

Electrical quantum engineering with superconducting circuits

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Superconducting qubits

- Macroscopic circuits (100s μm)
- Easily controlled, entangled, readout
- Ultimate microwave detectors



Spins in crystals

- Long coherence times (1s 6hrs)
- Optical transitions

- Superconducting circuits to improve spin detection
- Superconducting circuits to mediate interaction between spins
- Spins to store quantum information from superconducting qubits
- Spins to convert superconducting qubit state into optical photons

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Spins for hybrid quantum devices

Which spin systems ???

Desired features :

Long coherence times —> Nuclear-spin-free host crystal



- Carbon : ¹²C has no nuclear spins, ¹³C has spin ½ but 1.1% nat. Abundance
- Silicon : ²⁸Si has no nuclear spins, ²⁹Si has spin ½ but 4.7% nat. Abundance
- Both materials can be isotopically purified : magnetically silent crystals

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- Low dc magnetic field for compatibility with superconducting circuits



Need $\omega_s(B_0) = \omega_0$

But large B_0 causes vortices Microwave losses ! (even w. parallel field)

> Aluminum : $B_0 \le 100$ Gs Niobium : $B_0 \le 1$ T NbTiN : $B_0 \le 5$ T

Circuits with Josephson junctions ? Probably $B_0 \le 100$ Gs

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Nitrogen-Vacancy (NV⁻) centers in diamond



Detection at the single emitter level at 300K using confocal microscopy



Gruber et al., Science 276, 2012 (1997)

Spin-dependent photoluminescence

• Ground state is spin triplet, solid-state spin-qubit



• Optical pumping leads to strong polarization in m_s=0

 Spin-dependent photoluminescence : Optical detection of magnetic resonance (ODMR)

Spin Hamiltonian : Notations

In all these lectures, we use dimensionless spin operators

 $\widehat{S} = \widehat{S}/\hbar$ Spin 1 Spin ¹/₂ $\hat{S}_{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\hat{S}_{z} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{\sigma}_{z}$ $\hat{S}_{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0\\ 1 & 0 & 1\\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\hat{S}_x = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{\sigma}_x$ $\hat{S}_{y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0\\ i & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\hat{S}_{\mathcal{Y}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{\sigma}_{\mathcal{Y}}$

Magnetization of a spin : $\widehat{M} = \gamma \hbar \widehat{S}$

GYROMAGNETIC RATIO $\frac{\gamma_e}{2\pi} = 28$ GHz/T for a free electron

Spin Hamiltonian







Spin Hamiltonian



0.8



Spin Hamiltonian





Hyperfine ODMR spectrum



Decoherence mechanisms in spins (1) : energy relaxa



 $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_{1,rad} + \Gamma_{1,ph}$

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In free space, and at X-band frequencies (7 – 9GHz), $\Gamma_{1,rad} \sim 10^{-16} s^{-1}$

For NV in diamond:@300K $\Gamma_{1,ph} \sim 300s^{-1}$ i.e. $T_1 = 3ms$ @20mK $\Gamma_{1,ph} \ll 10^{-2}s^{-1}$ i.e. $T_1 \gg 100s$

AT LOW TEMPERATURES, ENERGY RELAXATION IS IN GENERAL NEGLIC

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- Dephasing is due to the slow evolution of the spin-bath under flip-flop events

Various coherence times



Ramsey pulse sequence Sensitive to inhomogeneous broadening slow noise

$$\langle S_{\chi} \rangle = e^{-\left(\frac{T}{T_{2}^{*}}\right)^{\alpha}} \quad \alpha \sim 2$$



π

 $\rightarrow \leftrightarrow$

π/2

 $\pi/2$

π

Hahn-echo pulse sequence Insensitive to static noise

$$\langle S_{\chi} \rangle = e^{-\left(\frac{2T}{T_2}\right)^{\beta}} \beta \sim 2-3$$

Dynamical decoupling pulse sequend Insensitive to low-frequency noise

$$\langle S_{\chi} \rangle = e^{-\left(\frac{NT}{T_{2DD}}\right)^{\gamma}} \gamma \sim 2-3$$

Because spin-bath is slow, in general $T_2^* \ll T_2 \ll T_{2DD}$

MEASURE $\langle S_z \rangle$

Hahn echo on NVs in isotopically purified diamond

G. Balasubramyan et al., Nature Materials (2008)



Typical : $T_2/T_2^* \sim 100$

Summary : NV centers for hybrid quantum devices



- Single electron trapped in a diamond lattice
- Can be operated in $B_0 \sim 0 10$ Gs because of zero-field splitting
- Long coherence times possible in ultra-pure crystals
- Can be optically reset in its ground state
- Individual NVs / ensembles can be characterized at 300K with ODMR

Bismuth donors in silicon





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Same Hamiltonian as P:Si (cf M. Pioro lectures)

$$\frac{H}{\hbar} = \boldsymbol{B}_{0} \cdot (-\gamma_{e}\boldsymbol{S} - \gamma_{n}\boldsymbol{I}) + A\boldsymbol{I} \cdot \boldsymbol{S}$$
ZEEMAN EFFECTHYPERFINE

Two differences : • Nuclear spin I=9/2

- Large hyperfine coupling $\frac{A}{2\pi} = 1.4754$ GHz
- Useful to introduce F = I + S the total angular momentum
- Note : $[H, F_z] = 0$ so that energy eigenstates are always states with well-defined $m_F = m_S + m_I$

Bi:Si energy levels





The low-field limit





LOW-FIELD $\gamma_e B_0 \ll A$ **Eigenstates of** $\sim |F, m_F\rangle$

Hybridized eletro-nuclear spin states $\alpha |-1/2, m_I \rangle + \beta |+1/2, m_I - 1 \rangle$

The low-field limit





10 « allowed » transitions at low field

Summary : Bismuth donors in Silicon for hybrid quantum device



- Single electron trapped in a silicon lattice
- Can be operated in $B_0 \sim 0 10$ Gs because of large hyperfine interaction
- Long coherence times in isotopically purified silicon
- Rich level diagram (naturally occurring λ transitions)



Classical drive





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Spin-LC resonator coupling



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Fast rotating term : neglected

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Coupling constant estimate (1) : Magnetic field fluctuation



$$\delta B_{1,\perp} \sim \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r} \delta i_0$$
 with $\delta i_0 = \omega_0 \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2Z_0}}$ and $Z_0 = \sqrt{L/C}$

CURRENT FLUCTUATIONS RESONATOR IMPEDANCE

For large coupling need resonators with

- High frequency ω_0 (but fixed by the spins !)
- Low impedance i.e. low L and high C In practice, for 2D resonators : $10\Omega < Z_0 < 300\Omega$

Coupling constant estimate



$$\frac{\gamma_e}{2\pi} = -28GHz/T \qquad g = -\gamma_e \delta B_{1,\perp} \langle 0 | \hat{S}_x | 1 \rangle$$

Bi:Si (9-10) : $\langle 0|S_{\chi}|1\rangle = 0.47$ NV centers : $\langle 0|S_{\chi}|1\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}$

	NV centers $\frac{\omega_s}{2\pi} =$ 2.9 <i>GHz</i>	$\frac{\omega_s}{2\pi} = 7.4 GHz$
$Z_0 = 50$ Ω, $r = 1 \mu m$	$\frac{g}{2\pi} = 70$ Hz	$\frac{g}{2\pi} = 120 \text{Hz}$
$Z_0 = 15\Omega, r = 20nm$	$\frac{g}{2\pi} = 6$ kHz	$\frac{g}{2\pi} = 11$ kHz

Coupling regimes

Overall, spin-resonator coupling constant $\frac{g}{2\pi} \sim 0.01 - 1$ kHz (up to 10kHz for extreme dimensions)

Comparison to resonator and spin damping rates ?

- Resonators : Highest quality factor reported @1photon level is Q=10⁶ i.e. energy damping rate $\kappa = \frac{\omega_0}{o} \ge 3 \cdot 10^4 s^{-1} \gg g$
- Spins : in isotopically pure crystals, possible to obtain $T_2^* = 100 500 \mu s$ i.e. dephasing rate ~ or even lower than g

 $g < \kappa$ or even $g \ll \kappa$: « bad cavity » REGIME (\neq circuit QED)

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Spins in a « bad cavity »: the model



$$\frac{H}{\hbar} = -\frac{\omega_s}{2}\sigma_z + \omega_0 a^+ a + g(a^+\sigma_- + a\sigma_+)$$

+ drive at ω_0 $H(t) = i\hbar\sqrt{\kappa}\beta(-e^{-i\omega_0 t}a + e^{i\omega_0 t}a^+)$

In rotating frame at ω_0 : $\frac{H}{\hbar} = -\delta\sigma_z + g(a^+\sigma_- + a\sigma_+) + \beta(-a + a^+)$

Damping terms (taken into account in Lindblad form) :

- energy in cavity at rate $\kappa = \omega_0/Q$
- Spin dephasing at rate γ_2^*

A. Blais et al., PRA 69, 062320 (2004) J. Gambetta et al., PRA 77, 012112 (2008)

Spins in a « bad cavity »: the model

Approximations : « bad cavity limit » $g \ll \kappa$



Field-spin correlations are neglected

 $\langle \sigma_+ a \rangle = \langle \sigma_+ \rangle \langle a \rangle$ $\langle \sigma_z a \rangle = \langle \sigma_z \rangle \langle a \rangle$ $\langle \sigma_- a \rangle = \langle \sigma_- \rangle \langle a \rangle$

To find spin steady-state operators :

1) Solve for field <a> without spin

2) Take stationary values of spin operators for spin driven by cavity field (classical Rabi oscillation in field <a> in the cavity), with additional decay channel provided by the cavity γ_P

Adiabatic elimination of the cavity field, see B. Julsgaard et al., PRA 85, 032327 (2012) C. Hutchison et al., Canadian Journ of Phys. 87, 225 (2009)

The Purcell effect



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(2009)

- New way to initialize spins in ground state ?
- Can be tuned by changing spin/resonator detuning $\omega_s \omega_0$

Field radiated by the spins

Steady-state value of the cavity field

$$\langle a \rangle = \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{\kappa}} - \begin{cases} i \frac{2g}{\kappa} \langle \sigma_{-} \rangle \\ \\ \text{Cavity field} \\ \text{w/o spin} \end{cases}$$
Field radiated by spin in cav

Spin signal proportional to $\langle \sigma_{-} \rangle$

Output signal from N identical spins

$$\langle a \rangle_{out} = i \frac{2Ng}{\sqrt{\kappa}} \langle \sigma_{-} \rangle$$

Conventional Pulsed "Inductive Detection" Electron Spin Resonance (ESR)



Sensitivity of an inductive detection spectrometer



Number of noise photons in the detected quadrature bandwidth $n_{I} = \frac{S_{I}(\omega)}{r}$

Sensitivity of an inductive detection spectrometer



 $p = \tanh$

 n_I

Single-spin signal Cooperativity $C = \frac{g^2 T_2^*}{\kappa}$

Sensitivity of an inductive detection spectrometer



$$n_I = n_{eq,I} + n_{amp,I}$$





EPR spectroscopy : state-of-the-art



Quantum limited ESR with Parametric Amplifier



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Quantum limited ESR with Parametric Amplifier



Quantum limited ESR with Parametric Amplifier 20mK plate Attenuators Circulators **JPA** 2-axis coil w. sample

The Spins: Bi donors in ²⁸Si ²⁸Si 10 allowed ESR-like transitions @ low B **B**₀ 7.55 (ZHS) 7.45 7.35 7.25 Implanted Bi 10 Resonator [Bi] (10¹⁶ cm⁻³) 7.15 20 40 60 80 100 5 Magnetic Field (G) • $m_F = 4 \rightarrow m_F = 5$, @~50 G 150 300 • $m_F = 3 \rightarrow m_F = 4$, @~70 Gs depth (nm)

Spin echo detection



A. Bienfait et al., Nature Nano (2015)

Coherence time



A. Bienfait et al., Nature Nano (2015)

Spectrometer single-shot sensitivity



Sensitivity : $N_{1e} = 1.2 \cdot 10^4 / 7 = 1.7 \, 10^3$ spins per echo

• Gain $\sim 10^4$ comp. to state-of-the-art (Sigillito et al., APL, 2014)

• Consistent with expectations from formula $N_{min} \sim \frac{1}{p} \sqrt{\frac{n\omega_0}{qT_E} \frac{1}{g}}$

EPR sensitivity : summary



Absolute sensitivity and spin relaxation time T_1

Repetition rate ?? Limited by time T_1 needed for spins to reach thermal equilibrium



- Spectrometer absolute sensitivity : 1700 spin/ \sqrt{Hz}
- « Short » T₁ due to spontaneous emission in the cavity (Purcell effect)

Observing the Purcell effect for spins



A. Bienfait et al., Nature (2016)

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Hybrid quantum processor



Interest :

Long coherence time
 Economical in processing qubits
 Intrinsic low-crosstalk in gates and qubit readout











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Entangled states





Sketch of hybrid quantum processor



Bi:Si J possible
Spin ensemble – resonator system



Coupling of the resonator to one collective spin mode





Frequency-tuning by flux





Frequency-tuning by flux





Frequency-tuning by flux













Spectroscopy

Resonator transmission



2.86

(ZHS) (2.85 2.84 2.84 2.83

2.82

Qubit characterization



Transmon and quantum bus interaction : the SWAP gate

Resonant SWAP gate





Transmon and quantum bus interaction : the SWAP gate

Resonant SWAP gateAdiabatic SWAP gatebus π π qubit π r π π



Prepare the Qubit in $|\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{Q}}\rangle$





























Qubit readout













WRITE efficiency



WRITE: storage of $(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$



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Spin-photon entanglement



Lecture Conclusions

Fruitful marriage of circuit Quantum Electrodynamics and Magnetic Resonance

- Magnetic resonance detection reaching the quantum limit of sensitivity
- Quantum fluctuations of the field affect spin dynamics (Purcell effect)
- Use squeezing as a resouce to improve sensitivity even further
- Quantum memory applications within reach

Perspectives

- Reach single-spin detection sensitivity
- Build a platform for spin-based quantum computation