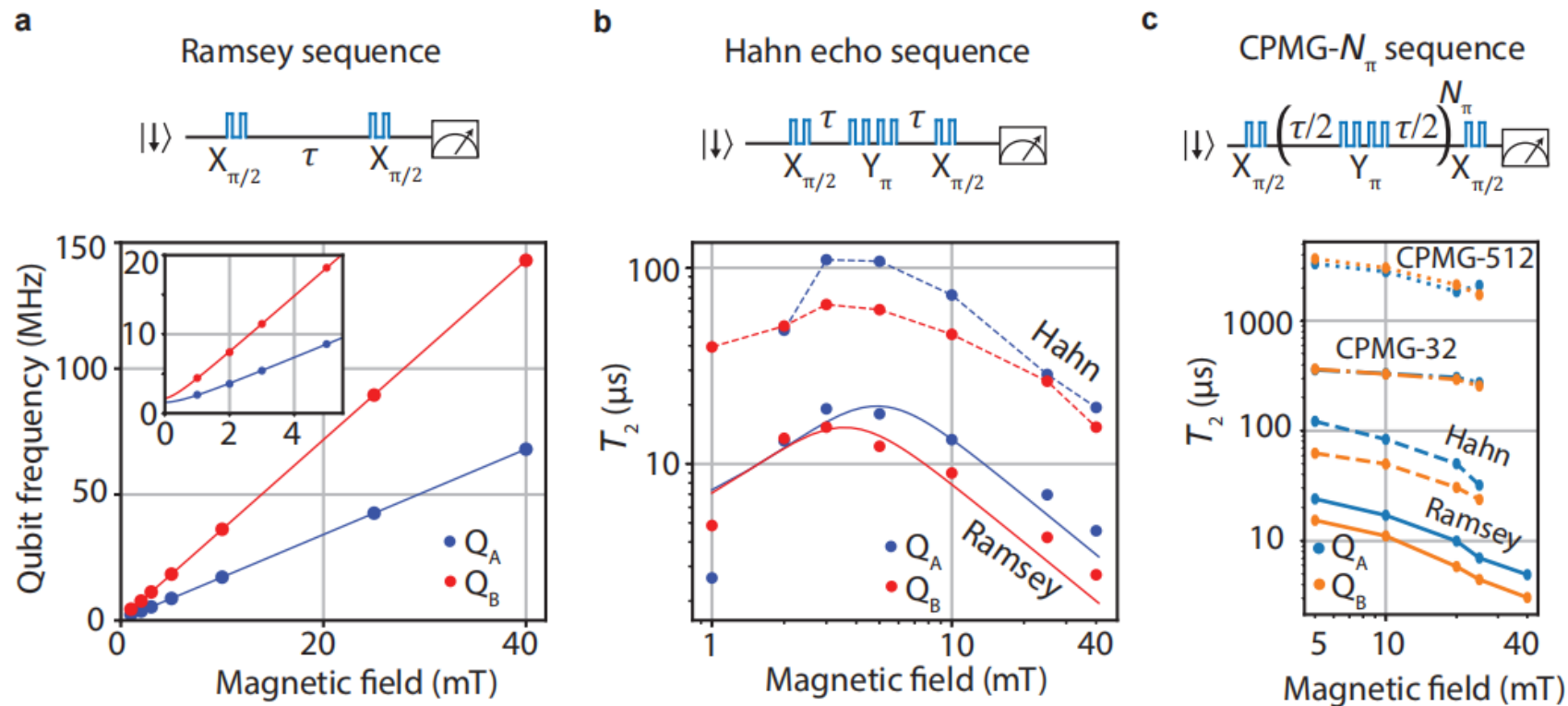
EDSR method

- Measured in 1.05T
- $T_2^* = 201 ns$

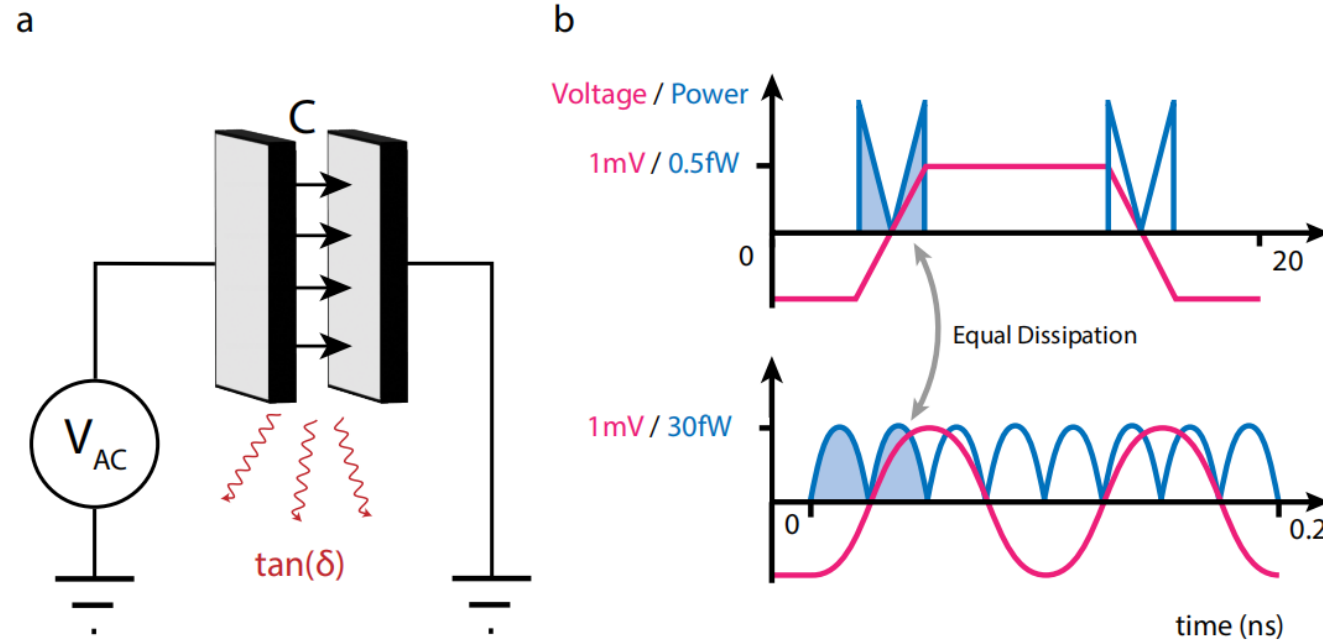




- The free evolution of QA at different detuning across D1-D4 anti-crossing. The panel on the right is the fine scan around anti-crossing
- the charge anti-crossing where the frequencies changes rapidly. The free evolution of QB at different detuning across D2-D3 charge anti-crossing



- The frequencies of qubits Q_A and Q_B as a function of external magnetic field
- The T_2^* and $T_2^{\text{Hahn}} \sim f(B_{\text{ext}})$ when the magnet is at the driven mode
- The coherence time $\sim f(B_{\text{ext}})$ above 5 mT when magnet is in the normal operation mode. The longest coherence time is obtained at 5 mT, $T_2^* = 24.1 \mu\text{s}$, $T_2^{\text{Hahn}} = 122 \mu\text{s}$, $T_2^{\text{CPMG}} > 3 \text{ ms}$



- EDSR power dissipation:

$$E_{Loss} = N_{cycle} \tan(\delta) C V_{AC}^2$$

$$N_{cycle,EDSR} = \frac{2f_{Larmor}}{f_{rabi}} = \frac{2 \times 2MHz}{12 GHz}$$

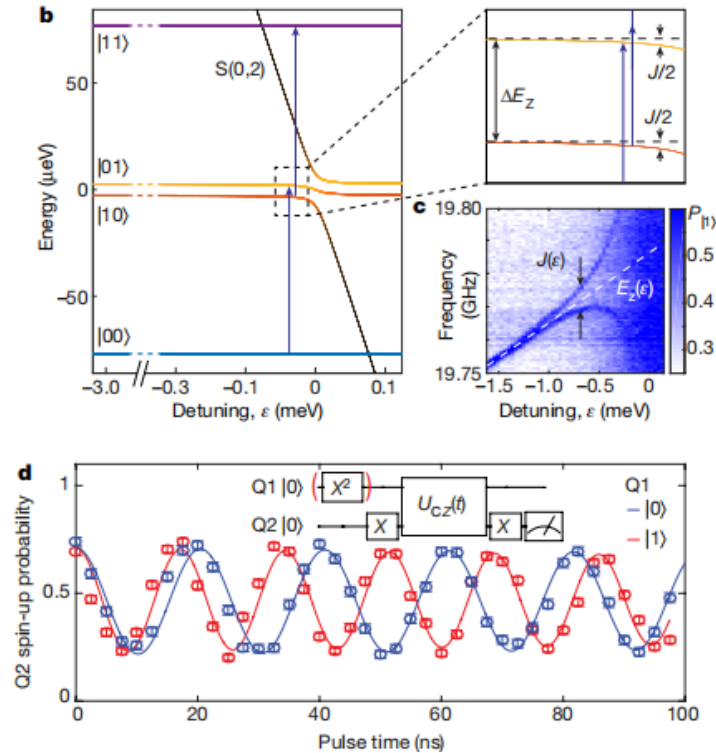
$$E_{Loss} = 0.075 \tan(\delta) C$$

- Shuttling power dissipation:

$$N_{cycle,shuttle} = 4$$

$$E_{Loss} = 2 \times 0.0016 \tan(\delta) C = 0.0032 \tan(\delta) C$$

CZ gate and phase calibrated DCZ gate



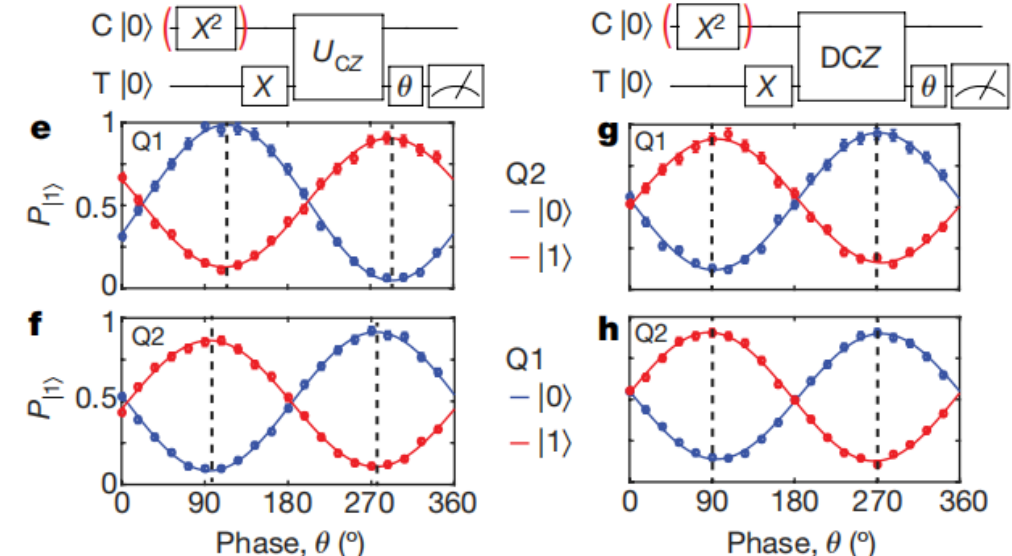
- Energy-level diagram of 2 qubit. At $\epsilon = 0$, the energy levels of the anti-parallel spin states shift by half the exchange energy J
- J changes with qubit frequency and detuning
- The spin-up probability of Q2 after applying the Ramsey sequence in which the duration of the detuning pulse is varied between two X gates on Q2

$$CZ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

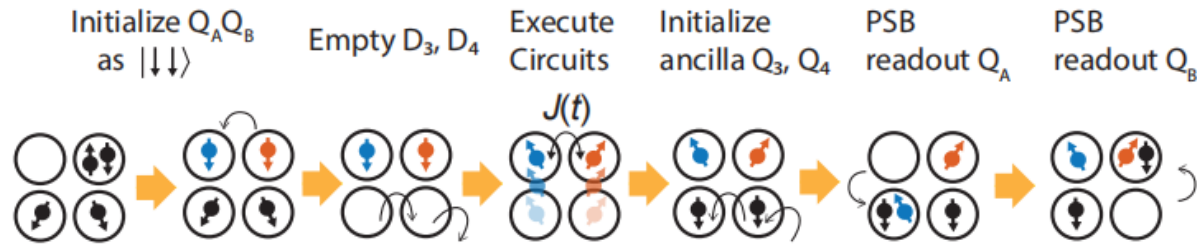
- $Q_1 = |0\rangle$, keep Q_2 the same
- $Q_1 = |1\rangle$, flip Q_2

- CZ gate and decoupled CZ gate (DCZ). DCZ gate adds an refocusing pulse to remove unconditional z rotations due to the detuning dependence of $E_Z(\epsilon)$.

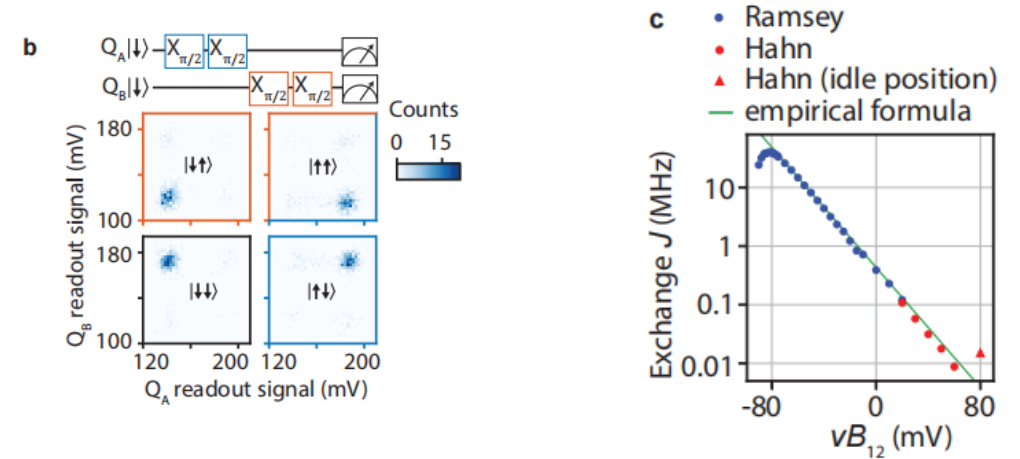
$$DCZ = U_{CZ} \left(\frac{\pi \hbar}{2J} \right) X_1^2 X_2^2 U_{CZ} \left(\frac{\pi \hbar}{2J} \right)$$



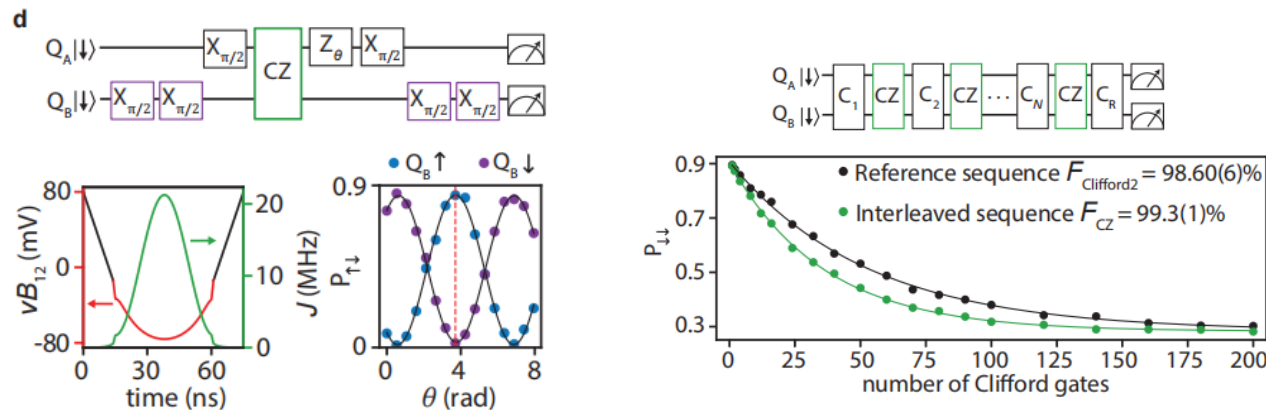
High fidelity 2-qubit exchange gate



- CZ gate: pulsing the barrier gate between quantum dots D1-D2 to accumulate two-qubit phases resulting from the exchange coupling $J(t)$.
- vB_{12} can change exchange coupling J from 10 kHz to 40 MHz

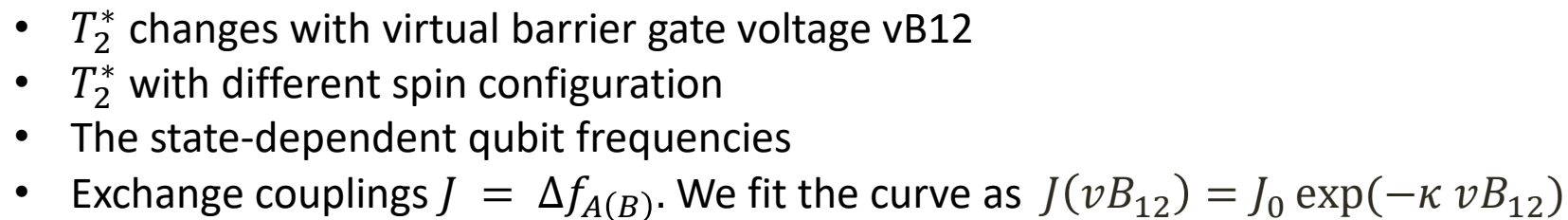


- Sensor signals for four different two-qubit states
- $J(vB_{12}) = J_0 \exp(-\kappa vB_{12})$

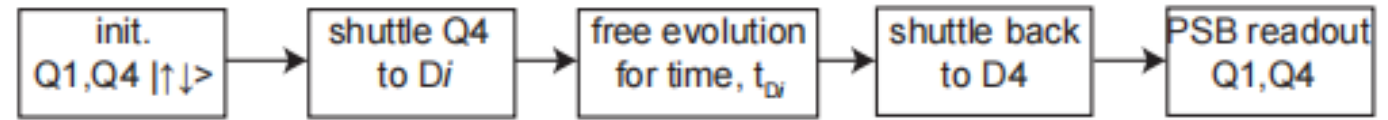
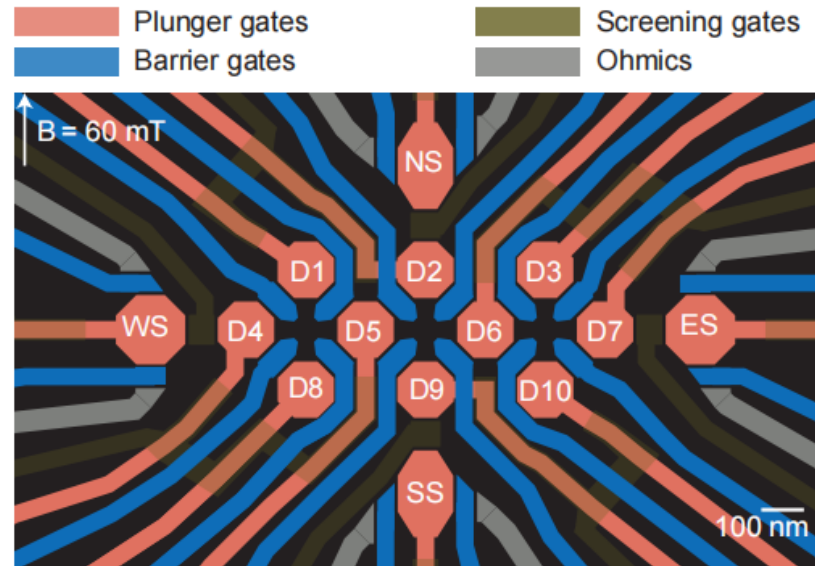


- Use vB_{12} to tune the exchange $J(t)$ with Hamming window pulse
- The CZ gate calibration circuit for single-qubit phases
- Gate sequence and measurement result of two-qubit interleaved RB

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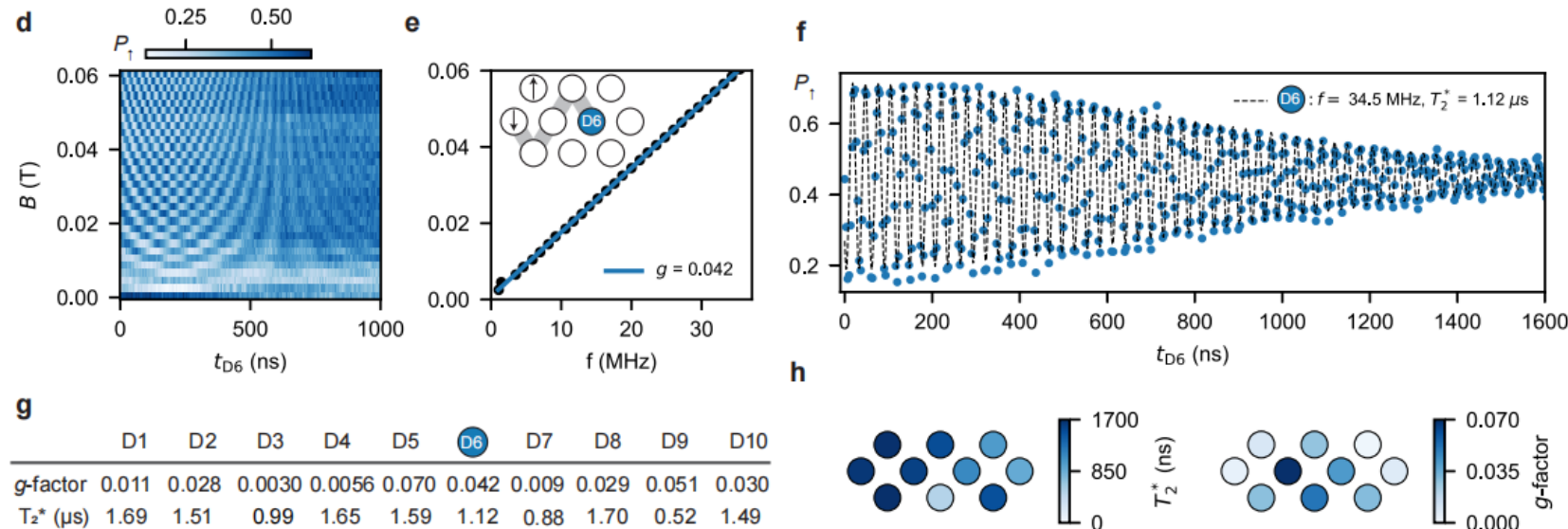
Hopping spins in 10 QD



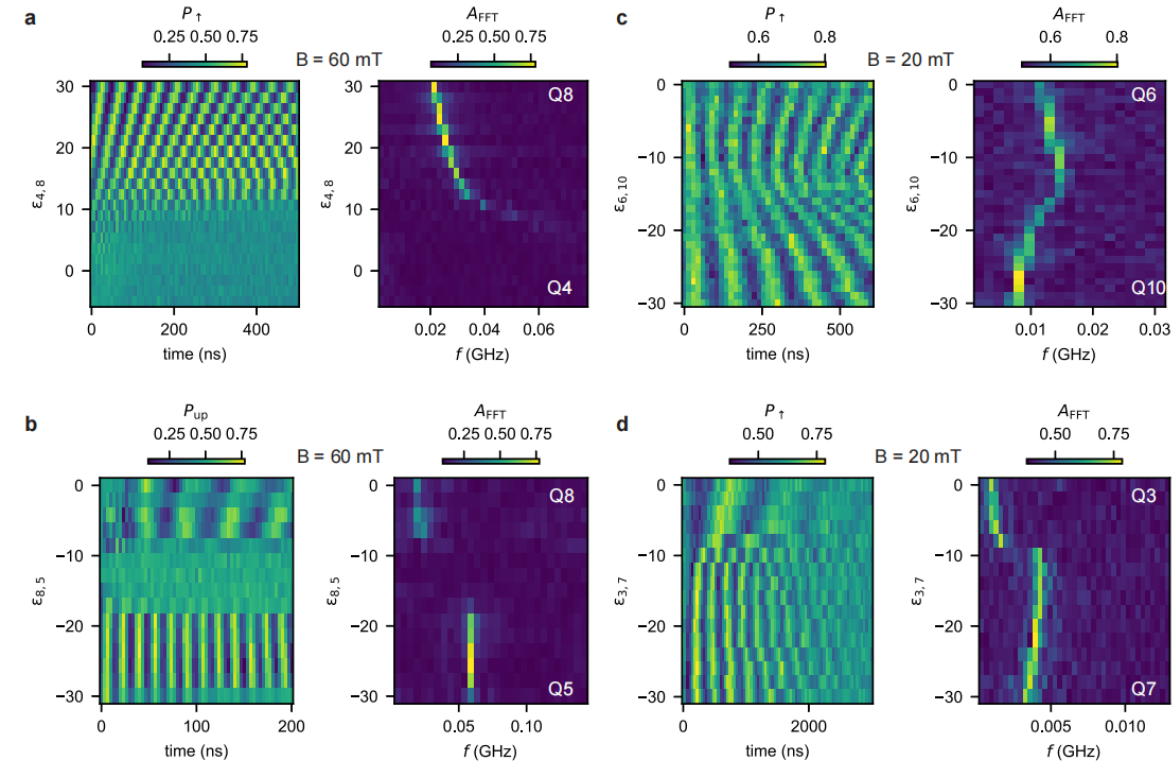
1. initialize the D1, D4 double quantum dot system in the $\uparrow\downarrow$
2. shuttle the Q4 to target Qdi.
3. wait in target QD for a varying free-precession time
4. pulse back to the anticrossing point, and to the (1,0) setpoint
5. readout the spin via PSB

Shuttle D4 - D6:

- Qubit rotations – idle time in Q6 and B
- D6 Larmor frequency and g factor
- Time evolution in D6 at 41.4mT

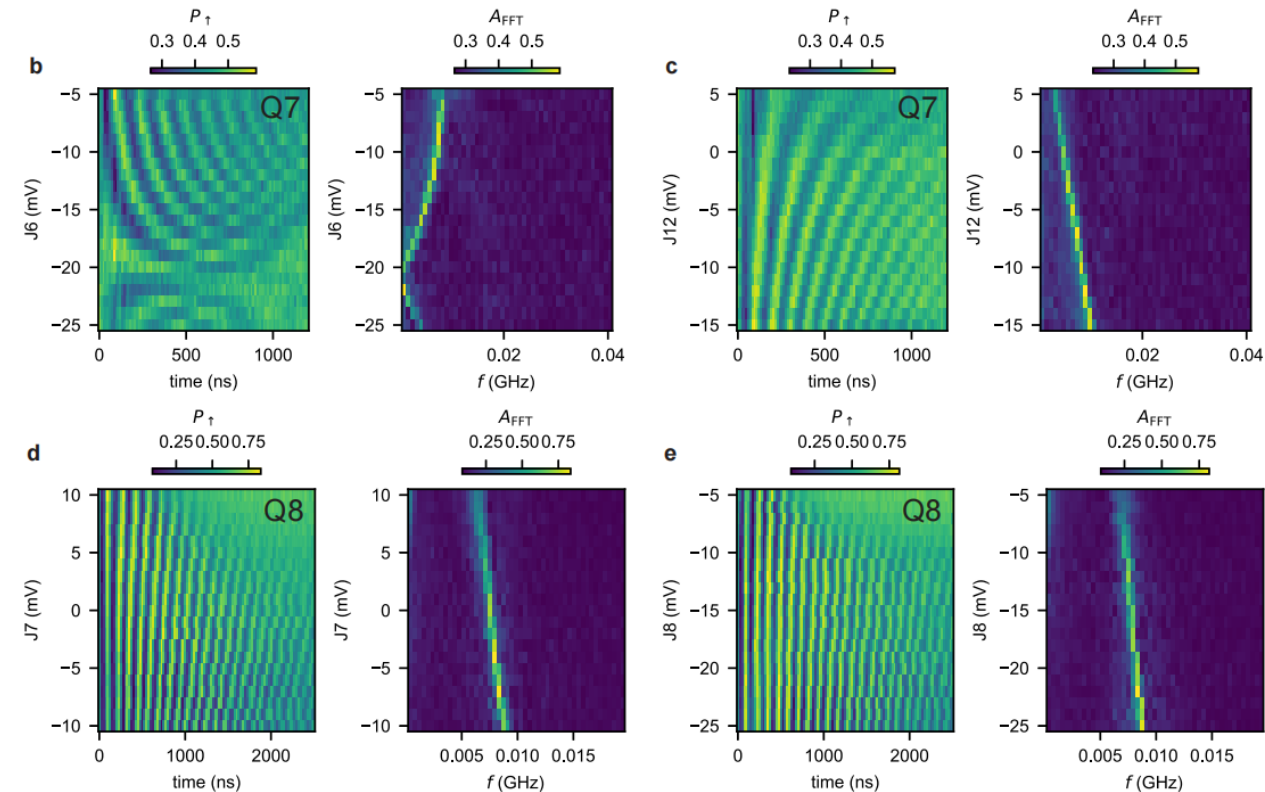


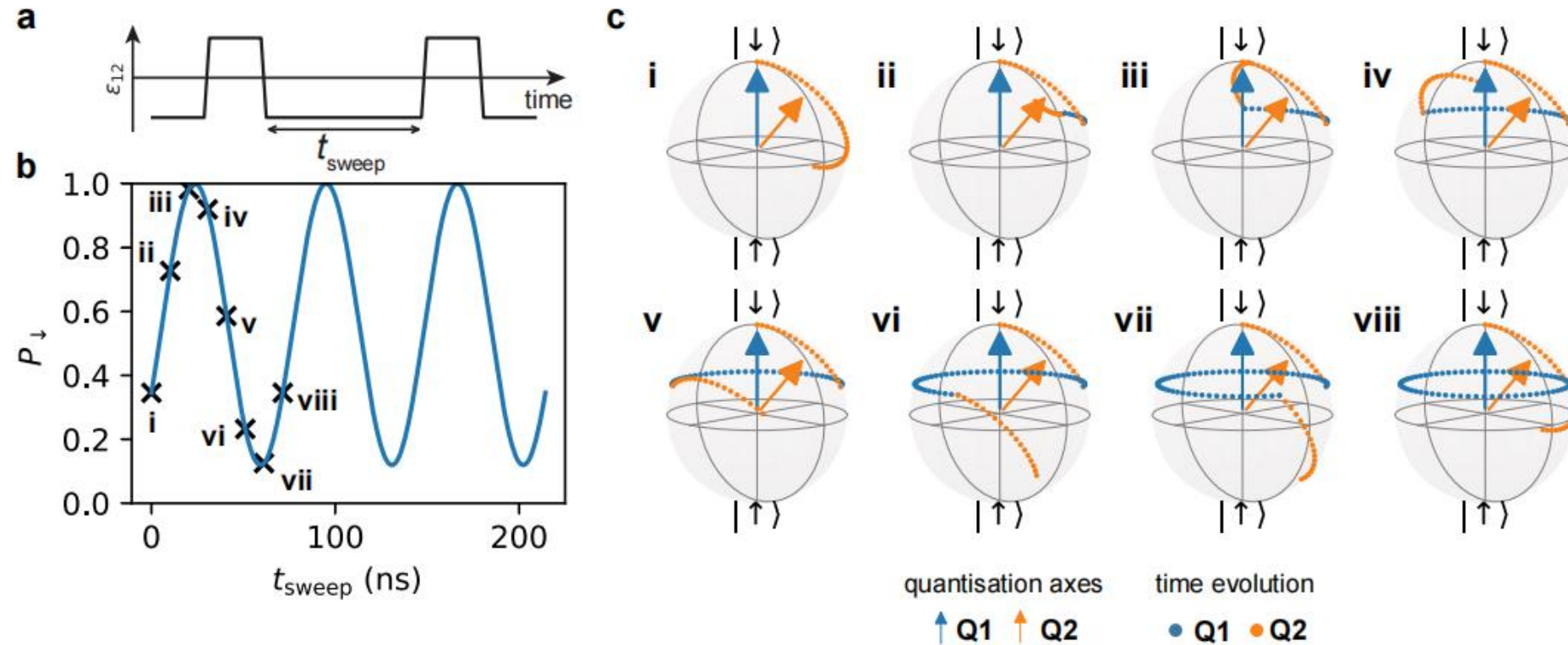
Detuning and barrier dependence



- Detuning don't change qubit frequencies except for the region around the charge anti-crossing

- Barrier gates affect qubit frequencies strongly
- Mostly shift linearly the D7 Larmor frequency crosses zero as a function of J_6 , suggesting a change of sign in the g-factor of the qubit





- Shuttling sequence that moves Q1 from $D1 \rightarrow D2 \rightarrow D1 \rightarrow D2 \rightarrow D1$. t_{sweep} is the evolution time in Q1. This protocol enables to convert the free evolution in D1 around the z axis to a rotation around a different axis of the D1 Bloch sphere.
- Calculated spin down probability as a function of sweep time in D1.
- State evolution during the shuttling sequence for different waiting times in D1

Conclusion:

- Utilize the angle between neighboring QDs to achieve high fidelity 1-qubit gate and 2-qubit gate
- Single-qubit gate fidelities of 99.97%, coherent shuttling fidelities of 99.992%, and two-qubit gates fidelities of 99.3%
- Utilize shuttling to map the g-tensor
- Low energy dissipation: 5% of EDSR method
- Manipulate the qubit in small magnetic field $\sim 40\text{mT}$ (1.05T in EDSR control in same sample)^[1], allows high fidelity in qubit manipulation

[1] N Hendrickx et al., Nature 591, 580–585 (2021)