### Supporting Information for:

## Surface Contributions to Mn<sup>2+</sup> Spin Dynamics in Colloidal Doped Quantum Dots

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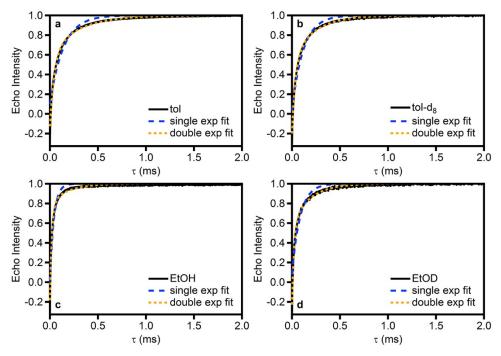
#### Fitting analysis to obtain $T_1$ and $T_2$

Figure S1 shows inversion recovery data for  $Zn_{0.995}Mn_{0.005}O$  QDs in toluene (tol, a) or deuterated toluene (tol-d<sub>8</sub>, b), and for  $Zn_{0.900}Mn_{0.010}O$  QDs washed with ethanol (EtOH, c) or deuterated ethanol (EtOD, d). The data were fit to both single (equation S1a, dashed blue) and double (equation S1b, dotted orange) exponentials<sup>1</sup> to obtain  $T_1$ . From the double exponential fits, an effective spin-lattice relaxation time was calculated ( $T_{1eff}$ ) using equation S1c. The results of this analysis are presented in Table S1. The  $T_{1eff}$  values determined from this analysis are reported in the main text as  $T_1$  values.

$$V(\tau) = 1 - V_0 \exp(-\tau / T_1)$$
(S1a)

$$V(\tau) = 1 - A \exp(-\tau / T_{1A}) - B \exp(-\tau / T_{1B})$$
(S1b)

$$T_{\text{leff}} = \frac{A}{A+B}T_{1A} + \frac{B}{A+B}T_{1B}$$
(S1c)



**Figure S1.** Inversion recovery data (solid black) with single (dashed blue) and double (dotted orange) exponential fits following equations S1a and S1b, respectively. Data are shown for  $Zn_{0.995}Mn_{0.005}O$  QDs in tol (a) or tol-d<sub>8</sub> (b) and for  $Zn_{0.900}Mn_{0.010}O$  QDs washed with EtOH (c) or EtOD (d).

**Table S1.** Spin-lattice relaxation times in  $Zn_{0.995}Mn_{0.005}O$  (tol vs tol-d<sub>8</sub>) and  $Zn_{0.990}Mn_{0.010}O$  (EtOH vs EtOD) QDs.

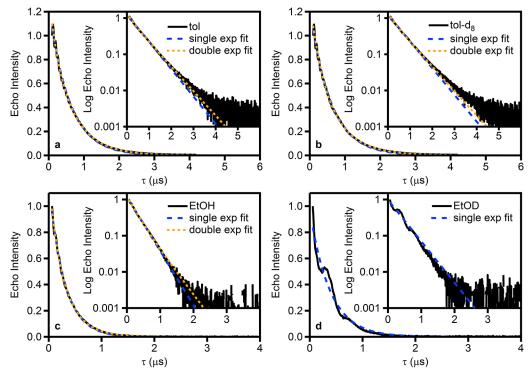
	Single Exponential Fits Double Exponential Fits					
	$T_1$ (µs)	$T_{1A}(\mu s)$	A	$T_{1B}(\mu s)$	В	$T_{1\rm eff}(\mu s)$
In tol	$139 \pm 2$	$298 \pm 3$	$0.342\pm0.004$	$46.6\pm0.6$	$0.658\pm0.005$	$151 \pm 2$
In tol-d <sub>8</sub>	$117 \pm 1$	$230 \pm 2$	$0.374\pm0.005$	$37.4 \pm 0.5$	$0.625 \pm 0.005$	$109 \pm 1$
With EtOH	$41 \pm 1$	$179 \pm 5$	$0.177\pm0.005$	$19.7\pm0.3$	$0.823\pm0.007$	$48 \pm 1$
With EtOD	84 ± 1	$184 \pm 2$	$0.338 \pm 0.004$	$22.4 \pm 0.4$	$0.662 \pm 0.006$	80 ± 1

Figure S2 shows 2-pulse ESEEM data for  $Zn_{0.995}Mn_{0.005}O$  QDs in toluene (tol, a) or deuterated toluene (tol-d<sub>8</sub>, b), and for  $Zn_{0.900}Mn_{0.010}O$  QDs washed with ethanol (EtOH, c) or deuterated ethanol (EtOD, d). The data were fit to both single (equation S2a, dashed blue) and double (equation S2b, dotted orange) exponentials<sup>1</sup> to obtain  $T_2$ . From the double exponential fits, effective spin-lattice relaxation times were calculated ( $T_{2eff}$ ) using equation S2c. The results of this analysis are presented in Table S2. For EtOD, a double exponential fit does not converge when  $T_{1A} \neq T_{1B}$ , so a single exponential fit was used. In the main text,  $T_{2eff}$  from this analysis is reported for comparison between tol and tol- $d_8$ , and  $T_2$  from this analysis is reported for comparison between EtOH and EtOD.

$$V(\tau) = V_0 \exp\left(-2\tau / T_2\right)$$
(S2a)

$$V(\tau) = A \exp(-2\tau / T_{2A}) + B \exp(-2\tau / T_{2B})$$
(S2b)

$$T_{\text{2eff}} = \frac{A}{A+B}T_{2A} + \frac{B}{A+B}T_{2B}$$
(S2c)

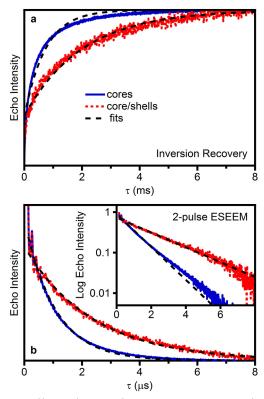


**Figure S2.** Hahn echo decay data (solid black) with single (dashed blue) and double (dotted orange) exponential fits following equations S2a and S2b, respectively. Decays are shown for  $Zn_{0.995}Mn_{0.005}O$  QDs in tol (a) or tol-d<sub>8</sub> (b) and for  $Zn_{0.900}Mn_{0.010}O$  QDs washed with EtOH (c) or EtOD (d).

**Table S2.** Spin-lattice relaxation times in Zn<sub>0.995</sub>Mn<sub>0.005</sub>O (tol vs tol-d<sub>8</sub>) and Zn<sub>0.990</sub>Mn<sub>0.010</sub>O (EtOH vs EtOD) QDs. Single

	Exponential Fits	Double Exponential Fits				
	$T_2(\mu s)$	$T_{2A}(\mu s)$	A	$T_{2\mathrm{B}}(\mathrm{\mu s})$	В	$T_{2\rm eff}(\mu s)$
In tol	$1.150 \pm 0.002$	$1.28\pm0.01$	$0.77\pm0.01$	$0.49\pm0.02$	$0.23\pm0.01$	$1.10\pm0.02$
In tol-d <sub>8</sub>	$1.176 \pm 0.002$	$1.36 \pm 0.01$	$0.70\pm0.02$	$0.60\pm0.03$	$0.30 \pm 0.02$	$1.13 \pm 0.03$
With EtOH	$0.581\pm0.001$	$0.73\pm0.03$	$0.47\pm0.02$	$0.43\pm0.02$	$0.53\pm0.02$	$0.57\pm0.03$
With EtOD	$0.76 \pm 0.01$					

Figure S3 shows inversion recovery (a) and 2-pulse ESEEM data (b) collected on  $Cd_{0.996}Mn_{0.004}Se$  QDs before (blue) and after (red) CdSe shell growth. To obtain  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  the inversion recovery and 2-pulse ESEEM spectra were fit to equations S1a and S2a, respectively.



**Figure S3.** pEPR data collected on  $Cd_{0.996}Mn_{0.004}Se$  QDs before (blue) and after (red) CdSe shell growth. (a) Echo-detected inversion recovery ( $T_1$ ) and (b) 2-pulse spin-echo decay ( $T_2$ ). The dashed black lines are single exponential fits to the inversion recovery and 2-pulse ESEEM data following equations S1a and S2a, respectively.

# Estimated dipole-dipole contributions assuming non-uniformly doped core QDs or dopant migration during shell growth

If an undoped core nucleus volume with d = 2.0 nm is assumed,<sup>2</sup> then the average Mn<sup>2+</sup> position is ~0.2 nm from the nearest QD surface. Upon shell growth this distance increases to ~1.3 nm. The  $1/r^6$  dependence of dipole-dipole coupling leads to  $T_{dip}^{core/shell}/T_{dip}^{core} \approx 3 \times 10^4$ . Table S3 summarizes the results in this scenario. Similar results are obtained even if the Mn<sup>2+</sup> position is randomized throughout the core/shell volume, for example by diffusion during shell growth,<sup>3</sup> although this scenario is not considered likely.

**Table S3.** Intrinsic and dipolar contributions to spin relaxation times in core and core/shell nanocrystals under the assumption of an undoped core nucleus with d = 2.0 nm, determined using equation 1 of the main text.

	$T_0$	$T_{ m dip}^{ m core}$	$T_{ m dip}^{ m core/shell}$
Spin-lattice $(T_1)$	2.01 ms	1.13 ms	34.0 s
Spin-spin $(T_2)$	4.70 μs	3.90 µs	117 ms

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