

## Abstract



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## 1.1 Quantum Computing

The idea of using a quantum mechanical system to simulate physics was first explored by Feynman[6]. Because the Hilbert space(/state space?) of a quantum mechanical system scales exponentially with its size one would need an exponentially large classical computer to simulate its behavior. By manipulating a quantum mechanical system directly this scaling problem can be circumvented.

It was quantum simulation that eventually led to the idea of exploiting quantum effects to perform more efficient calculations but it wasn't until Shor's discovery of a remarkably efficient quantum algorithm for prime factorization in 1994[13] that quantum information science really took off.

Shor's algorithm was the first example where a quantum computer can provide an exponential speedup over a classical computer. Shor's and other quantum algorithms allow solving classes of problems that were previously unsolvable, a well known example being the breaking of classical encryption codes.

By now Shor's algorithm has been shown to work on a range of different small scale quantum computers [18] [Needs reference to Shor in different systems or basic algorithms in range of systems] but making a scalable quantum computer that can take full advantage of the exponential speedup proves elusive.

## 1.2 Quantum Error Correction

## 1.3 Weakly coupled carbons; a naturally occurring register

The Nitrogen Vacancy centre in diamond is a well investigated system[5] and a promising candidate for quantum computation[2]. In order to implement three qubit measurement based QEC we need three qubits plus ancillae that we can initialise, measure and conditionally perform operations on. These extra qubits are found in Carbon-13 atoms, which are normally a source of decoherence. These atoms can be addressed using a resonant decoupling sequence[15].



## Electronic spins in Diamond

It has been shown that the nuclear- and electron- spin-state of the NV- center can be initialized, controlled and read-out using microwave- and laser- pulses[12]. In these experiments two lasers that are resonant with transitions in the NV- center are used to initialize the electronic spin state. One of these two lasers is used to read out the electronic spin state and an off-resonant laser is used to reset the system. Microwaves are used to drive transitions between the different nuclear and electronic spin states.

Strongly coupled nuclear spins can be initialized by conditionally rotating the electronic state to a state that is read out only if the Carbon is in the desired state, when the electronic state readout has a positive result the system is projected into the desired state. We call this Measurement Based Initialization (MBI). Our experiments are build around the same basic tools. Each experiment starts with a Charge-Resonance check that verifies if the lasers are still on resonance. After that the Nitrogen spin state is initialized using MBI. Once the system is initialized the actual experiment is performed. An experiment consists of one or multiple blocks of microwave pulses and optical readouts.

All experiments were performed on a custom-build cryostat setup operating at liquid helium temperatures described in detail in Bernien [1, chap. 3]. The setup was additionally outfitted with a movable neodymium magnet that applied a magnetic field of 300G to the sample.

### 2.1 Spin Control

The electronic ground state Hamiltonian can be written as[11]:

$$H_{GS} = \Delta S_z^2 + \gamma_e \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S} \quad (2.1)$$

With zero field splitting  $\Delta \approx 2.88\text{GHz}$  and gyro-magnetic ratio  $\gamma_e = 2.802 \text{ MHz/G}$ . In this expression the interactions with the nitrogen nucleus and the carbon spin bath are not included. By applying a magnetic field  $B_z$  along the NV-axis the degeneracy of the  $m_s = \pm 1$  states is lifted by the Zeeman effect. We define our electronic qubit by the two level system with  $m_s = 0 := |0\rangle$  and  $m_s = +1 := |1\rangle$ .

On the Bloch-sphere the state vector rotates around the quantization-axis with a frequency depending on the energy splitting between the two states; the Larmor frequency. For the NV-electronic spin transition used the Larmor frequency is given by eq. (2.2).

$$\omega_L = \Delta + \gamma_e B_z \quad (2.2)$$

By applying an external field a term is effectively added to the Hamiltonian, changing the quantization-axis and thereby its evolution. By applying microwaves with the right frequency this can be used to selectively drive the transition from the  $|0\rangle$  state to the  $|1\rangle$  state[10].





## Addressing Weakly-coupled Carbon Spins

### 3.1 Coupling to the Environment

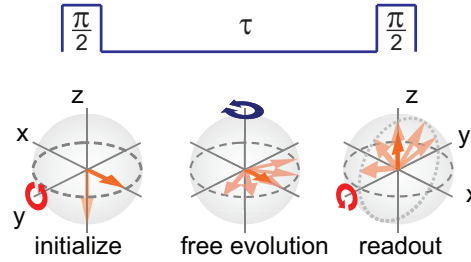
#### 3.1.1 Coupling regimes

When the electronic-spin couples to a nuclear-spin the the energy levels are shifted depending on the state of the nucleus. In this way each spin has an individual back-action on the electronic-spin.

Most of these spins only shift the spin by a tiny amount making it hard to distinguish these from each other. Because the states of these spins fluctuate the transitions of the NV-center are continuously shifting around, effectively causing a broadening of the transitions. We call these very-weakly-coupled spins the spin-bath.

If the coupling between a spin and the NV-center is strong enough it is possible to resolve and address its transitions. Transitions between energy levels can be resolved if the difference between them is larger than the width of transition.

The width of the transitions is related to the rate at which the transitions shift out of resonance. The time before a transition shifts out of resonance, or a signal decoheres, is usually expressed by  $T_2^*$  and is measured by a Ramsey experiment, see fig. 3.1.



**Figure 3.1** – In a Ramsey experiment a qubit is initialized along the z-axis before being subjected to a  $\pi/2$ -pulse that moves it into the xy plane of the Bloch-sphere. It freely evolves for a time  $\tau$  before being subjected to a final  $\pi/2$  pulse and read out along the z-direction. The final pulse will rotate the spin towards the poles depending on the phase picked up during free evolution. This manifests itself as an oscillation. This oscillation will slowly decay because the final pulse will be more out of resonance with the transition the longer the free evolution time. Figure from [3].

The decay of the amplitude  $K$  in an electron Ramsey experiment is given by eq. (3.1).

$$K(t) = e^{-\left(\frac{\tau}{T_{2e}^*}\right)^2} \quad (3.1)$$

We define  $T_{2e}^*$  as the  $1/e$  value of the Gaussian decay. The dark Electron-Spin-Resonance (ESR)<sup>1</sup> frequency spectrum for negligible power broadening is given by the Fourier transform of eq. (3.1). Where  $\omega = 2\pi \cdot f$ <sup>2</sup>.

$$\mathcal{F}\{K(\tau)\} = T_{2e}^* \sqrt{\pi} e^{-\frac{(2\pi \cdot f)^2 \cdot T_{2e}^{*2}}{4}} \quad (3.2)$$

<sup>1</sup>See fig. 3.2a for an example of a dark ESR.

<sup>2</sup>For clarity the factor of  $2\pi$  is stated explicitly throughout this thesis to distinguish real and angular frequency.

Two identical Gaussians can be readily resolved if the separation between their maxima is larger than their full-width-half-maximum (FWHM). The FWHM of the dark ESR is given by eq. (3.3).

$$2\pi \cdot \text{FWHM} = 2\pi \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{\ln 2}}{\pi T_{2e}^*} \quad (3.3)$$

We define a spin to be strongly coupled when it is possible to readily resolve its transition. For a carbon-spin that is when twice the interaction strength  $A$  [NOTE:  $|A|$ ? A par? shift due to  $A$ ?] is larger than the FWHM of the transition:

$$2\pi \cdot A > 2\pi \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\ln 2}}{\pi T_{2e}^*} \quad (3.4)$$

NV-centers have a typical electron  $T_{2e}^* \approx 2\mu\text{s}$ <sup>3</sup> that depends on the exact configuration of the spin-environment. Increasing the carbon-13 concentration generally reduces  $T_{2e}^*$ . For a typical NV-center this means that the coupling between the carbon and the NV-center must be larger than  $2\pi \cdot 130\text{kHz}$  for the carbon to be directly addressable.

### 3.1.2 The Hyperfine Interaction

The coupling between the NV-centers electronic spin and a nuclear-spin is given by the hyperfine-interaction. The hyperfine-interaction is a spin dependent interaction that is not present for spin-0 particles such as carbon-12.

For nuclear spins the Hamiltonian depends on the electronic spin-state of the NV-center. For a magnetic field ( $B_z$ ) in the z-direction the Hamiltonian is given by eq. (3.5) when the electronic-spin is in the  $m_s = 0$  state, and by eq. (3.6) when in the  $m_s = +1$  state[17]. Where  $\gamma_n$  is the gyro-magnetic ratio of the nucleus.

$$H_0 = \gamma_n B_z I_z \quad (3.5)$$

$$H_1 = \gamma_n B_z I_z + H_{\text{HF}} \quad (3.6)$$

The Larmor frequency for a nucleus is given by eq. (3.7).

$$\omega_L = \gamma_n B_z \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (3.7)$$

The hyperfine ( $H_{\text{HF}}$ ) term consists of a contact term and a dipole term. The contact term results from an overlap between the electronic- and nuclear- wave-functions making it negligible for all but the nuclear-spins closest to the NV-center.

### 3.1.3 Strongly-coupled spins

An example of a strongly coupled spin is the NV-nitrogen spin. The strength of the coupling between the nitrogen and the electronic spin is  $A_N = 2\pi \cdot 2.186 \text{ MHz}$ [1] and it acts along the NV-axis. Figure 3.2a clearly shows the  $m_s = 0 \rightarrow m_s = +1$  transitions being split due to hyperfine-coupling to the nitrogen. This splitting can be used to control the nitrogen. By first initializing in the  $m_s = +1$ -state and then applying a slow pulse that turns only one of the three nitrogen spin-states back to  $m_s = 0$  and reading out the nitrogen-spin can be initialized. By only continuing on a positive outcome the spin is initialized in the state that was rotated back to  $m_s = 0$ . We call this measurement-based-initialization (MBI). The lower panel of fig. 3.2a shows a dark Electron-Spin-Resonance (ESR) after nitrogen-MBI.

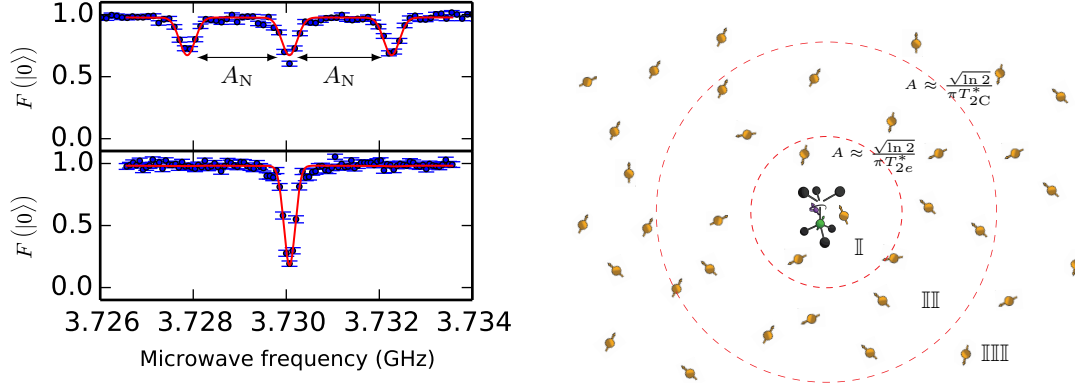
In a similar way strongly-coupled carbon-13 atoms can be controlled[12]. For most strongly-coupled carbons the contact term in the hyperfine is not negligible. For these carbons hyperfine couplings have been measured[14] and calculated[7, 8].

### 3.1.4 Weakly-coupled carbon spins

For carbons where the contact term is negligible the hyperfine-term is equal to the dipole term and is given by eq. (3.8)[3]. Where  $S$  For weakly-coupled carbons the contact-term of the hyperfine is generally<sup>4</sup> negligible.

<sup>3</sup>At a natural concentration of 1.1% carbon-13.

<sup>4</sup>Only under exceptionally high carbon-13 concentrations is  $T_{2e}^*$  short enough for close by carbon-13 atoms to fall under the definition of weakly coupled.



(a) Electron Spin Resonance for uninitialized (top) and initialized nitrogen spin (bottom). (b) Schematic representation of different coupling regimes

**Figure 3.2** – Figure 3.2a dark Electron-Spin-Resonance (ESR) of the  $m_s = 0 \rightarrow m_s = +1$  transition. In a dark ESR the spin is prepared in  $|0\rangle$ , a microwave pulse is applied and then the  $|0\rangle$  state is read-out again. This is done for a range of frequencies. When the microwave is on resonance with a transition the spin will be rotated and a dip will be visible in the signal. In the top figure the transition is split due to the interaction with the nearby nitrogen atom. In the lower figure the nitrogen state is initialized and the splitting disappears. Figure 3.2b schematically shows different coupling regimes for carbon spins. In the strong coupling regime (region II) carbon-spins are coupled to the NV-center stronger than the coupling of the NV-center to the spin-bath. These carbons can be addressed directly. In the weak coupling regime (region III) carbon-spins are coupled more strongly to the NV-center than to the spin-bath but not strong enough to be addressed directly. In the very-weak coupling regime (region IIII) the coupling to the spin-bath is stronger than the coupling to the NV-center. These spins cannot be addressed.

$$H_{\text{dip}} = \frac{\mu_0 \gamma_e \gamma_C \hbar^2}{4\pi r^3} [\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I} - 3(\mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{n}_{\text{hf}})(\mathbf{I} \cdot \hat{n}_{\text{hf}})] \quad (3.8)$$

From eq. (3.8) the parallel and orthogonal components of the Hyperfine interaction, with respect to the NV-axis along the z-direction, can be derived to be:

$$A_{\parallel} = -\frac{\mu_0 \gamma_e \gamma_C \hbar^2}{4\pi r^3} \left( 3 \cdot \frac{z^2}{r^2} - 1 \right) \quad (3.9)$$

$$A_{\perp} = -\frac{\mu_0 \gamma_e \gamma_C \hbar^2}{4\pi r^3} \left( 3 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \cdot z}{r^2} \right) \quad (3.10)$$

Where  $H_{\text{HF}} = A_{\parallel} I_z + A_{\perp} I_x$ .

At first sight it seems impossible to control weakly coupled spins as their transitions are obscured by the spin-bath. It is however possible to increase the coherence time of the electron, stabilizing the transitions, allowing more spins to be resolved.

### 3.1.5 Extending electron coherence

In a spin-echo experiment a Ramsey experiment is performed with a small difference. An additional  $\pi$  pulse is applied in the middle of the experiment exactly between the  $\pi/2$  pulses. This pulse effectively turns the nuclear-spin environment upside-down halfway through the experiment, making the quasi-static-part of the dephasing during the first and the second part of the free evolution cancel each other out, substantially increasing coherence on short-timescales ( $\tau \ll T_2$ )<sup>5</sup>. On longer timescales the difference between the initial part of the evolution and the final part of the evolution becomes larger making the initial and final part no longer cancel each other out.

A natural way of extending the short timescale behavior of the spin-echo to longer timescales is by applying more  $\pi$ -pulses. This procedure known as dynamical-decoupling can dramatically improve coherence times [4].

Taminiau et al. [16] have used this increased coherence time to detect and control weakly-coupled carbon spins, greatly enlarging the spin-register available to the NV-center. Later Taminiau et al.

<sup>5</sup>  $T_2$  is a measure for decoherence. It is similar to  $T_2^*$  but does not include variations between experiments.  $T_2$  is defined as the  $1/e$  time of the decay of a spin-echo experiment.

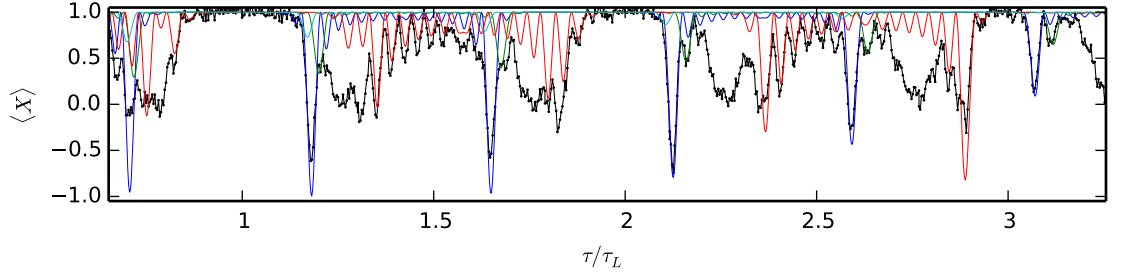
[17] have shown that it is possible to use these carbons to implement a three-qubit quantum-error-correction protocol. As these experiments were performed with NV-centers at Room temperature they lack the option to do single-shot readout. An essential feature for doing measurement based quantum error correction.

### 3.1.6 Dynamical decoupling spectroscopy

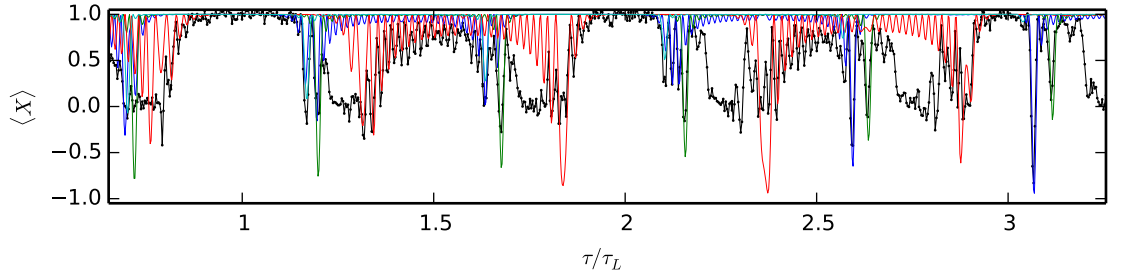
As we cannot perform an ESR experiment while decoupling a different technique must be used to resolve and address additional spins. In order to resolve additional spins we perform a dynamical decoupling spectroscopy resulting in a fingerprint of the nuclear-spin environment [16].

In a dynamical decoupling spectroscopy experiment the electron is prepared in the  $|X\rangle = |0\rangle + |1\rangle$  state. It is subjected to a decoupling sequence consisting of  $N/2$  blocks of the form  $\tau - \pi - 2\tau - \pi - \tau$ , and concluded by measuring  $\langle X \rangle$ . The fingerprint is the result of many repetitions for a range of inter-pulse delays  $2\tau$ .

Part of a dynamical decoupling spectroscopy can be seen in fig. 3.3. The spectroscopy was performed for  $N = 8, 16, 32$  and  $64$  pulses. For  $N = 8, 16$  and  $32$  pulses this was done between  $\tau = 2\mu\text{s}$  and  $72\mu\text{s}$  and for  $N = 64$  this was done up to  $\tau = 52\mu\text{s}$ . A reference to the full spectroscopy can be found in appendix A.



(a) Fingerprint for  $N=16$  pulses.



(b) Fingerprint for  $N = 32$  pulses.

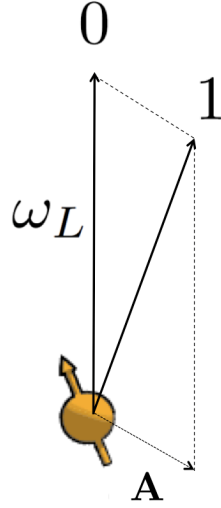
**Figure 3.3** – Part of a fingerprint resulting from a dynamical-decoupling-spectroscopy experiment performed at 304.12G. A reference to the full spectroscopy can be found in appendix A. Colored lines represent computed responses of carbon spins. Responses were calculated using eq. (3.14) with hyperfine parameters from table 3.1. NOTE: labels for colored spins still coming.

Other Bridge paragraph See several broad features, narrow dips and oscillations. We can clearly see that it is more complicated than simply decoupling from the environment. Next chapter describe what

## 3.2 Addressing Weakly-coupled Carbons through Dynamical Decoupling

When the electron is in the  $m_s = 0$  state each nuclear spin precesses about  $\omega_L$  with the Larmor frequency. When the electron is in the  $m_s = +1$  state nuclear spins precess about a distinct axis  $\tilde{\omega} = \omega_L + \mathbf{A}$  [16]. The hyperfine interaction  $\mathbf{A}$  depends on the position of that particular nuclear spin relative to the NV- center.

When applying a decoupling sequence with  $N/2$  decoupling units of the form  $\tau - \pi - 2\tau - \pi - \tau$ , with  $\tau$  a wait time between pulses, and  $\pi$  a  $\pi$ -pulse that flips the electron-state, the nuclear spin



**Figure 3.4** – Flipping the electron spin from the  $m_s = 0$  to the  $m_s = +1$  state changes the quantization axis of nuclear spins. For  $m_s = 0$  all nuclear spins precess about  $\omega_L$ . For  $m_s = +1$  each spin precesses about a distinct axis  $\tilde{\omega} = \omega_L + \mathbf{A}$ .

alternately rotates around the  $\omega_L$  and the  $\tilde{\omega}$  axis. The net result of one such decoupling sequence is a rotation around an axis  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i$  by an angle  $\phi$ . Where  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i$  depends on the initial state of the electron:  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}_0$  when the electron starts in  $m_s = 0$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}_1$  when the electron starts in  $m_s = +1$  [16].

To understand how a carbon-13 atom can be controlled it is useful to consider three situations. In the first situation the  $\omega_L$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  point in the same direction. In the second situation  $\omega_L$  and  $\mathbf{A}_\perp$  are of comparable magnitude, resulting in a large angle between the quantization axes. In the last situation  $|\mathbf{A}|$  is small compared to  $|\omega_L|$  resulting in a small angle between the quantization axes.

When  $\omega_L$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  point in the same direction, the net rotation axis is independent of the initial electron-state making it impossible to use the electron to control the carbon-13 atom using this decoupling sequence.

In the case where  $\omega_L$  and  $\mathbf{A}_\perp$  are of comparable magnitude the net rotation axes  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i$  are strongly dependent on the initial electron-state for almost any  $\tau$ . This creates entanglement between the electron and this carbon for a wide range of inter pulse-delays  $\tau$ .

When considering the case where the hyperfine interaction is much smaller than the Larmor frequency ( $\omega_L \gg |\mathbf{A}|$ ), the net rotation axes  $\hat{n}_0$  and  $\hat{n}_1$  are practically parallel and the nuclear spin undergoes an unconditional evolution. Only when the inter-pulse delay is precisely resonant with the spin dynamics the axes are anti-parallel leading to a conditional rotation[16]. The resonant condition is given by eq. (3.11), where  $k$  is an integer and the width of the resonance is given by eq. (3.12).

$$\tau = \frac{(2k+1)\pi}{2\omega_L + A_\parallel} \quad (3.11)$$

And for  $\omega_L \gg |\mathbf{A}|$  the dip has a width of:

$$\Delta = \frac{A_\perp}{2\omega_L^2} \quad (3.12)$$

If  $\hat{n}_0$  and  $\hat{n}_1$  are not parallel, the resulting conditional rotation of the nuclear spin generally entangles the electron and nuclear spins.

### 3.2.1 Placeholder title for something with interpreting dd spectroscopy

As a result, for an unpolarized nuclear spin state, the final electron spin state is a statistical mixture of  $|x\rangle$  and  $|-x\rangle$  when starting from the  $|x\rangle$  state. Where the probability that the initial state is preserved is given by eq. (3.13). The contrast  $M_j$  for a single nuclear spin is given by eq. (3.14)[16].

$$P_x = (M+1)/2 \quad (3.13)$$

$$M_j = 1 - (1 - \hat{\mathbf{n}}_0 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_1) \sin^2 \frac{N\phi}{2} \quad (3.14)$$

$$1 - \hat{\mathbf{n}}_0 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_1 = \frac{A_{\perp}^2}{\tilde{\omega}^2} \frac{(1 - \cos(\tilde{\omega}\tau))(1 - \cos(\omega_L\tau))}{1 + \cos(\tilde{\omega}\tau)\cos(\omega_L\tau) - \left(\frac{A_{\parallel} + \omega_L}{\tilde{\omega}}\right)\sin(\tilde{\omega}\tau)\sin(\omega_L\tau)} \quad (3.15)$$

$$\phi = \cos^{-1} \left( \cos(\tilde{\omega}\tau)\cos(\omega_L\tau) - \left(\frac{A_{\parallel} + \omega_L}{\tilde{\omega}}\right)\sin(\tilde{\omega}\tau)\sin(\omega_L\tau) \right) \quad (3.16)$$

### 3.3 Characterizing the Nuclear-spin environment

In reality the electron is not interacting with a single carbon but with a bath of carbon atoms. When the electron interacts with multiple carbons at the same time the contrast  $M$  is given by the product of all individual values  $M_j$  for each individual spin  $j$  (eq. (3.17)). In order to selectively control one carbon the electron should not entangle with any other carbon when addressing it.

$$M = \prod_j M_j \quad (3.17)$$

#### Contributions of Different Spins

A narrow dip in the fingerprint spectrum is an indication of a selectively addressable carbon. By sweeping the number of  $\pi$ -pulses on such a dip it can be verified if it corresponds to a *single* carbon. If entanglement is created with a lot of spins at once all coherence is lost and contrast will go to 0. Only if no entanglement is created with other carbons can the contrast be swept to -1.

Because carbon-13 atoms are randomly distributed in diamond there is a wide range of possible hyperfine strengths. Most carbon-spins have very similar hyperfine-interaction strengths as they are relatively far away from the NV-center. This causes their resonances to overlap, manifesting itself as a broad feature with little coherence in the fingerprint. We identify this response as the spin-bath collapse.

Spins that have a stronger than average hyperfine-interaction show up outside or at the edge of the spin-bath collapse. Going to larger  $\tau$  separates resonances further as their order  $k$  increases, allowing for control of more spins. As computations are fundamentally limited by the coherence time there is a limit to the resonance-order that can be used to address carbons.

Some of the relatively strong-coupled spins have a strong orthogonal-component of the hyperfine interaction. This orthogonal-component causes a broad response, effectively blocking a large range of  $\tau$  from being used to control other spins.

#### Effect of the magnetic field

Both these issues can be alleviated by increasing the magnetic field. By increasing the magnetic field the Larmor frequency can be made much larger than the orthogonal components of the hyperfine interactions causing the broad resonances to disappear, allowing more carbon resonances to be selectively addressed.

Increasing the magnetic field will not always improve the situation. When the magnetic field is too strong the resonances become narrower than the resolution of the Arbitrary Waveform Generator used to generate the pulses that address the resonances, making it impossible to address these resonances effectively. Simulations that were performed (see appendix E) indicate that for diamond with a natural concentration of carbon-13 there is a broad range between 400G and 1400G where the magnetic field is optimal.

There are also practical limitations to how much the magnetic field can be increased. In order to control carbon-spins we must still be able to coherently initialize, control and read-out the electronic-spin-state. Because the transitions used for read-out and initialization depend on strain and magnetic field[9], care must be taken when measuring at different magnetic fields that states do not mix in the excited state. This combined with the fact that few experiments have been performed at high magnetic field and low temperature make it more practical to settle for a more moderate magnetic field of 300G.

#### Identifying Individual Carbon-spins

We identify distinct features in the fingerprint and try to assign different hyperfine-couplings to them such that the computed data for these spins fits the measured data as well as possible. The response of a single spin is computed using eq. (3.14). 13 spins were identified using this method.

Figure 3.3 shows a subset of the fingerprint data acquired for this thesis. Table 3.1 shows the estimated hyperfine parameters of the 4 carbon spins with the strongest coupling. All estimated hyperfine parameters and a link to the full fingerprint measurements can be found in appendix A.

The broad collapse due to the spin bath is clearly visible at  $\tau/(4\tau_L)$  for odd  $m$ , with  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . The most prevalent feature of the spectrum is a strong oscillation between the spin-bath collapses. This oscillation can be explained by a single carbon that has a strong orthogonal hyperfine coupling, labeled spin-2 in our analysis. Due to the nature of spin-2 it is hard to find other carbons that can be coherently controlled.

Nonetheless there are still some distinct peaks at the edge of the spin-bath collapse. When going to higher orders we see these peaks separate from the spin-bath response. We find that we can address 4 spins. These are listed in table 3.1.

Carbon	$A_{\parallel}$	$A_{\perp}$
1	$2\pi \cdot 30.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 80.0$ kHz
2	$2\pi \cdot 27.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 28.5$ kHz
3	$2\pi \cdot -51.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 105.0$ kHz
4	$2\pi \cdot 45.1$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 20.0$ kHz

**Table 3.1** – Estimated hyperfine parameters for spins 1 to 4 in fig. 3.3.





## Controlling Weakly-coupled Carbon Spins

### 4.1 Carbon control (more of a theory chapter, change title)

When on resonance (eq. (3.11)) the carbon rotates around on of two distinct anti-parallel axes based on the state the electron is in. [Need some statement that puts the axis in the equator when on resonance. Look in appendix again] We define the

Figure of Bloch sphere whoing  $n_0$  and  $n_1$  axis. A state starting of in 0 being rotated to  $+y$  and  $-y$  ( $\pm x$  operation). Different arrow

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Note the bloch-sphere is a model that cannot accurately represent the dynamics of a 2-qubit system. Nonetheless it can be a useful simplification in explaining qubit control. Test

More tests to see if it works

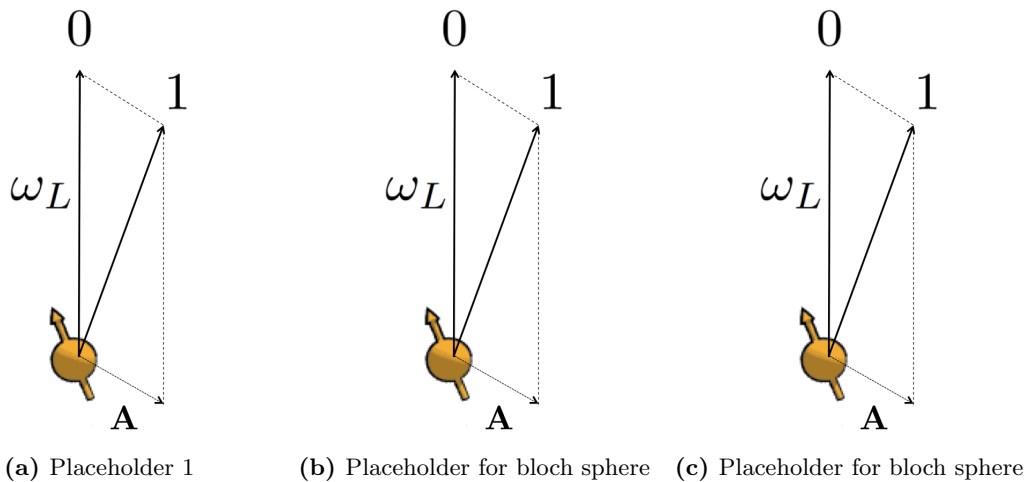


Figure 4.1 – Nuclear Ramsey experiment wit

### Measuring Precession Frequencies

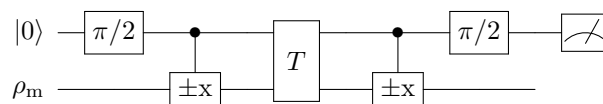
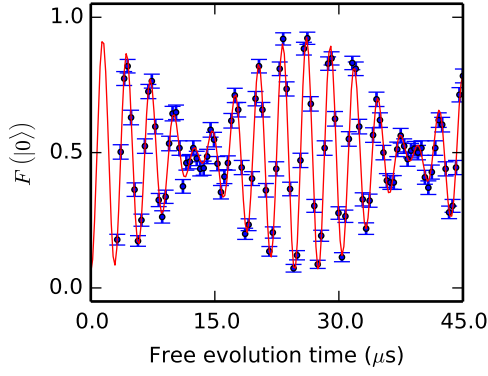
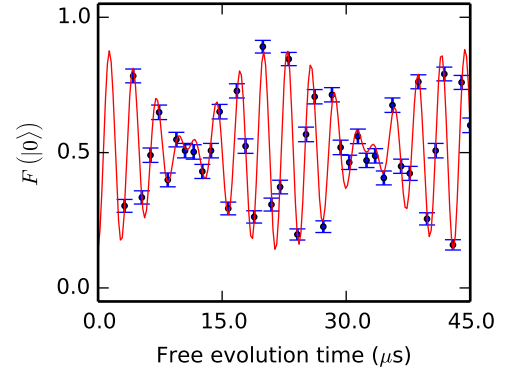


Figure 4.2 – Carbon Ramsey experiment.



(a) Nuclear Ramsey of Carbon 1



(b) Nuclear Ramsey of Carbon 4

**Figure 4.3** – Nuclear Ramsey experiment with

## 4.2 Controlling weakly coupled carbons through the electronic spin

Explain how carbon control works in theory. Explain how a conditional and unconditional gate can be performed. Explain initialization on gate level, refer to appendix for calculations. Explain Readout.

## 4.3 Carbon Initialization & Readout

Show results that demonstrate carbon control.

## **Deterministic Parity Measurements**

### **5.1 Entanglement**

### **5.2 Verification of Entanglement**



## Outlook: towards Quantum Error Correction

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## Fingerprintdata

The estimated hyperfine paramters of all 13 identified spins can be found in table A.1. Due to the size of the fingerprint analysis it is not possible to include with this thesis. A pdf file containing the fingerprint analysis can be found here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/gieji9e86bfvsf1/fingerprinting.pdf>.

Carbon	$A_{\parallel}$	$A_{\perp}$
1	$2\pi \cdot 30.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 80.0$ kHz
2	$2\pi \cdot 27.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 28.5$ kHz
3	$2\pi \cdot -51.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 105.0$ kHz
4	$2\pi \cdot 45.1$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 20.0$ kHz
5	$2\pi \cdot 17.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 10.0$ kHz
6	$2\pi \cdot -15.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 12.0$ kHz
7	$2\pi \cdot -23.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 12.0$ kHz
8	$2\pi \cdot 10.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 8.0$ kHz
9	$2\pi \cdot 8.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 12.0$ kHz
10	$2\pi \cdot -9.3$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 13.0$ kHz
11	$2\pi \cdot -10.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 5.0$ kHz
12	$2\pi \cdot -30.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 35.0$ kHz
13	$2\pi \cdot -32.0$ kHz	$2\pi \cdot 20.0$ kHz

**Table A.1** – Estimated hyperfine parameters for spins 1 to 13.



B

**State Initialization**



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## Bell State Tomography

Derivation, what would a tomography of the  $\Psi^+$  state look like?



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**Entanglement witness**







## Simulations

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## Constants and Experimental values

### Gyromagnetic Ratios

$\gamma_e$	$2\pi \cdot 2.8025$	MHz/G
$\gamma_N$	$2\pi \cdot 0.3077$	kHz/G
$\gamma_C$	$2\pi \cdot 1.0705$	kHz/G

### Interaction Strengths

$\Delta$	$2\pi \cdot 2.878$	GHz
$Q$	$2\pi \cdot 4.946$	MHz
$A_N$	$2\pi \cdot 2.186$	MHz



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