Open positions for master thesis project: Quantum simulations and many-body physics with spins in diamond

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The physical implementation of a quantum simulator requires a controllable quantum mechanical system. Nuclear 13C spins associated to a single **nitrogen-vacancy** (NV) defect in diamond (depicted in Fig. 1) do not only provide promising qubits for quantum information processing [1] and quantum networks [2] but can also realise a **quantum simulator** [3]. Quantum simulators can explore new physical phenomena, that are hard to be simulated classically.

In the field of **many-body physics**, exotic quantum phases of matter have gotten a lot of attention. More specifically, the breaking of discrete time translation symmetry in periodically driven Floquet sequences which leads to a phase of matter called a **time crystal** [4].

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Fig.1 Three-dimensional image of 50-spin cluster model.

Project Directions

In the quantum-simulation team of the Taminiau lab, there are three possible ideas for projects . All of these provide a general direction but can be adjusted to your interest..

1. Theoretical and experimental investigation of response of many-body system under

global driving (**3D time-crystal**).

2. Investigation of the **polarisation spread** throughout a many-body system under different

conditions.

3. Develop **experimental method** for the measurement of entanglement entropy throughout

c the spin cluster.

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