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ABSTRACT

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Abstract: Color centers in wide-bandgap semiconductors have emerged as a leading platform in the field of quantum sensing, broadly defined as the use of qubits to measure environmental parameters. In my lab at the University of New Mexico, we are using Nitrogen-Vacancy (NV) centers in diamond to image magnetic phenomena in condensed-matter and biological systems over a broad range of length scales. At the nanometer scale, we are building super-resolution magnetic microscopes to image magnetic nanoparticles with 50-100 nm resolution [1]. At the micrometer scale, we embed diamond sensors inside microfluidic chips to perform nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy at the scale of single cells [2]. At the millimeter scale, we are developing femtotesla-level magnetometers [3], with potential applications in medical imaging, navigation, and even dark matter detection. I will provide an introduction to the field, discuss recent results and ongoing challenges, and outline future directions.

BIO

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