



Quantum computation with spin qubits

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Why quantum computing?

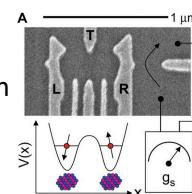
- *Quantum computer:* a device which computes according to the laws of quantum mechanics (unitary evolution, entanglement, coherent superposition, ...)
- Applications:
 - Integer factorization → cryptography
 - Quantum search algorithm
 - Simulation of quantum mechanical system
 - Secure Communication ... and more

Nielsen and Chuang, *Quantum Computation and Quantum Information* (Cambridge, 2000)



Realizing quantum computation in physical systems

- Candidates:
photons, trapped ions, superconducting qubits, spin qubits, nitrogen-vacancy center in diamonds, etc.
- *This talk:* **spin qubits** in semiconductor quantum dots
 - (+) Reasonably long coherence time
 - (+) Prospects for scalability
(semiconductor industry)
 - (-) Decoherence from interacting with the environment
 - (-) Difficulty in manipulating coupled qubits



Petta et al., *Science* **309**, 2180 (2005)

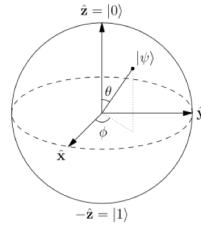
Ladd et al., *Nature* **464**, 45 (2010)

Essential ingredients for computation

- Classical computation:
 - Bits: **0** and **1**
 - Gates: *NOT*: **0** \leftrightarrow **1**
AND & OR
- Quantum computation:
 - **Qubits**: $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|0\rangle + e^{i\phi}\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|1\rangle$$
 - Quantum gates:
Arbitrary single-qubit rotation, and
one “entangling” two-qubit gate
 \rightarrow Universal quantum computation

Bloch, Phys. Rev. **70**, 460 (1946)
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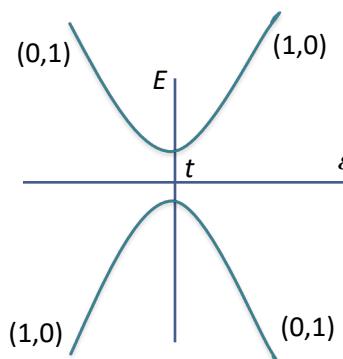


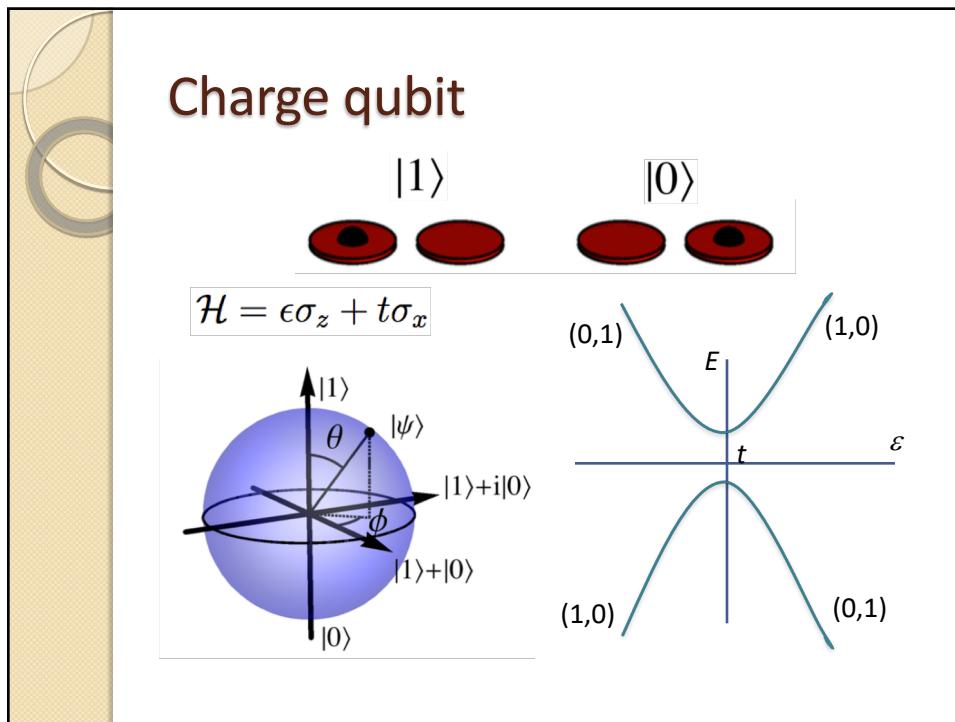
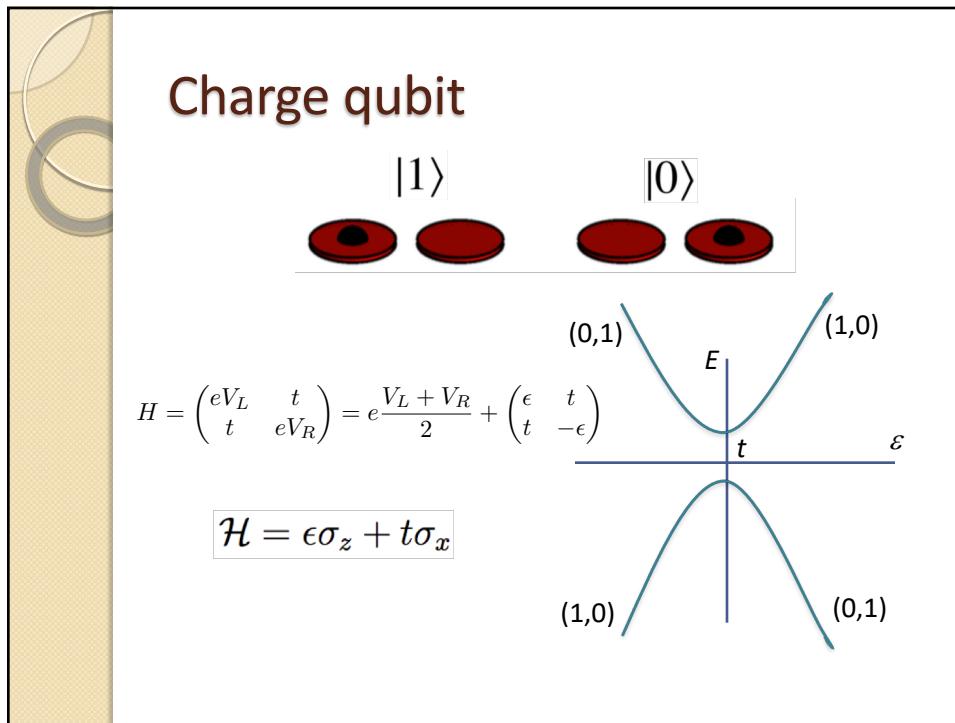
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Charge qubit



- V_L & V_R applied to each dot
 $\epsilon = (eV_L - eV_R)/2$
 $\epsilon < 0$: favors $(1,0)$
 $\epsilon > 0$: favors $(0,1)$
- Tunneling between the two dots: t





Charge qubit

$$|1\rangle \quad |0\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \epsilon\sigma_z + t\sigma_x$$

charge qubit

- + qubit definition, manipulation, initialization, readout
- sensitivity to electric field fluctuations

Loss-DiVincenzo qubit

- Simplest proposal for a spin qubit: a single electron spin ($S=1/2$) serves as a qubit (Loss-DiVincenzo qubit)

|0⟩ = |↑⟩
|1⟩ = |↓⟩

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Quantum computation with quantum dots

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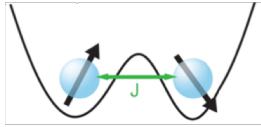
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We propose an implementation of universal set of one- and two-quantum-bit gates for quantum computation using the spin states of coupled single-electron quantum dots. Desired operations are effected by the gating of the tunneling barrier between neighboring dots. Several measures of the gate quality are computed within a recently derived spin master equation incorporating decoherence caused by a prototypical magnetic environment. Dot-array experiments that would provide an initial demonstration of the desired nonequilibrium spin dynamics are proposed. [S1050-2947(98)04501-6]

2-qubit gate of an LD qubit



Heisenberg exchange interaction

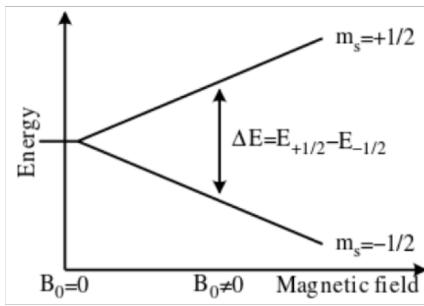
$$H_s(t) = J(t) \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$$

$$U_{XOR} = e^{i(\pi/2)\vec{S}_1^z} e^{-i(\pi/2)\vec{S}_2^z} U_{sw}^{1/2} e^{i\pi\vec{S}_1^z} U_{sw}^{1/2}$$

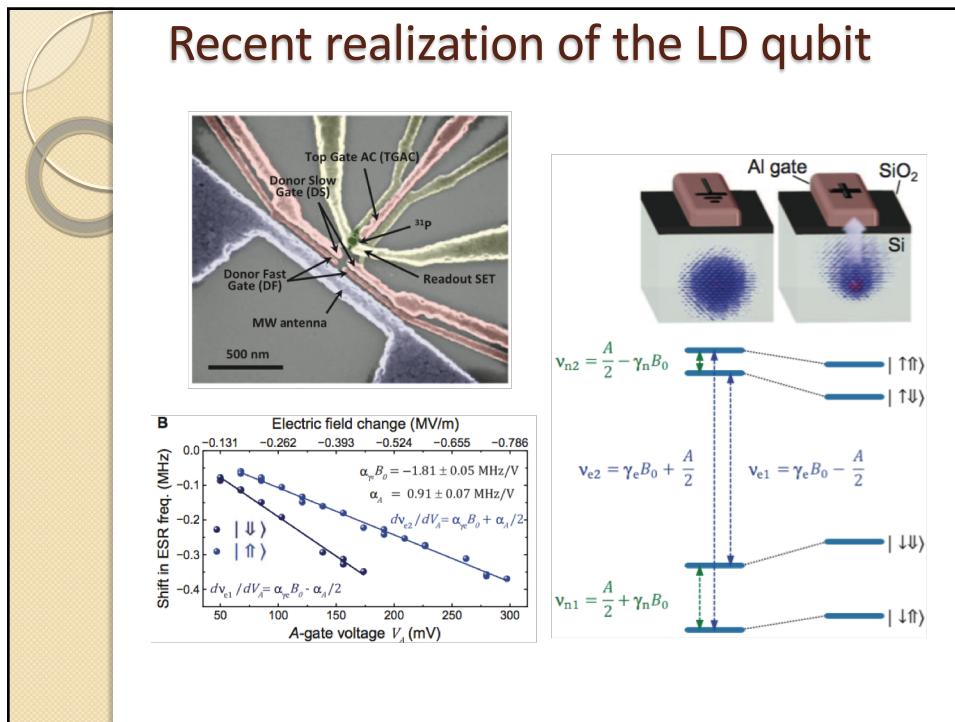
U_{sw} : the “SWAP” gate

1-qubit gate of an LD qubit

Electron spin resonance



(-): hard to localize; heating up the sample

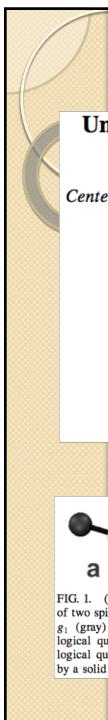




Summary of the LD qubit

Loss-DiVincenzo qubit / single-spin qubit

- + qubit definition, noise properties, two-qubit gates
- single-qubit gates



Qubit with more than one spin

Universal Quantum Computation with Spin-1/2 Pairs and Heisenberg Exchange

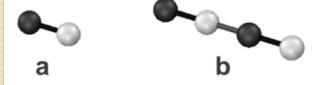
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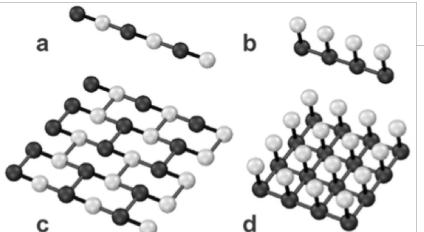
An efficient and intuitive framework for universal quantum computation is presented that uses pairs of spin-1/2 particles to form logical qubits and a single physical interaction, Heisenberg exchange, to produce all gate operations. Only two Heisenberg gate operations are required to produce a controlled π -phase shift, compared to nineteen for exchange-only proposals employing three spins. Evolved from well-studied decoherence-free subspaces, this architecture inherits immunity from collective decoherence mechanisms. The simplicity and adaptability of this approach should make it attractive for spin-based quantum computing architectures.

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FIG. 1. (a) Logical qubit Q formed from the $S_z = 0$ subspace of two spin-1/2 physical qubits with different Landé g factors g_1 (gray) and g_2 (white). Heisenberg coupling within the logical qubit is represented by a solid black line. (b) Two logical qubits coupled via Heisenberg exchange, represented by a solid gray line.



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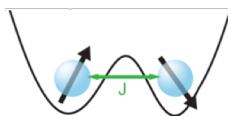
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FIG. 2. Scalable qubit geometries in $d = 1, 2$ dimensions.
 (a) Longitudinal $d = 1$ layout. (b) Vertical $d = 1$ layout.
 (c) Horizontal $d = 2$ layout. (d) Vertical $d = 2$ layout.

Singlet-triplet (ST) qubit

- A qubit can alternatively be encoded in the $S_z = 0$ singlet and triplet states of two electrons:



$$|0\rangle = |T_0\rangle = (\left|\uparrow\downarrow\right\rangle + \left|\downarrow\uparrow\right\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$|1\rangle = |S\rangle = (\left|\uparrow\downarrow\right\rangle - \left|\downarrow\uparrow\right\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$$

- $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$ and $|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$ are split away by a homogeneous magnetic field (B-field).
(minimizing leakage; robust against homogenous fluctuations in the B-field; **all-electrical control**)

Petta *et al.*, *Science* **309**, 2180 (2005)

Realization of the ST qubit

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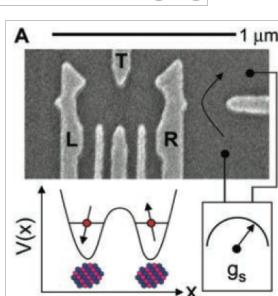
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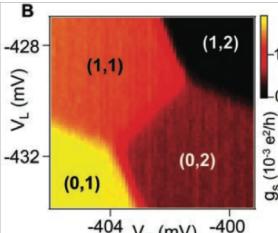
Coherent Manipulation of Coupled Electron Spins in Semiconductor Quantum Dots

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We demonstrated coherent control of a quantum two-level system based on two-electron spin states in a double quantum dot, allowing state preparation, coherent manipulation, and projective readout. These techniques are based on rapid electrical control of the exchange interaction. Separating and later recombining a singlet spin state provided a measurement of the spin dephasing time, T_2^* , of ~ 10 nanoseconds, limited by hyperfine interactions with the gallium arsenide host nuclei. Rabi oscillations of two-electron spin states were demonstrated, and spin-echo pulse sequences were used to suppress hyperfine-induced dephasing. Using these quantum control techniques, a coherence time for two-electron spin states exceeding 1 microsecond was observed.

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Controlling the ST qubit

- Full single-qubit control: requires ability to rotate around two independent axes of the Bloch sphere (e.g. x and z axes)
- In the gate-defined quantum dot system, the control is achieved by applying “gate voltages”.

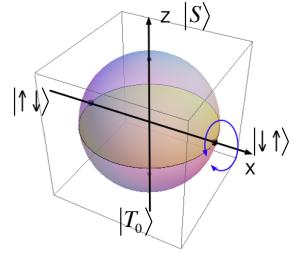
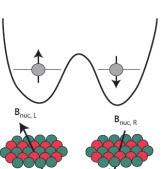
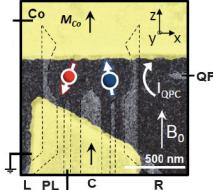
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Z-rotation

- Gate voltages
→ detuning
→ exchange interaction J
- Control over J suffices for Z-rotation.
- J is constrained:
 $0 \leq J \leq J_{\max}$
 - One may only rotate along one direction.
 - One cannot do “delta” pulse.

X-rotation

- X-rotation is achieved by an **inhomogeneous Zeeman field**
 $h = g\mu_B \Delta B$
 where ΔB is the magnetic field gradient.
- h is generated either by Overhauser nuclear field or a micromagnet.
- h cannot be directly controlled.

Foletti et al, Nat. Phys. 2009 Brunner et al, PRL 2011

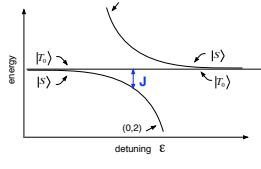
Control Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{J(t)}{2} \sigma_z + \frac{h}{2} \sigma_x$$

$$0 \leq J \leq J_{\max}$$

Noises

- Nuclear (Overhauser) noise:**
 Fluctuations in the nuclear magnetic field surrounding the quantum dots
 $h \rightarrow h + \delta h$
- Charge noise:**
 Shift of energy levels induced by charged impurities



$$J(t) \rightarrow J(t) + g(J)\delta\varepsilon$$

It is one of the central tasks of the physics of quantum computation to fight against noises.



Two qubit gate

CNOT gate: an “entangling” two-qubit gate

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & |00\rangle & |01\rangle & |10\rangle & |11\rangle \\ \langle 00| & \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \\ \langle 01| \\ \langle 10| \\ \langle 11| \end{array}$$

It is sufficient to generate a “locally equivalent” gate to CNOT, i.e. a gate which differ from CNOT by single-qubit rotations

$$CNOT = e^{i\pi/4} e^{i\sigma_y \otimes I\pi/4} e^{i\sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x \pi/4} e^{-i(\sigma_x \otimes I + I \otimes \sigma_x)\pi/4} e^{-i\sigma_y \otimes I\pi/4}$$

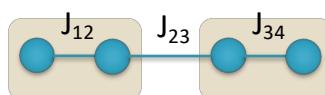
“Ising gate”

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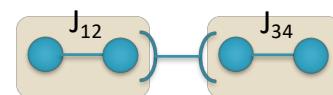


2-qubit gates of ST qubits

“Exchange-coupled”



“Capacitively coupled”



- Theoretically elegant (and simpler) but experimentally less feasible
 - Breaking down the Hilbert space into 2*2 subspaces (treating two spins each time)
 - Analytical results available
 - “Gate cross-talk”
- Experimentally demonstrated but theoretically difficult
 - Full 4*4 Hilbert space
 - Analytical results unavailable/very complicated

Experimental Realization of 2-qubit gates

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Charge-State Conditional Operation of a Spin Qubit

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We report coherent operation of a singlet-triplet qubit controlled by the spatial arrangement of two quantum dot that is electrostatically coupled to the qubit. This geometry needed for two-qubit operations of a two-electron spin-orbit coupling between qubit and adjacent double quantum dot

Figure showing the experimental realization of 2-qubit gates. Panel (a) shows the state preparation of a singlet-triplet qubit. Panel (b) shows the control and target qubits. Panel (c) shows the energy levels and coupling mechanism.

Experimental Realization of 2-qubit gates

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Demonstration of Entanglement of Electrostatically Coupled Singlet-Triplet Qubits

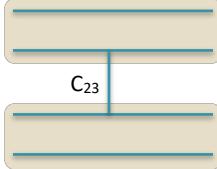
fidelity ~ 0.77

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Quantum computers have the potential to solve certain problems faster than classical computers. To exploit their power, it is necessary to perform interqubit operations and generate entangled states. Spin qubits are a promising candidate for implementing a quantum processor because of their potential for scalability and miniaturization. However, their weak interactions with the environment, which lead to their long coherence times, make interqubit operations challenging. We performed a controlled two-qubit operation between singlet-triplet qubits using a dynamically decoupled sequence that maintains the two-qubit coupling while decoupling each qubit from its fluctuating environment. Using state tomography, we measured the full density matrix of the system and determined the concurrence and the fidelity of the generated state, providing proof of entanglement.

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Exchange-coupled 2-qubit gate (theoretical proposal)

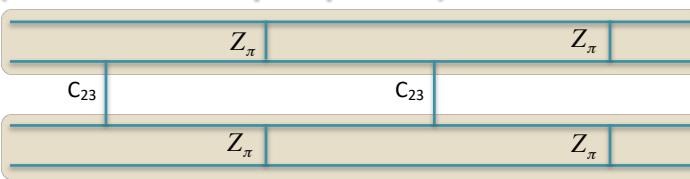


- To achieve any entangling two qubit gate, one must invoke the inter-qubit rotation, C_{23} .
- However, (1) a naïve implementation of C_{23} possibly causes leakage:

$$|\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow |\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$$

(2) Other issues: C_{23} assigns undesired phases dependent on the local B-field

Exchange-coupled 2-qubit gate (theoretical proposal)



Klinovaja et al., Phys. Rev. B 86, 085423 (2012)

C_{23} needs to be a $2N\pi$ rotation (around whatever axis) in the subspace of the 2nd and 3rd spins to eliminate leakage, i.e.

$$|\uparrow_2\downarrow_3\rangle \rightarrow e^{i\phi} |\uparrow_2\downarrow_3\rangle$$

It also acquires a phase proportional to $J_{23}T/2$ (what we want)

The above sequence also ensures that other unnecessary phases (dependent on local B-field) are cancelled.

Summary of the ST qubit

ST₀ qubit / two-electron double-dot qubit

- + noise properties, single-qubit gates, initialization, readout
- two-qubit gates

- Simplest spin qubit proposal which can be manipulated all-electrically
- Still needs a magnetic field gradient to achieve the x-rotation.

Qubits based solely on the exchange interaction?

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Universal quantum computation with the exchange interaction

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The reason that the Heisenberg interaction alone does not give a universal quantum gate is that it has too much symmetry: it commutes with the operators \hat{S}^2 and \hat{S}_z (for the total spin angular momentum and its projection on the z axis), and therefore it can only implement operations that preserve the same S, S_z quantum numbers. But one can construct operations for which the spin quantum number—the Heisenberg interaction—cannot be controlled. These operations involve e-spin operations with all their led.

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gates require control over a local magnetic field. Compared to the Heisenberg operation, the one-qubit operations are significantly slower, requiring substantially greater materials and device complexity—potentially contributing to a detrimental increase in the decoherence rate. Here we introduced an explicit scheme in which the Heisenberg interaction alone suffices to implement exactly any quantum computer circuit. This capability comes at a price of a factor of three in additional qubits, and about a factor of ten in additional two-qubit operations. Even at this cost, the ability to eliminate the complexity of one-qubit operations should accelerate progress towards solid-state implementations of quantum computation¹.

Eigenstates of a three-spin model

$$H = J_{12} \left(\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) + J_{23} \left(\mathbf{S}_2 \cdot \mathbf{S}_3 - \frac{1}{4} \right) - E_Z (S_1^z + S_2^z + S_3^z)$$

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
S	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$
$S_{1,2}$	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
S_z	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$

$|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|010\rangle - |100\rangle) = |S_0\rangle|0\rangle$
 $|2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|011\rangle - |101\rangle) = |S_0\rangle|1\rangle$
 $|3\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|001\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|010\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|100\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\sqrt{2}|T_+\rangle|1\rangle - |T_0\rangle|0\rangle)$
 $|4\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|011\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|101\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|110\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|T_0\rangle|1\rangle - \sqrt{2}|T_-\rangle|0\rangle)$
 $|5\rangle = |000\rangle = |T_+\rangle|0\rangle$
 $|6\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|001\rangle + |010\rangle + |100\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|T_+\rangle|1\rangle + \sqrt{2}|T_0\rangle|0\rangle)$
 $|7\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|011\rangle + |101\rangle + |110\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\sqrt{2}|T_0\rangle|1\rangle + |T_-\rangle|0\rangle)$
 $|8\rangle = |111\rangle = |T_-\rangle|1\rangle$

Realization of the exchange-only (EO) qubit

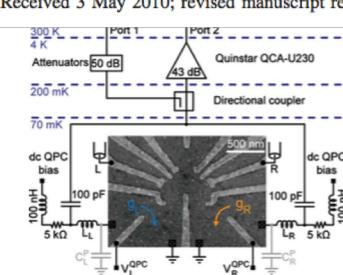
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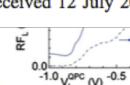
Coherent spin manipulation in an exchange-only qubit

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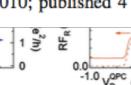




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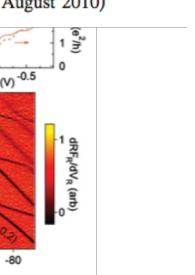
V_L (mV)

V_R (mV)



RF (V)

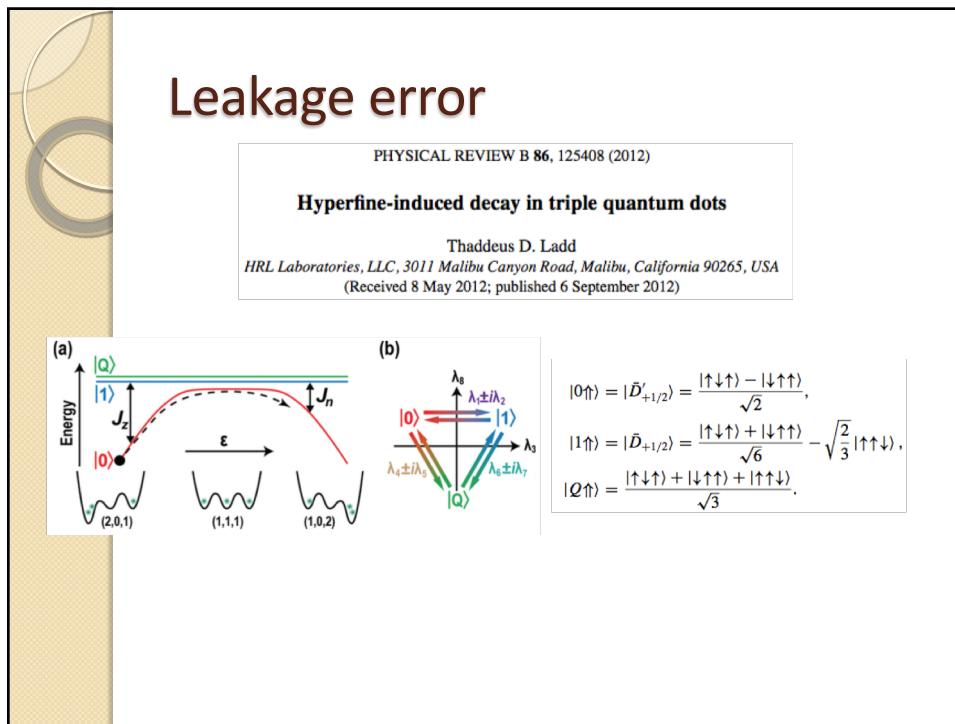
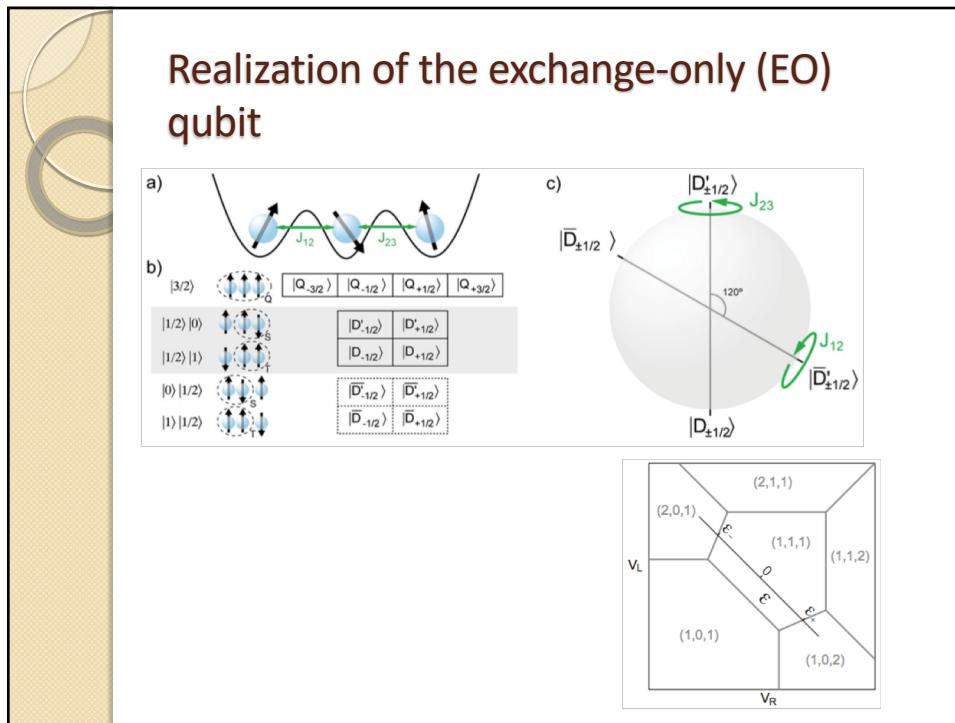
V_R (mV)



G (e^2/h)

V_L (mV)

V_R (mV)





Hamiltonian of an EO qubit in computational bases

$$H = H_c + H_{hf}$$

$$H_c = J_{12}(t)E_{12} + J_{23}(t)E_{23}$$

$$H_{hf} = \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{\lambda_4}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \Delta_{12} + \left(\frac{\lambda_3}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \lambda_6 \right) \Delta_{12},$$

$$E_{12} = -\frac{\lambda_3}{2} - \frac{\lambda_8}{2\sqrt{3}}, \quad E_{23} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\lambda_1 + \frac{\lambda_3}{4} - \frac{\lambda_8}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Delta_{12} = B_1 - B_2 \quad \Delta_{12} = B_3 - (B_1 + B_2)/2$$

Gell-Mann Matrices

$$\lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\lambda_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$



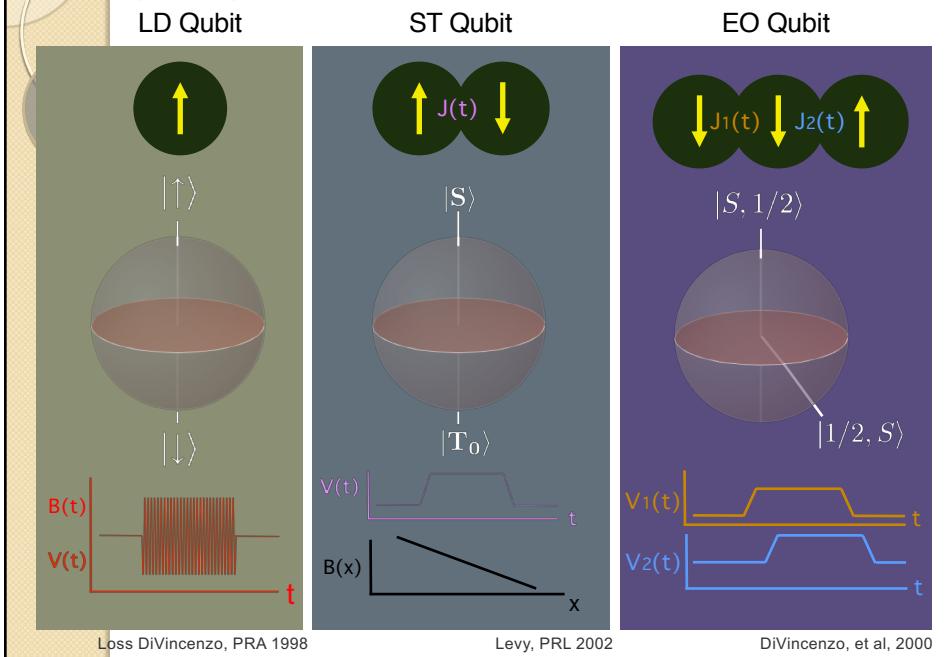
Summary of EO qubit

exchange-only qubit / three-electron triple-dot qubit

- + noise properties, single-qubit gates
- complexity of qubit encoding, fairly large number of QDs

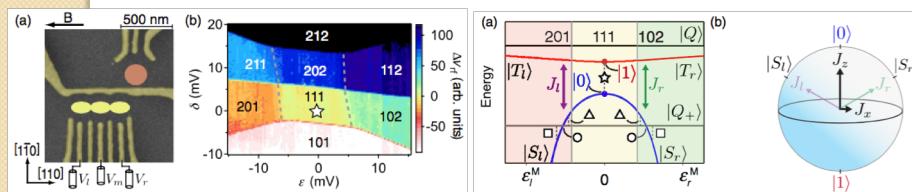
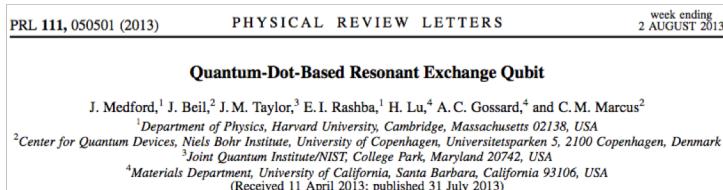
- No need of a B-field gradient; the exchange interaction alone suffices for universal computation
- All-electrical two-axis control

Spin qubits so far



Resonant-exchange (RX) qubit

- Same as the EO qubit, but now rotate the entire reference frame by $\pi/3$



Resonant-exchange (RX) qubit

- Charge noise greatly suppressed (J insensitive to $\delta\epsilon$)
- Full single-qubit control achieved using the phase differences of the microwave pulses

The diagram illustrates the energy levels and control pulses for the RX qubit. The vertical axis represents energy (ϵ) and the horizontal axis represents time. The energy levels are labeled: 102 (top green), 111 (middle yellow), and 201 (bottom pink). The ground state is at $\epsilon = 0$. The excited state 102 has two levels: $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$. A spin-orbit coupling term J_s is shown as a rotation arrow between $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$. The control pulses are represented by purple squares. One pulse, labeled X , corresponds to a phase shift Φ and a duration $\tau_X = 3\pi/2\omega_R$. Another pulse is shown as a sequence of two phases: Φ followed by X .

Hybrid qubit (Madison qubit)

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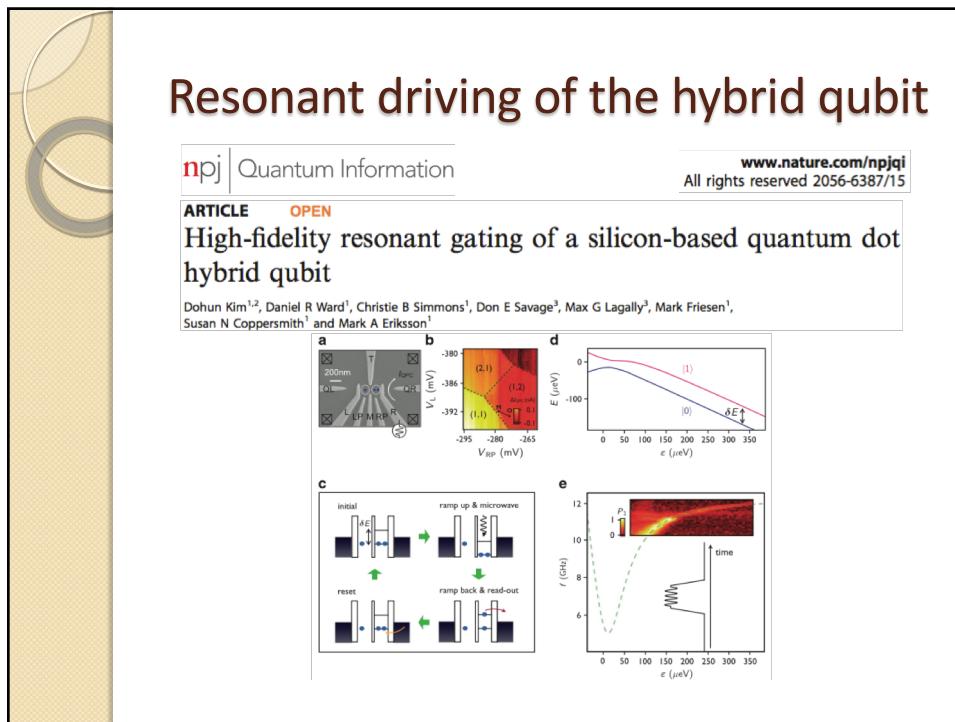
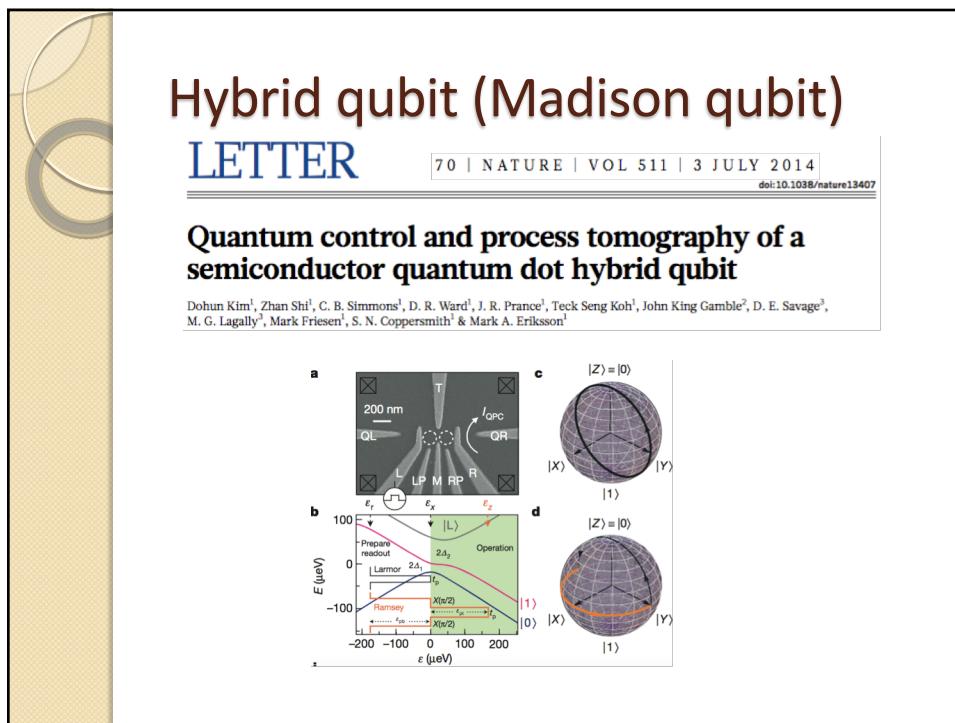
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We propose a quantum dot qubit architecture that has an attractive combination of speed and fabrication simplicity. It consists of a double quantum dot with one electron in one dot and two electrons in the other. The qubit itself is a set of two states with total spin quantum numbers $S^2 = 3/4$ ($S = 1/2$) and $S_z = -1/2$, with the two different states being singlet and triplet in the doubly occupied dot. Gate operations can be implemented electrically and the qubit is highly tunable, enabling fast implementation of one- and two-qubit gates in a simpler geometry and with fewer operations than in other proposed quantum dot qubit architectures. The qubits have long coherence times. These are all extrinsic effects of the device.

(a) Schematic diagram of the double quantum dot system showing energy levels and gate pulses.



Summary

