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Spins qubits using donor spins in silicon

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Quantum computers have the capability to radically change the way we are able to process information, with impacts ranging from quantum chemistry and materials modelling to machine learning and optimisation. A wide range of different systems are being explored to represent the most basic unit of quantum information: the quantum bit.

Electron and nuclear spins of donor atoms in silicon are exceptional candidates for representing quantum bits, with quantum coherence lifetimes of up to 3 seconds for the electron spin, up to 3 minutes for the neutral donor nuclear spin, and 3 hours for the ionized donor nuclear spin. Furthermore, single-shot readout of both the electron spin and nuclear spin have been demonstrated, with measurement fidelities of up to 99.8%.

I will first discuss how the Stark shift caused by DC electric fields can be used to locally tune different donor spins in- and out- of resonance, and to coherently control them. I will then show how optically-driven donor-bound exciton transitions can be used to electrically detect the donor electron spin resonance and discuss how this could provide a fruitful route to single-spin measurement at low magnetic fields using simple nano-device structures. Finally, I will examine strategies for scaling up to arrays of multiple coupled dopant spins qubits, including the strong coupling of spins to high-Q superconducting resonators.

