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Quantum information science and high energy physics at ORNL

How quantum information science and high energy physics meet

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ORNL: DOE's largest science and energy laboratory

\$1.65B
budget

4,400
employees

3,000
research
guests
annually

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investment

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Most
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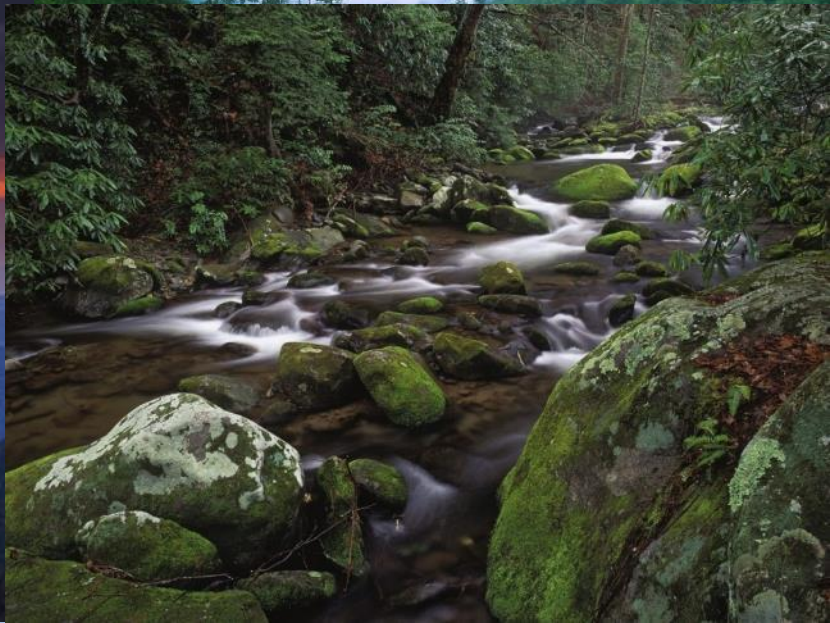
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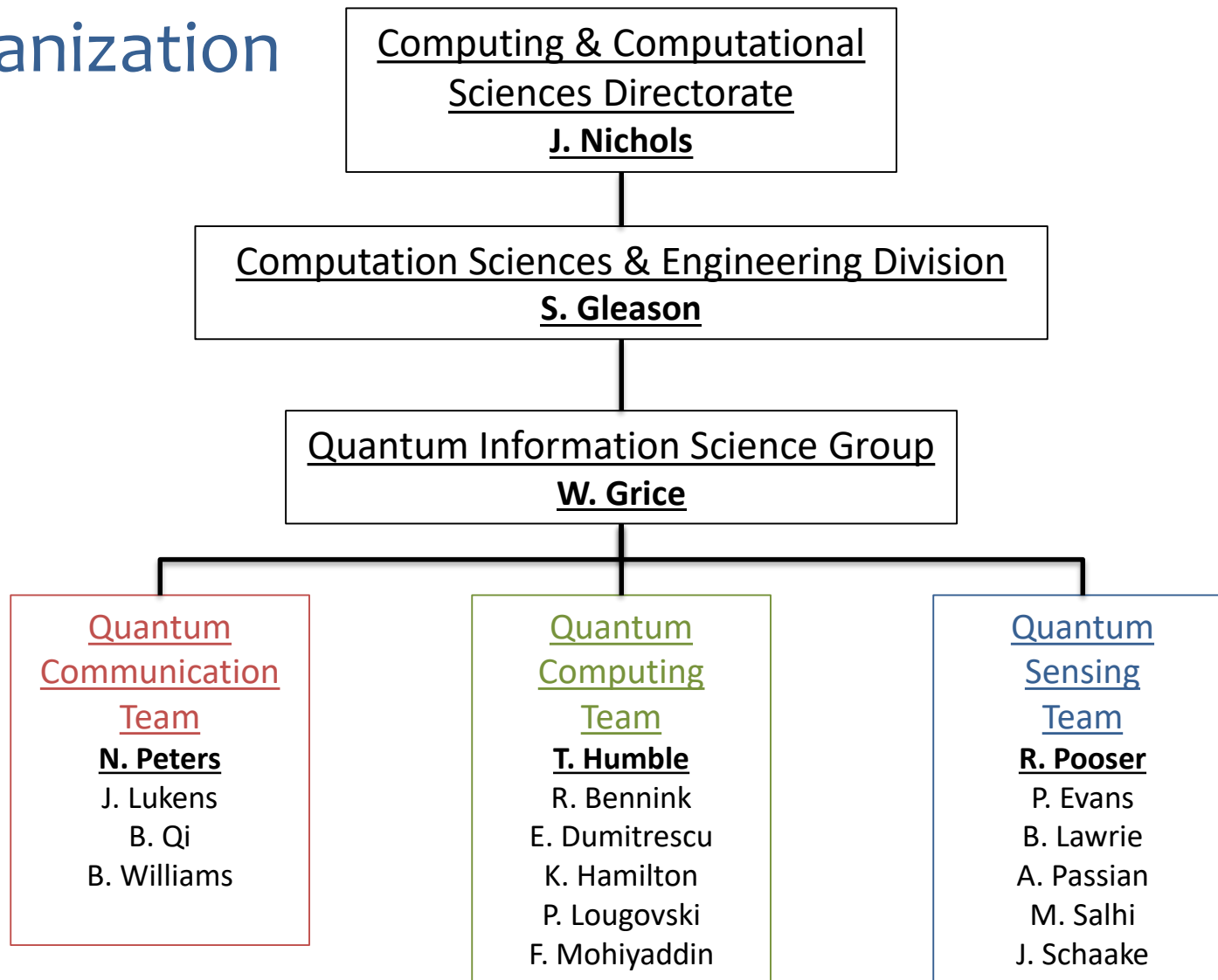
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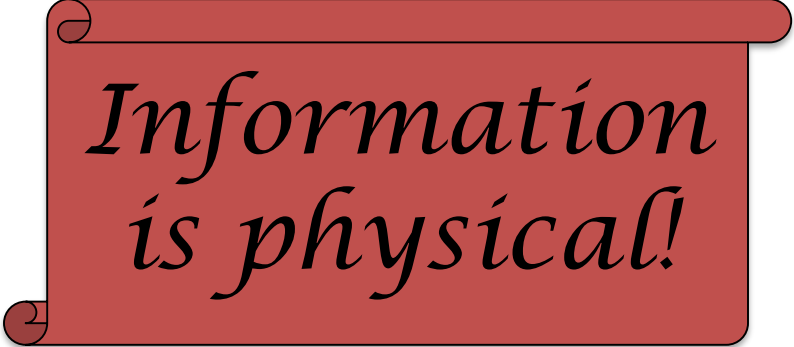
Quantum Information Science

Information Processing

- Sensing
- Communication
- Computing

Quantum Physics

- Limited Readability
- Fragile Systems
- No-Cloning Theorem
- Inherent Randomness
- Nonlocal Correlations
- Inherent Parallelism
- Large State Space



*Information
is physical!*

Quantum Information Science

*Science at the quantum scale for
transformative solutions in communication,
computing, and sensing.*

Research Thrusts

QIS

Quantum Communication

Privacy assurance for data storage & distribution

Quantum Computing

Scalable algorithms for science, industry, & security

Quantum-Enhanced Sensing

Better data with less time and energy

Quantum sensing team

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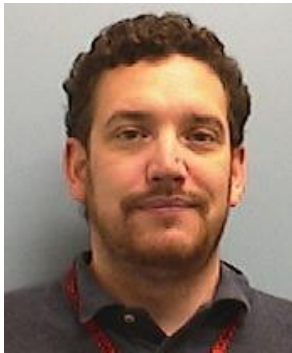
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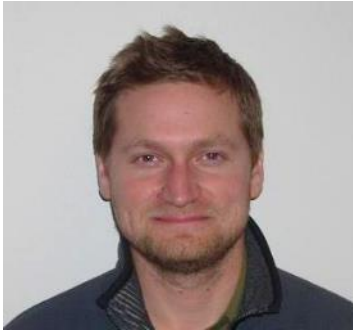
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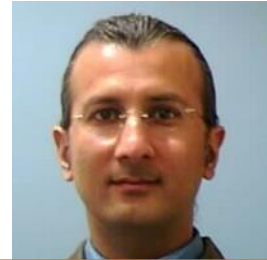
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We are interested in partnering to expand our quantum sensing expertise, application space, and broaden our horizons



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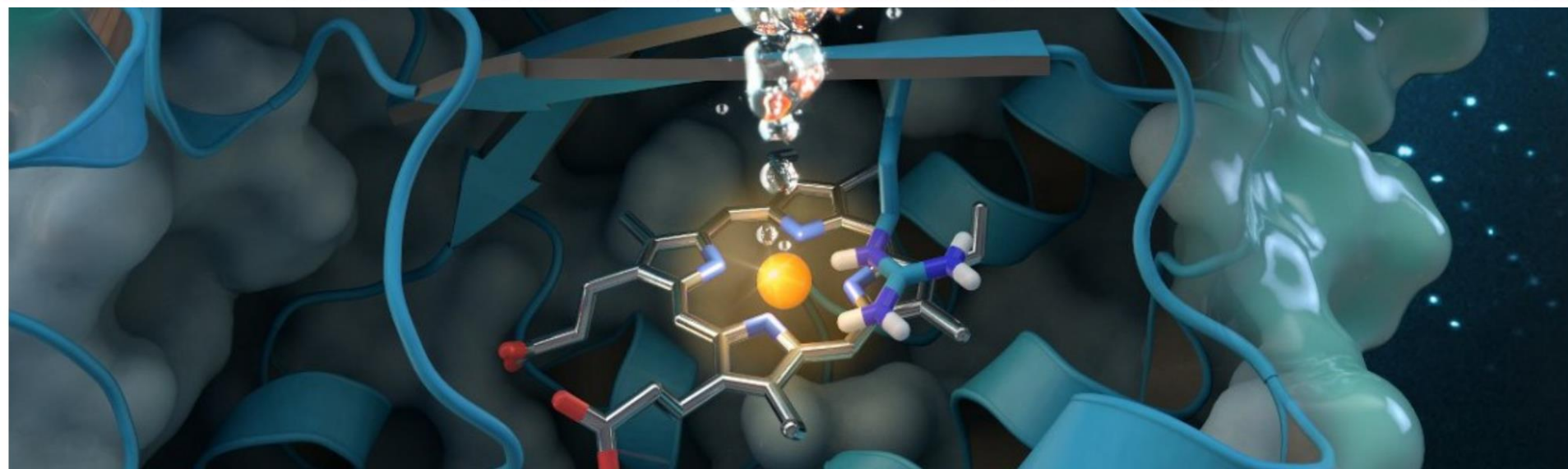
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Spallation Neutron Source



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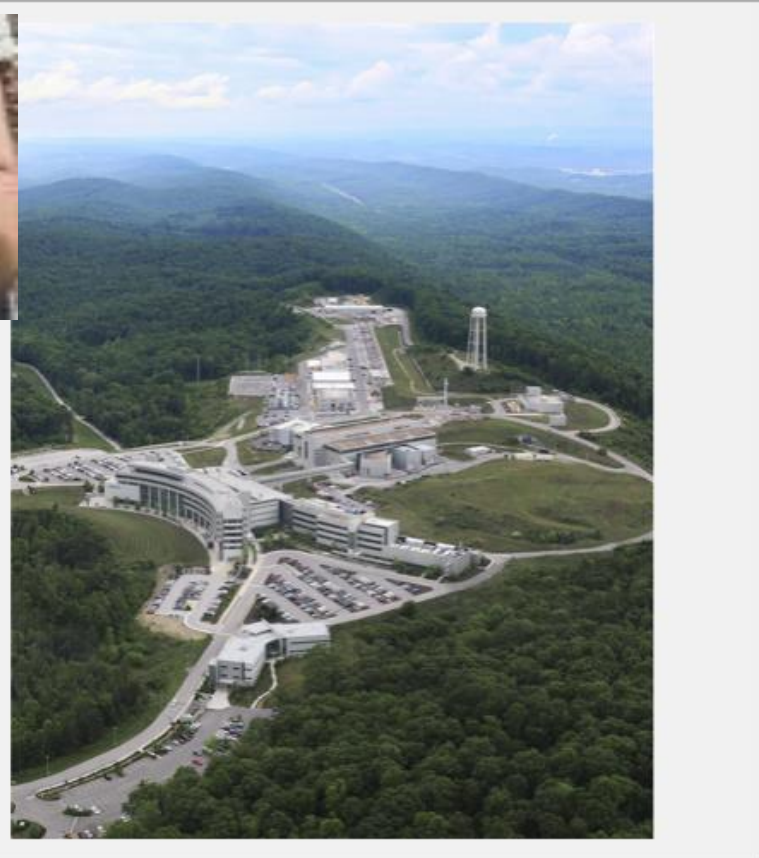
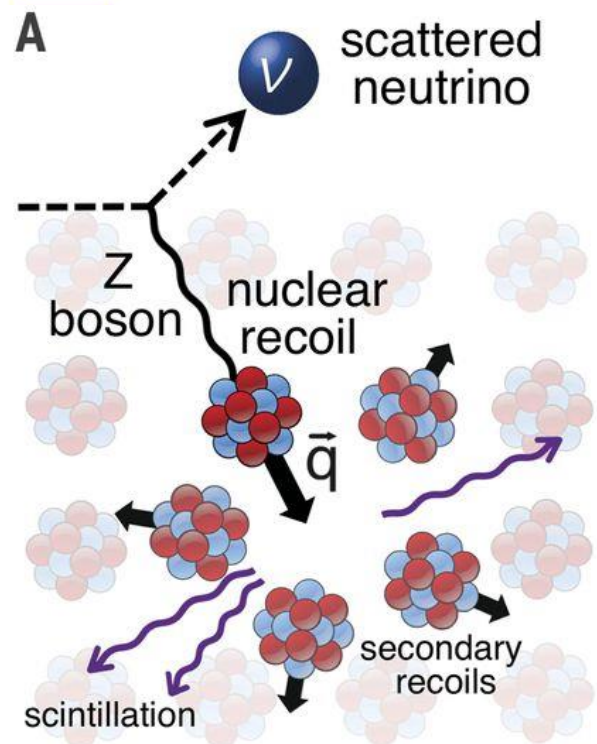


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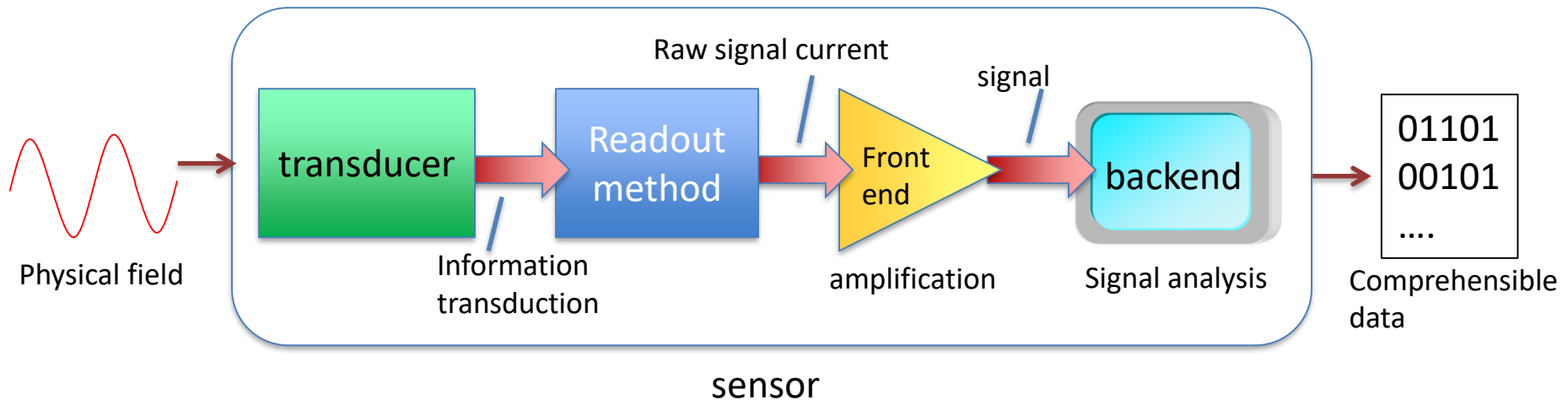
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- Sensors can be defined as devices that detect physical quantities by transducing them to (potentially macroscopic) understandable signals
- One way to construct a sensor:

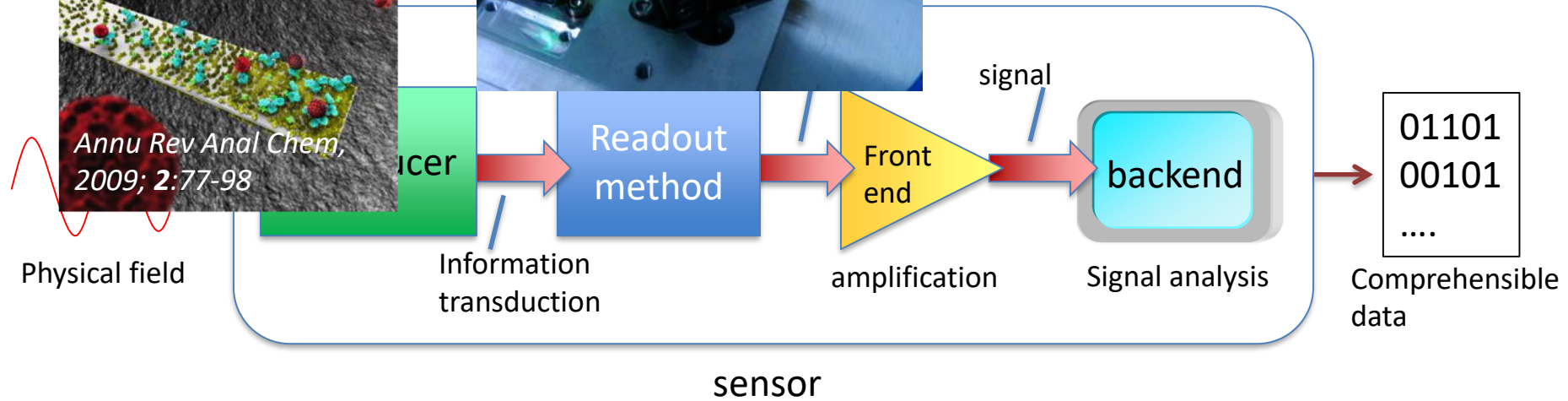
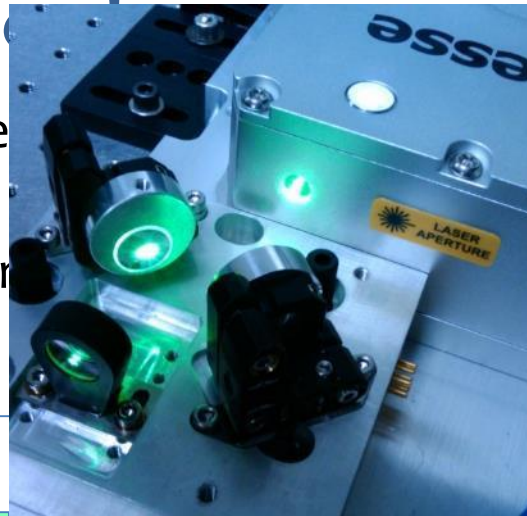
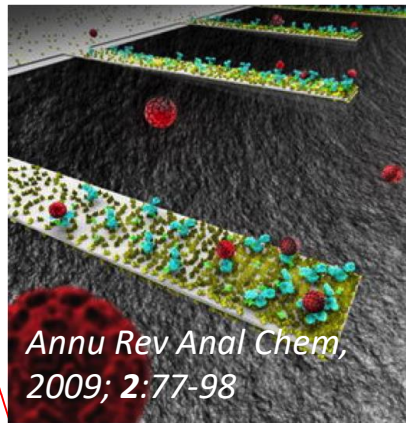


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Sensors in Gen

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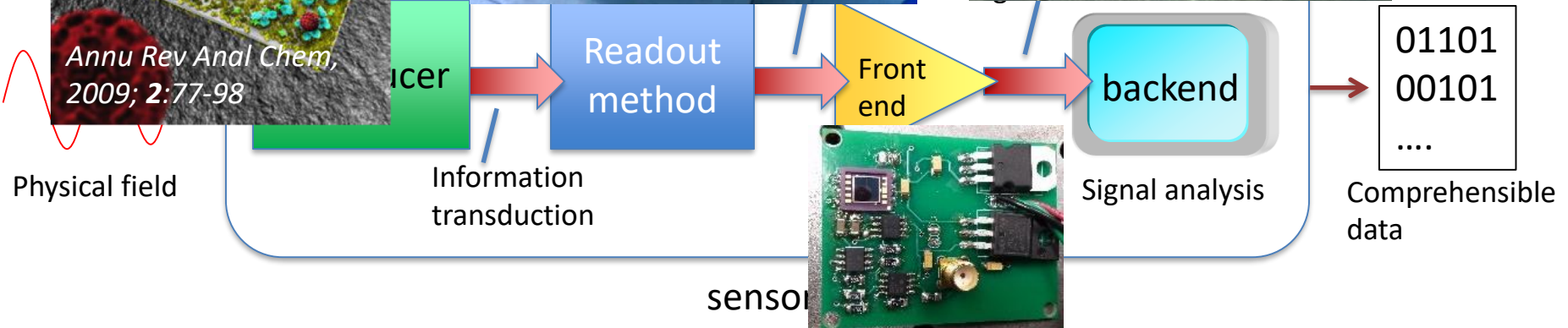
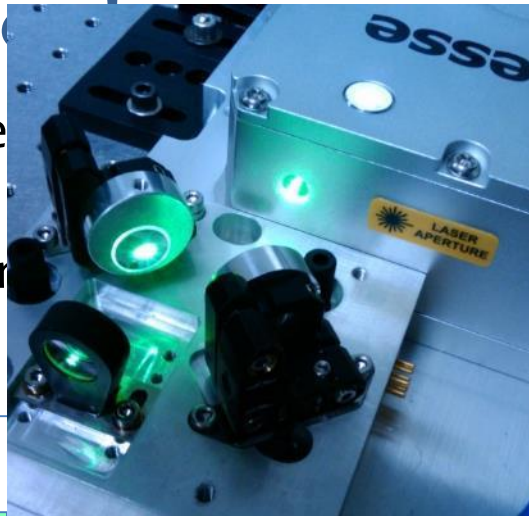
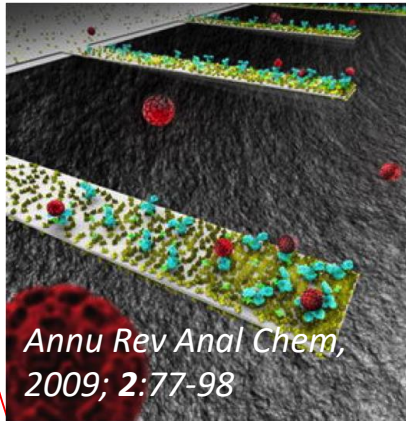


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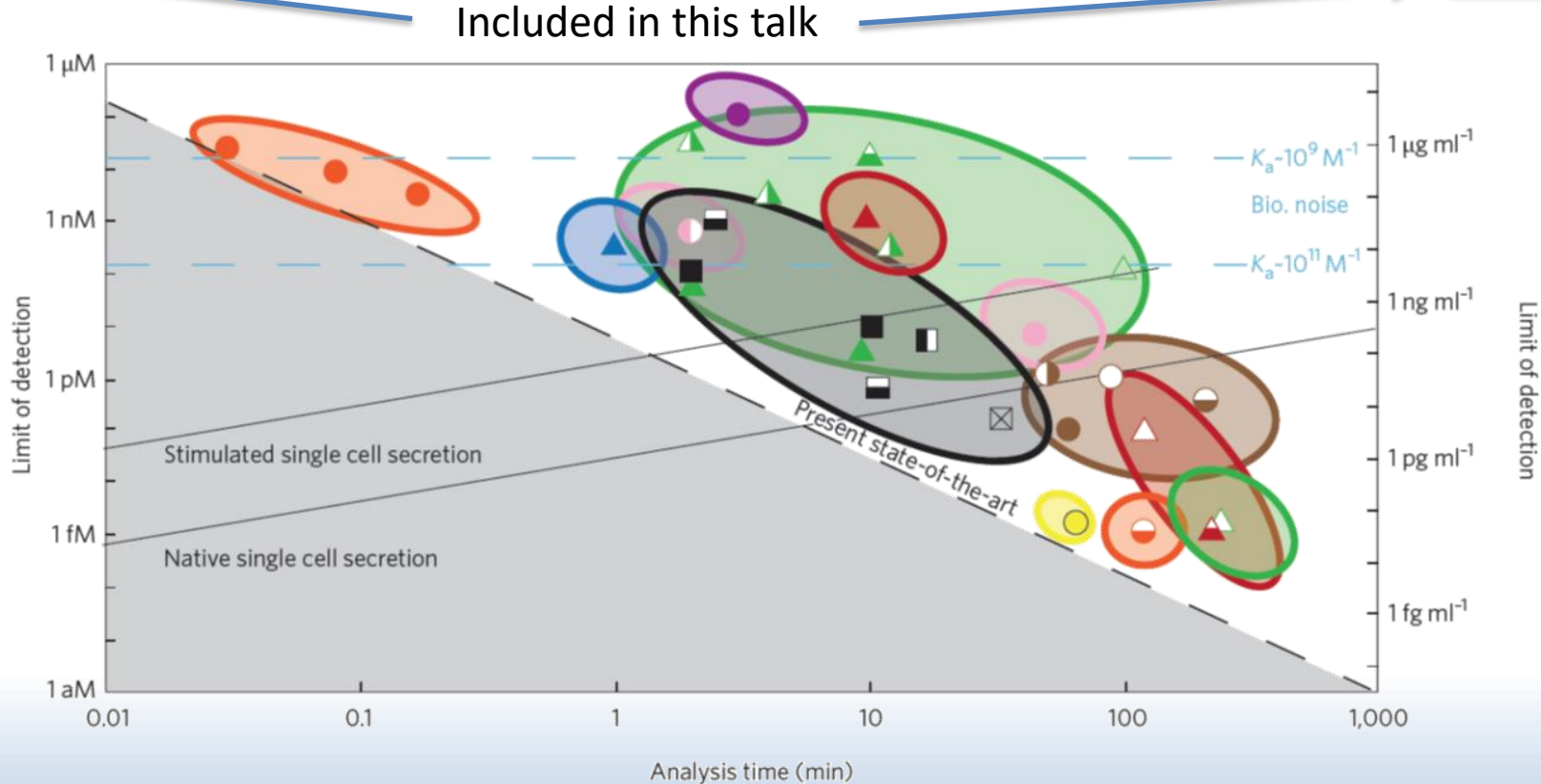
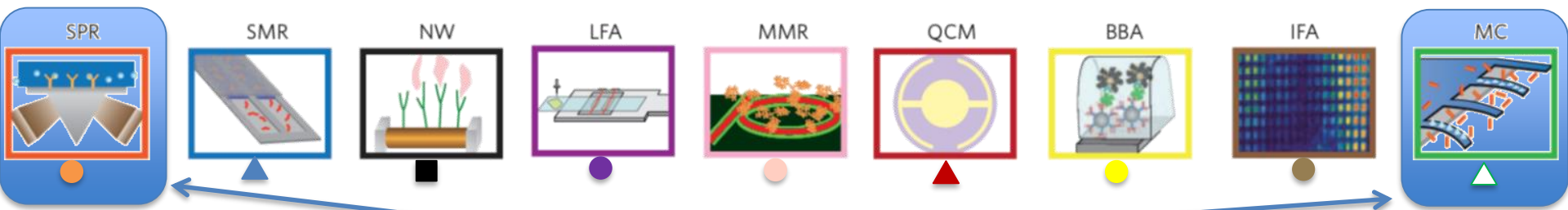
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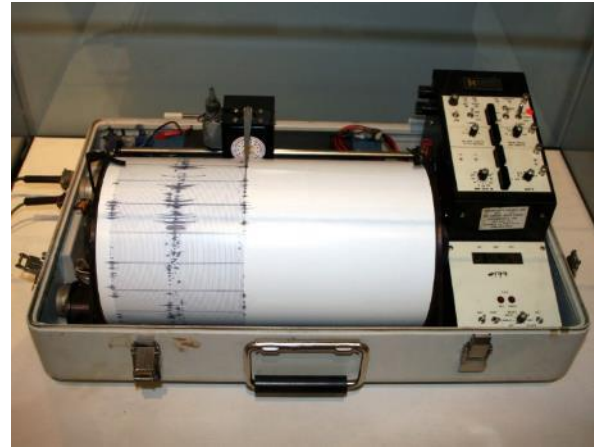


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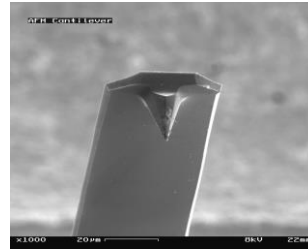
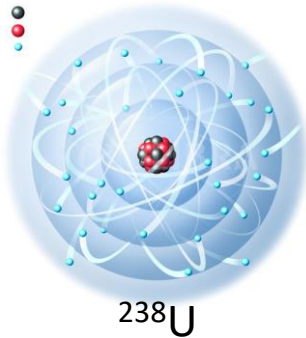
Sensitivity Depends on Integration Time



Sensor size matters



macro



Micro, nano

nanoscale processes require tiny sensors, often limited by **quantum** processes

The fundamental detection limit in many systems is determined by quantum mechanics (e.g., Heisenberg uncertainty principle) **because a full description of the sensor requires quantum theory**

We are done



President Obama 
@POTUS

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Einstein was right! Congrats to [@NSF](#) and [@LIGO](#) on detecting gravitational waves - a huge breakthrough in how we understand the universe.

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Why use squeezed light?



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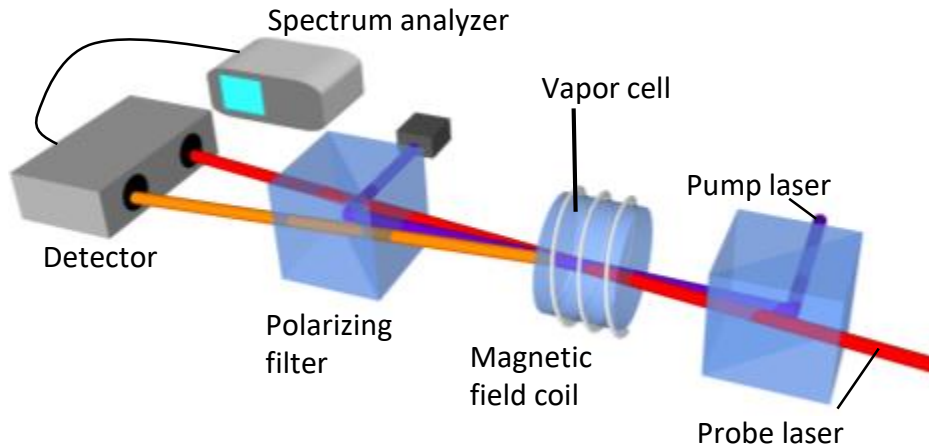
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You guys better use [#squeezed_light](#) if you want to see further out into the universe, or smaller GW signals, though.

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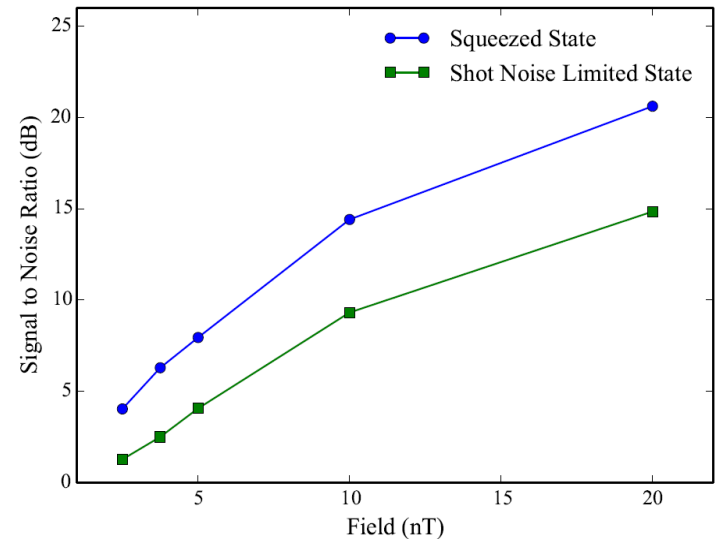
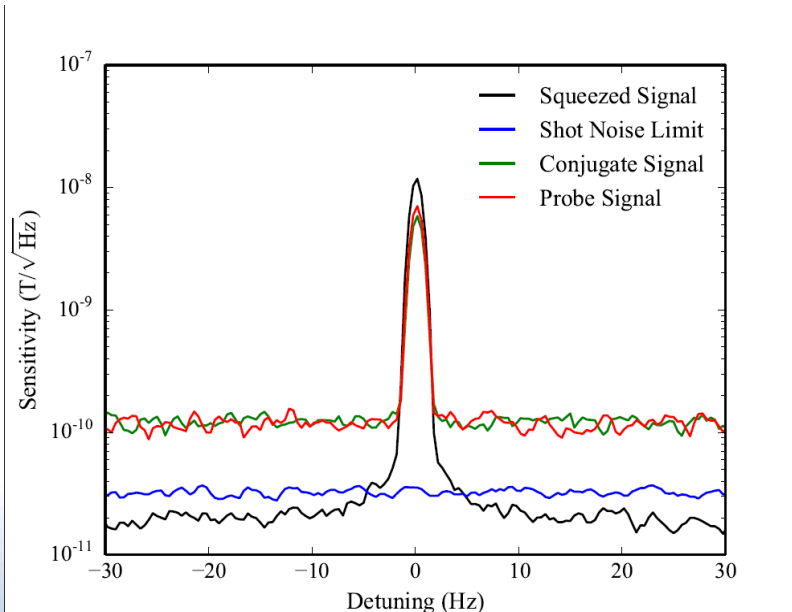
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Quantum Magnetometry



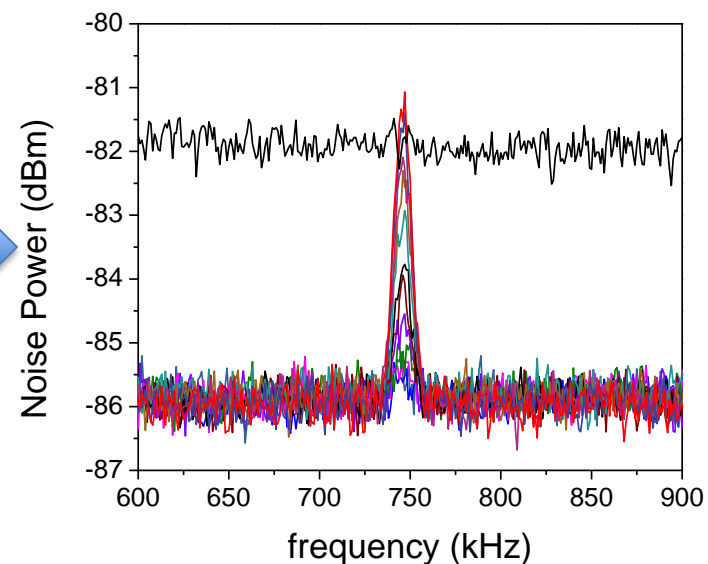
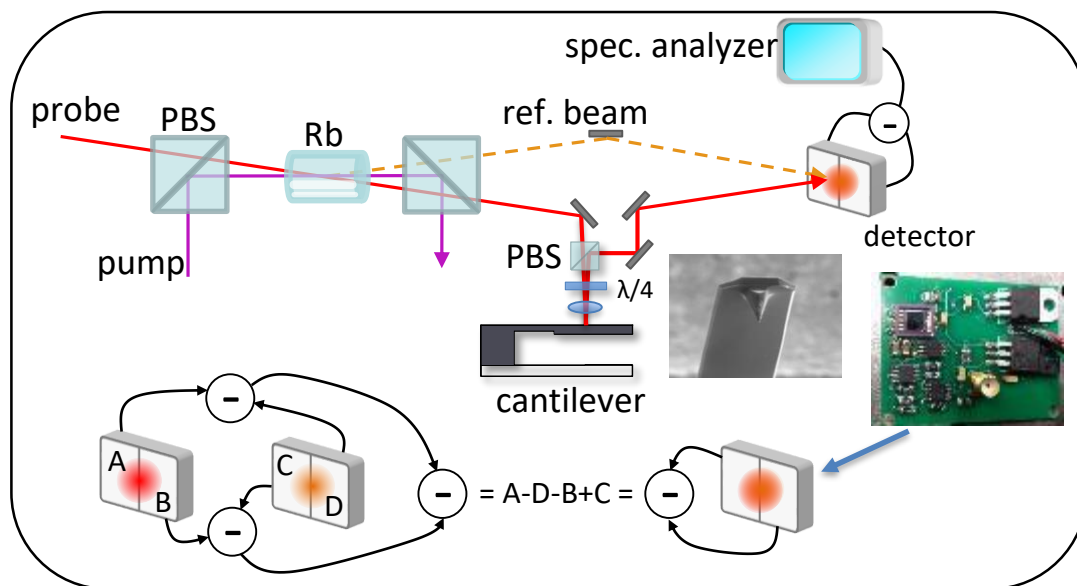
4.5dB QNR below the shot noise limit

Otterstrom, Lawrie, Pooser, *Optics Letters*, 39, 6533 (2014)



Ultra Sensitive Microcantilever Displacement Measurement

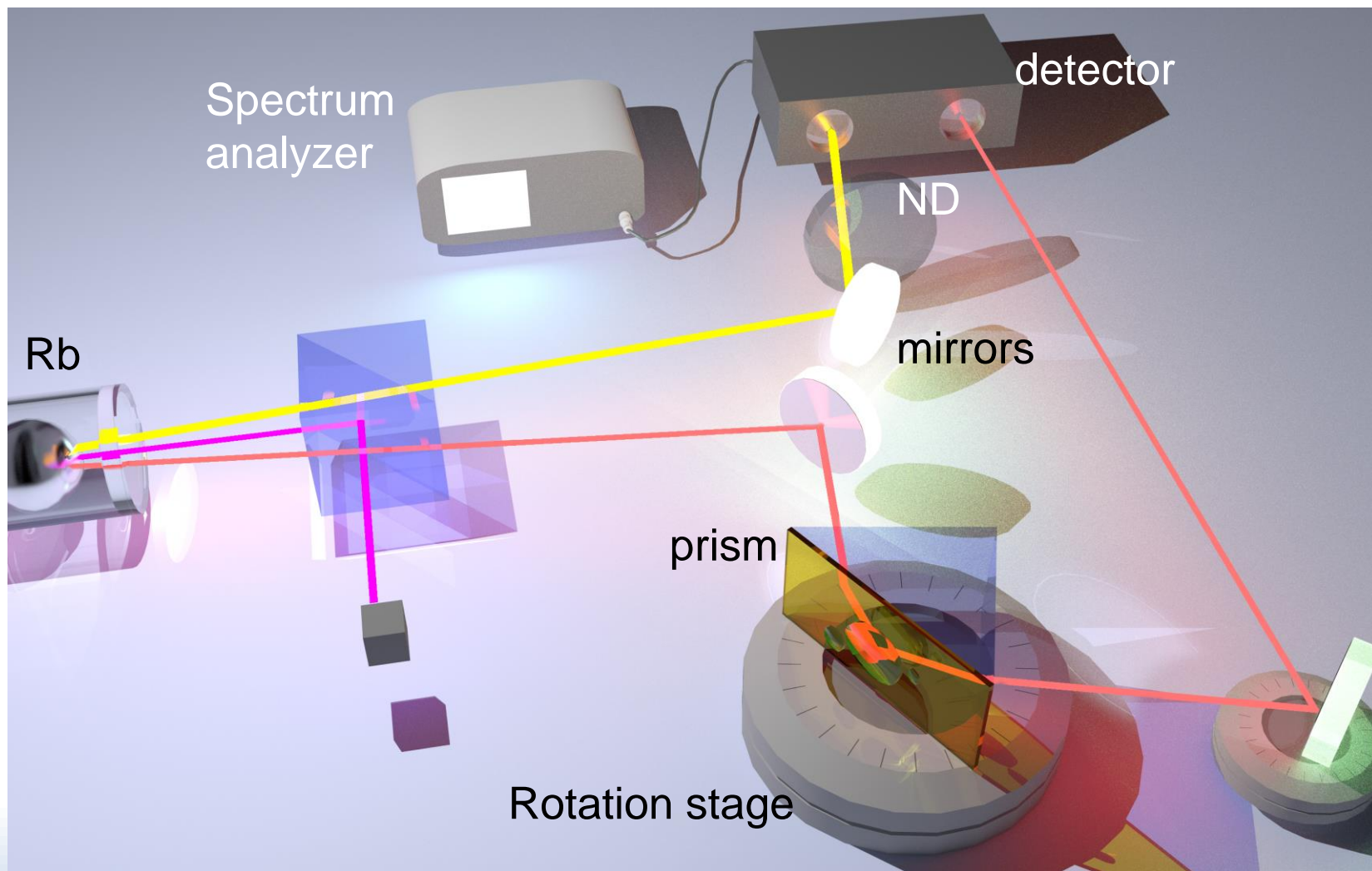
Noise floor reduced to less than 40% of the shot noise limit



135 fm amplitude displacement modulation measured for 4dB squeezing in 10 kHz acquisition window; 1.35 fm possible in 1 Hz acquisition window. Record for AFM sensitivity

R. C. Pooser, B. Lawrie, *Optica* 2(5) 393-399 (2015)

Plasmonic trace sensing with squeezed light



Hunting for topological dark matter with atomic clocks

“networks or correlated atomic clocks can be used as a powerful tool to search for topological dark matter”

A. Derevianko^{1*} and M. Pospelov^{2,3}

ASTROPHYSICS

Atom-interferometry constraints on dark energy

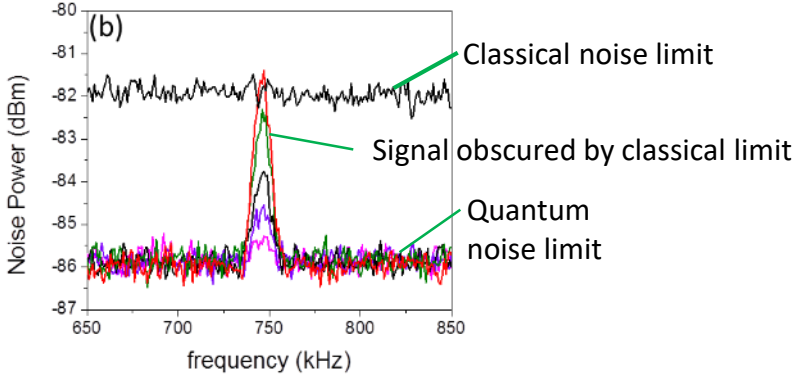
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Also see: proposals to squeeze microwave background field; e.g. arXiv:1607.02529v2 [hep-ph]

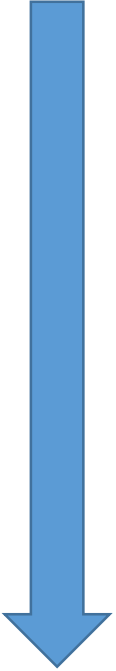
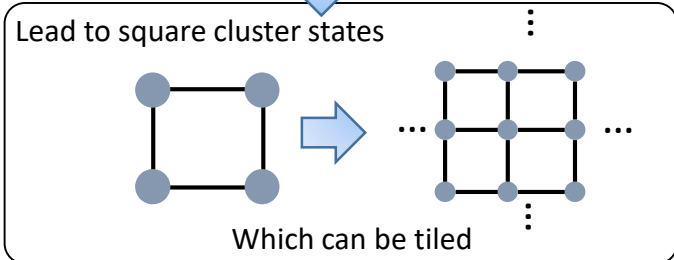
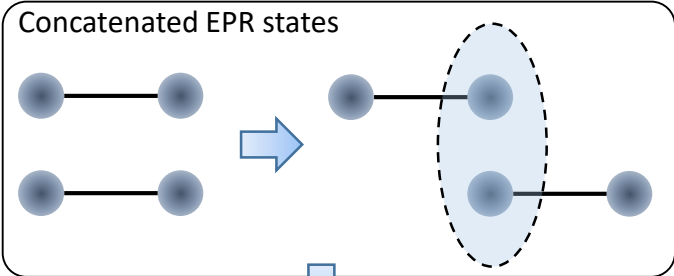
Quantum Sensing and Quantum Computing Across Quantum Networks

- Quantum networks are collections of qubits (nodes) connected by interactions, or quantum gates (edges)
- Simplest quantum network is the two qubit EPR state or Bell state, *which is a workhorse in quantum sensing*
 - The quantum correlations in EPR quantum networks can be used to *reduce the noise floor in measurements – quantum metrology*



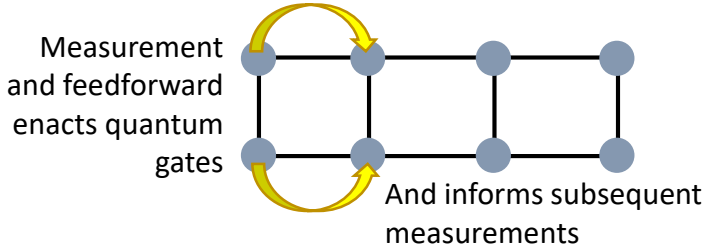
$$|EPR\rangle \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x\rangle_a \otimes |x\rangle_b dx$$

Sensing



Computing

- Indefinitely large quantum networks can be built by concatenating EPR states – *the same network is a resource for measurement-based quantum computing and distributed quantum sensors*

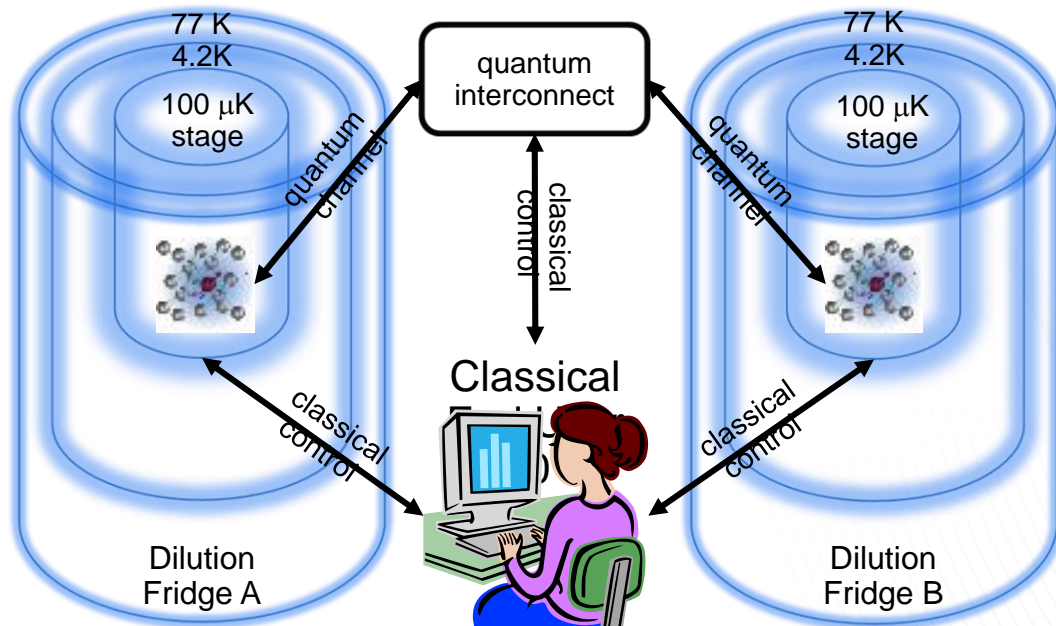


The know-how in generating long range entanglement for quantum sensing lends itself to building quantum computers. This is because in order to make these quantum sensors, one must build a *quantum network* with a *two qubit gate* interaction between the nodes.

Pavel Lougovski: A Quantum Interconnect for Matter Qubits Based on Frequency-Encoded Photonic Qubits

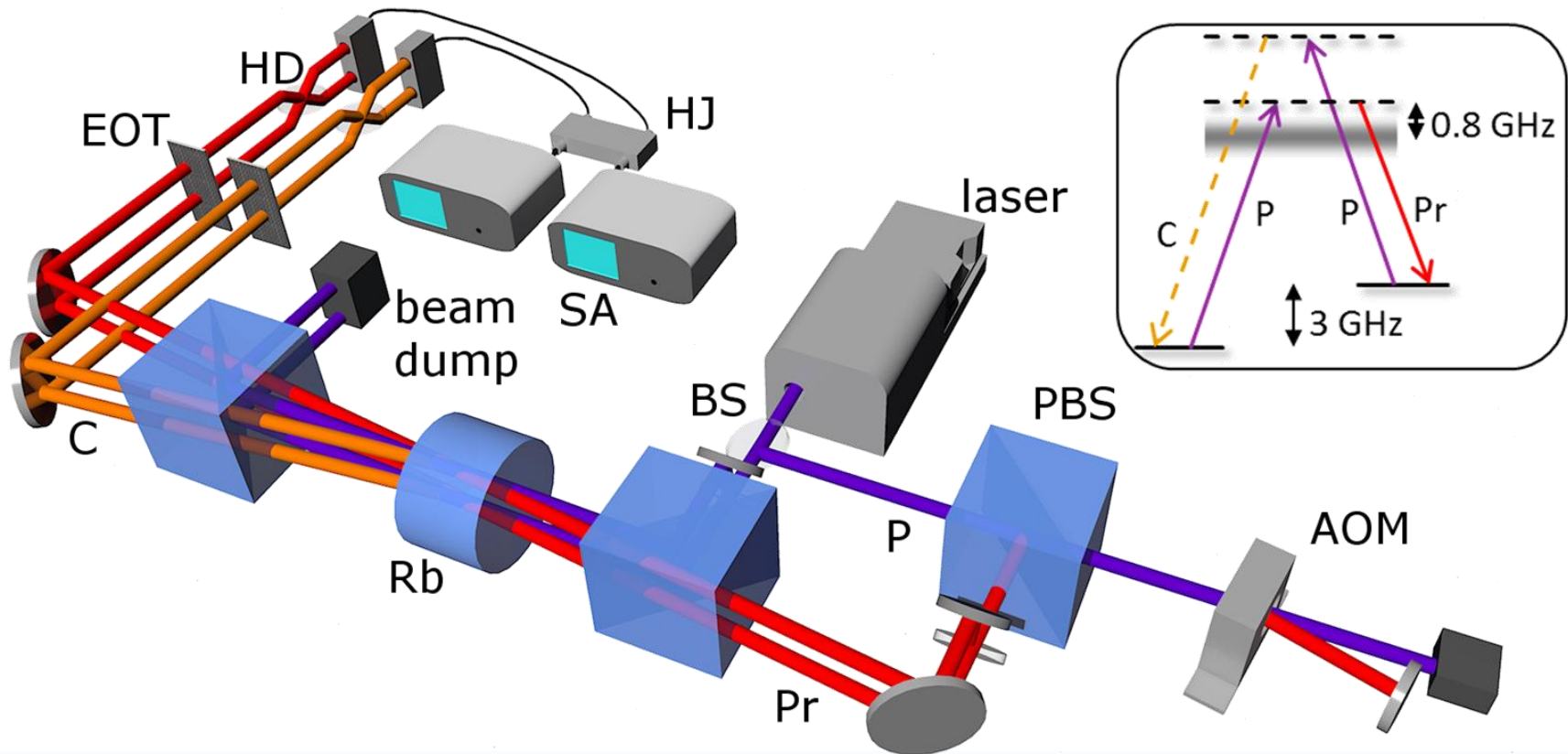
Develop a technology enabling exchange of quantum information between dissimilar matter qubits

- Develop a protocol to mediate operations between remote qubits using single photons of different frequencies
- Experimentally demonstrate high-fidelity quantum operations on photons of dissimilar frequencies
- Utilize the technology as a part of the future material qubit testbed and quantum internet



Long range continuous variable plasmonic networks

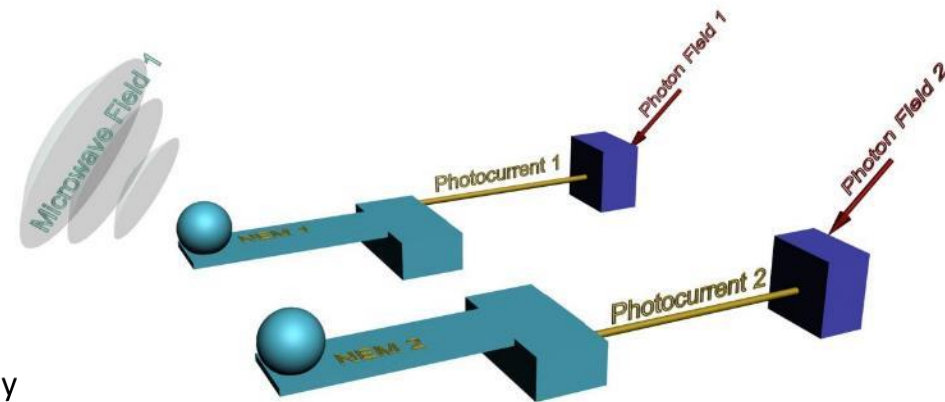
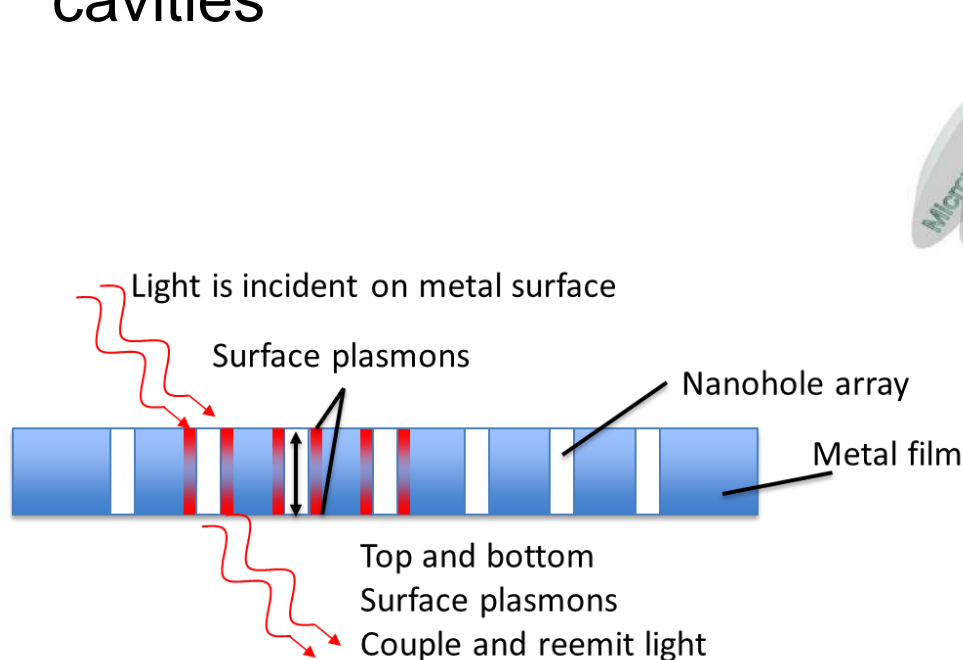
Long range entanglement among plasmons in separate substrates



M. Holtfrerich, M. Dowran, R. Davidson, B. Lawrie, R. C. Pooser, A. Marino, *Optica* 3, 985-988 (2016).

Photonic to microwave transduction

- Complete coherent **electronic** transduction of quantum entanglement leads to coherent coupling to microwaves
 - In continuous variable quantum optics the quantum statistics are already encoded in the microwave sidebands of the optical field!
- Could lead to entangled networks of superconducting cavities



Quantum Sensing Networks

Integration of magneto optical traps (MOT) with a squeezed light source

- Current MOT optical readout limited by laser noise
 - Squeezed light source can enhance sensitivity of existing MOTs
- Entanglement exists between probe and conjugate beams
 - Quantum state transfer from probe beam \rightarrow MOT
 - Teleport state from conjugate beam to a 2nd MOT
 - **MOTs are now entangled** - backbone of scalable quantum sensing network

