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Major Goals: Wisconsin: The main project goals are to fabricate and measure the properties of silicon quantum dot qubits and to develop technology necessary for a Si/SiGe quantum dot quantum computer. These goals include both theory and experiment focusing on (i) the development and fabrication of qubits in the form of electron spins in silicon quantum dots, (ii) the measurement and manipulation of those qubits, and (iii) the science essential for understanding the properties of such qubits.

Delft: With our fully integrated two qubit device our goal was to benchmark the performance of the C-ROT and C-PHASE two-qubit gate using randomized benchmarking. We planned to explore varying the tunnel coupling and detuning to maximize the two-qubit gate fidelity. We also planned to implement a two qubit algorithm in this system which will serve as another test for the overall performance of this device.

Purdue: The objective of the atomistic modeling component of this effort is to understand coupled spin and valley physics in silicon quantum dots without adjustable parameters in the model. To calibrate the modeling methods, the Purdue team also seeks quantitative comparison of simulation results with available experimental data.

Dartmouth: The major goal of the Rimberg group is to develop a new charge detection scheme for readout of spin qubits in Si/SiGe quantum dots. The scheme is based on coupling a quantum dot to a Cooper-pair transistor embedded in a superconducting microwave cavity (cCPT). When operated on its supercurrent branch, the CPT acts as a charge tunable inductor that appears in parallel to the effective cavity inductance at resonance. When a charge on the dot moves, the CPT inductance will change, causing a dispersive shift in the cavity resonant frequency. By measuring the phase of a reflected carrier wave, the charge state of the dot can be inferred.

Note about participants below: senior personnel time rounded to the nearest allowed entry (natural number of months).

Accomplishments: We summarize below important results from each of the four participating groups: Wisconsin, Delft, Dartmouth, Purdue. The majority of the project activity occurred from its 2012 inception through its planned end in 2016. Work continued past that date in large part for a QuaCGR fellowship to Adam Frees. We report on that work first. Figures and references can be found in the uploaded pdf file.

Adam Frees Fellowship:

This QuaCGR involved two projects: study of the Compressed Optimization of Device Architecture (CODA) protocol to optimize the design of quantum dot devices, and using dynamical sweet spots (DSSs) to produce high-fidelity two-qubit gates in a simulated system of capacitively-coupled quantum dot hybrid qubits (QDHQs). In the CODA work, we demonstrated that this protocol can identify sparse sets of voltage changes that control quantum devices. We demonstrated that the CODA protocol scales efficiently with device size and can be used to find sparse tunings for devices with 100 quantum dots. Using a simple model of a device with m quantum dots, we compared nonlinear optimizers to find the changes in electrode voltages that add one electron to a specific quantum dot, keeping all other dot occupations and tunnel rates constant. In Fig. 1 we compare the number of device simulations used by each nonlinear optimizer as a function of the number of quantum dots, m . The CODA protocol requires roughly an order of magnitude fewer simulations than the next-most efficient optimizer, confirming that it is indeed an extensible algorithm. These results were published in Phys Rev Applied [1].

In Ref. [2], we demonstrated that the dephasing in a system of capacitively-coupled QDHQs can be mitigated by approaching dynamical sweet spots. We assume that dephasing is the primary source of error for the entangling gates considered, making the reduction of this error channel crucial. We do compare this estimated infidelity due to relaxation against the simulated infidelity due to dephasing, finding the latter to be the dominant effect. These results have been accepted for publication in npj Quantum Information.

Wisconsin:

A major advance was the development of the theory and experimental implementation of the quantum dot hybrid qubit (QDHQ). This work evolved experimentally from initial coherent manipulation of excited states in a double quantum dot [3], to coherent control of the QDHQ through baseband manipulation [4], to full ac control of the QDHQ [5]. We then were able to demonstrate experimental tunability of the qubit Hamiltonian to improve the

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coherence properties of the QDHQ [6], a procedure that was both inspired and guided by theoretical results from our group. We also took an important next step by demonstrating charge-state-conditional coherent control of a charge qubit in a four quantum dot device [7].

In theory work on the QDHQ, we developed a dressed-state approach to understand strong driving in this qubit, and using that approach we have shown that, if environmental noise can be sufficiently reduced, strong driving could be used in the future to achieve gate fidelities higher than 99.99%.

Valley splitting is a critical parameter in electron-based Si qubits. We measured valley splitting in Hall bars fabricated in quantum wells with and without a thin, pure Ge layer right at the top of the quantum well, and collaborators at Intel performed high resolution STEM measurements. In that work we demonstrated the importance of the substrate disorder in determining the valley splitting in silicon quantum wells [8].

We performed much work qubit nanofabrication, including processes with many steps performed on a projection stepper, working towards devices with four coupled quantum dots; that work has paid enormous dividends for the silicon qubit effort.

We studied theoretically evanescent-wave Johnson noise, extending the theory to situations where the finite spatial extent of the qubit is a factor.

Delft:

One of the major achievements was the implementation of two variants of a two-qubit gate: C-ROT and C-PHASE, and the performance of 2-qubit algorithms in devices fabricated in this project [9]. We managed to improve the level of control of the combined system to the point where we could simply program any of the four instances of the two two-qubit algorithms that can run on a two-qubit processor, the Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm and Grover's algorithm (Fig. 3). We also performed quantum state tomography on each of the four Bell states, and observed state fidelities with respect to the ideal Bell states of 85-80% (Fig. 3). This work built on a series of experiments and developments characterizing single qubit gates [10-13]. We found that spin-orbit coupling in the heterostructure is found to have influence on the orientation of the magnetic field. We also found that while nuclear spins limit T_2^* , the dynamical decoupling decay may be limited by charge noise. Most recently, in the two-qubit device we have demonstrated character randomized benchmarking in the two-qubit device [14].

In the Si MOS project we reached the stage of qubit measurements. Device fabrication achieved good yield on multi-layer Pd gate structures with 28Si/SiO₂ substrates provided by Intel. We formed double dots on several devices and performed single-shot read-out of a single spin using Elzerman spin-charge conversion.

Dartmouth:

Together with theory colleagues at Wisconsin, Dartmouth participants developed an understanding of the valley Kondo effect in Si/SiGe quantum dots [15]. Dartmouth also designed and tested a microwave cavity that includes dc ports for applying flux bias and gate voltage to a cCPT (Fig. 4). We demonstrated that the undoped Si/SiGe substrates we use have sufficiently low loss at microwave frequencies to allow cavities fabricated on them to remain high-Q. We installed and made use of a superconducting SLUG amplifier from the McDermott group (Wisconsin). Initial characterization of the SLUG-based amplifier chain indicates an upper bound for the system noise temperature of 2.7 K. We have installed an ion mill for fabrication of Ti/Au contact pads needed for the cCPT. Finally, we have acquired a traveling wave parametric amplifier that will remove the need to frequency-match our cavities to our amplifier chain. As the project at Dartmouth ended, we had made progress toward producing and measuring cCPT devices fabricated on Si/SiGe. We resolved problems with our electron-beam evaporator that had interfered with our ability to produce microwave cavities on Si/SiGe substrates. We also received a new TWPA amplifier from Lincoln Lab, and began work on installing this amplifier in our dilution refrigerator.

Purdue:

The Purdue team performed numerical calculations for a number of experimental situations. The major results of the g-factor work include: 1) Measurements in different experiments of valley-dependent g-factors can be explained by interfacial disorder. 2) Spin-orbit (SO) parameters were extracted from tight-binding calculations. 3) The g-factor anisotropy measured in the Vandersypen group was explained quantitatively as emerging from a) valley-dependent

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spin-orbit coupling, and b) an average and an inhomogeneous B-field from the integrated micromagnets. 4) The anisotropy of the g-factor differences of the valleys are influenced by SO and the inhomogeneous B-fields, while the anisotropy in the ESR frequency of each valley is determined by the net polarization of the micromagnet in the presence of the external B-field [16]. In addition, charge relaxation calculations were performed in a silicon double quantum dot and relaxation hot-spots were predicted to emerge from step induced enhancement in valley-orbit coupling. Comparison with published relaxation data in the literature helped to explain the unusual trends in the relaxation rate as a function of detuning which were observed in the experiments.

Training Opportunities: Graduate students received training in the nanofabrication of Si/SiGe quantum dots and Si-MOS dots (in the case of TU Delft), the measurement of those samples, and the analysis of that data. Training was also provided on how to write papers and present talks. Graduate students also received training in the simulation and modeling of quantum device physics.

Results Dissemination: Work from this award has so far led to the publication of 54 articles in peer-reviewed journals; 3 other manuscripts are still under review.

A total of 263 public presentations were made, including both contributed or invited talks at conferences and seminars.

Honors and Awards: M. A. Eriksson was elected Fellow of the American Physical Society in 2012.

John Gamble received the Charles Elwood Mendelhall Award for Excellence in Graduate Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Physics on May 3, 2013.

John Gamble received the Harry S. Truman Fellowship in National Security Science and Engineering at Sandia National Laboratories in 2013.

Susan Coppersmith received a Kac lectureship at Los Alamos National Laboratory in 2014.

Susan Coppersmith received a National Security Science and Engineering Faculty Fellowship in 2014.

Mark Eriksson received a new title at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2016: Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor.

Mark Eriksson became Member of the Advisory Board of Nature partner journal Quantum Information (2015-present).

Susan Coppersmith became Sigma Xi lecturer (2016-2017).

Susan Coppersmith was named guest of honor for the December 2016 Rutgers Statistical Mechanics Conference.

Lieven Vandersypen became Member of the Advisory Board of Nature partner journal Quantum Information (2015-present).

Protocol Activity Status:

Technology Transfer: U.S. Patent 9,842,921, "Direct Tunnel Barrier Control Gates in a Two-Dimensional Electron System," was granted to Mark A. Eriksson, John King Gamble, Daniel R. Ward, Susan Nan Coppersmith, and Mark G. Friesen on Dec. 12, 2017.

Patent application number 14/996918, "System and Method for Quantum Computation using Symmetrical Charge Qubits," was filed on Jan. 15, 2016, by Mark Friesen, Mark Eriksson, and Susan Coppersmith. This patent is pending.

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Abstract: We report the operation of a radio frequency superconducting single-electron transistor (rf-SSET) as a charge sensor for single and double Si/SiGe quantum dots (QDs). Real-time electron tunneling events are observed from the reflected signal of the rf-SSET with a charge sensitivity of $4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ e/Hz}^{1/2}$, which demonstrates a fast charge detection time of a few tens of microseconds. Measurements of the reflected power are used to map out the stability diagram of the double quantum dot.

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Abstract: A quantum-dot hybrid qubit formed from three electrons in a double quantum dot has the potential for great speed, due to the presence of level crossings where the qubit becomes chargelike. Here, we show how to exploit the level crossings to implement fast pulsed gating. We develop one- and two-qubit dc quantum gates that are simpler than the previously proposed ac gates. We obtain closed-form solutions for the control sequences and show that the gates are fast (subnanosecond) and can achieve high fidelities.

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Abstract: In a typical quantum circuit, nonlocal quantum gates are applied to nonproximal qubits. If the underlying physical interactions are short-range (e.g., exchange interactions between spins), intermediate SWAP operations must be introduced, thus increasing the circuit depth. Here we develop a class of "mediated" gates for spin qubits, which act on nonproximal spins via intermediate ancilla qubits. At the end of the operation, the ancillae return to their initial states. We show how these mediated gates can be used (1) to generate arbitrary quantum states and (2) to construct arbitrary quantum gates. We provide some explicit examples of circuits that generate common states [e.g., Bell, Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger (GHZ), W, and cluster states] and gates (e.g., SWAP, CNOT, and Toffoli gates). We show that the depths of these circuits are often shorter than those of conventional SWAP-based circuits. We also provide an explicit experimental proposal for implementing a mediated gate in a

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Abstract: This review describes recent groundbreaking results in Si, Si/SiGe, and dopant-based quantum dots, and it highlights the remarkable advances in Si-based quantum physics that have occurred in the past few years. This progress has been possible thanks to materials development of Si quantum devices, and the physical understanding of quantum effects in silicon. Recent critical steps include the isolation of single electrons, the observation of spin blockade, and single-shot readout of individual electron spins in both dopants and gated quantum dots in Si. Each of these results has come with physics that was not anticipated from previous work in other material systems. These advances underline the significant progress toward the realization of spin quantum bits in a material with a long spin coherence time, crucial for quantum computation and spintronics.

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Abstract: We investigate the nonadiabatic implementation of an adiabatic quantum teleportation protocol, finding that perfect fidelity can be achieved through resonance. We clarify the physical mechanisms of teleportation, for three qubits, by mapping their dynamics onto two parallel and mutually coherent adiabatic passage channels. By transforming into the adiabatic frame, we explain the resonance by analogy with the magnetic resonance of a spin-1/2 particle. Our results establish a fast and robust method for transferring quantum states and suggest an alternative route toward high-precision quantum gates.

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Abstract: The ability to tune qubits to at points in their energy dispersions ("sweet spots") is an important tool for mitigating the effects of charge noise and dephasing in solid-state devices. However, the number of derivatives that must be simultaneously set to zero grows exponentially with the number of coupled qubits, making the task untenable for as few as two qubits. This is a particular problem for adiabatic gates, due to their slower speeds. Here, we propose an adiabatic two-qubit gate for quantum dot hybrid qubits, based on the tunable, electrostatic coupling between distinct charge configurations. We confirm the absence of a conventional sweet spot, but show that controlled-Z (CZ) gates can nonetheless be optimized to have fidelities of $\uparrow 99\%$ for a typical level of quasistatic charge noise ($\sim \sigma_{\text{eps}} = 1 \mu\text{eV}$). We then develop the concept of a dynamical sweet spot (DSS), for which the time-averaged energy derivatives are set to zero, and identify a simple pulse sequence that

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Keywords: quantum dot, qubit, benchmarking, fidelity, silicon

Abstract: We report the first complete characterization of single-qubit and two-qubit gate fidelities in silicon-based spin qubits, including cross talk and error correlations between the two qubits. To do so, we use a combination of standard randomized benchmarking and a recently introduced method called character randomized benchmarking, which allows for more reliable estimates of the two-qubit fidelity in this system, here giving a 92% fidelity estimate for the controlled-Z gate. Interestingly, with character randomized benchmarking, the two-qubit gate fidelity can be obtained by studying the additional decay induced by interleaving the two-qubit gate in a reference sequence of single-qubit gates only. This work sets the stage for further improvements in all the relevant gate fidelities in silicon spin qubits beyond the error threshold for fault-tolerant quantum computation.

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Abstract: Electrostatically defined quantum dot arrays offer a compelling platform for quantum computation and simulation. However, tuning up such arrays with existing techniques becomes impractical when going beyond a handful of quantum dots. Here, we present a method for systematically adding quantum dots to an array one dot at a time, in such a way that the number of electrons on previously formed dots is unaffected. The method allows individual control of the number of electrons on each of the dots, as well as of the interdot tunnel rates. We use this technique to tune up a linear array of eight GaAs quantum dots such that they are occupied by one electron each. This new method overcomes a critical bottleneck in scaling up quantum-dot based qubit registers.

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Abstract: We analyze the electron spin relaxation rate $1/T_1$ of individual ion-implanted ^{31}P donors, in a large set of metal-oxide-semiconductor (MOS) silicon nanoscale devices, with the aim of identifying spin relaxation mechanisms peculiar to the environment of the spins. The measurements are conducted at low temperatures ($T \sim 100\text{ mK}$), as a function of external magnetic field B_0 and donor electrochemical potential μ_D . We observe a magnetic field dependence of the form $1/T_1 \propto B_0^5$ for $B_0 \lesssim 3\text{ T}$, corresponding to the phonon-induced relaxation typical of donors in the bulk. However, the relaxation rate varies by up to two orders of magnitude between different devices. We attribute these differences to variations in lattice strain at the location of the donor. For $B_0 \gtrsim 3\text{ T}$, the relaxation rate changes to $1/T_1 \propto B_0$ for two devices. This is consistent with relaxation induced by evanescent-wave Johnson noise created by the metal structures fabricated above the donors. At such low fields, where $T_1 \gg 1\text{ s}$, we also observe

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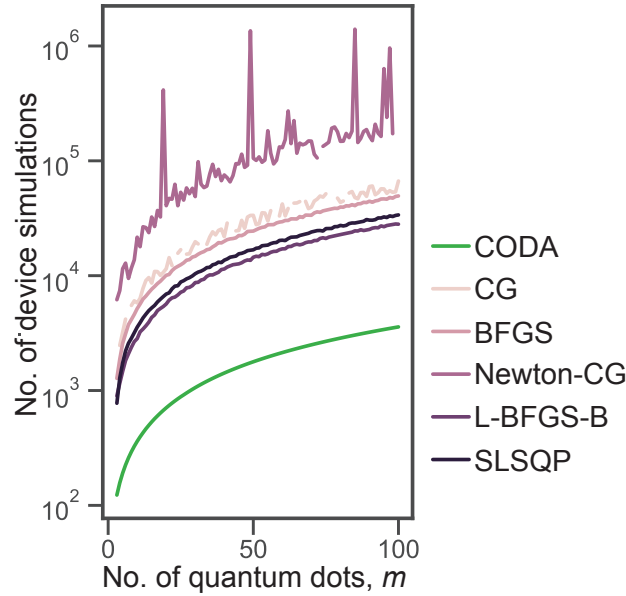


Figure 1. The number of function calls used by several nonlinear optimizers to tune a simulated device. We specifically consider the CODA protocol, the conjugate-gradient (CG) algorithm, the Broyden, Fletcher, Goldfarb, and Shanno (BFGS) algorithm, the Newton-conjugate-gradient (Newton-CG) algorithm, the limited-memory BFGS algorithm (L- BFGS-B), and the sequential-least-squares-programming (SLSQP) algorithm. CODA requires roughly an order of magnitude fewer function calls than any of the other nonlinear optimizers considered.

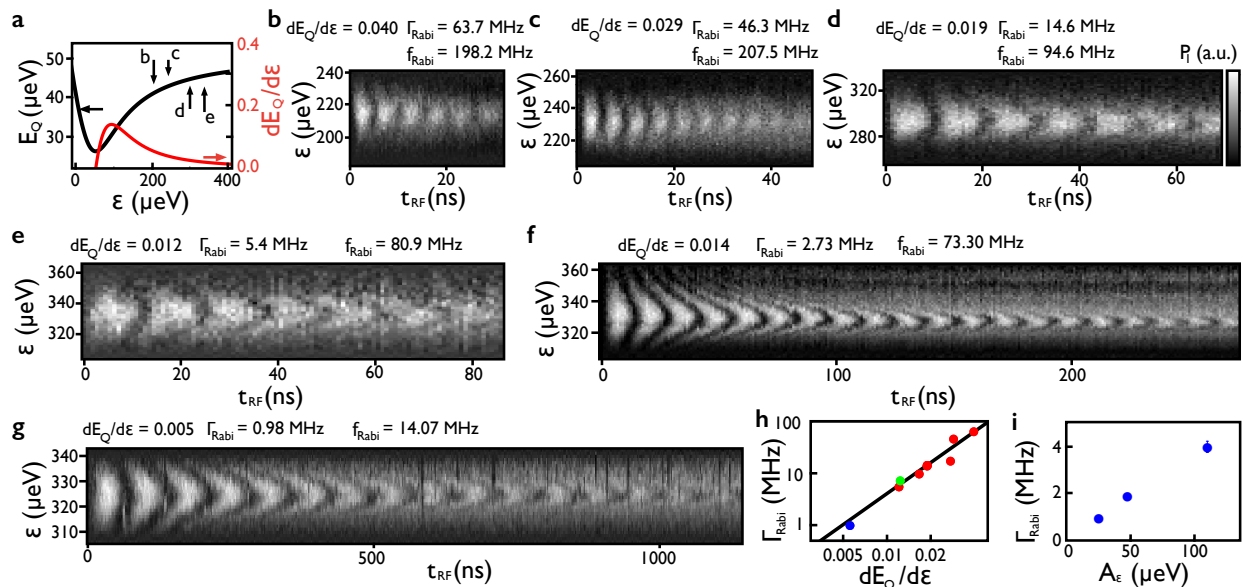


Figure 2: Examples of the role of the qubit dispersion in determining the coherence of the quantum dot hybrid qubit (QDHQ). (a) The qubit dispersion. (b-e) Rabi oscillations at the points labelled in panel (a). (f,g) Very slowly decaying Rabi oscillations of the QDHQ at two

additional tunings. (h) The Rabi decay rate as a function of the slope of the dispersion. (i) Under some conditions, the Rabi decay rate is proportional to the applied microwave power. From Ref. [6].

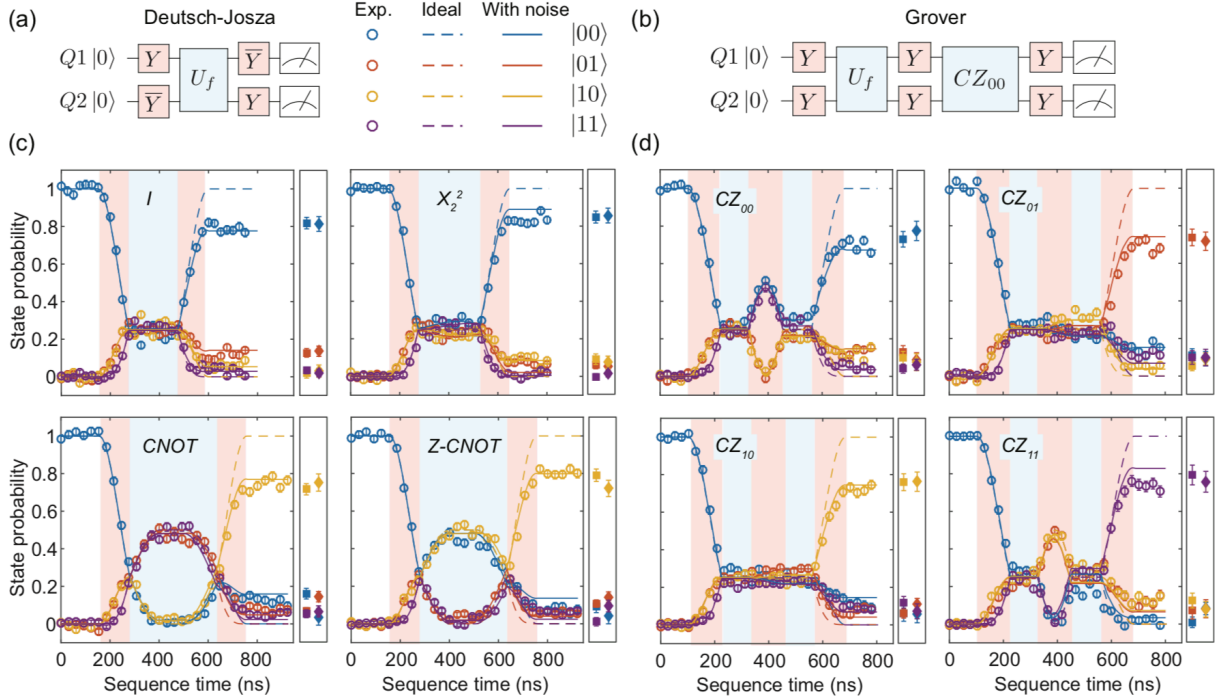


Figure 3. Two-qubit quantum algorithms in silicon. (a,b) The quantum circuits for the (a) Deutsch-Josza algorithm and (b) Grover search algorithm for two qubits. (c,d) Two-spin probabilities as a function of time throughout the sequence during the (c) Deutsch-Josza algorithm and the (d) Grover search algorithm for each of four possible functions. Each point corresponds to 4000 repetitions and has been normalized to remove readout errors. The dashed lines are the simulated ideal cases while the solid lines are the simulated results where decoherence is introduced by including quasistatic nuclear spin noise and charge noise ($\sigma_e = 11 \mu\text{eV}$). For both algorithms, the square data points show the final results of the algorithms where all four functions are evaluated in the same measurement run with identical calibration. The diamonds show the result of both algorithms when using the decoupled CZ gate showing similar performance. For the Deutsch-Josza algorithm the identity is implemented as either a 200 ns wait (circle and square data points) or as $I = X_1^4 X_2^4$ (diamond data points). All error bars are 1σ from the mean. From Ref. [9].

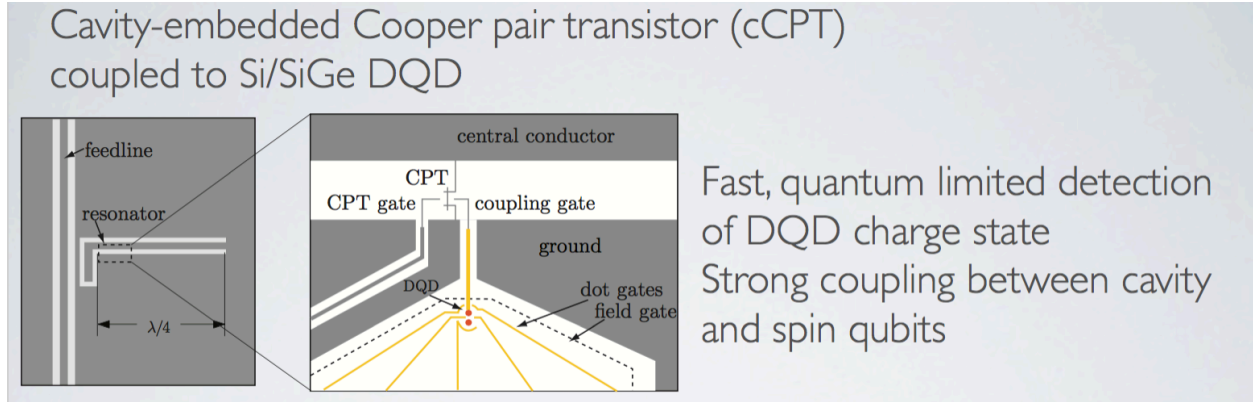


Figure 4. Schematic diagrams showing the layout of a cavity-embedded Cooper pair transistor (cCPT). Such an approach seeks to enable fast, quantum limited detection of the charge state of a double quantum dot and the achievement of strong coupling between a cavity and spin qubits.

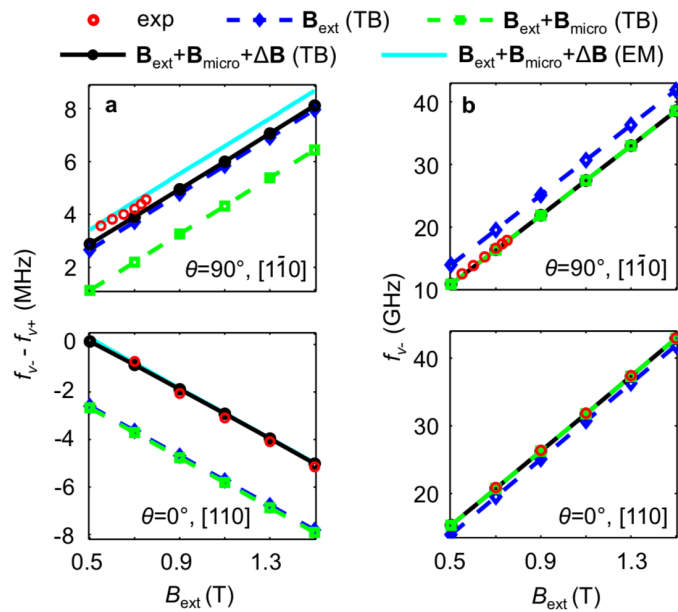


Figure 5. Measured ESR frequencies, ($f_{v\pm}$) and their differences for the two valley states as a function of the external B-field magnitude B_{ext} along two crystal directions, and comparison with theoretical calculations. a, $f_{v-} - f_{v+}$ and b, f_{v-} with B_{ext} along $[110]$ ($\theta = 0^\circ$) (bottom panel) and $[1\bar{1}0]$ ($\theta = 90^\circ$) (top panel). The calculations progressively include spin-orbit interaction (labeled ' B_{ext} (TB)'), homogeneous (labeled ' $B_{\text{ext}} + B_{\text{micro}}$ (TB)'), and gradient (labeled ' $B_{\text{ext}} + B_{\text{micro}} + \Delta B$ (TB)') B-field of the micromagnet. The cyan solid lines are the effective mass calculations and the red circles are the experimental data. The dependence (slope) of $f_{v-} - f_{v+}$ on B_{ext} in (a) comes from the SOI, while the micromagnetic fields provide a shift independent of B_{ext} . From Ref. [16].

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