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Strong coupling for spin clock states in electronuclear spin qudits based on vanadyl porphyrin molecules

The possibility of encoding several qubits in vanadyl porphyrin molecules hosting a $S = 1/2$ electronic spin coupled to a $I = 7/2$ nuclear spin has been explored. A complete study of the spin Hamiltonian and the spin dynamics has been performed via a combination of electron paramagnetic resonance, heat capacity, magnetization and on-chip magnetic spectroscopy experiments performed on single crystals, observing several properties that make each molecule fulfil the conditions to act as a universal 4-qubit processor or, equivalently, as a $d = 16$ qudit in the low field region ($B < 0.1$ T). In this region, the combined effect of Zeeman and hyperfine interactions gives rise to a set of anticrossings between the electronuclear spin states. In these anticrossings, known as spin-clock transitions, the system becomes almost insensitive to fluctuations of the magnetic field, making the spin coherence time T_2 maximum.¹ At the same time, the overlap between the spin states involved in the transition becomes maximum, being possible to increase the spin-photon coupling G without the cost of increasing decoherence. Here, we show the possibility of achieving the strong coupling regime ($G > \omega \sim \omega_2$) close to the clock transitions that take place in molecular crystals formed by these vanadyl porphyrin molecules. An analysis of these transitions via on-chip magnetic spectroscopy has been performed using concentrated and diluted crystals, determining the evolution of the spin-photon coupling as we move away from the level anticrossings.

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