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**$T_1$ -echo sequence - Preserving the state of a qubit in the presence of coherent interaction** CLEMENS MÜLLER, Département de Physique, Université de Sherbrooke, Québec, Canada J1K 2R1, ALEXANDER SHNIRMAN, Institut fuer Theorie der Kondensierten Materie, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, D-76128 Karlsruhe, Germany, MARTIN WEIDES, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder, CO 80309-044, USA — We propose a sequence of pulses intended to preserve the state of a qubit in the presence of strong, coherent coupling to another quantum system. The sequence can be understood as a generalized SWAP and works in formal analogy to the well-known spin echo. Since the resulting decoherence rate of the qubits state is strongly influenced by the additional system, this sequence might serve to protect its quantum state. A possible area of application would be in superconducting circuits, where often spurious two-level system interact strongly with the qubits and might thus provide the necessary resource.

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