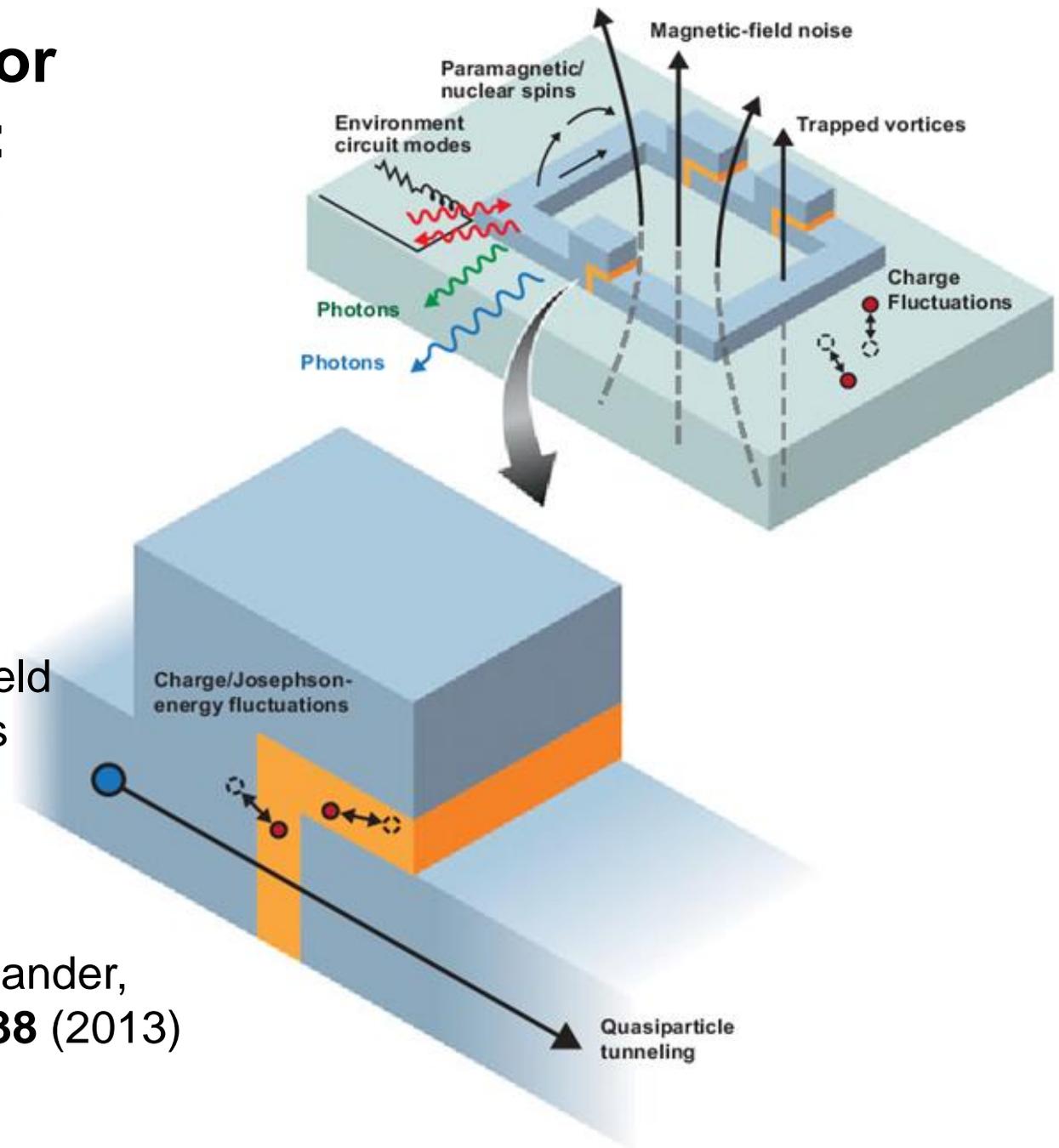


# Achille's heel for SC hardware: Decoherence

- Surface spins
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- etc.



Oliver and Welander,  
MRS bulletin, **38** (2013)

# Calculating losses

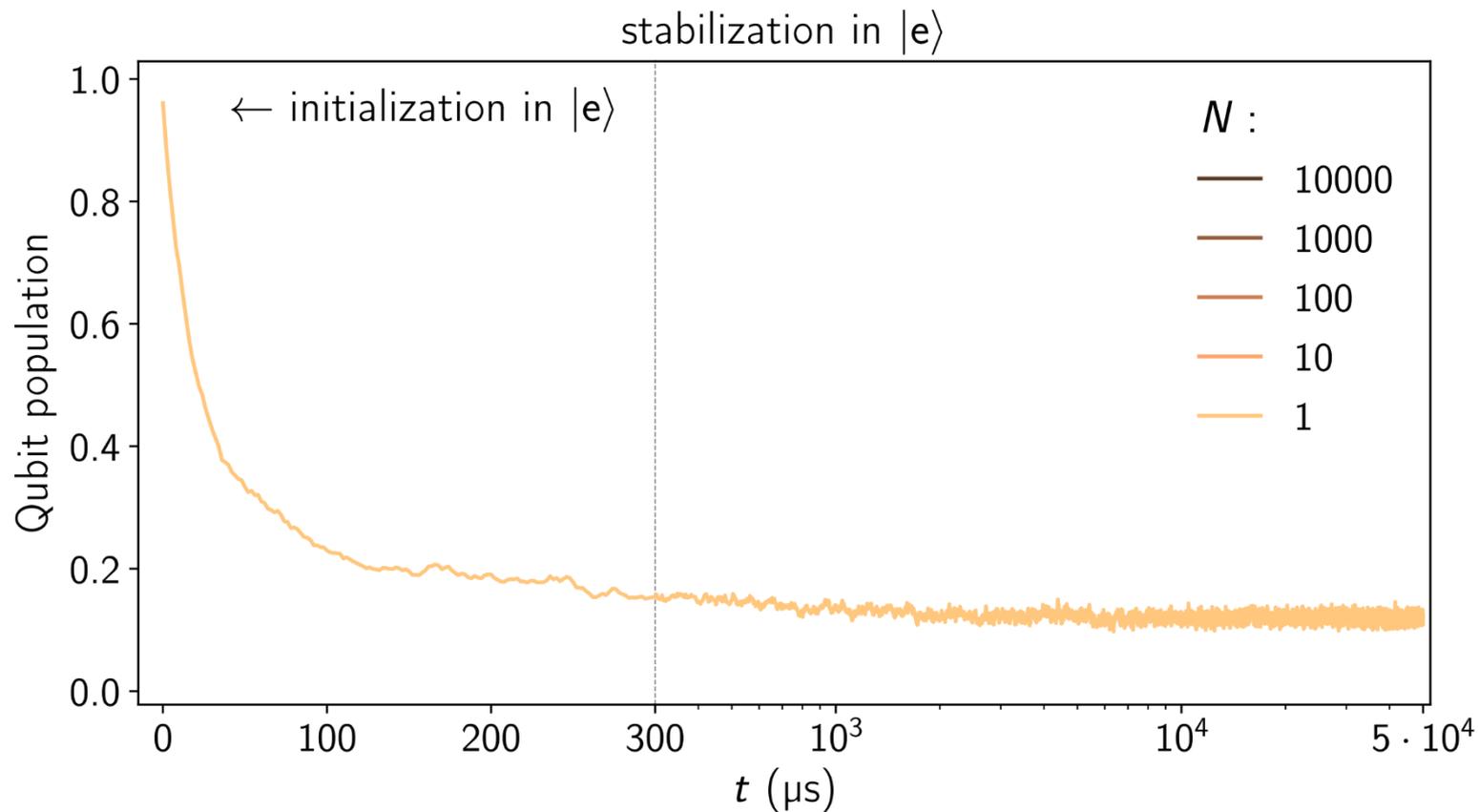
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loss mechanism	$\langle 0   \hat{C}   1 \rangle$	$\operatorname{Re} [Y_X(\omega_{01})]$
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quasiparticle	$\langle 0   \sin(\hat{\varphi}/2)   1 \rangle$	$\frac{G_t}{2Q_{qp}} \left( \frac{2\Delta}{\hbar \omega_{01}} \right)^{3/2}$
radiative (Purcell)	$\Phi_0 \langle 0   \hat{\varphi}   1 \rangle$	HFSS numerical simulations

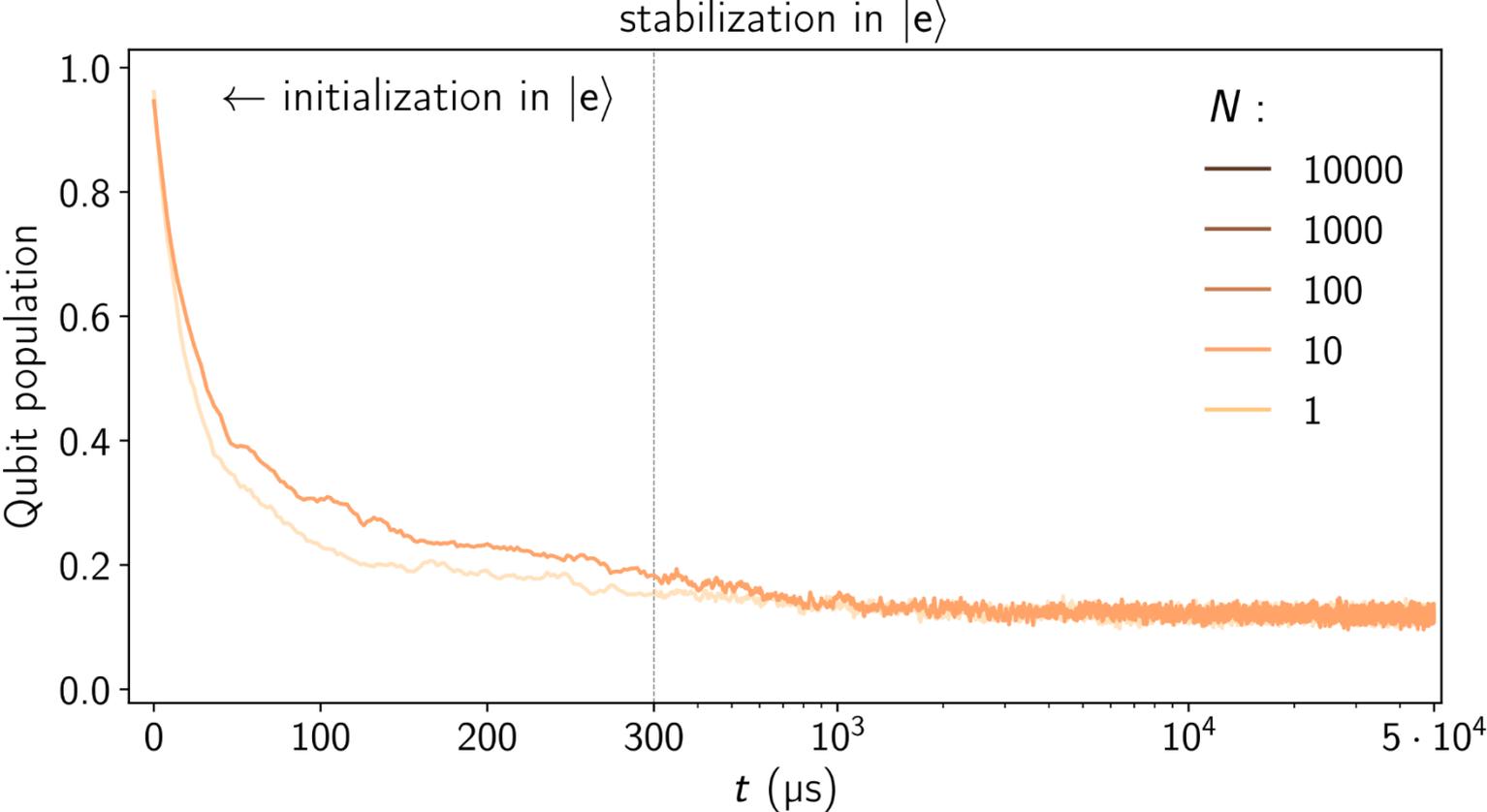
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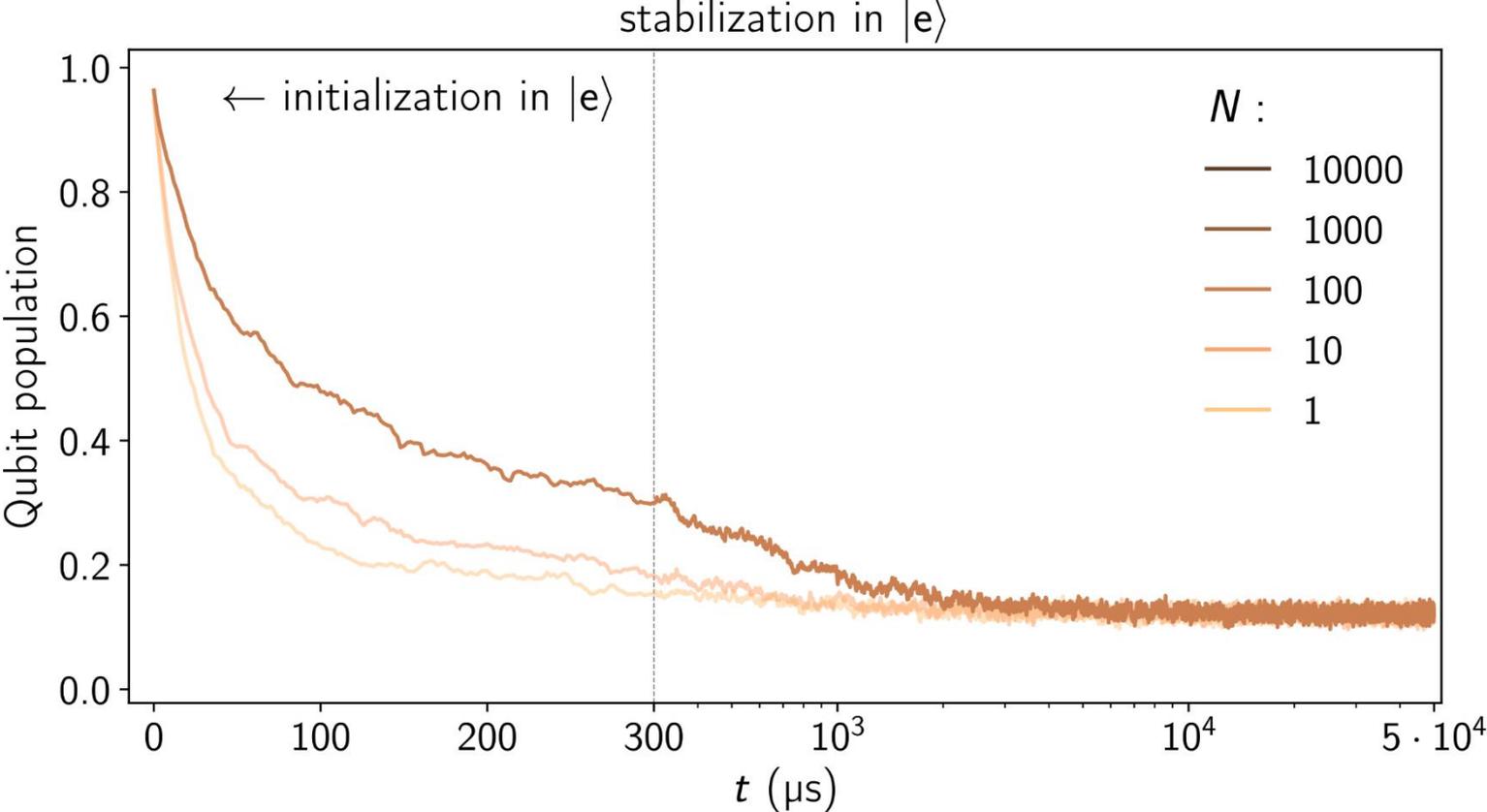
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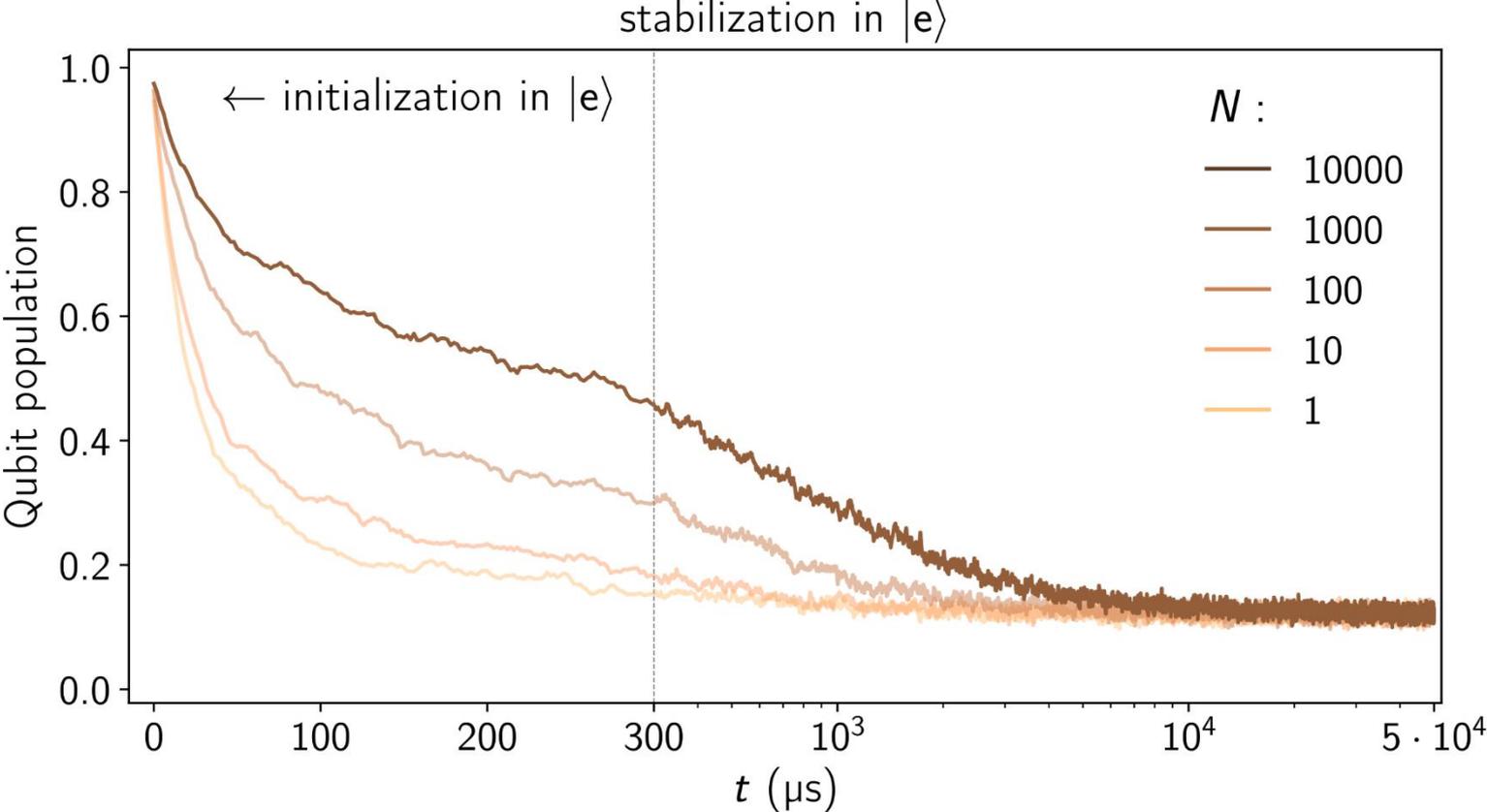
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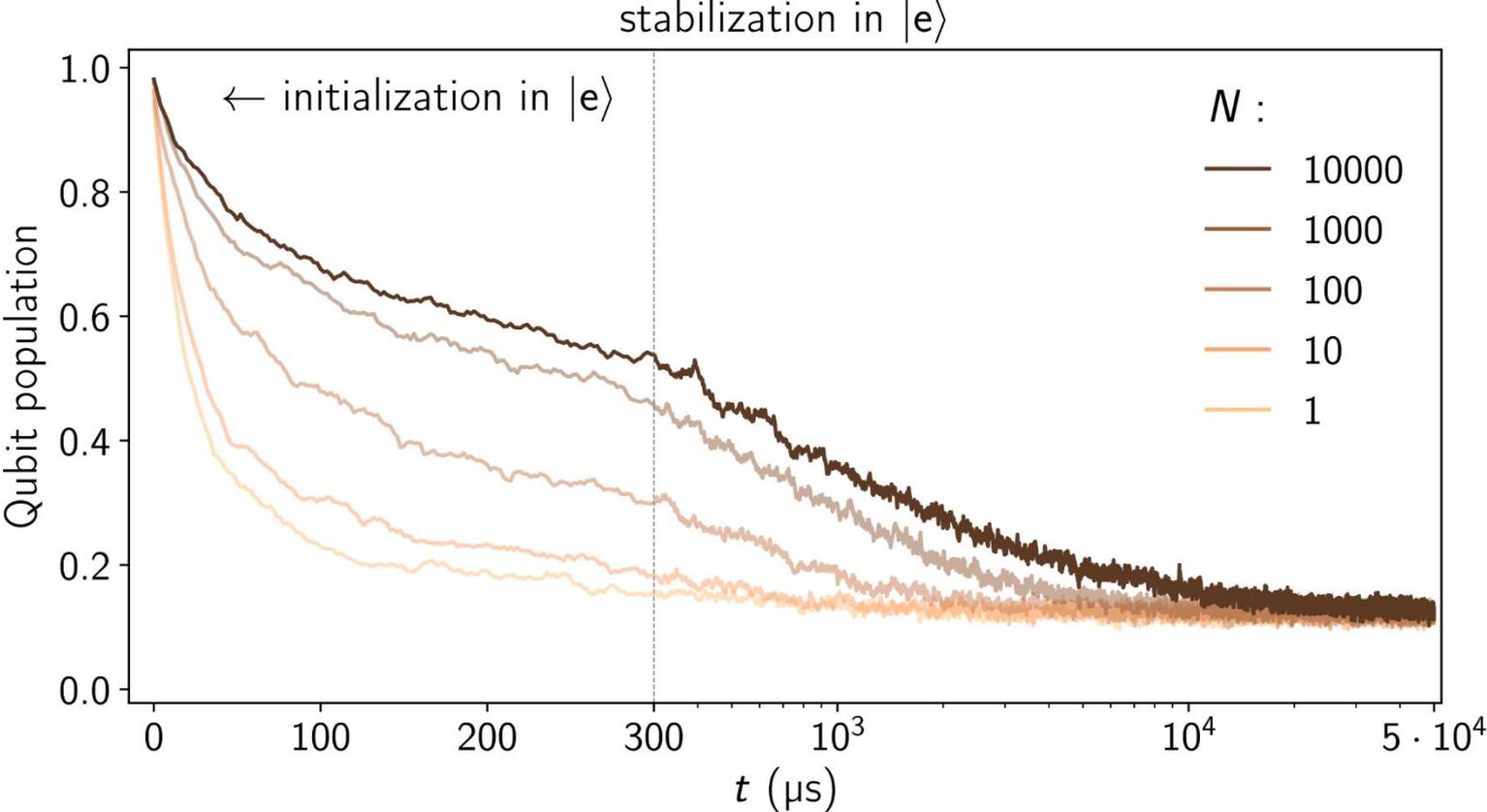
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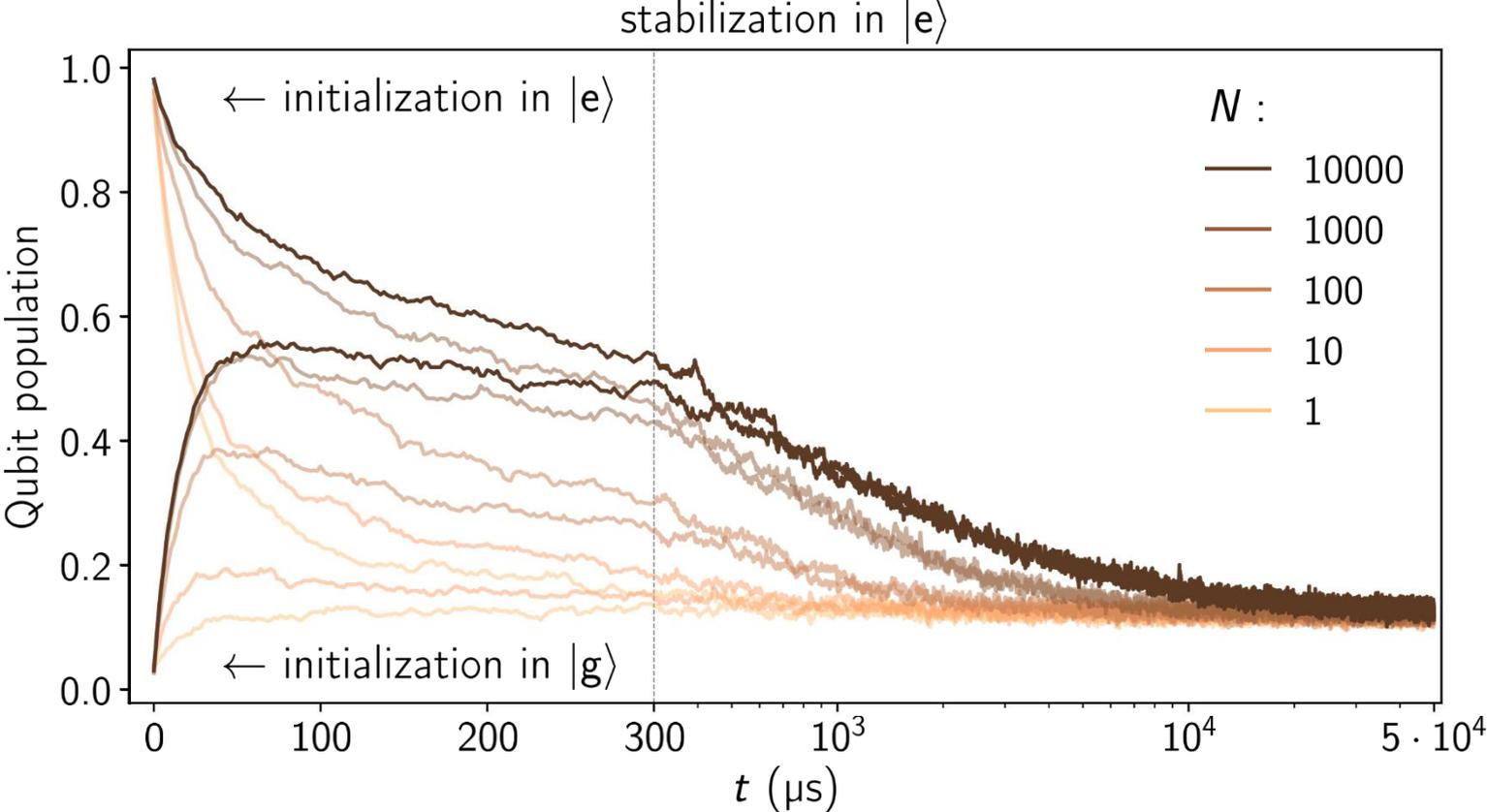
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# The Board

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 $N_0 - N_1 = N_L$   
 $N_0 = (N + N_L)/2$   
 $N_1 = (N - N_L)/2$

$\dot{P} = 0 \Rightarrow P_{eq} = \frac{\Gamma_{\uparrow} - \Gamma_{\downarrow}}{\Gamma}$

$\dot{P} = -\Gamma (P - P_{eq})$

$P(t) = e^{-\Gamma t} (P_{init} - P_{eq}) + P_{eq}$

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$\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_{\phi} + \frac{\Gamma}{2}$   
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