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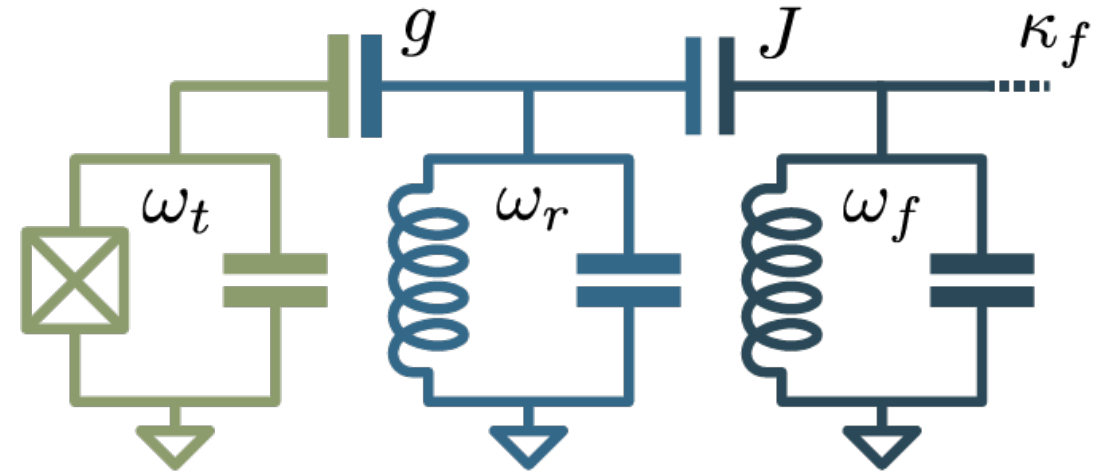


# Dispersive readout

We want to optimize the dispersive readout of a transmon.

$$H = 4E_C n_t^2 - E_J \cos(\phi_t) + \omega_r a^\dagger a + \omega_f f^\dagger f + i g n_t (a^\dagger - a) + J (f^\dagger a + a^\dagger f)$$

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## Difficult numerical problem

- ~400 parameters (1ns bins x 100ns x 2 drives)
- Hilbert space size ~ 8000 (5 x 40 x 40)
- GHz dynamics
- Open quantum system

# Quantum optimal control



## Gradient-free methods

- CRAB (Doria, PRL 2010)
- Nelder-Mead (Egger, PRL 2014)
- Model-free RL (Sivak, PRX 2022)

↳ Do not scale to many parameters

## Gradient-based methods

- GRAPE (Boutin, PRA 2016)
- Krotov (Koch, JP:CM 2016)

↳ Only state-to-state or gate optim.

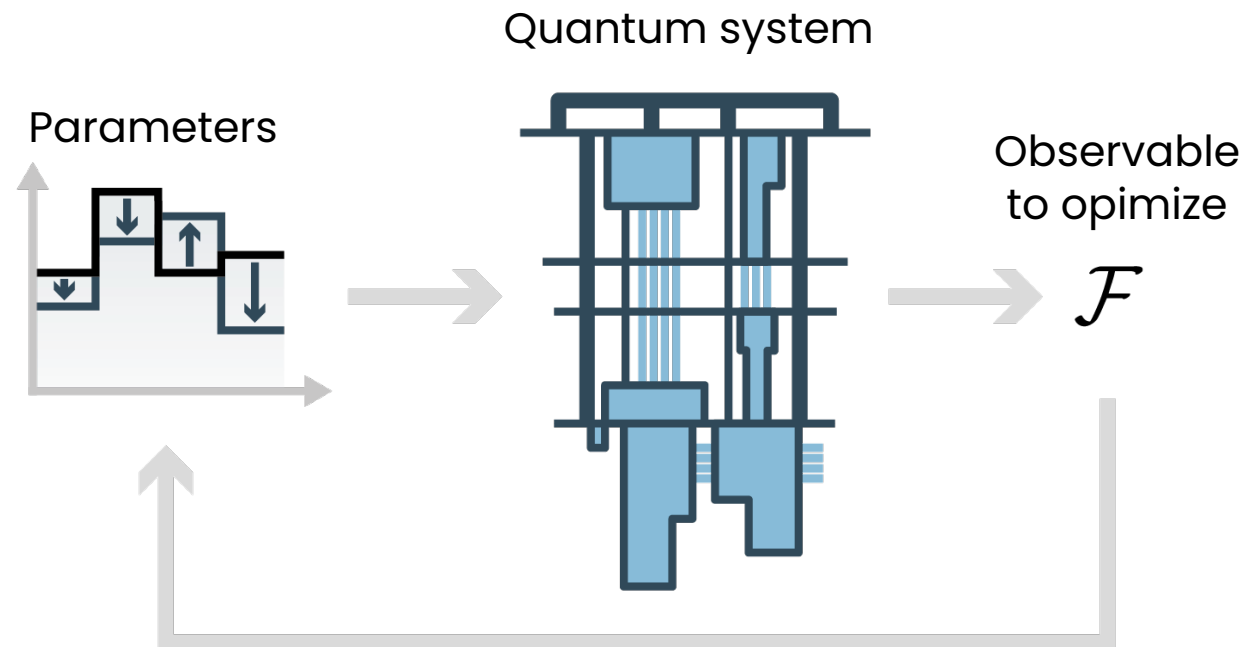
- Automatic differentiation (Leung, PRA 2017)

↳  $O(N_T \times N^2)$  memory  $\rightarrow$  4 Terabytes!

- Adjoint state method



**Low memory + any closed or open system + any parametrized problem + fast**



# Adjoint state method

- Parametrized master equation

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \mathcal{L}\rho = -i[H, \rho] + \sum \mathcal{D}[L_k]\rho$$

$$\hookrightarrow H = H(\theta) \quad \hookrightarrow L_k = L_k(\theta)$$

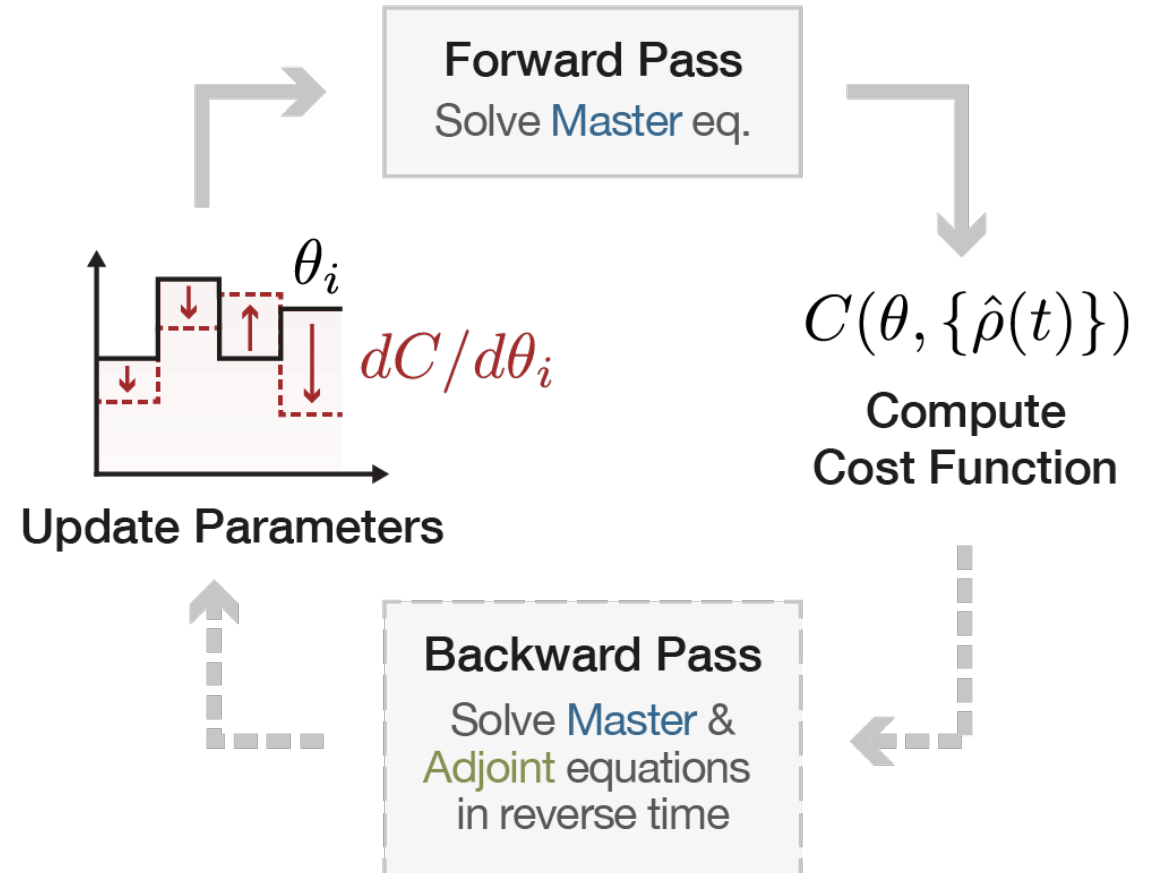
- Cost function  $C = C(\theta, \rho(t_0), \dots, \rho(t_n))$

- Adjoint state  $\phi(t) = dC/d\rho(t)$

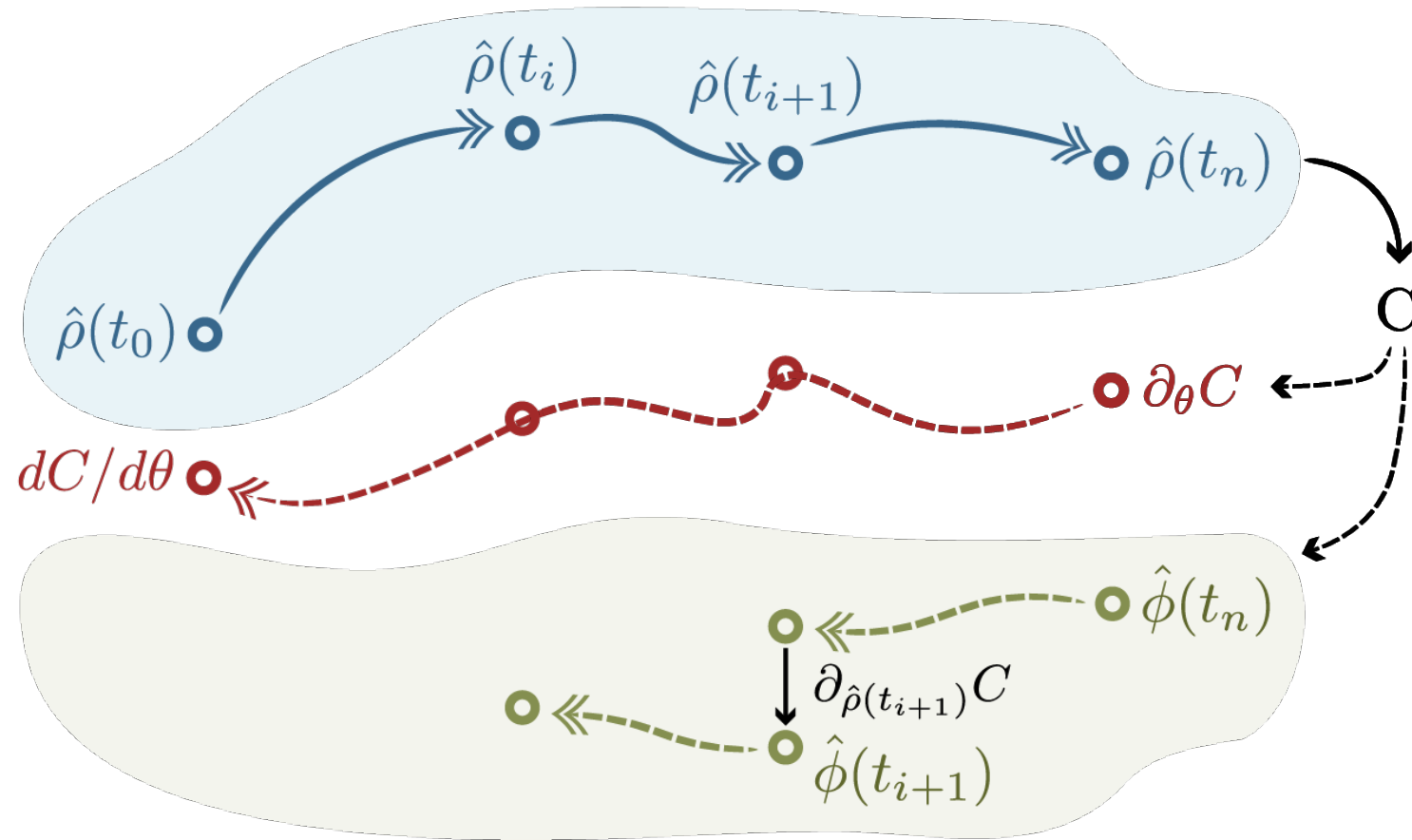
$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = -\mathcal{L}^\dagger \phi = -i[H, \phi] - \sum \mathcal{D}^\dagger[L_k]\phi$$

- Explicit expression of gradient

$$\frac{dC}{d\theta} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \theta} - \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \partial_\theta \text{Tr} [\phi^\dagger(t) \mathcal{L}(t, \theta) \rho(t)] dt$$



# Reverse-time backpropagation

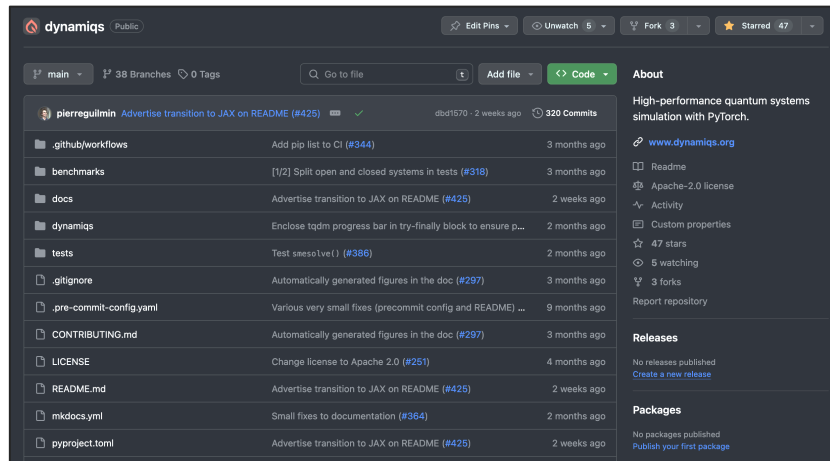


Memory:  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$  → 488 MB

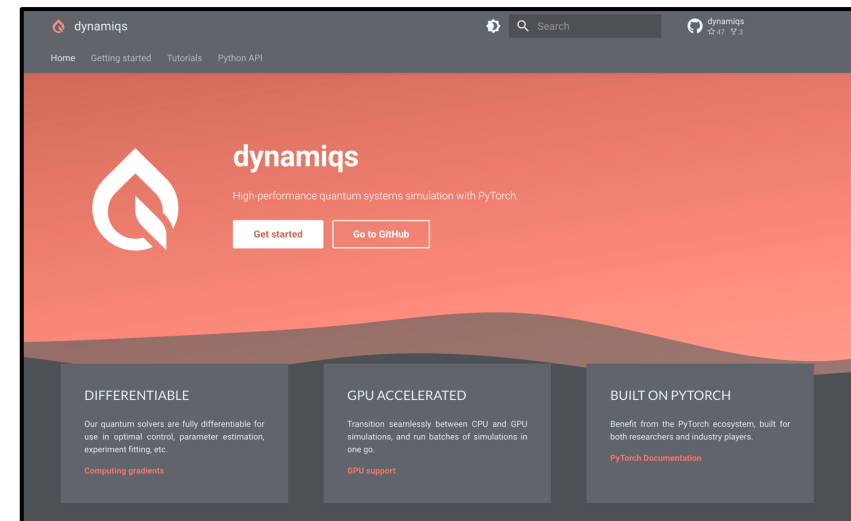
# Optimal control with dynamiqs

- Open-source
- Closed, open and stochastic quantum systems
- End-to-end differentiable
- Works on GPUs → (very) fast simulations
- Batching
- QuTiP-like API
- ...

[github.com/dynamiqs](https://github.com/dynamiqs)



[www.dynamiqs.org](https://www.dynamiqs.org)

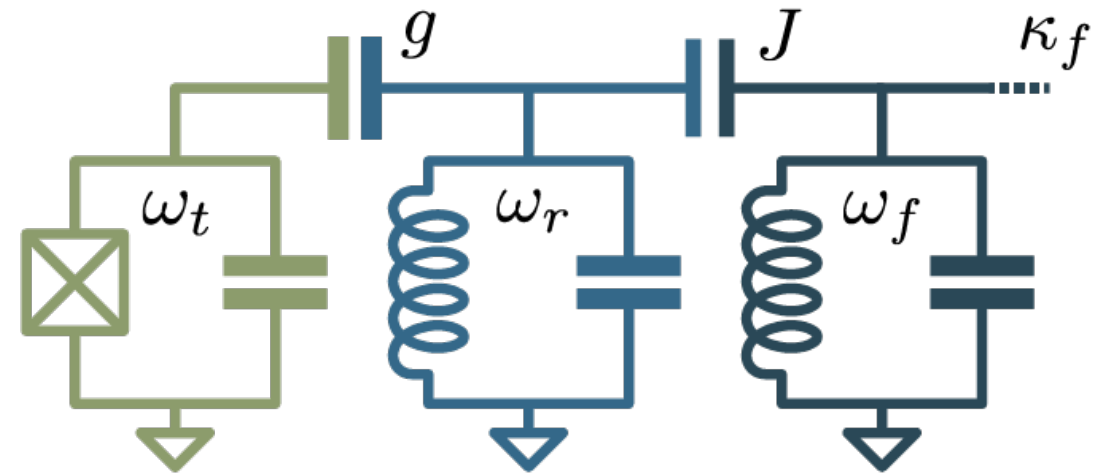


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## System parameters

|                              |                                    |                                  |                            |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $E_J/2\pi = 16 \text{ GHz}$  | $\omega_t/2\pi = 6 \text{ GHz}$    | $\kappa_p/2\pi = 30 \text{ MHz}$ | $g/2\pi = 150 \text{ MHz}$ |
| $E_c/2\pi = 315 \text{ MHz}$ | $\omega_r/2\pi = 7.2 \text{ GHz}$  | $\kappa_q/2\pi = 8 \text{ KHz}$  | $J/2\pi = 30 \text{ MHz}$  |
| $E_J/E_c \approx 51$         | $\omega_p/2\pi = 7.21 \text{ GHz}$ | $\bar{n}_{\text{crit}} = 16$     |                            |

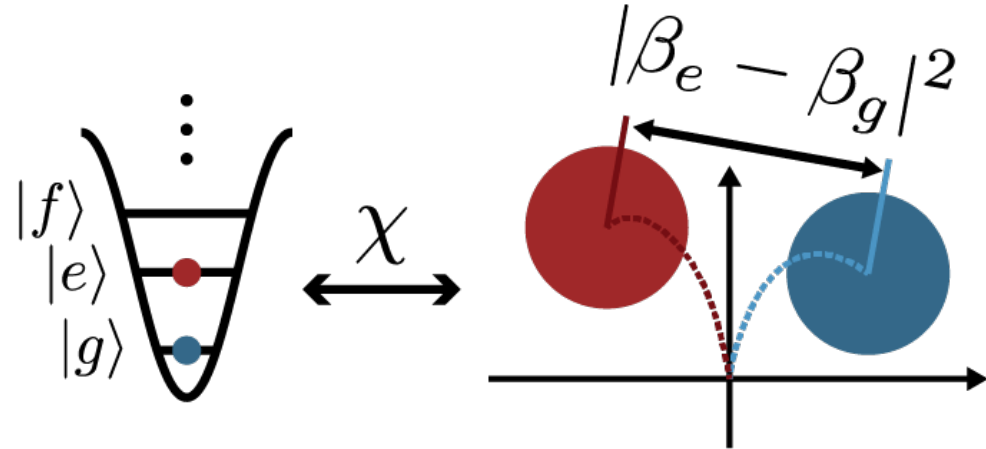


# Optimizing transmon readout



**Signal-to-noise ratio** (Bultink et al., 2017)

$$\text{SNR} = \sqrt{2\eta\kappa_f \int_0^{\tau_m} dt |\beta_e - \beta_g|^2}$$





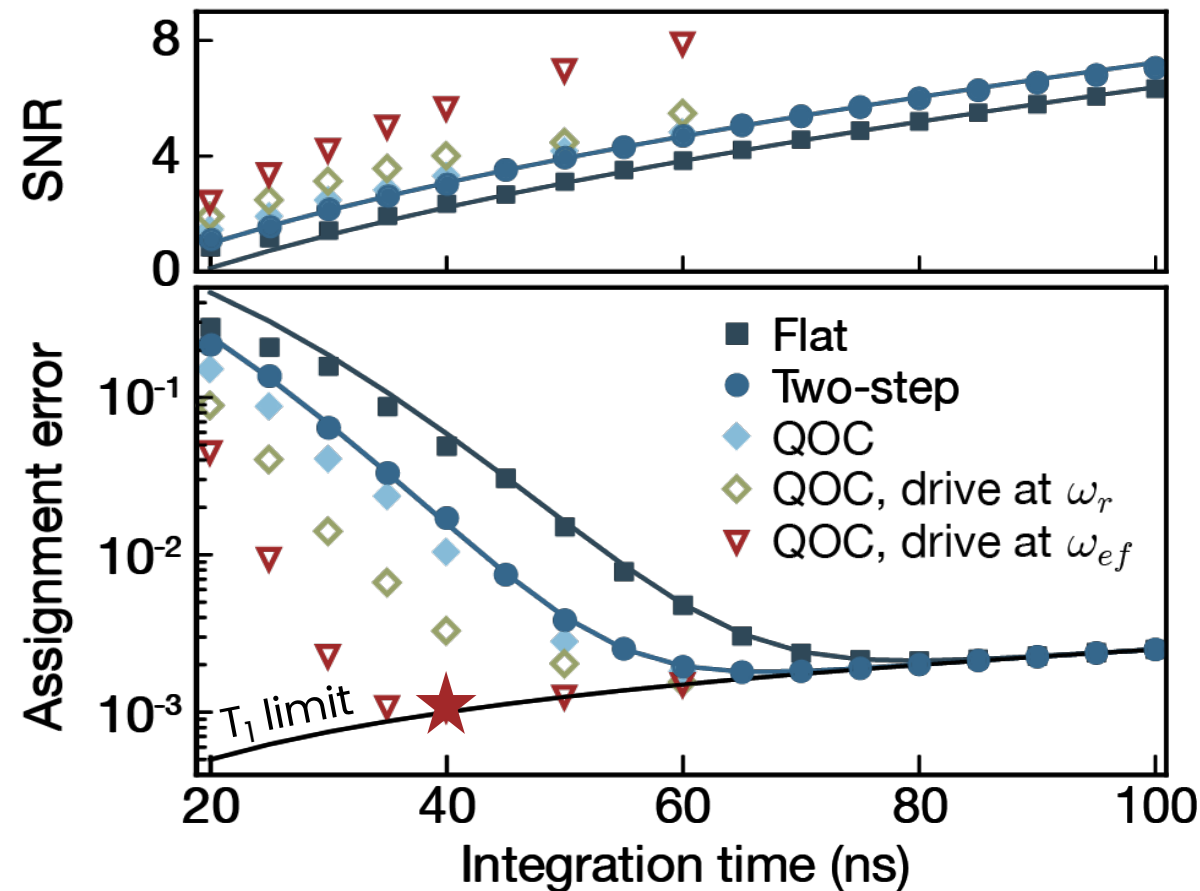
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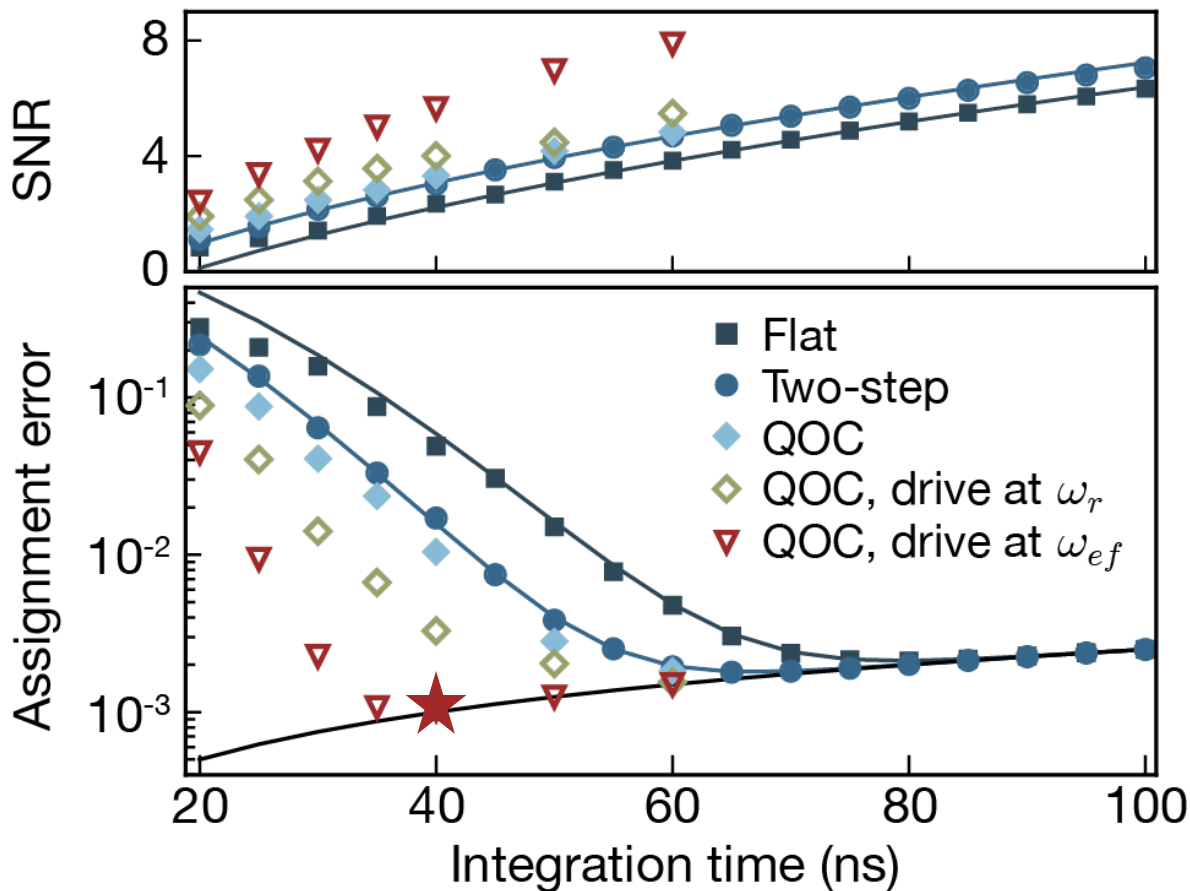
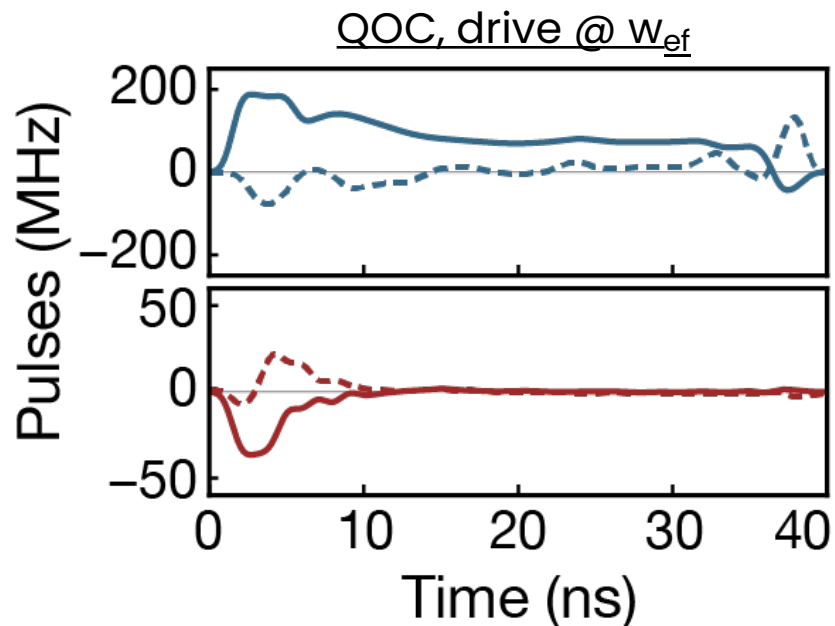
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- 2 reference pulses
  - Flat pulse 
  - Two-step pulse 
- 3 optimized pulses
  - Drive filter
  - Drive filter + transmon @  $\omega_r$
  - Drive filter + transmon @  $\omega_{ef}$
- Optimize pulse envelopes + carrier frequencies
- Fair comparison: limit  $n < n_{\text{crit}}$



# Shelving



- Shelving (Elder, PRX 2020) & (Hann, PRA 2018)  
→ use  $|f\rangle$  state with larger coupling
- Filter envelope similar to two-step
- 10ns pi-pulse with DRAG & stark-shift
- **x2 improvement in readout time**

**01.** Optimal control w/ **adjoint state method**:  
low-memory, fast, generic

**02.** **Fast transmon readout** with  
additional drive on the transmon

**03.** **Realistic pulses** and known  
strategies found by optimizer

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# Purcell filter trajectories



$|g\rangle$  and  $|e\rangle$  trajectories in the Purcell filter  $\rightarrow$  enhanced integrated distance

