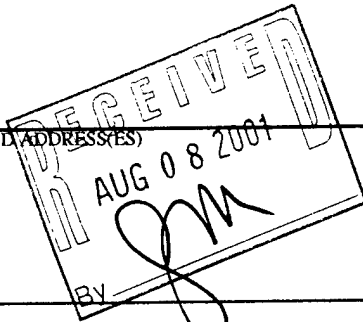


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The basic system design is shown in Fig. 1. The approach is based on the same design used by Phil Bucksbaum's group at Michigan which he has shown to be extremely effective for feedback based coherent control experiments. This system will be used in future coherent control experiments to enable faster clock speeds for in quantum computing by preserving the quality of Rabi oscillations (one-bit rotations) by compensating for optically coupling to nearby states.

The system continues to be under development, but has already been used to obtain new data. Figure 2 below shows the first report of spectral hole burning in self assembled quantum dots. Not only do we observe the spectral hole, but we also detect the clear negative going signature of the biexciton. The absence of the biexciton for cross polarized excitation (for linearly polarized selection rules) is in agreement with the selection rules. This data and related studies will be presented more thoroughly in a forthcoming progress report on ARO Grant Number DAAD19-01-1-0478

