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Engineering quantum defects for quantum network applications

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Overview of today's talk



Introduction to quantum networks and defect nodes



Making and characterizing quantum defects



Integration of quantum defects into devices



Discovery and engineering of new defects

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Overview of today's talk



Introduction to quantum networks and defect nodes

- What is a quantum network?
- What properties do we want in a node?
- Why defects, what defects?



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Quantum networks



quantum-networks.net



Quantum networks: nodes and edges



<u>node</u>: quantum transmitter classical receiver or **quantum memory** qubit: *superposition of 0 and 1*

edge/channel:

direct transfer of qubits (photons) or represents **quantum correlated states between nodes (***entanglement*)



Applications for quantum networks

A quantum internet



Image credit: Ars Technica: Bob Dormon, "How the internet works"

Distributed quantum computing



Nickerson, Li, Benjamin Nat. Comm. 4 1756 (2013), Oxford

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See, e.g. Wehner, Elkouss, Hanson, "Quantum internet: a vision for the road ahead" Science (2018) Nielsen, "Cluster-state quantum computation", Rep. on Math. Physics (2006)



[1] commons.wikimedia.org, User:AG Caesar [2] "Prospects for measurement-based quantum computing with solid state spins" Laser & Phot. Rev. (2009)
[3] "Quantum Defects by Design" Nanophotonics 2019 [4] " Ab initio theory of the nitrogen-vacancy center in diamond", Nanophotonics (2019)

Node requirements: (1) Qubit coherence (quantum memory, T₂)





Typical times are much shorter. Defect coherence can be ps!

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(optical)

(1)

[1] "Single-qubit quantum memory exceeding ten-minute coherence time" *Nature* 2020, [2] "New material platform for superconducting transmon qubits with coherence times exceeding 0.3 ms" *arXiv* (2020) [3] "Room Temperature quantum bit storage exceeding 39 minutes using ionized donors in Silicon-28" *Science* 2013



Node requirements: (2) Stable, efficient spin-optical interface





Node requirements: (3) Multiple qubits per node with local operations

Generating edges is probabilistic:



10 qubit register, NV diamond



Directly coupling 2 defects in a register is an outstanding challenge



[1] "Topological quantum computing with a very noisy network and local error rates approaching one percent" *Nat. Comm.* 2013) [2] "A ten qubit solid-state spin register with quantum memory up to one minute", PRX (2019) [3] "Quantum technologies with optically interfaced solid-state spins", Nature Photonics (2018)

Node requirements: (4) Identical photons! (space, frequency, time, transform-limited)

To Oth order defects are identical – this is a good starting point!:





"Quantum Defects by Design" Nanophotonics 2019

Node requirements: (4) Identical! But microscopic environments are different!



wavelength, nm



Defects are compatible with device integration Enhanced performance and scalability



(diamond) Englund, MIT

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Making quantum defects Method 1: *in situ* doping during grown (intentional or non-intentional)



Initial - before anneals

Element Six CVD diamond N < 1 ppb (suspect ~ppt) NV ~ 4 ppq



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The highest quality defects, but least control

[1]"A window into NV center kinetics via repeating annealing and spatial tracking of thousands of individual NV centers" *PR Applied* (2020) [2] " Deterministic delivery of remote entanglement on a quantum network" *Nature* (2018)

Making quantum defects Method 2: implantation and annealing





[1] "Conversion of neutral nitrogen-vacancy centers to negatively charged nitrogen vacancy centers through selective oxidation", APL (2010)

Making quantum defects Method 3: doping + X (electrons, He+, C, heat, light)



Good quantum properties Moderate spatial control optical resolution vacancy diffusion doping density

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"Colour center generation in diamond for quantum technologies" Nanophotonics (2019)

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Characterizing quantum defects: Energy level structure: Photoluminescence

(It is **really hard** to identify a new defect just from photoluminescence. Here we assume we already know something about the defect.)



Characterizing quantum defects: Energy level structure: Photoluminescence





Typically, energy structure should be understood before measuring qubit properties.

"Electronic structure of the silicon vacancy color center in diamond", PRL 2014, Cambridge/ETH

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Characterizing quantum defects: Spin properties



[1] "Optical and spin coherence properties of nitrogen-vacancy centers placed in a 100 nm thick isotopically purified diamond layer" Nano Letters (2012)

Characterizing quantum defects: Spin properties: different spin-relaxation times





T₂^{*}: Ensemble dephasing time



"Coherence properties of shallow donor-bound electrons in ZnO", PR Applied (2018), UW

Characterizing quantum defects: Spin properties: different spin-relaxation times



Spin precession: 10 ps Optical emission: 1 ns Ensemble spin T₂*: 20 ns **Spin echo T₂: 50 μs** Classical memory: 500 ms

Goal: $T_2 \sim 1 s$



Characterizing quantum defects: Optical properties





[2] "Efficient extraction of zero-phonon-line photons from single nitrogen-vacancy centers in an integrated GaP-on-diamond platorm, PR Applied (2016)



Check that you have a single defect





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[1] "Efficient extraction of zero-phonon-line photons from single nitrogen-vacancy centers in an integrated GaP-on-diamond platorm, *PR Applied* (2016)



Measure photon indistinguishability



[1] QuantumCyclops, [2] "Indistinguishable photons from separated silicon-vacancy centers in diamond" PRL 2014



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Nanophotonic defect-device integration Defect degradation: potential solutions



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Motivation for device integration

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- > Realize large networks (scalability)



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Motivation for device integration



Humphreys et al. (Delft) Nature 558, 268 (June 2018)

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Hybrid materials photonics platform



Design and fabrication of passive hybrid-material components



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Q_i ~ 10-20k UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON Gould et al. (UW) JOSA B 33, B35 (2016) Grating efficiency: 17-19%

Efficient single photon collection and routing



GaP (n = 3.3)Diamond (n = 2.4)

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Resonant enhancement of the zero-phonon-line emission from a single NV center



Right now, NV centers 10-20 nm from the surface are not stable enough.

- > Can we stabilize these centers further? (ongoing)
- > Can we design photonic structures for deeper centers?
- > Are there quantum defects more resilient to fabrication?



Inverse-designed photonics for light extraction



"Inverse design in nanophotonics" Nature Photonics (2018)

Reasonably "good" defects 100 nm from the surface formed by implantation and annealing



GaP-on-diamond photon extractors





UW, Princeton [1]

100 nm

[1] "Inverse-designed photon extractor for optically addressable defect qubits", arXiv (2020)

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Up to 14-fold enhancement of single defect emission is observed



Photonics worked Quantum defects need more work





(Good qubits often make good sensors.)



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 - Yes! SiV- but
 - Yes! Nd:YSO, Er:YSO but..
 - Yes! ...



New defects: a very large parameter space



"Quantum defects by design" Nanophotonics (2019)

New defects: a very large parameter space



Advancements needed:

- *ab initio* calculations
- structural imaging
- materials purity
- surface science
- quantum "screening"

Summary of today's talk



Defects may be the ideal hardware platform for realizing quantum networks



For quantum network applications, there are stringent requirements on both the spin and optical properties



Defects-based technologies can leverage concurrent advances in integrated photonics



There is no perfect defect for each application ... – but there might be.

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