

Spin-based quantum computing using silicon-MOS quantum dots

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Spin qubits in silicon are excellent candidates for scalable quantum information processing [1] due to their long coherence times and the enormous investment in silicon CMOS technology. In particular, gate-defined quantum dots formed using standard silicon metal-oxide-semiconductor (SiMOS) technology [2] can be conveniently configured to realise multi-qubit devices. Such qubits can have long spin lifetimes $T_1 = 2$ s, while electric field tuning of the conduction-band valley splitting removes problems due to spin-valley mixing [3]. In isotopically enriched Si-28 these SiMOS qubits have demonstrated control fidelities exceeding 99% using simple pulsed electron spin resonance (ESR) [4], while more sophisticated optimized ESR pulses enable fidelities exceeding 99.9%, consistent with that required for fault-tolerant QC. By gate-voltage tuning the electron g-factor, the ESR operation frequency can be Stark shifted by > 10 MHz [4], allowing individual addressability of many qubits. Neighbouring SiMOS quantum dot qubits can also be directly exchange coupled, and a CNOT gate can be realised by a combination of single qubit rotations and a two-qubit CZ operation [5]. Now that both one- and two-qubit logic are available in silicon, one of the next challenges on the path to large-scale quantum computing will be the demonstration of quantum error correction protocols, to realize a logical qubit which can have a coherence time much longer than its constituent physical qubits. A recent paper [6] has proposed a detailed design and protocol for a logical qubit based on a linear array of silicon quantum dots, comprising between 14 and 20 spins. I will conclude my talk by discussing the prospects of scalability of this technology using traditional CMOS manufacturing, in order to realise large-scale 2D arrays of potentially millions of qubits [7].

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