

Quantum sensing of nanomechanical systems

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Nanoscale hybrid quantum systems hold great promise for future quantum technologies and fundamental studies of quantum physics. A prototypical hybrid quantum system consists of a single spin coupled to a harmonic oscillator. In this project, we explore properties of individual spins trapped in the diamond crystal and coupled to diamond nanomechanical oscillators through crystal strain.

Our group has pioneered the development of these devices and the unique spin-oscillator coupling mechanism they exploit. The goal of this project is to make a step-change in the performance of these devices by exploiting coherent, optical transitions in the spin-system to further enhance spin-oscillator coupling strengths. The ultimate goal of these experiments is to realise a fully coherent coupling between spin and oscillator (the “strong cooperatively regime”), where for example remote entanglement between spins could be readily achieved. This project lies at the intersection of nano-physics, quantum-technologies and fundamental solid state physics; it builds on skills in quantum optics, cryogenics and nanofabrication and requires a highly motivated candidate, ideally with a background in at least one of these domains.

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