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But: live in complex solid-state environment, hard to control







Hybrid approaches to quantum information aim: address key challenges in QIS

- •Hybrid tools to explore new qubits
- •Hybrid architectures: combining useful features of different systems
- •Outlook: new applications of hybrid systems
- •Outlook: integrating hybrid experimental technologies

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✓ Electron precession decay time (average over many runs): $T_2^* \sim 1 \mu s$ ✓ Electron decoherence time (spin echo): $T_2 \sim 1 ms$

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reducing ¹³C concentration controlling & using proximal nuclear spins: realization of few qubit registers

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Example of useful few-qubit algorithm

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Search for a "perfect" hybrid qubit

✓ Remarkable efforts from experiments & material science to theory

✓ Open questions:

Nitrogen-vacancy color centers in diamond is one of 500+ impurities in diamond: what about others? other modern material systems: nanotubes etc? other useful "hybrids", e.g. topological qubits?



Hybrid architectures:

combining useful features of different qubits

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Remarkable new interconnects:

in optical, microwave, mechanical domains











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Photonic crystals can localize light into extremely small volumes V~ $(\lambda/n)^3$ with quality factors Q~10⁶; large Q/V \Rightarrow cavity QED in strong coupling regime in Si, Ga-based PCCs

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 Current efforts: hybrid optoplasmonic systems to avoid losses

 e.g. K.Vahala group, Nature (2009)
 on-chip detection, nano-scale "dark"optical circuits
 A.Folk, F. Koppens et al, Nature Physics, in press
 application to single photon collection, switches, transistors D.Chang et al, Nature Physics (2007)



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 $H_S = H_{NV} + \hbar \omega_r a^{\dagger} a + \hbar \lambda (a + a^{\dagger}) S_z$

✓ "Cavity QED" with mechanical motion✓ New possibilities:

cooling, quanta by quanta engineering "arbitrary" motional states, mapping spin into motion, amplifying spin signals using charged tips... Remote spin coupling via NEMS data bus

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- Strong blue "shield" for nanotip => can trap 50 nm from surfaces

D.Chang et al., collaboration with Peter Zoller, Vladan Vuletic, Hongkun Park Also: plasmon tweezer work @ ICFO (Barcelona), atoms around nanotubes ideas (Hau)

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