

QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE AT FERMILAB

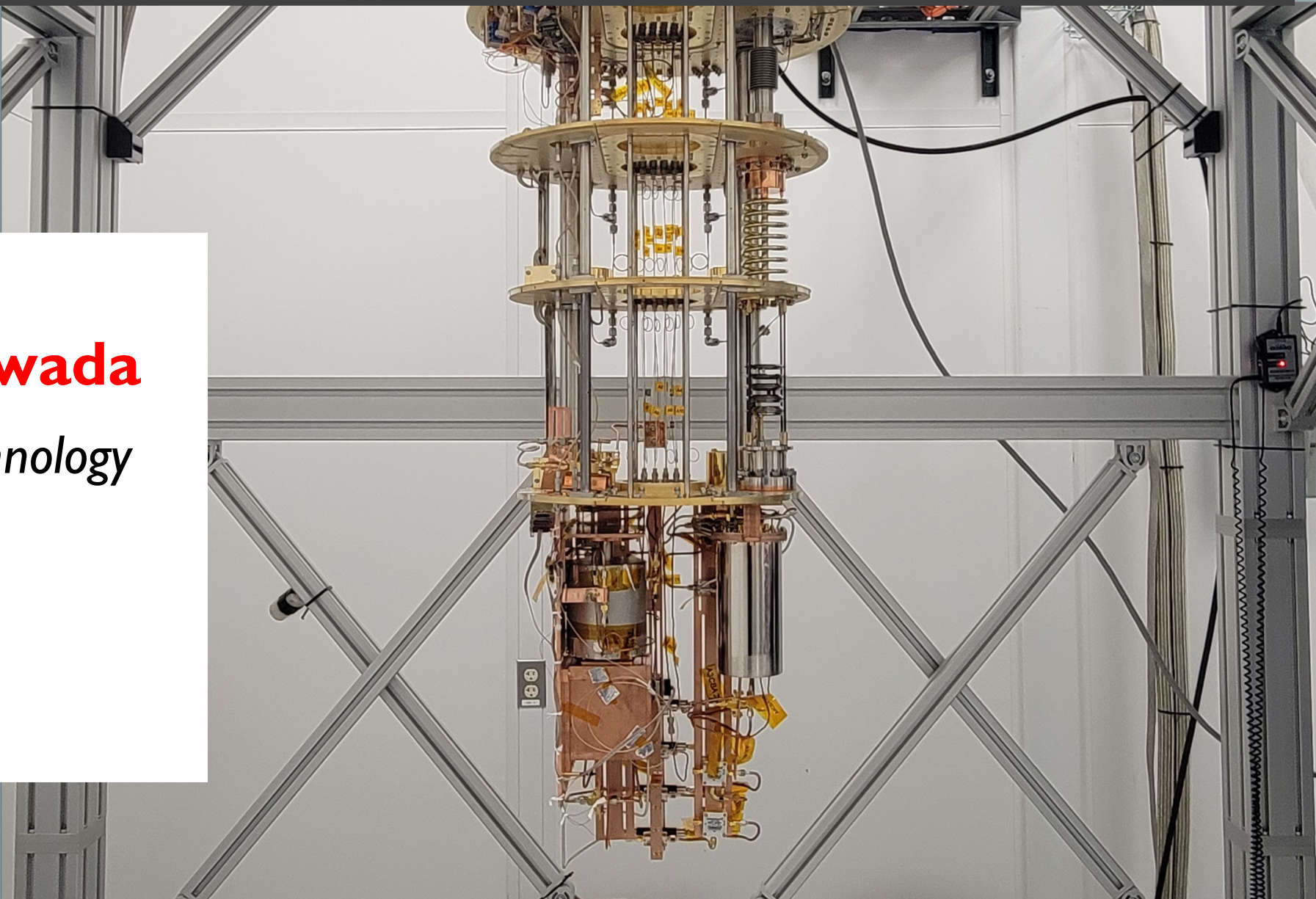
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OUTLINE

- **Quantum Science Program at Fermilab**
 - DOE Quantum Science Enabled Discovery (QuantiSED)
 - Quantum Science Center (QSC)

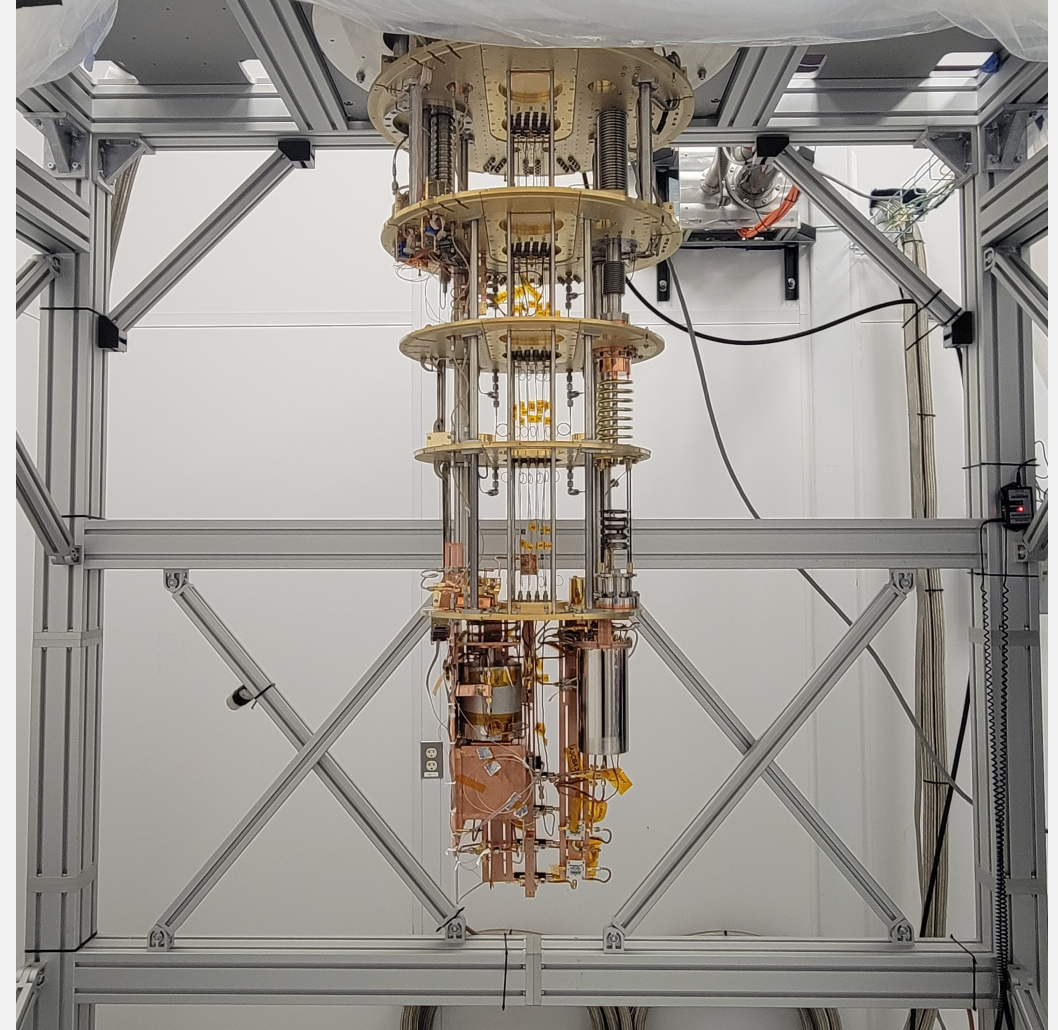
one of the five DOE Quantum Science Centers funded under National Quantum Initiative act passed by congress (2018). Led by Oak Ridge National Lab

All of this is relatively new and very future focused!

“New Ideas for future projects at Fermilab”

User’s meeting 2023 theme

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QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE

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graph TD; QIS[QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE] --> QS[Quantum sensors]; QIS --> QC[Quantum computing]; QIS --> QMDF[Quantum materials and devices fabrication]; QC --> QA[Quantum algorithm]; QC --> QCryp[Quantum cryptography]; QMDF --> QT[Quantum teleportation];
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Quantum sensors

Quantum
computing

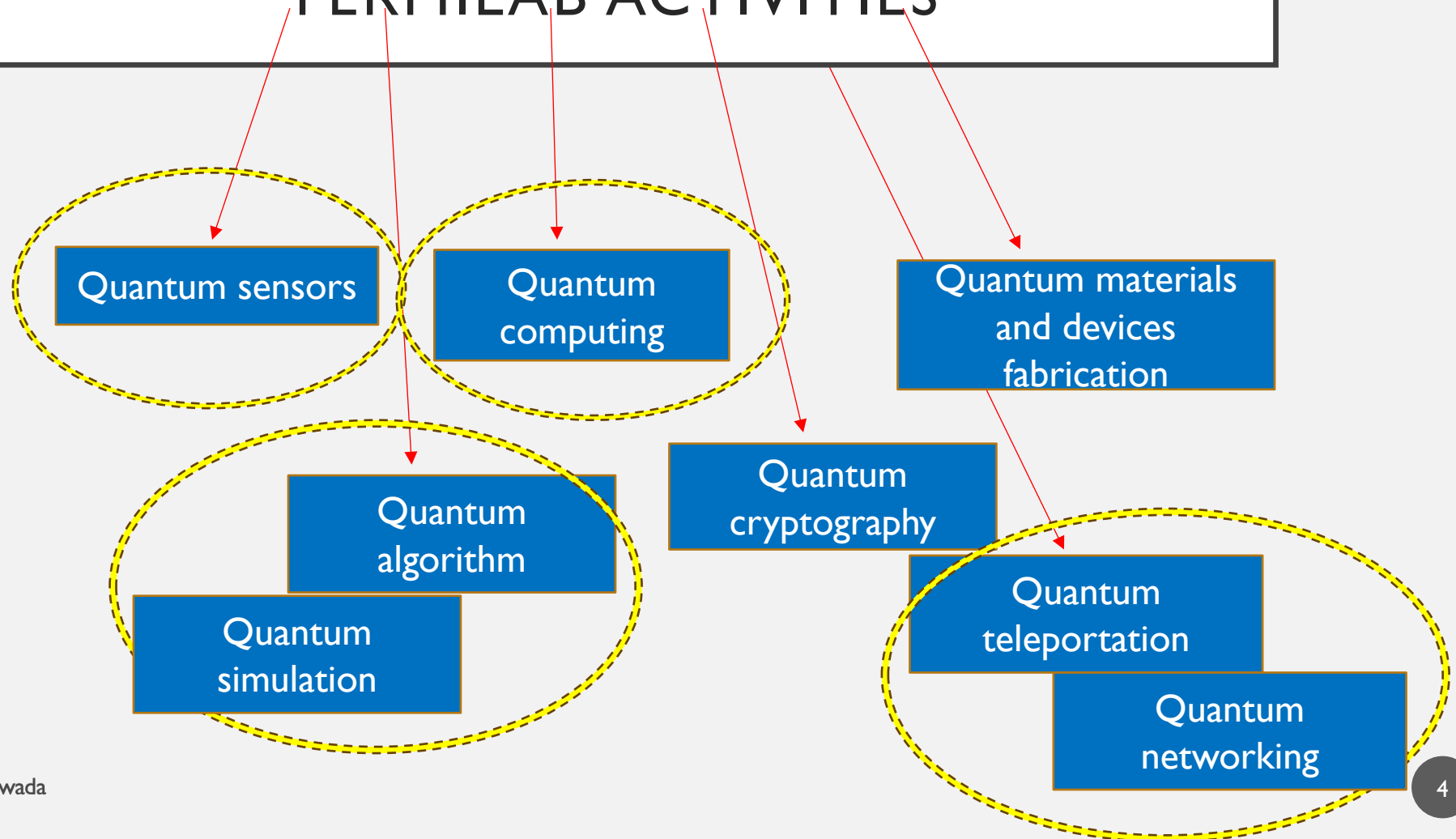
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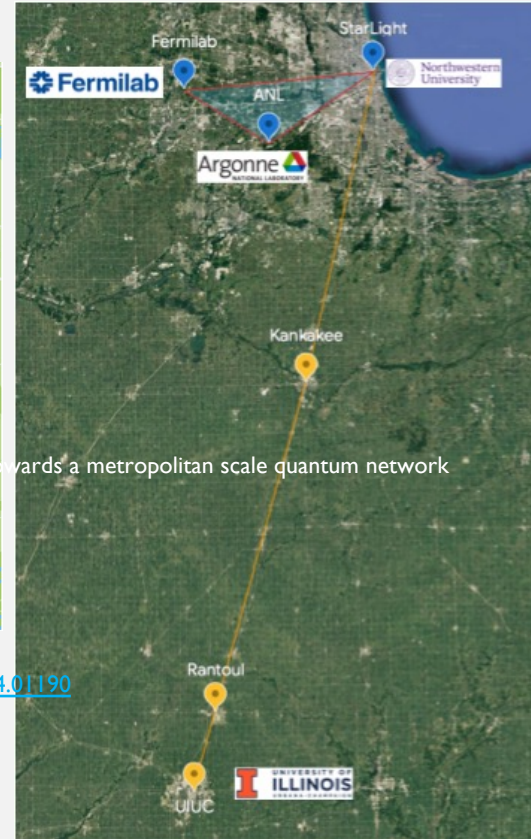
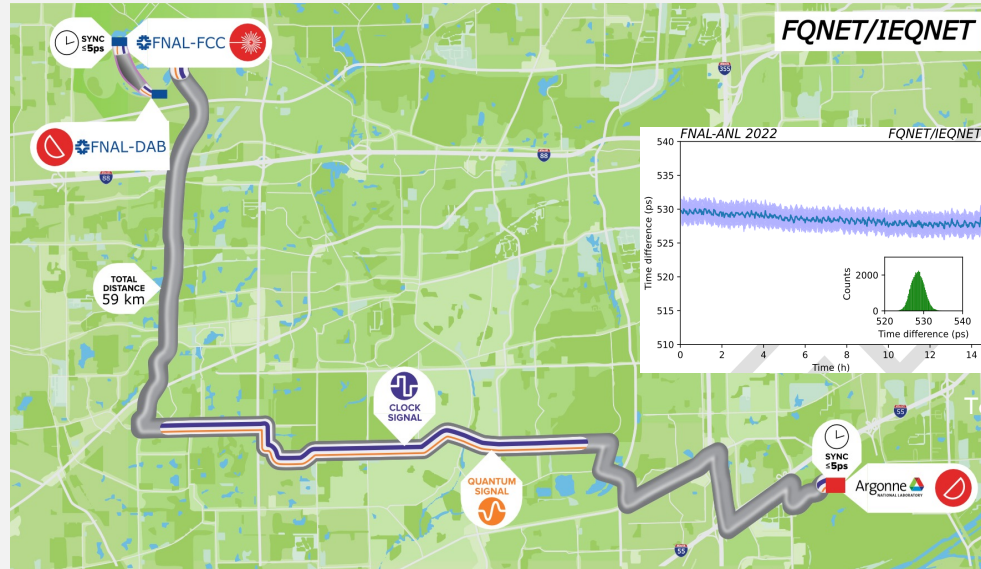
QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE FERMILAB ACTIVITIES



FERMILAB QUANTUM NETWORK (FQNET)

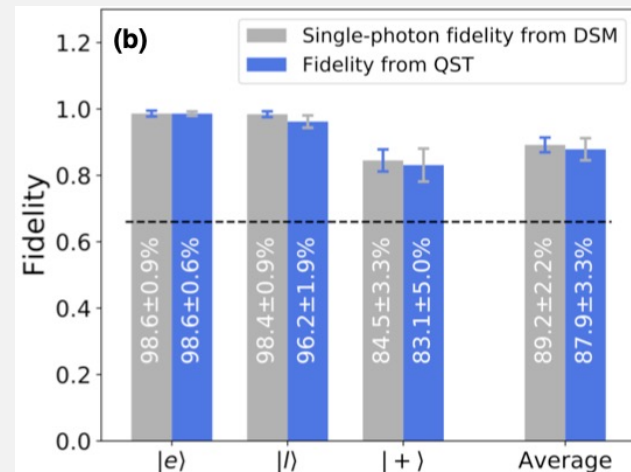
Picosecond level entanglement distribution and clock synchronization *EEE JQE 59,1-7 (2023)*
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QuantiSED

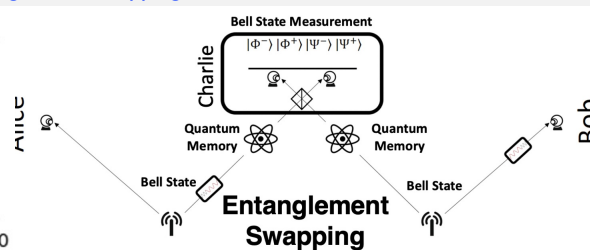
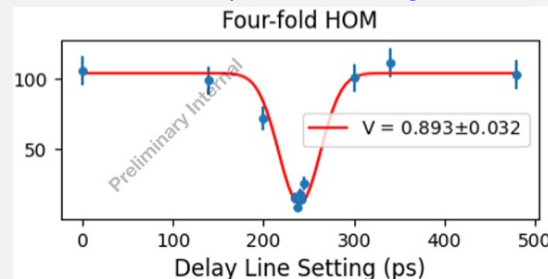


- Collaboration: **FNAL, Argonne, Caltech, Northwestern University.**
- Illinois Express Quantum Network (IEQNET)
- Hosts **photronics and optical fiber based local quantum teleportation nodes**, between Chicagoland institutions
- High fidelity **quantum teleportation was achieved between multiple nodes (50 km apart) at Argonne and Fermilab (2022)** using entangled photons
- Picosecond level entanglement distribution and clock synchronization between two nodes.
- **Step forward in building Quantum networking over metropolitan distances**

High-fidelity quantum teleportation *PRX QUANTUM 1, 020317 (2020)* Quick-Quantum Network (QICK-QN): <https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.01190>



Teleportation of entanglement: entanglement swapping



QUANTUM COMPUTING AND ALGORITHMS

Qubit assignment using time reversal

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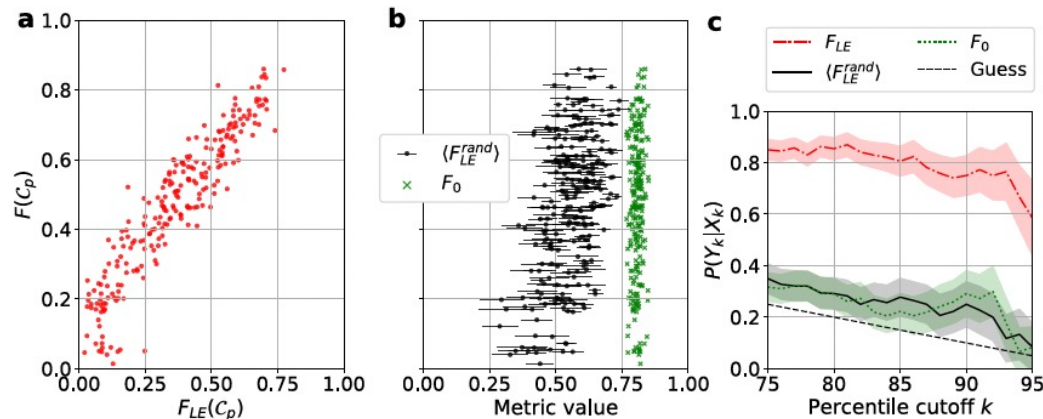
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(Dated: October 8, 2022)

- In order to run quantum circuits on hardware, we need to map logical qubits to the physical hardware (qubit assignment problem).
- For NISQ-era devices, we need to perform this task in a noise-aware manner.
- Sub-tasks:
 - Efficiently estimate the performance of different qubit choices (Loschmidt Echoes)
 - Efficiently search the space of possible qubit assignments (simulated annealing)



- 8 qubit GHZ circuit on Google Rainbow (23 qubits)
- Loschmidt Echo (red) fidelity estimator using the target circuit tracks more closely to true process fidelity for a given qubit assignment than a random circuit estimator (black) or historical calibration data (green).
- Far right plot shows the probability of an assignment truly being within the k th percentile of fidelities given a metric observation in the k th percentile.

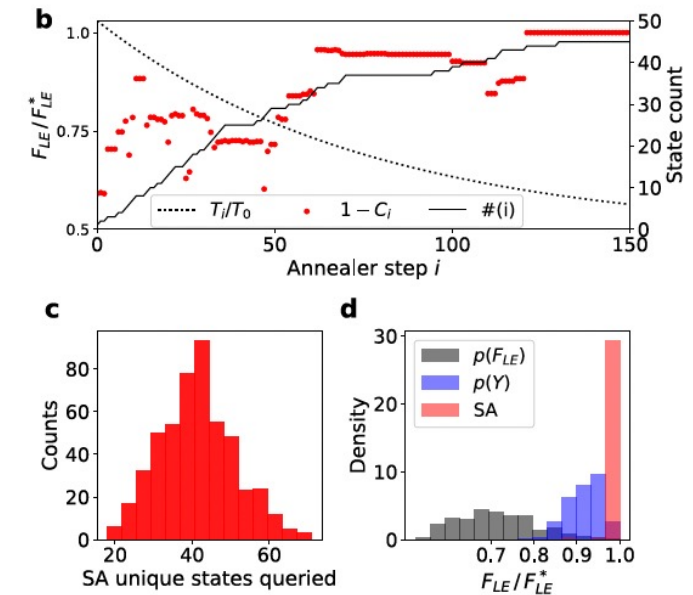


DOE: Quantum
Information Science
Enabled Discovery
(QuantISED)



Fermilab

- Key funding support driving pioneering investigations of quantum information in High Energy Physics



- Simulated annealing is a good optimization strategy.
- Top panel shows the performance progression one run of SA.
- Bottom left shows the number of unique states queried in a 10,000 circuit simulation.
- Bottom right shows the fidelities over all assignments (grey), random sampling (using SA query counts and keeping the best, blue) and simulated annealing (red)

QUANTUM SENSING

QUBIT BASED DETECTORS FOR ULTRALIGHT AND
LIGHT DARK MATTER SEARCHES

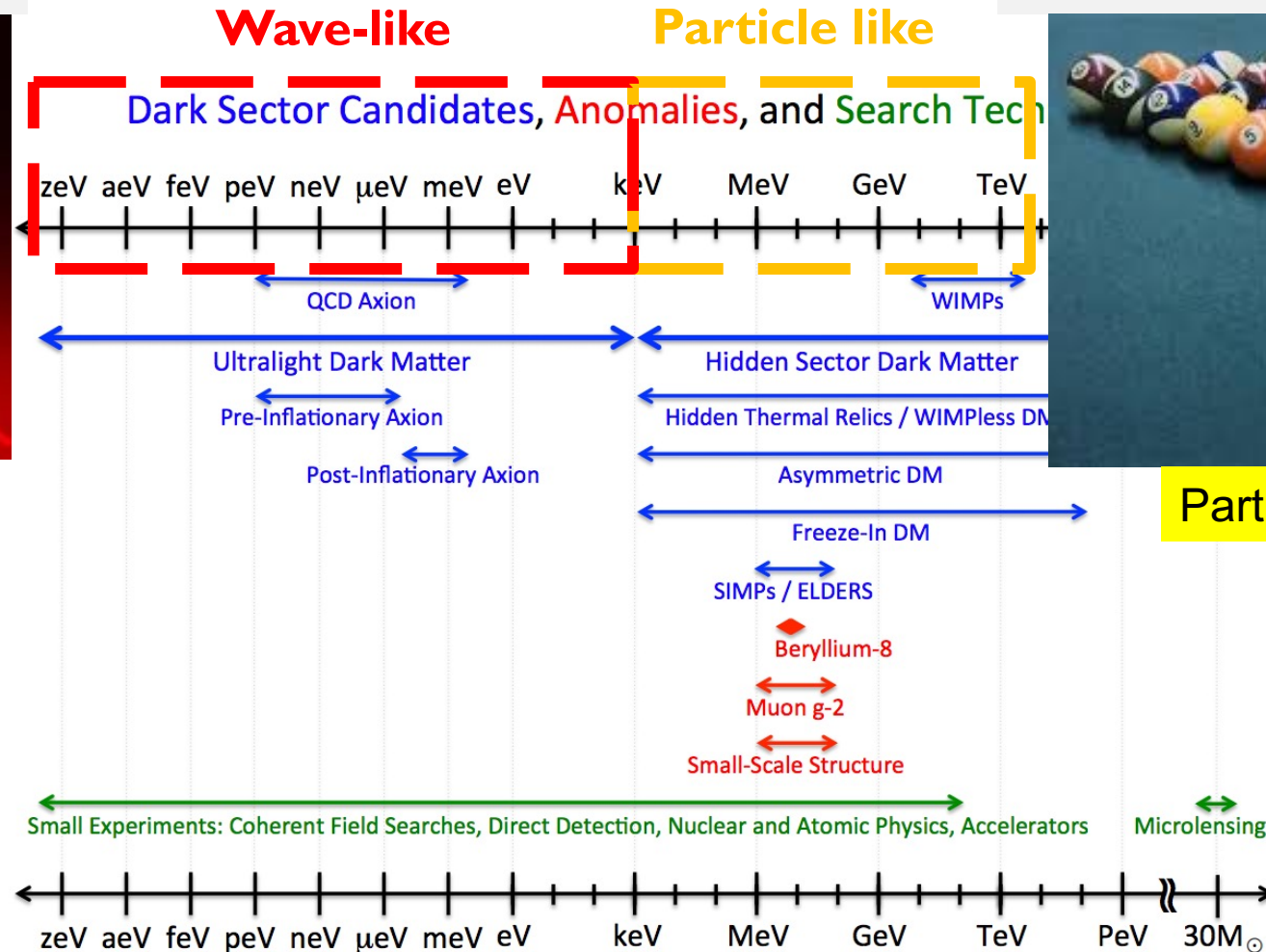
ADVANTAGES OF QUBITS OVER CURRENT DARK MATTER SEARCH TECHNOLOGY

- **Sensitivity to sub-eV energy threshold**
- Dark Matter can be coupled to **phonons** (lattice vibrations of the substrate) or **as photon absorption** in the superconducting part of qubit
- **Broken cooper pairs generated in the qubit when $E > 2\Delta$** (superconducting bandgap energy) **→ can be used as Dark Matter signal**
- **Easy signal readout** with a qubit readout protocol (T_1, T_2 , charge parity measurements)
- Qubit superconducting systems in **mK cryostat**, ideal for **thermal noise reduction** for Dark Matter searches.

DARK MATTER CANDIDATES



Wave like DM



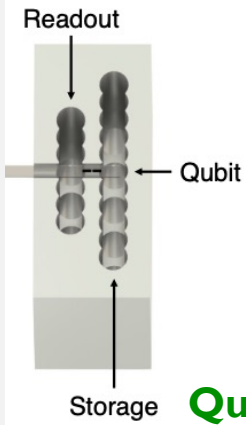
Particle like DM

WHAT HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED WITH QUBIT BASED DARK MATTER DETECTORS?

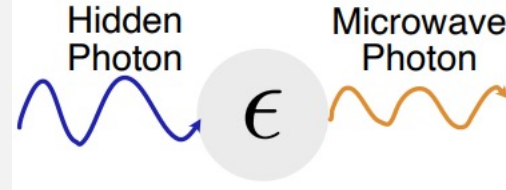
HIDDEN PHOTON DARK MATTER SEARCH WITH QUBITS PROTOTYPE DEMONSTRATION

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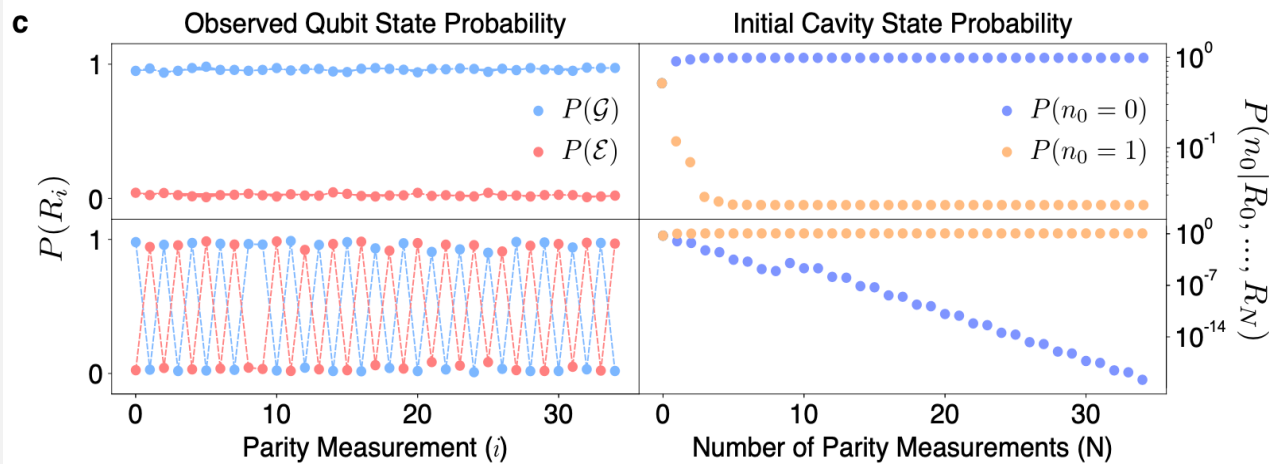
U Chicago/FNAL



Aluminum cavity
 $Q \sim 10^7$
 $\omega_r \sim 8$ GHz
 $\omega_s \sim 6$ GHz
 $\omega_q \sim 4.5$ GHz

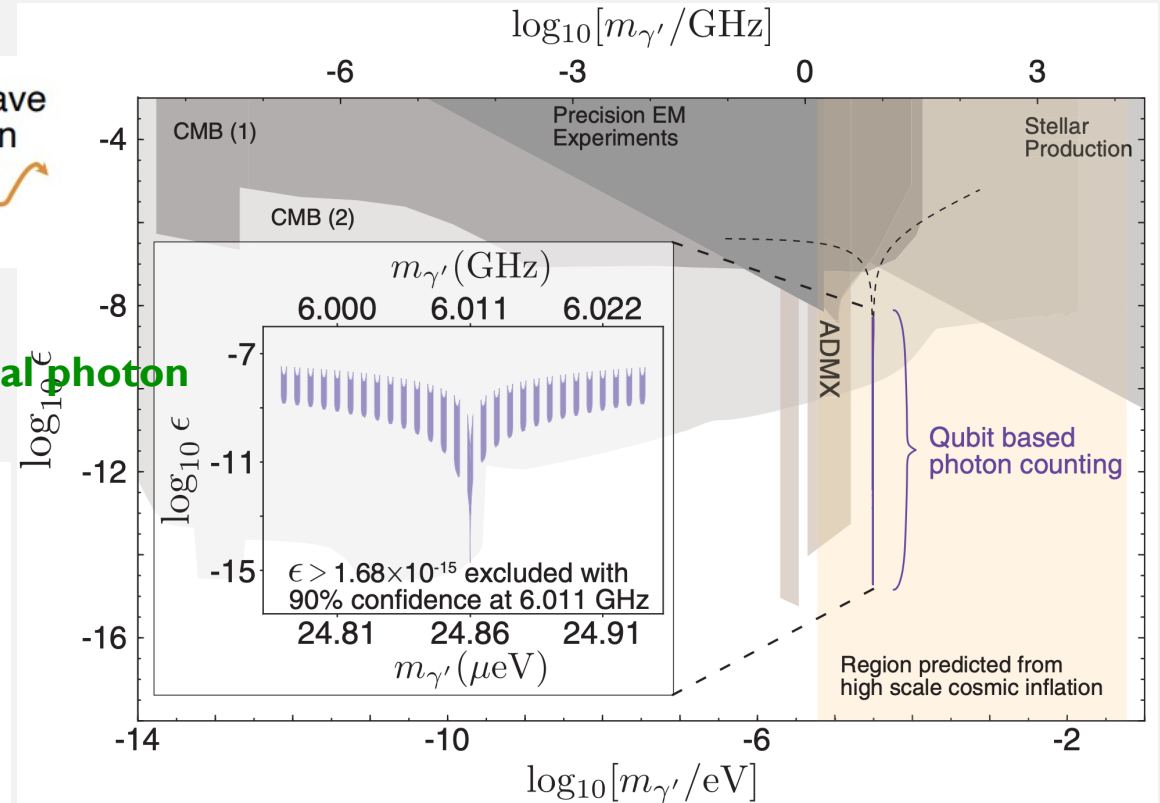


Qubit + 3D cavity – qubit excited state probability due to presence of a DM signal photon



Multiple successful flips due to the presence of a photon
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False positives exponentially suppressed due to repeated measurements



Hidden photon world limits set by qubits in 8 s integration time

Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, 141302

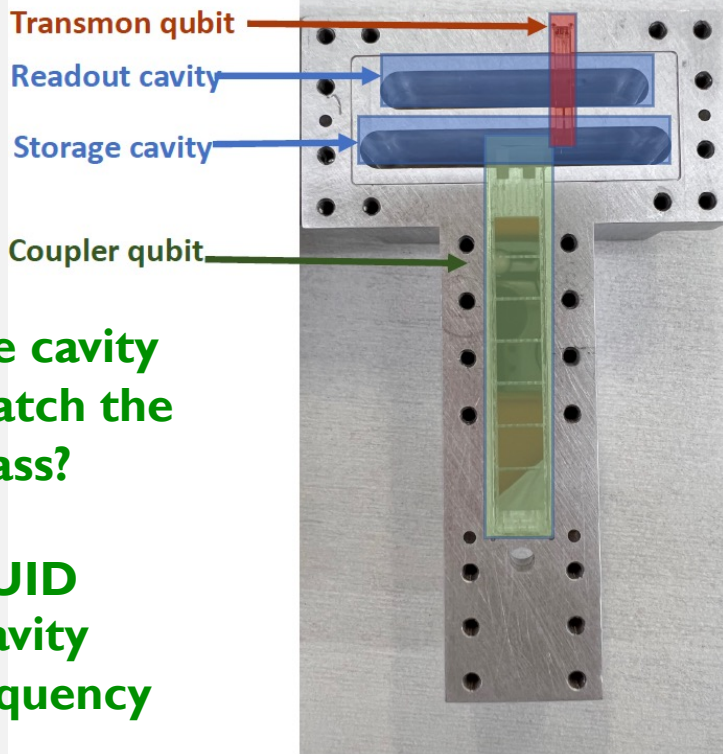
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NOVEL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT UTILIZING QUANTUM TOOLS

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Dark Matter:
Hidden Photons
Axions

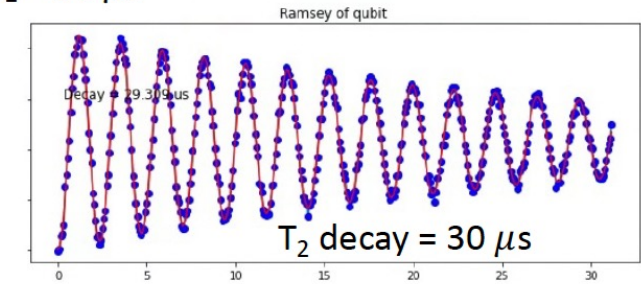
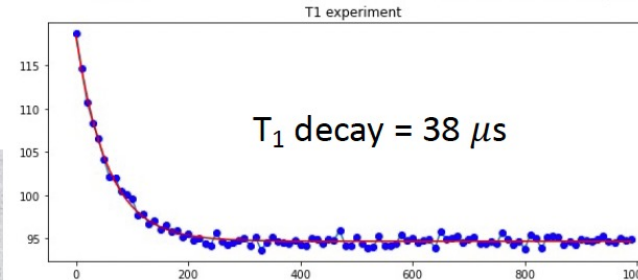
**Superconducting
Quantum Interference
Device (SQUID) tunable
cavity**



**How to tune the cavity
frequency to match the
Dark Matter mass?**

Flux biased SQUID
→ coupled to cavity
→ tunes the frequency

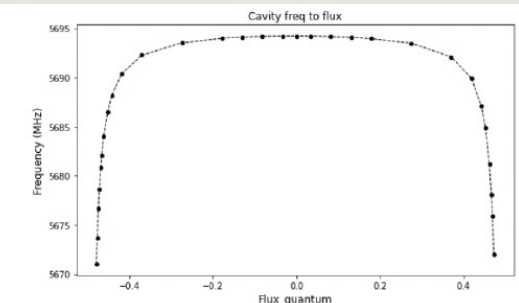
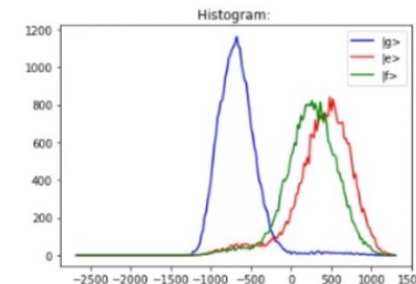
Transmon qubit: $T_1 = 38 \mu s$ $T_2 = 30 \mu s$



**Hidden photon Dark Matter Search prototype
demonstrated using qubits (2021)
→ making the cavity tunable now**

Searching for Dark Matter with a Superconducting Qubit

Akash V. Dixit, Srivatsan Chakram, Kevin He, Ankur Agrawal, Ravi K. Naik, David I. Schuster, and Aaron Chou
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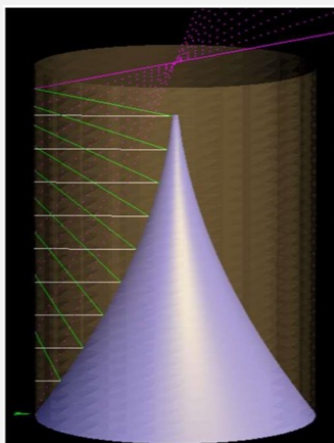


DARK MATTER DETECTOR R&D

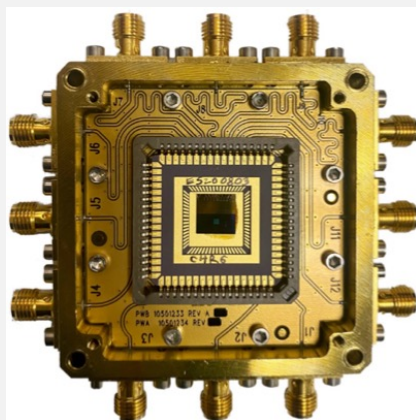
QuantiSED

Broadband Axion Antenna (BREAD) and **Superconducting Nanowire Single Photon Detector** for Dark Matter

SNSPD R&D for axion detection experiments *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 122, 243506 (2023)



BREAD concept



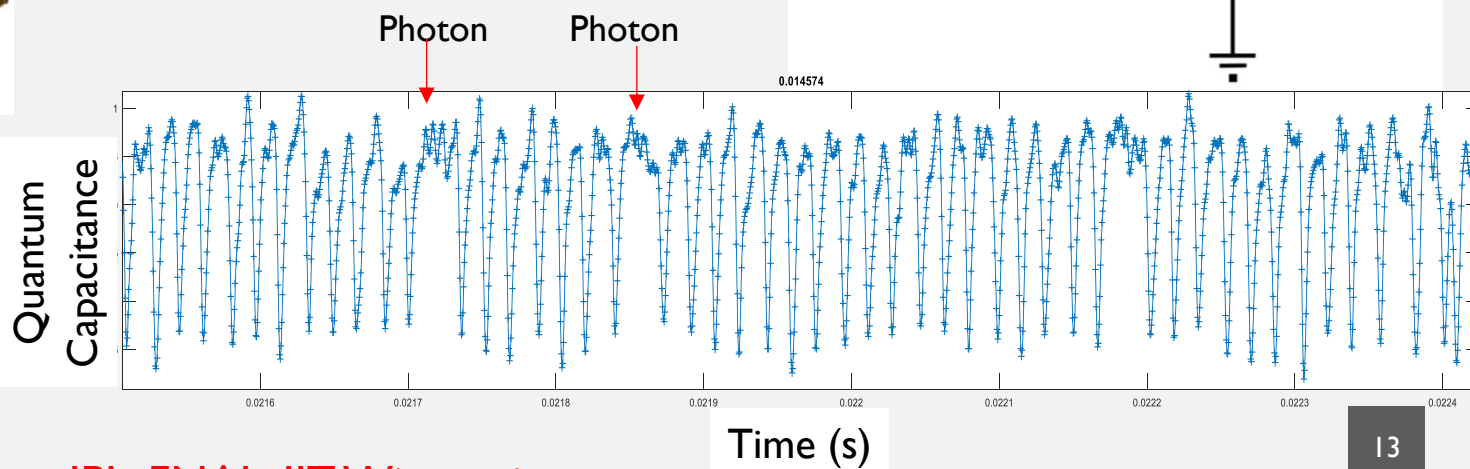
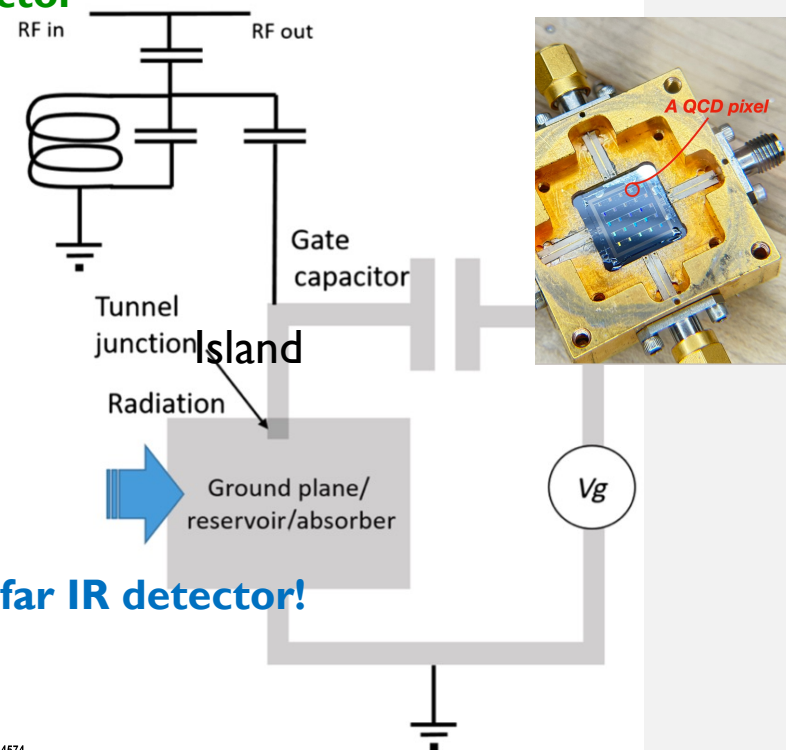
SNSPD

Caltech, JPL, FNAL etc.

Quantum Capacitance Detector (QCD)

- far infrared spectroscopic missions (space telescope)
Caltech/JPL
- Photon \Rightarrow superconducting absorber \Rightarrow broken Cooper pairs \Rightarrow tunnel into a small capacitive island \Rightarrow **causes non-equilibrium quasiparticle population to increase**
- NEP $< 10^{-20}$ W/Sqrt Hz at 1.5 THz – most sensitive far IR detector!**

Towards a metro

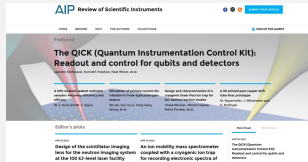


JPL, FNAL, IIT, Wisconsin

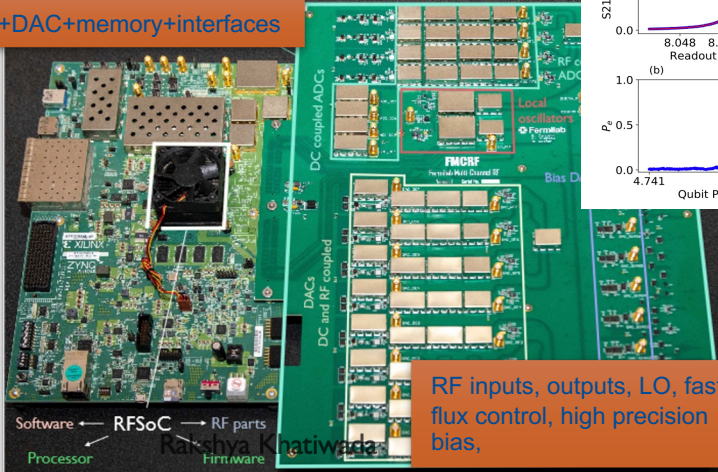
QUANTUM SCIENCE CENTER (QSC)

- **High throughput cryogenic facility** for development and readout of **large arrays of quantum sensors** (Commissioned Fall 2022)
- **Dark Matter and radiation sensing with sub-eV single photon/phonon resolution** qubit-based sensors
- multiplexed readout of array of quantum sensors using FNAL developed **Quantum Instrumentation Control Kit (QICK)** based on Radio Frequency on Chip (RFSoc) fpga technology.

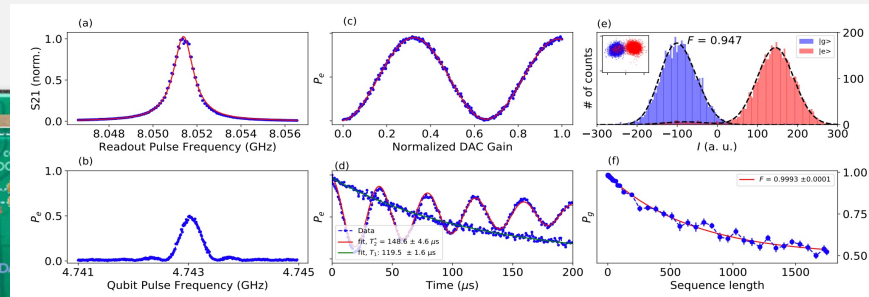
- >30 labs in the **US** and abroad
- 20 science talks in **APS March meeting!**



FPGA+ADC+DAC+memory+interfaces



RF inputs, outputs, LO, fast flux control, high precision bias,

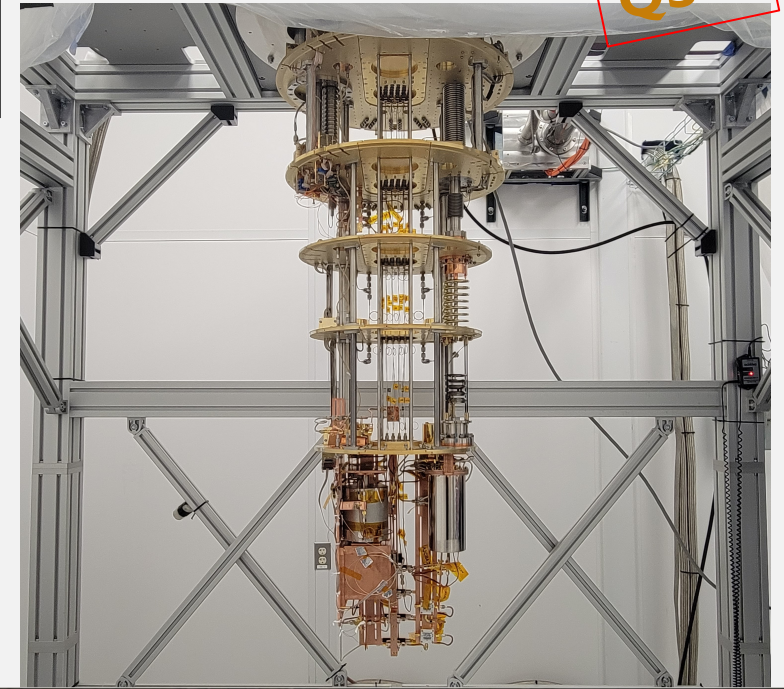


Qubit readout using QICK

Open source: including hardware schematics/layout firmware, software. See <https://github.com/openquantumhardware>

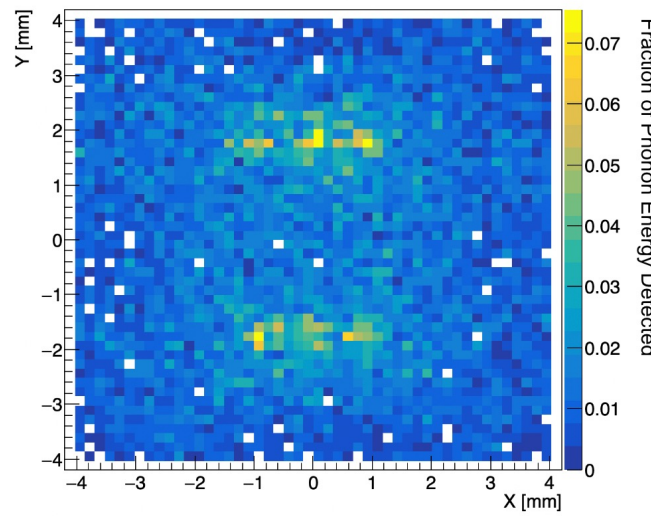
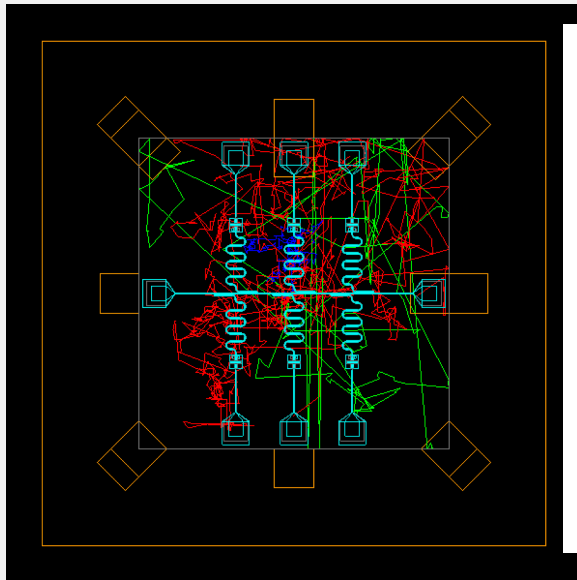
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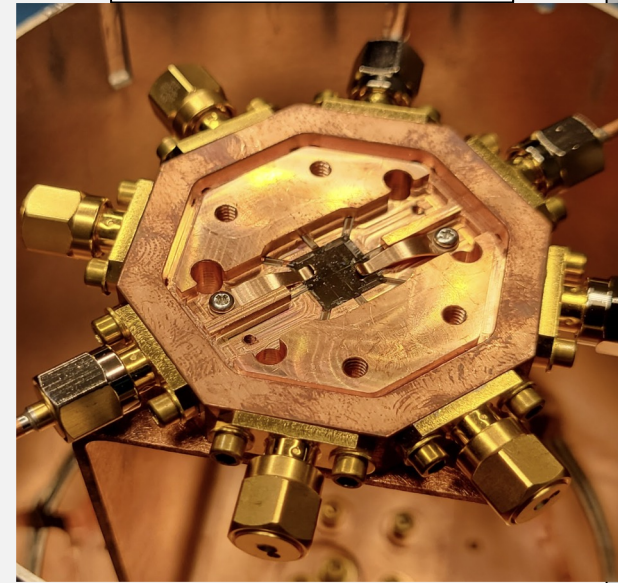
UNDERSTANDING ENERGY DISSIPATION IN QUBITS

- Investigate \sim **eV energy dissipation through $e + h$ and phonon production**
- Simulation effort on **charge transport and phonon kinematics in Si.**
- Application of particle physics **simulation tools like G4CMP to understand qubits** (various substrates and geometry)
- Cryogenic photon source development (**0.62 – 6.9 eV**)

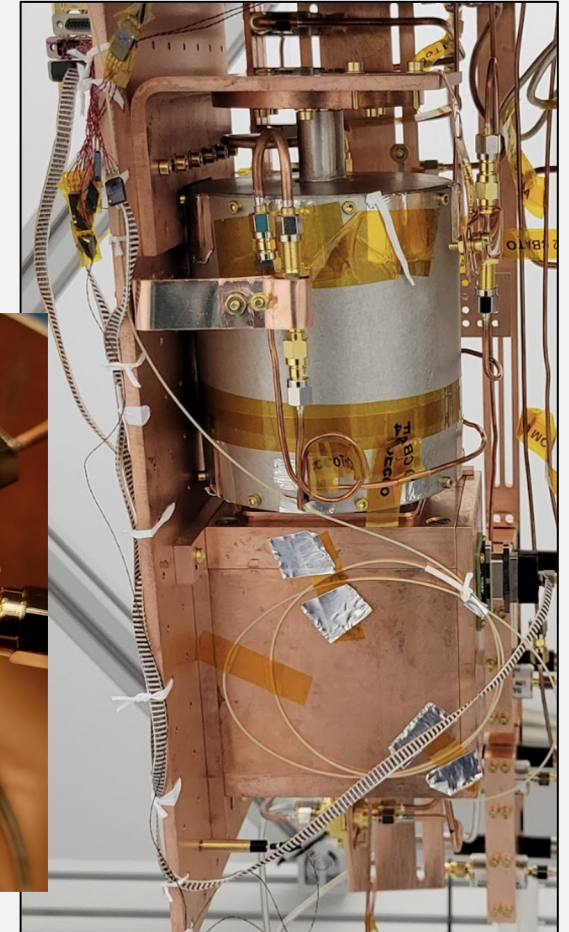


phonon simulation in a 6-qubit
silicon chip using G4CMP

6 qubit chip (Si)



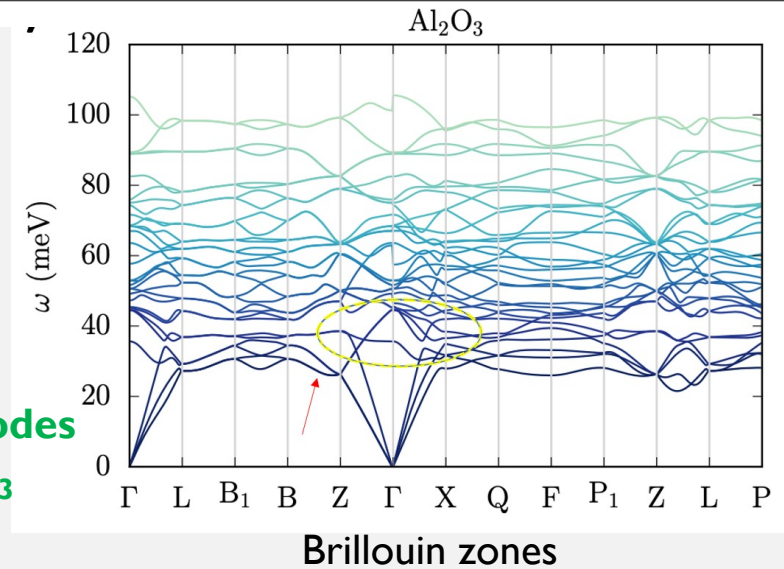
MEMS cryogenic photon
source



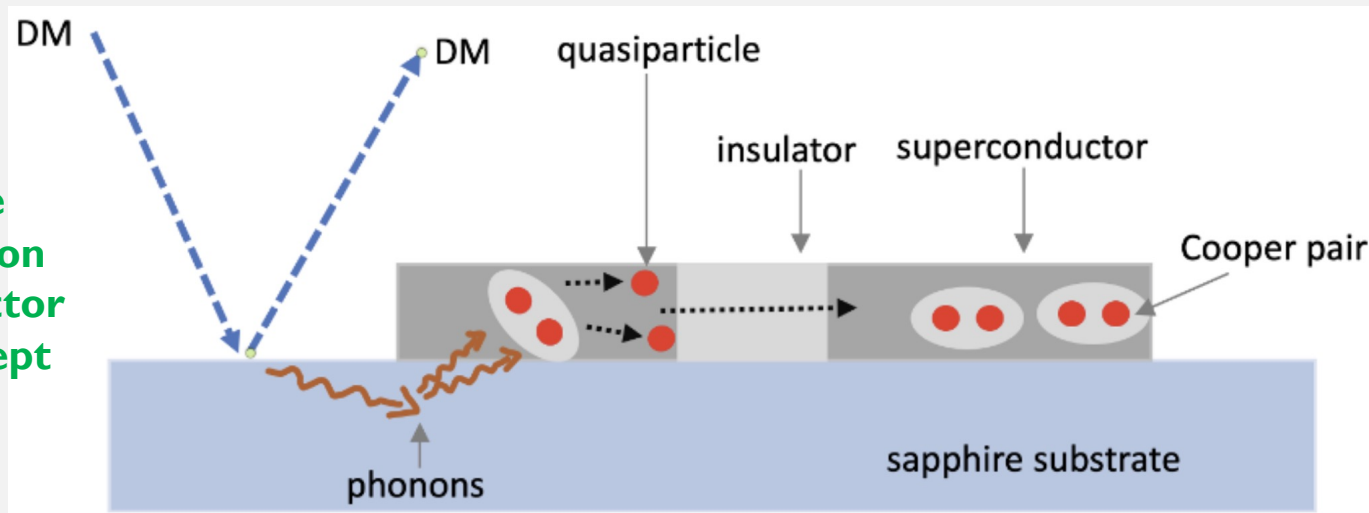
QUBITS FOR LOW ENERGY THRESHOLD DARK MATTER DETECTION

- **Single phonon detectors for Dark Matter** using Al_2O_3 qubits
- **Sub-eV sensitivity** (100 - 40 meV optical phonons)
- Dark Matter \rightarrow optical phonons in $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \rightarrow$ phonon down-conversion \rightarrow phonon propagation to Al \rightarrow broken Cooper pairs in Al \rightarrow qubit readout protocol \rightarrow Dark Matter signal
- 4 qubit chip from Purdue University
- QICK + RFSoc + RF boards readout in progress (done by end of this year)
- Early Career effort of Khatiwada supported by QSC

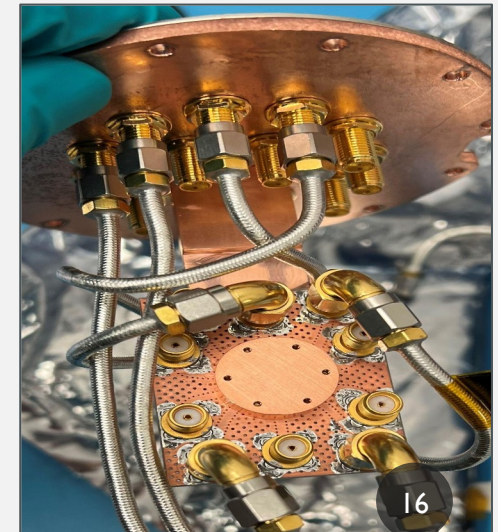
Phonon modes
In Al_2O_3



single
Phonon
detector
concept



4 qubit
chip array
In LOUD



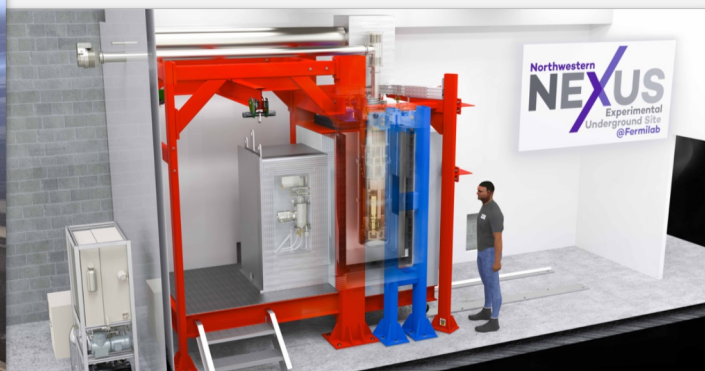
UNDERGROUND, LOW BACKGROUND FACILITY AT FERMILAB FOR FUNDAMENTAL SCIENCE

UNDERGROUND FACILITY AT FERMILAB

Neutrino tunnel at Fermilab: perfect place to study radiation effects on qubits



NEXUS facility for SuperCDMS



Dark Matter
Impact of radiation in superconducting detectors



QUIET low background facility by Quantum Science Center (QSC)

IMPACT OF COSMIC AND TERRESTRIAL RADIATION ON QUANTUM COMPUTERS

High energy radiation: source of quasiparticle in qubits

Resolving catastrophic error bursts from cosmic rays in large arrays of superconducting qubits

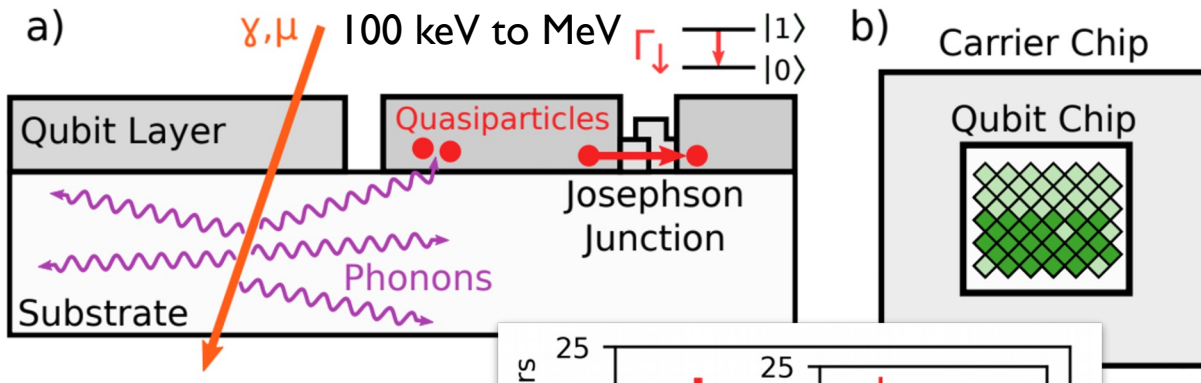
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Study context: Quantum Error Correction

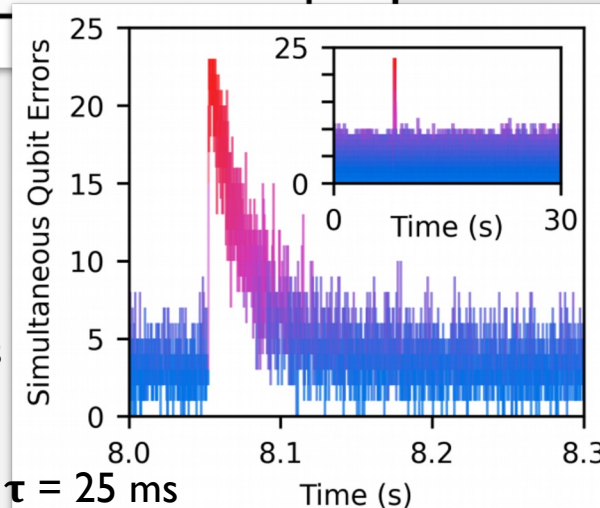
Why should we care?

- Building superconducting devices (qubit) based experiment for DM
- Need to decrease dark rate of available SPD
- Hasn't been studied in detail before

event rate:
1/7.6 s &
1/38 s



muon or γ absorption
↓
phonon reservoir Si substrate
↓
Phonons break cooper pair
↓
quasiparticle tunnel to the junctions
↓
qubit decoherence



- Direct measurement on google processor
- Non localized impact of radiation in qubit (quasiparticle absorb qubit energy and cause excited state to decay)
- Suppressed T_1 throughout the device
- **Mitigation:** shielding, underground operation quasiparticle and phonon traps being studied

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.05219>
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SUMMARY

- Various activities under Quantum Information Science at FNAL
 - **FNAL at the forefront of novel Quantum Science based research**
- **Aboveground and Underground cryogenic facilities at Fermilab** great platforms for studies of impact of radiation in superconducting devices and quantum sensing for Fundamental science
- **Dark Matter community developed resources and expertise** being utilized for Quantum Science research
- These **activities expected to expand further** in the coming years

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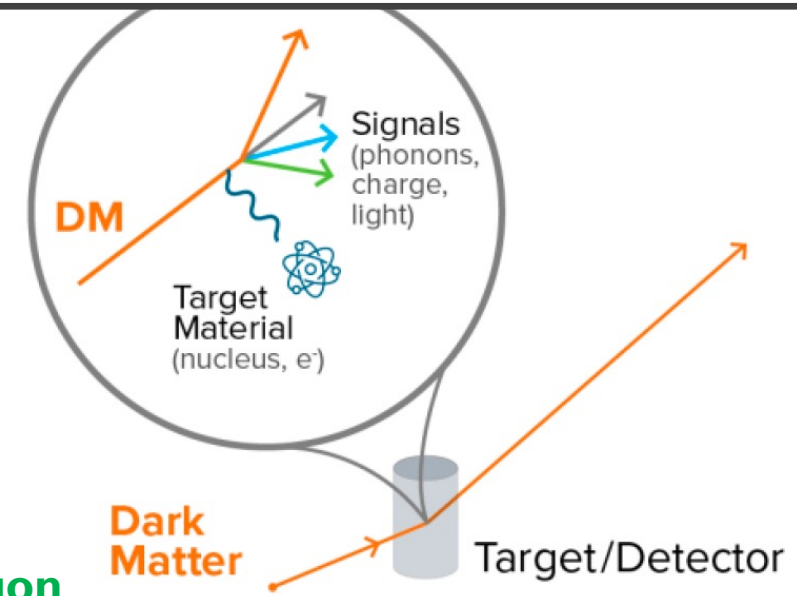


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PARTICLE LIKE DARK MATTER SEARCH OVERVIEW



Underground to avoid background like cosmic muon



Processes:

--DM Scattering off of nuclei

--DM Scattering off of electrons

*Fraction of DM Energy transferred to the target material (nuclear, electron recoil)

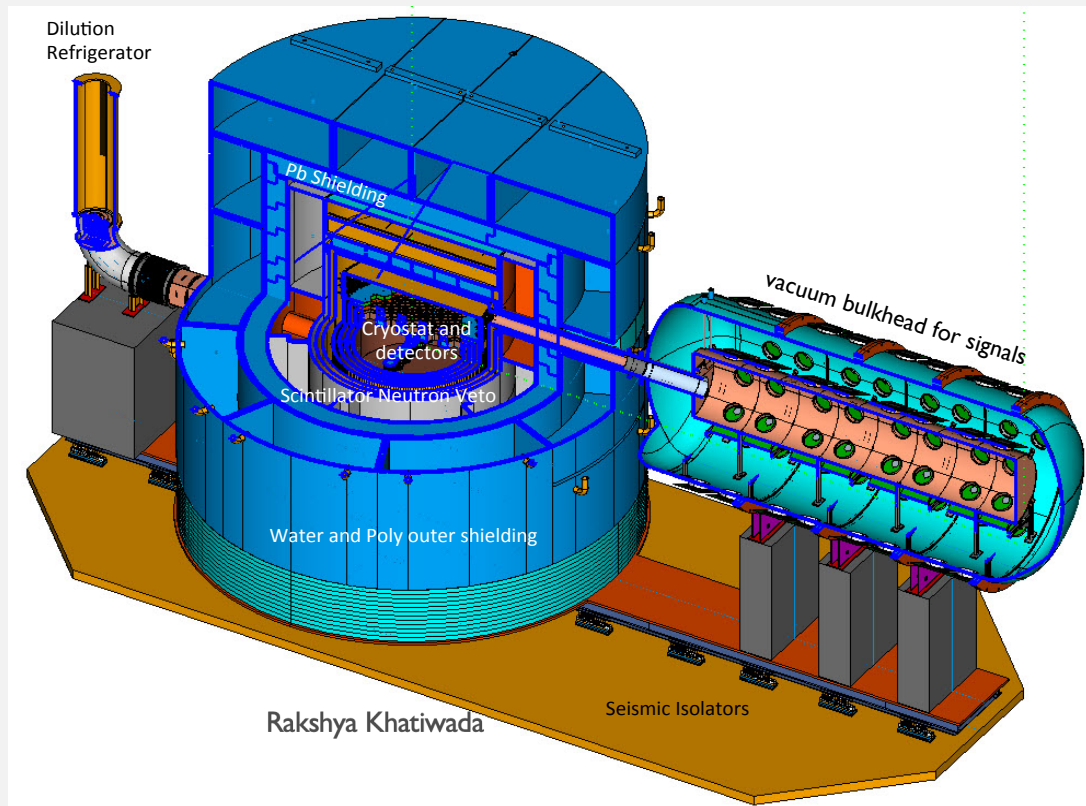
--Absorption of DM

DM Energy absorbed by the target material

SOME EXPERIMENTS

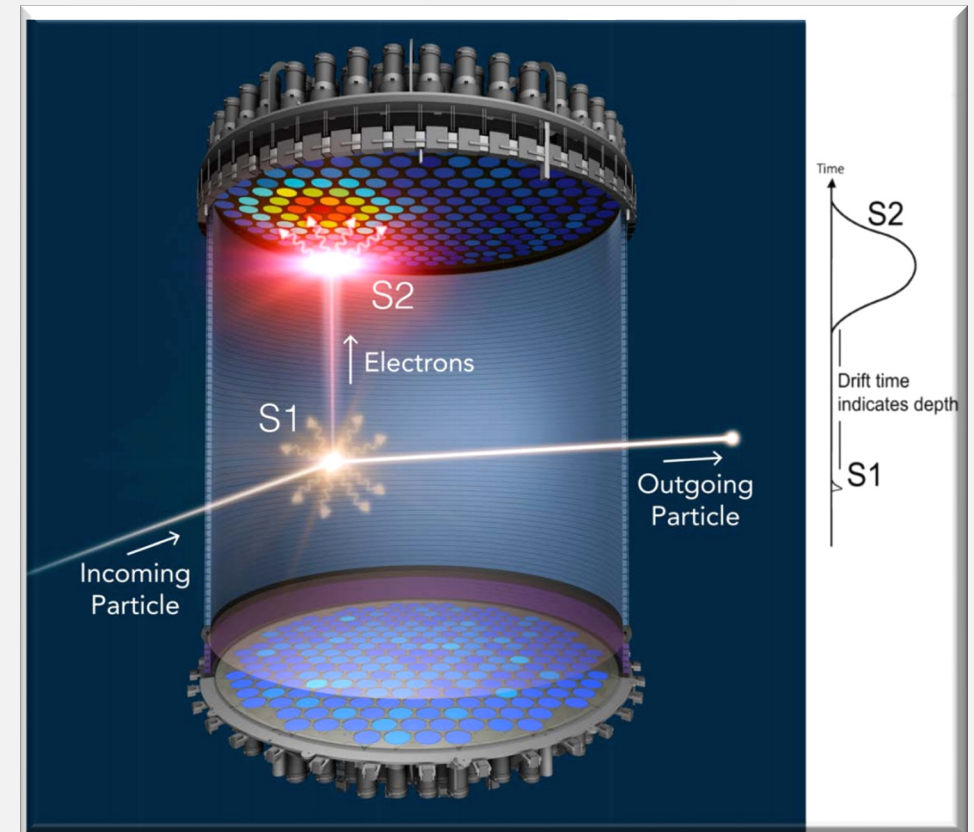
Super-CDMS-SNOLAB

- DM-nuclei scattering (signal nuclear recoil) produces phonons (Ge/Si crystal lattice vibrations) and electrons through ionization (charge)



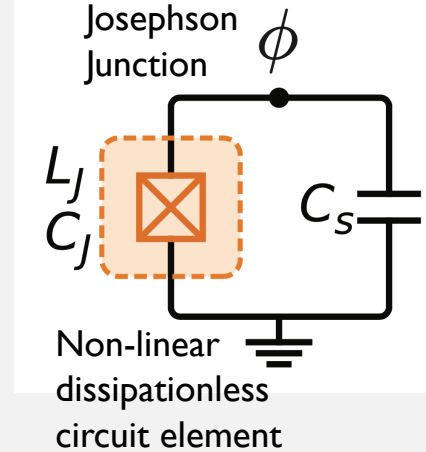
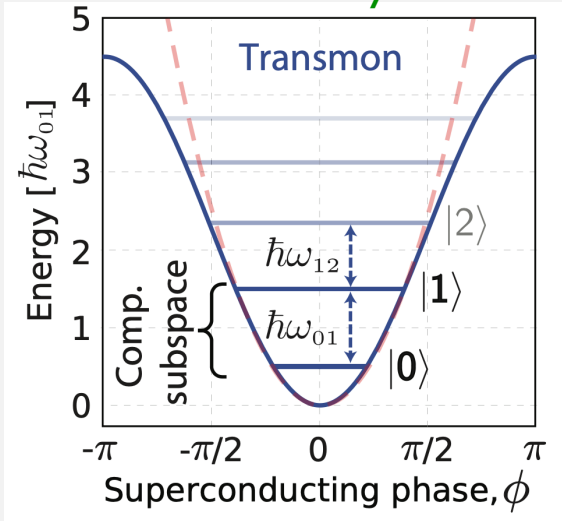
LZ (LUX-ZEPLIN)

- DM-Xe nuclei interaction produces electrons through ionization and photons that drift to the top causing flash of light (PMT)



WHAT IS A QUBIT?

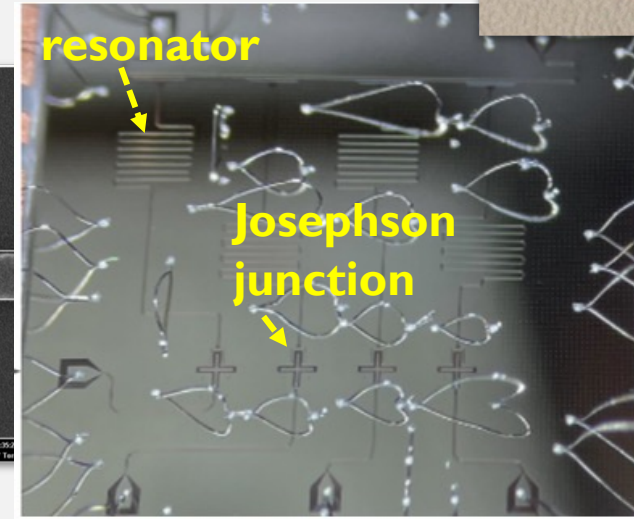
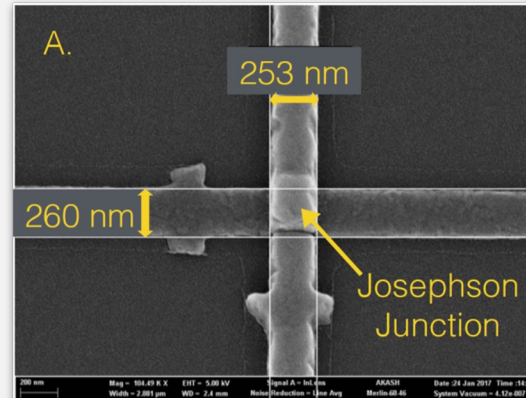
two level system



$E_J \gg E_C$
 $E_C = e^2/2C$ charging energy
 $E_J = I_c \Phi_0 / 2\pi$ Josephson energy
 where $\Phi_0 = h/2e$ magnetic flux quantum



Quadratic energy potential of QHO reshaped by Josephson Inductance to sinusoidal potential

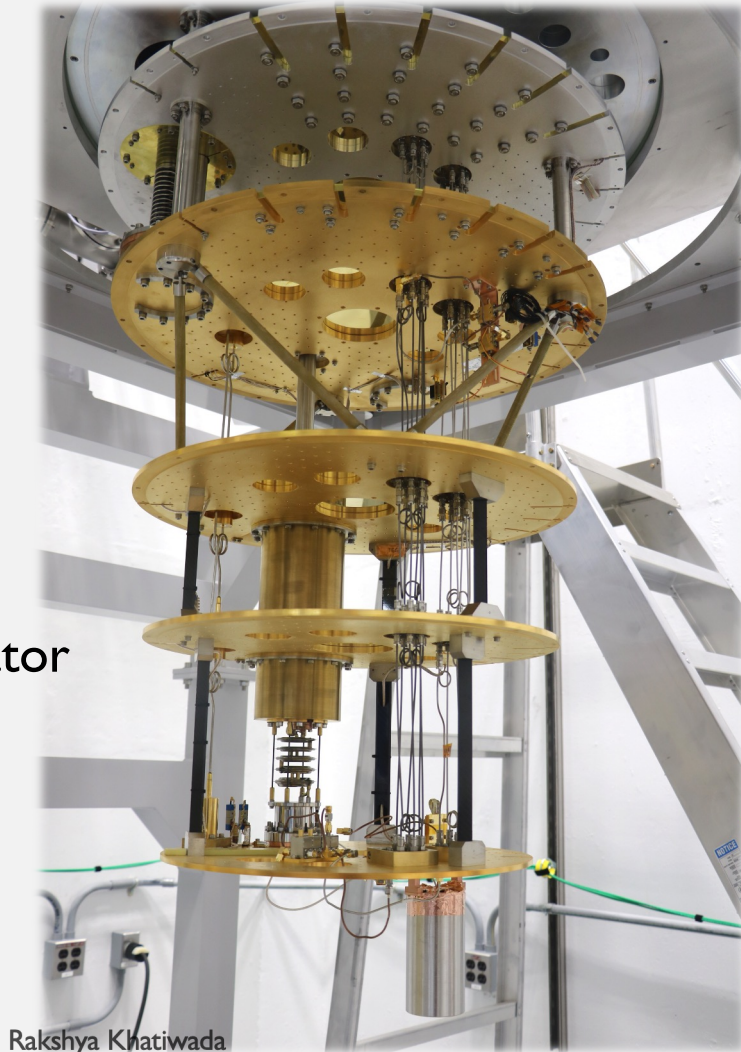


Qubit and resonator circuit on a Si substrate

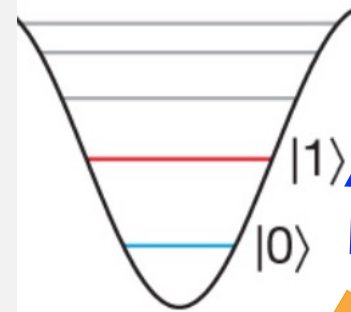
--Superconducting Transmon and its variants **can be utilized for Dark Matter detection through several mechanisms of coupling**

DETECTING DARK MATTER WITH QUBITS

Dilution
Refrigerator
based at
Fermilab

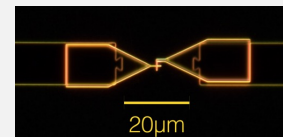


Qubit: two level system



Photon
(comes from
Dark matter
axion)

Readout using a
coupled cavity



Superconducting
Josephson junction



copper cavity

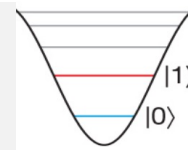
QUBIT BASED WAVE-LIKE DARK MATTER SEARCH

$$H = \omega_c a^\dagger a + \omega_q \sigma_z + 2 \frac{g^2}{\Delta} a^\dagger a \sigma_z$$

Cavity
Harmonic
Oscillator

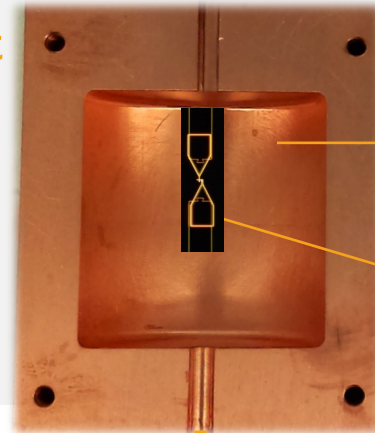
qubit
two level system

mixed state
 $g \sim \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{E}$:
 $\Delta: \omega_q - \omega_c$
 g^2/Δ : Stark shift

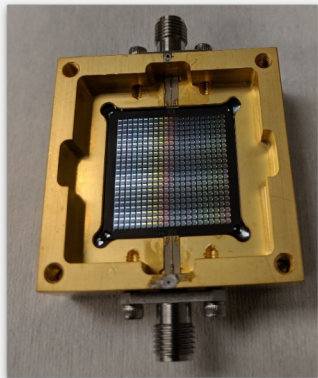


Qubit detector

excellent
photon
detector

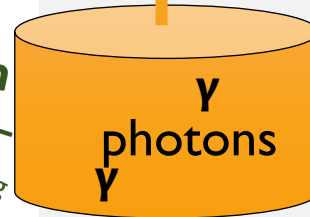


readout
cavity
qubit

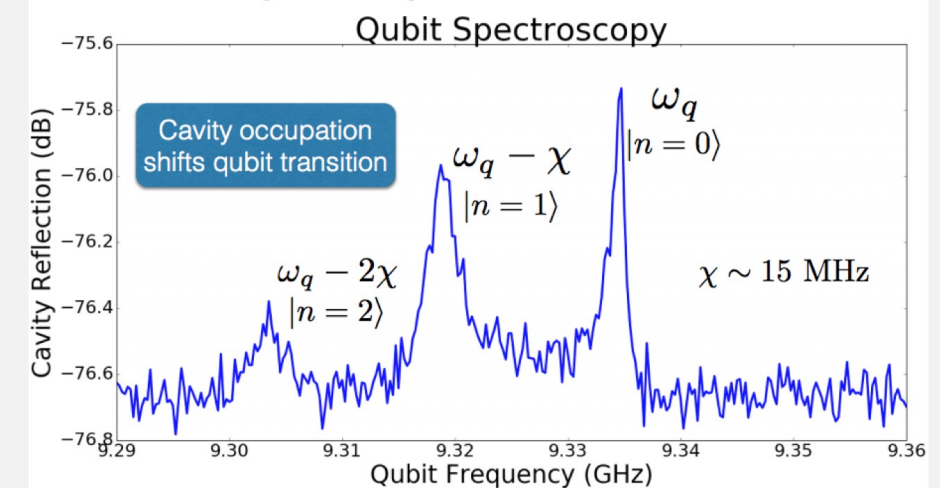


Qubit array

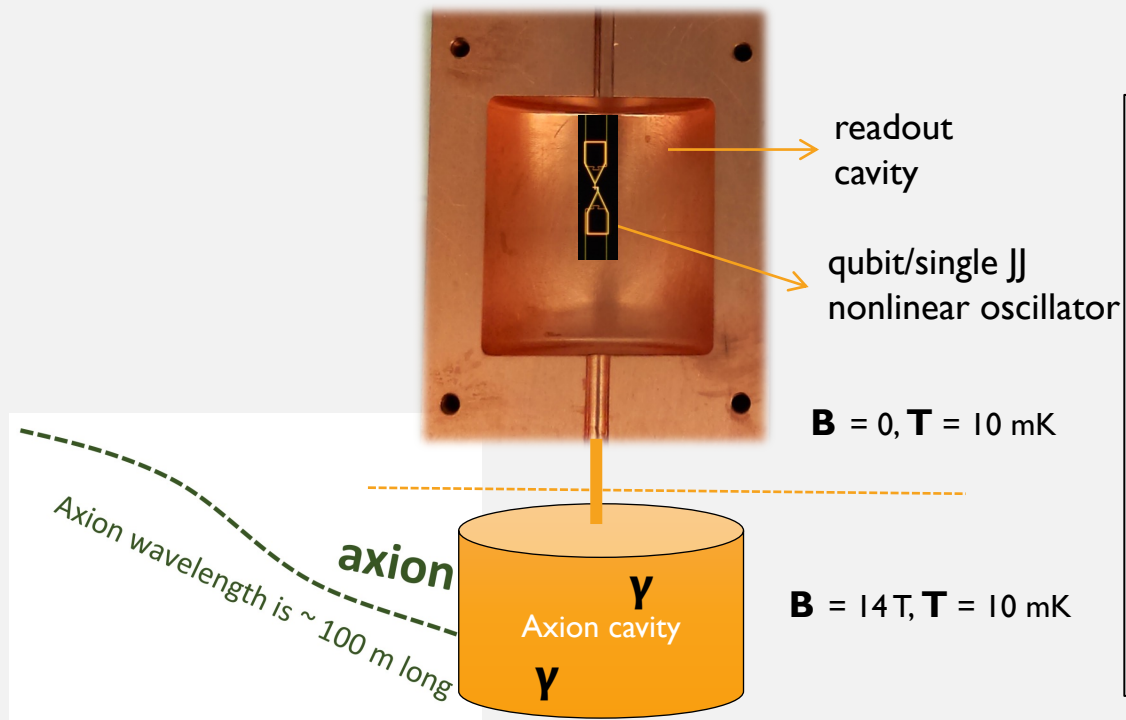
axion
Axion wavelength is ~ 100 m long



Temperature
10 mK



QUBIT BASED AXION DETECTOR



Ways of enhancing the signal:

- Multiple measurements:
Multiple qubits:

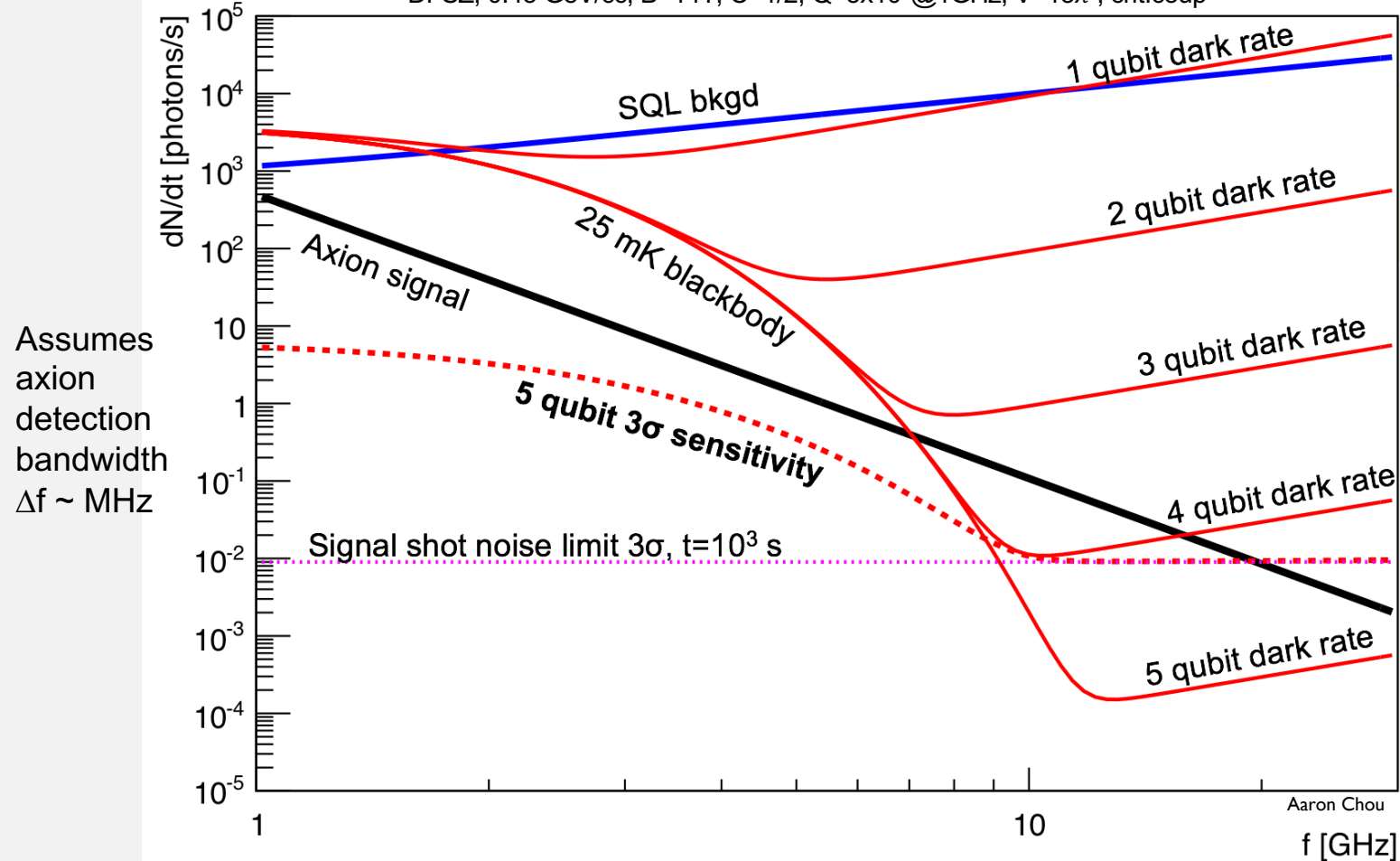
$$p_{err} \rightarrow (0.01)^N$$

- Stimulated emission ($N+1$ enhancement)

Photon # counting evades the quantum noise limit

SIGNAL AND NOISE RATE

DFSZ, 0.45 GeV/cc, B=14T, C=1/2, Q=5x10⁴@1GHz, V=13λ³, crit.coup



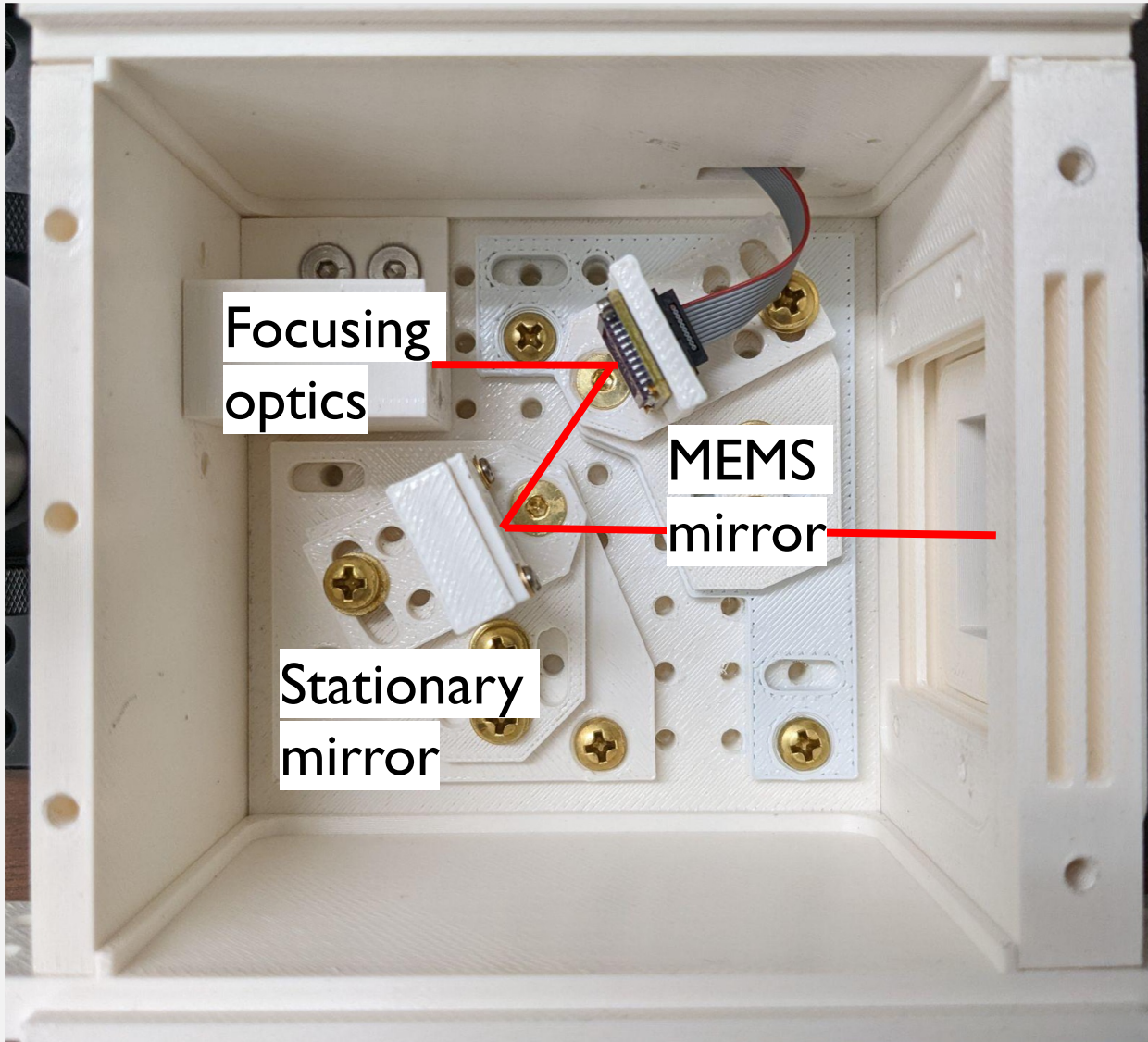
N QND measurements
dark rate = $(10^{-2})^N \Delta f$

Sensitivity limited only by signal photon shot noise.

NQI Program Component Areas

- **Quantum Sensing and Metrology (QSENS)** refers to the use of quantum mechanics to enhance sensors and measurement science. This can include uses of superposition and entanglement, non-classical states of light, new metrology regimes or modalities, and advances in accuracy and precision enabled by quantum control, for example with atomic clocks.
- **Quantum Computing (QCOMP)** activities include the development of quantum bits (qubits) and entangling gates, quantum algorithms and software, digital and analog quantum simulators using programmable quantum devices, quantum computers and prototypes, and hybrid digital plus analog, as well as quantum plus classical computing systems.
- **Quantum Networking (QNET)** includes efforts to create and use entangled quantum states, distributed over distances and shared by multiple parties, for new information technology applications and fundamental science; for example, networking of intermediate scale quantum computers (modules) for enhanced beyond-classical computing capabilities.
- **QIS for Advancing Fundamental Science (QADV)** includes foundational efforts to invoke quantum devices and QIS theory to expand fundamental knowledge in other disciplines; for example, to improve understanding of biology, chemistry, computation, cosmology, energy science, engineering, materials, nuclear matter, and other aspects of fundamental science.
- **Quantum Technology (QT)** catalogues several topics: work with end-users to deploy quantum technologies in the field and develop use cases; basic R&D on supporting technology for quantum information science and engineering, e.g., infrastructure and manufacturing techniques for electronics, photonics, and cryogenics; and efforts to understand and mitigate risks raised by quantum technologies, e.g., post-quantum cryptography (see Box 4.1).

MEMS mirror allows for desired operating specifications:



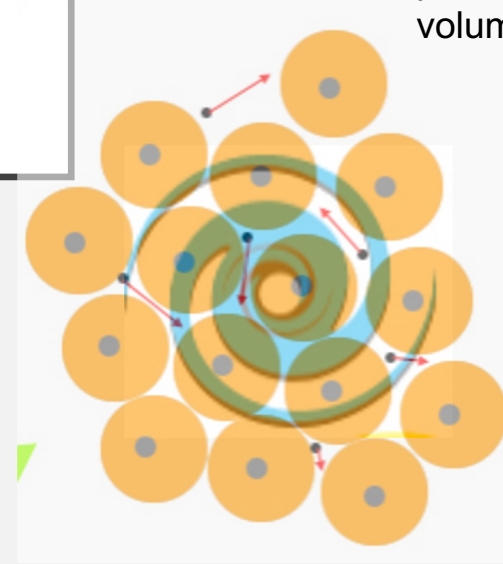
- ~1.5" x 1.5" scanning area
- $<100\mu\text{m}$ spot size
- $\sim 10\mu\text{m}$ position resolution
- $O(100)\text{Hz}$ scanning speed
- $O(\mu\text{s})$ pulse width
- $>10\text{mK}$ operating temperature

NATURE OF DARK MATTER

For **mass < 70 eV**, Pauli exclusion principle causes dark matter clumps to swell up to be larger than the size of the smallest dwarf galaxies. (Randall, Scholtz, Unwin 2017)



Wave like DM



Particle like DM

AXION PRODUCTION

- Global symmetry broken at scale f_a
 - axion produced through misalignment mechanism
 - during QCD phase transition, trough tilted by Λ_{QCD}^4
 - PE $\sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4$ released, makes up dark matter
 - oscillation of the QCD θ angle about its minimum--vacuum energy to axions
 - QCD axion mass $m_a \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2/f_a$
 $\sim (200 \text{ MeV})^2/f_a$
 - f_a unknown
- \Rightarrow **GHz frequencies at $f_a \sim 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$ scale**

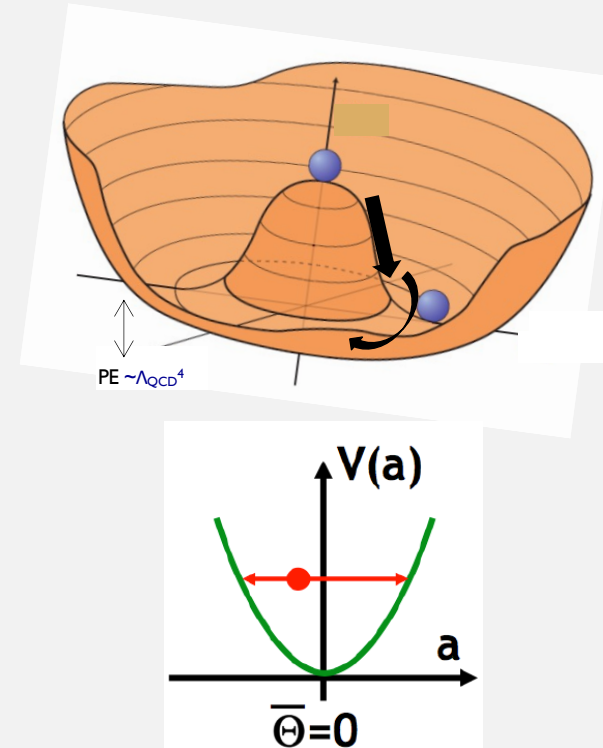
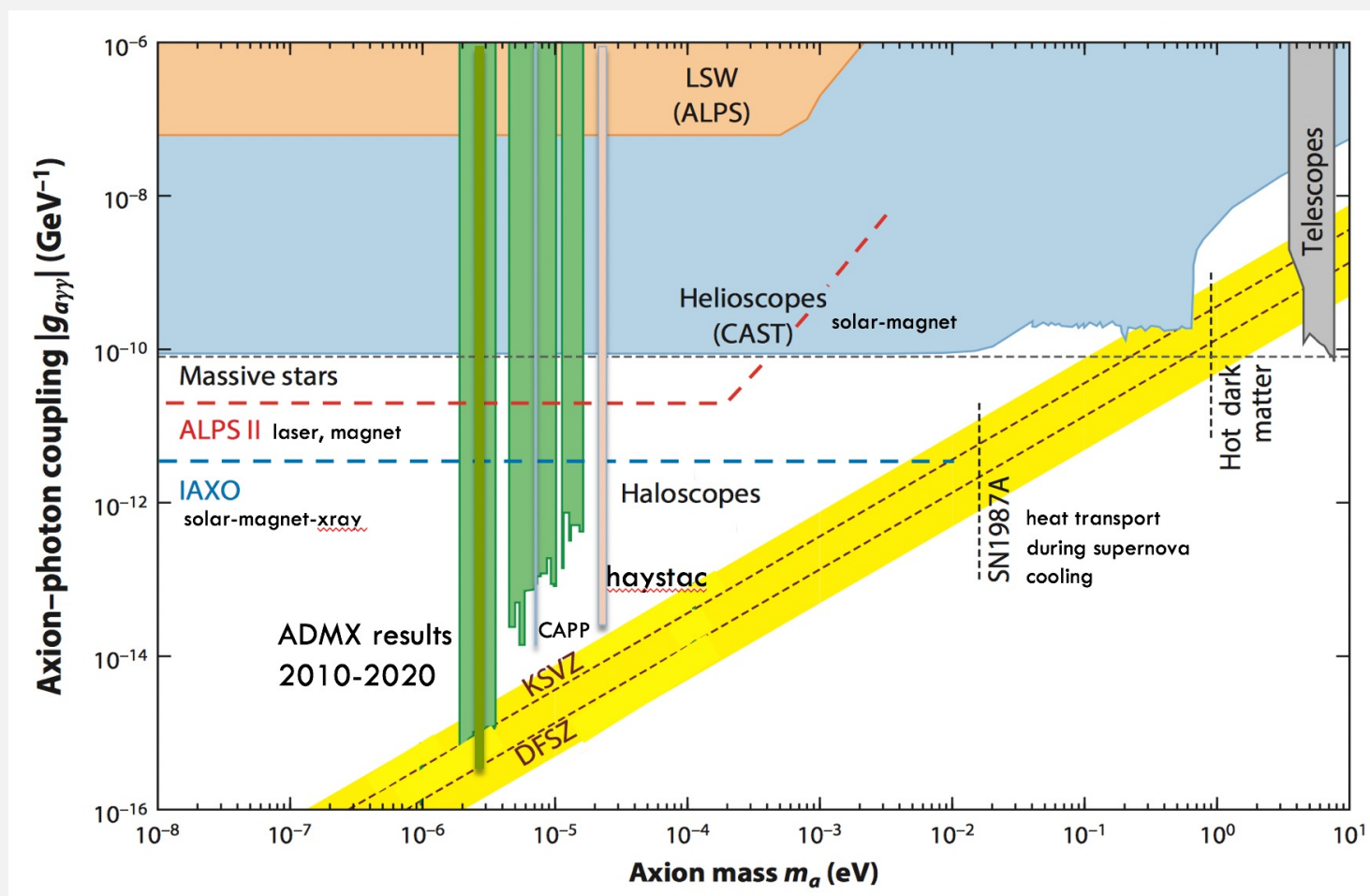


Fig 1.J. Ellis et al; arxiv:1201.6045v1

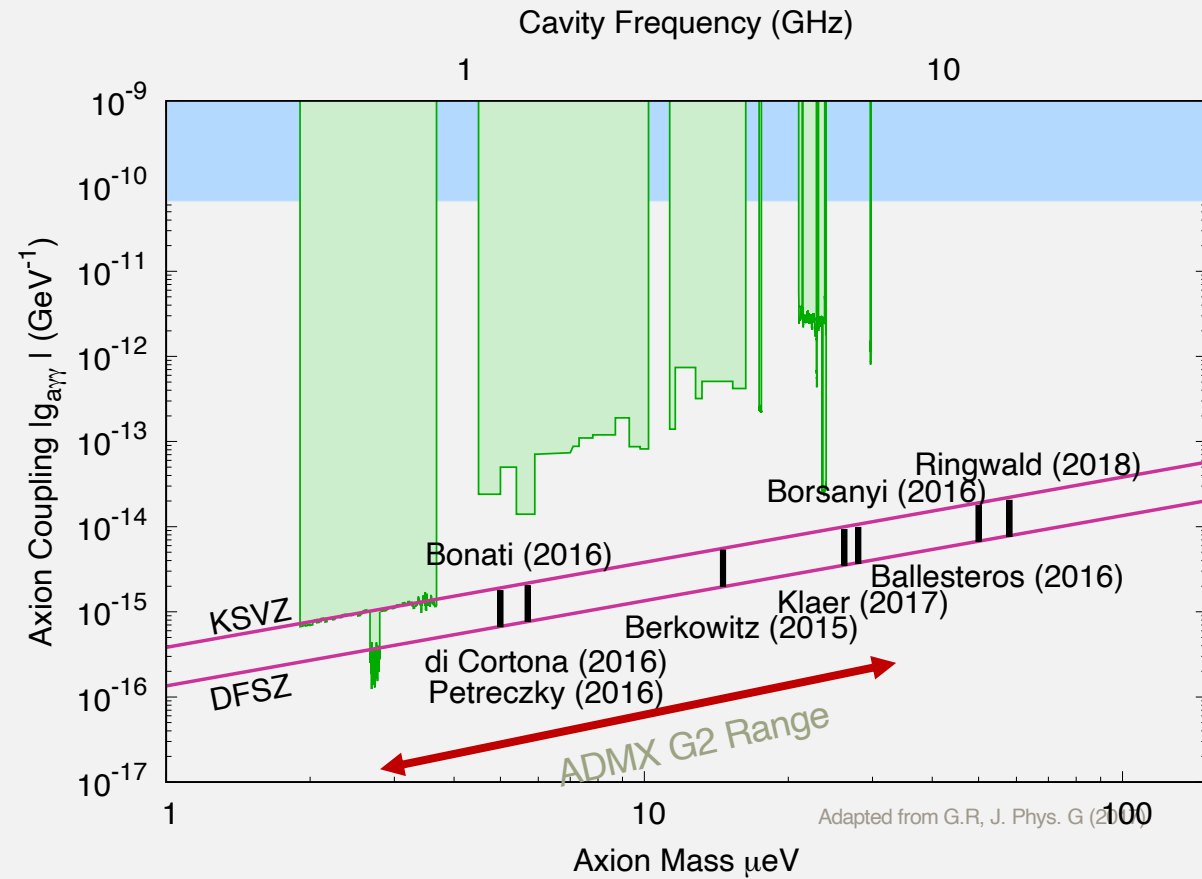
AXION SEARCHES OVERVIEW



Graham, et. al (2016)

AXION SEARCHES OVERVIEW CONTD.

Analytic and lattice predictions of the axion mass, given it makes 100% Dark matter



QUANTUM AMPLIFIERS

Why quantum amps.?

Intrinsically low noise (superconducting technology)

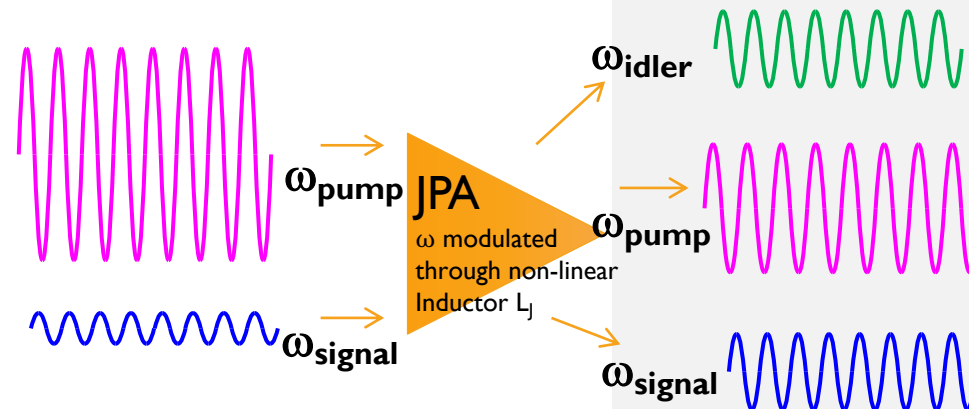
⇒ low resistance elements

⇒ low thermal dissipation

⇒ Add very low added noise during amplification

⇒ Tunable in frequency

- Energy transfer from pump to two normal modes of swing



Only limited by Quantum Noise

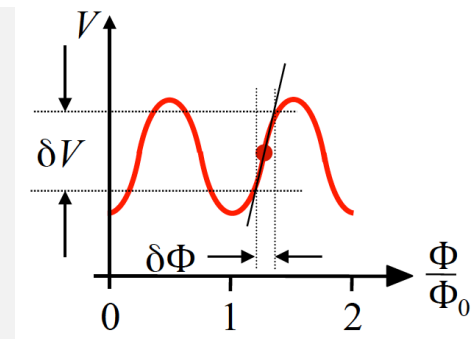
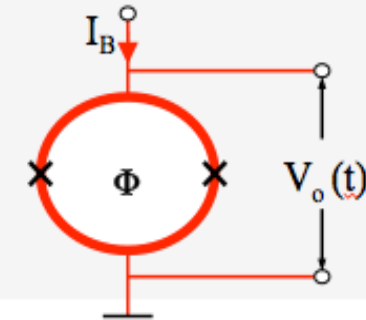
Rakshya Khatiwada



Josephson Parametric Amplifier

JPA

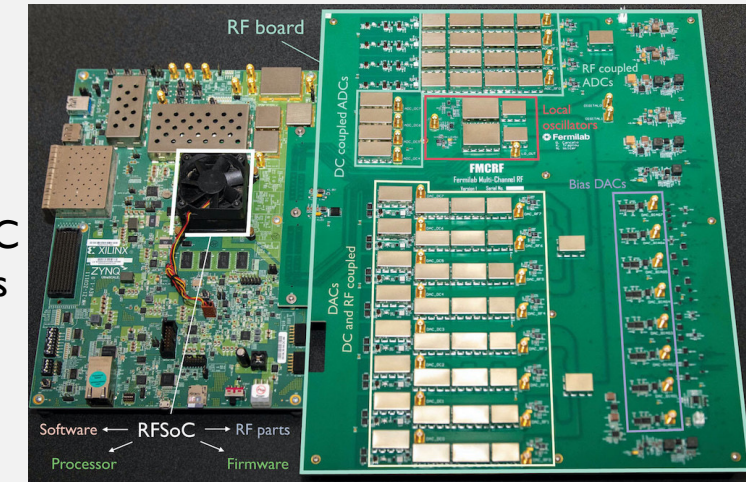
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QUANTUM INSTRUMENTATION CONTROL KIT (QICK)

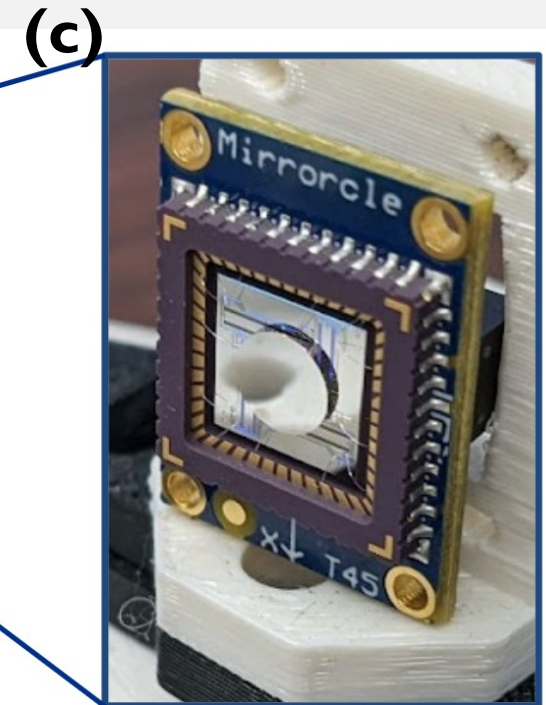
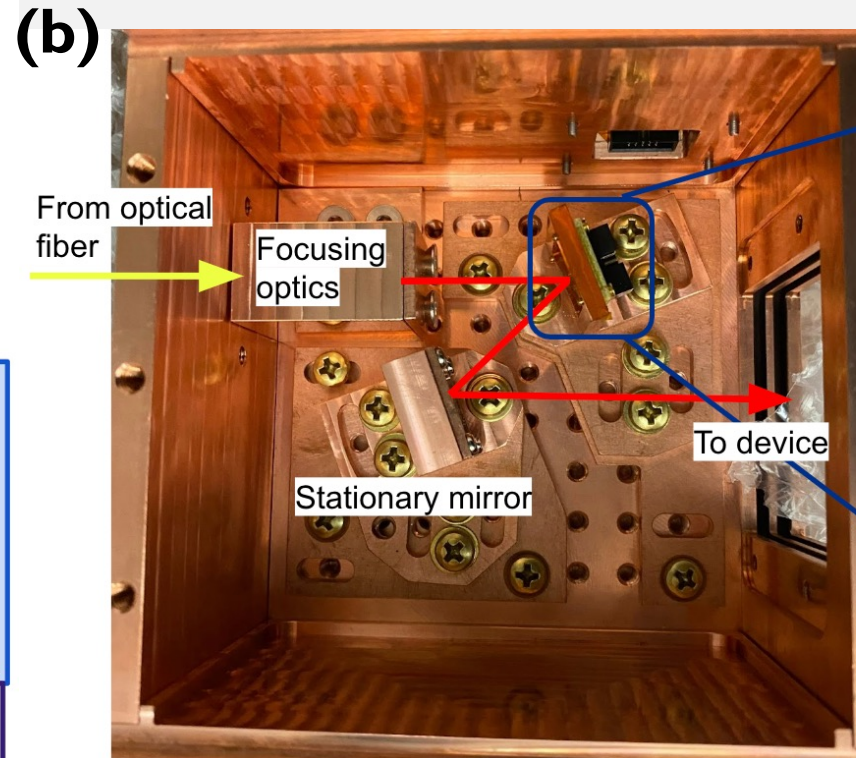
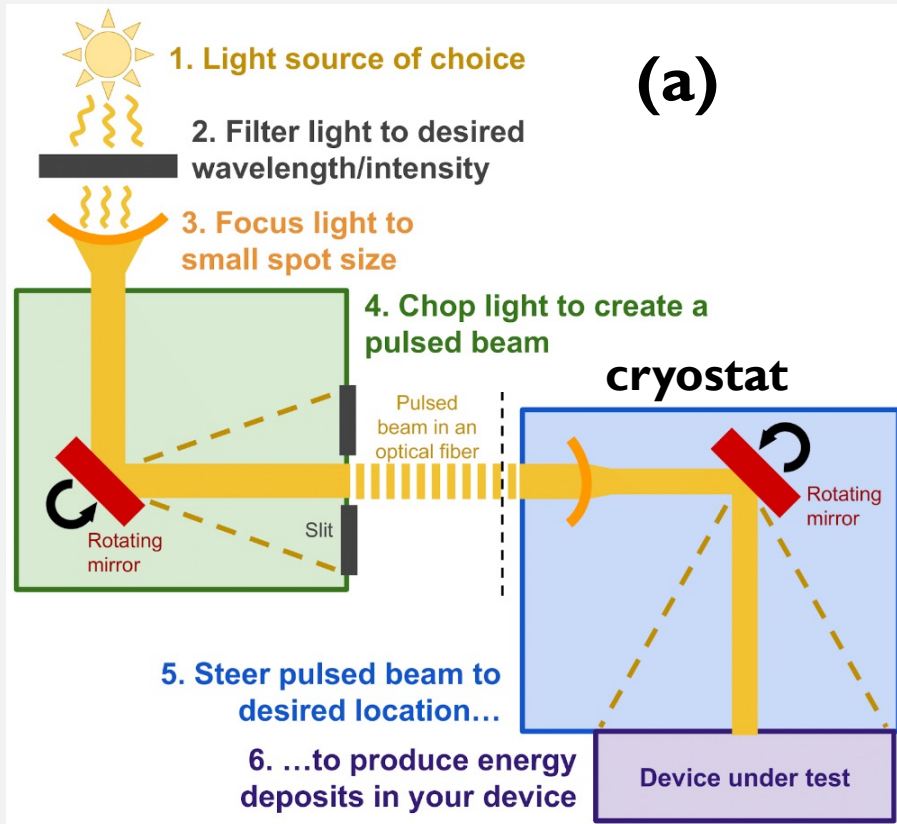
- **Primary support through QSC**
- **Broadly used: >30 labs in the US and abroad**
- **> 20 science talks in APS March meeting!**
- 16 DAC outputs from DC to 10GHz all digital mixers.
 - This is critical need for quantum. => Better experiments.
 - Minimizes calibrations.
- 16 ADC inputs from DC to near 10GHz without analog mixers.
 - Input noise 120K (i.e. 1.2dB)
- 8 x 20-bit DAC outputs for bias (BW of 10 or 100Hz) ultra low noise, $\pm 10V$ outputs.
- <200ns latency for error correction (fastest in the market).
- Optimal filtering, no dead-time 3ns pulses.
- 100 pico-second pulses for QN.
- Accurate timing readout 2ps resolution.
- RF multiplexing of 10K detectors per board.

AMD-RFSoc
ZCU111
+QICK
custom RF/DC
amplifiers, bias



AMD-RFSoc
ZCU216
QICK custom RF/DC
amplifiers, bias under
design

Cryogenic photon source for Detector Characterization



WHAT'S CAUSING THESE DARK COUNTS?

A superconductor free of quasiparticles for seconds

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Eliminated cosmic muon and radioactive background
from suspects since qp poisoning suppressed over
longer ~ a week cooldown period

Used similar device to charge parity device like QCD

Microfractures due to GE Varnish and mounting
glue on Si substrate causing phonon bursts breaking
cooper pair -> qp poisoning

A Stress Induced Source of Phonon Bursts and Quasiparticle Poisoning

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