## **Fundamental Physics Questions for Quantum Technology (and vice versa)**





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What drives HEP? What's the language that we use?

In the past week we learnt about amazing quantum technology, present and future achievements.

We learnt this at Fermilab, the US particle physics lab.

What's the connection, QIS to HEP? Why are we excited? How can HEP use Quantum?

What are the basic degrees of freedom? What rules do they follow?



## We are Curious!!!

What does the Universe contain? What is its history?





Photons (and electromagnetic fileds):

Electrons: carry charge, combine to Cooper pairs, EM properties of matter.

Nuclei: supposing actors in QIS, but enable everything!













Si, Nb, Cu, He, ....



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**NORMAL MATTER** 

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Likely has direct connections to particle physics. \*

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## **Evidence for Dark Matter**

- · Galaxy rotation curves
- · Velocity dispersion in elliptical galaxies
- · Galactic velocity in clusters
- · CMB measurements
- · Lensing surveys
- · Large scale structure surveys
- Dark energy (SN)+ visible matter + flatness of Universe (CMB).
- · Some rare galaxies have almost no DM (!)

#### DM is an observational fact, tested in many ways (all via gravitational interaction).







## **Dark matter Properties** Dark matter is about x5 normal matter. □ Our galaxy ~ 10<sup>11</sup> solar masses and 10 kpc radius. Locally, density ~ 0.4 GeV/cm<sup>3</sup>. (A proton ~ 1 GeV) In a ~ spherical halo (because dark matter cannot loose energy). Dark matter is slow (must be below the galactic escape velocity) Virial velocity in our galaxy ~ 220 km/

(DM kinetic energy spread is ~10<sup>-6</sup> of its mass)



# There is dark matter in the room! What is it?

#### Theorists have **many** ideas!!!

Wimps, Neutralino LSP (Bino or Wino or Higgsino), gravitino, sneutrino, Axions, Dark Photons, lightest T-paritly odd particle, Asymmetric DM, Atomic DM, Inelastic DM, Resonant dark matter, Exothermic DM, Somerfeld enhanced DM, B-L DM, Wimpzillas, Axion stars, Self-destructing DM, Xenon-phobic DM, minimal DM, inert Higgs DM, Singlet scalar DM, Kaluza-Klein DM, Sterile neutrino DM, Luminous dark matter, Heilogenesis, XO-genesis, Black Holes....

For us, it makes sense to focus on something simple

New Particles Interacting w/ Light The main actors: Dark Photons Axions

(A linear theory)

Both are interesting DM candidates. But they may exist without being DM! Both hypotheses are interesting to test

(A nonlinear theory)

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DEven without "ordering", a Dark Photon would teach us profound lessons:  $\Box$  There is another gauge interaction.  $SU(3)x SU(2)x U(1)^2$ . Our thinking about Grand Unification would change. What is the abundance of dark photons? Can it be dark matter? The interaction with SM is likely generated by new heavy particles.

- Heavy particles Charged under both U(1)'s



#### **Dark Photons - a Linear Extension**

Normal matter is not charged under the new photon. How will it interact?

quantum numbers can be in a superposition, "mix".

$$|\psi\rangle = |photon\rangle$$

The dark Photon effective Hamiltonian:

 $\mathcal{H} \supset \mathcal{H}_{QED} + \varepsilon \overrightarrow{E} \cdot \overrightarrow{E}' + \overrightarrow{B} \cdot \overrightarrow{B}$ 

- In quantum mechanics: two states which have the same

+ Eldark photon>

$$\overrightarrow{B}$$

(and dark photon also has a mass, and a longitudinal polarization!)

#### Dark Photon

Many constraints on the dark photon! (a review: Essignet al 1311.0029)





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An effective current inside the cavity!



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**DM signals:** a low powered injection of photons into EM devices at a **fixed frequency**, and an unknown phase. (Enter Quantum sensing. Kent and Aaron's talks).





### Searching for Dark Matter w/ a Qubit PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 126, 141302 (2021) □ A proof of concept: Searching for Dark Matter with a Superconducting Qubit Akash V. Dixit<sup>(D)</sup>,<sup>1,2,3,\*</sup> Srivatsan Chakram,<sup>1,2,4</sup> Kevin He<sup>(D)</sup>,<sup>1,2</sup> Ankur Agrawal<sup>(D)</sup>,<sup>1,2,3</sup> Ravi K. Naik<sup>(D)</sup>,<sup>5</sup> David I. Schuster,<sup>1,2,6</sup> and Aaron Chou<sup>7</sup> $\log_{10}[m_{\gamma'}/\text{GHz}]$ -6 -3 **Precision EM** CMB (1) -1 Experiments (a) (b)**Qubit Excited State Probability** CMB (2) 1.0 Readout n=2 $m_{\gamma'}(\mathrm{GHz})$ n=1n=06.000 6.022 -8 6.011 0.5 ADMX Dark Matter Transmon $\otimes$ $\log_{10}$ 0.0 -12 4.746 4.750 4.748 Storage Frequency (GHz)

Proof of concept for sensing below with Photon counting and QND.



### Dark Photon DM at SQMS

Meantime: The Ultra high-Q cavities y'all have been playing with allow to search in a very narrow band (reducing noise :-).



Cervantes et al., arxiv:2208.03183, in review in Phys. Rev. Lett.

Photon counting vs homodyne





















High  $Q \rightarrow we$  can store more photons. Coherent field.

 $P_{\rm rec} \sim G^2 \epsilon^4 \left(\frac{m_{\gamma'}}{\omega}\right)^4 Q_{\rm rec} Q_{\rm em} P_{\rm em}$ 

\* Coming clean: scaling with mass depends on the polarization.



High  $Q \rightarrow$  cavity can ring up for a longer time



### **Dark SRF: cavity-based search for the Dark Photon** A light-shining-through-wall experiment.



**Phase 1:** Pathfinder run in LHe. Demonstrated enormous potential for SRF based searches.



Romanenko et al., arXiv:2301.11512 (2023), Published in PRL SQNS AND MATERIALS & SYSTEMS CENTER

Phase 2: in DR, receiver at ~mk, in quantum regime. Improved frequency stability. Phase sensitive readout.

Will increase the search reach.











## Single Particle Qubit

- At Northwestern, the quantum state of a single electron in a Penning trap is monitored with a QND measurement.
- □ The most precise test of the SM of particle physics!!!

$$-\frac{\mu}{\mu_B} = \frac{g}{2} = 1.001\,159\,652\,180\,59\,(13) \quad [0]$$

- This is a quantum-number counting experiment.
- Also sensitive to Dark Photon DM at 150 GHz!

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# Axions

A nonlinear extension of QED

## **Axions - and Strong CP**

- Invented to address a theoretical puzzle of the strong force: "Strong CP problem"
- The Electric dipole moment of particles violate parity and charge conjugation. Both are symmetries that are violated at the subatomic level.
- □ The neutron's EDM is observationally consistent with 0, 10-10 smaller than the (neutron size) x (fundamental charge unit)

□ The neutron is a collection of quarks. Somehow the strong force dynamics respects CP.

### Pecci and Quinn (77)



Why don't (gluon) E-fields and B-fields mix?



### Pecci and Quinn (77) **Axions - A nonlinear extension of QED**

 $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{a}{f} G'$ Introduce a field:

Naturally, one would also expect:

Axion phenomenology w/ background B field is similar to dark photon. Mixing:

B

 $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{a}{f} F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{a}{f} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$ 

$$\widetilde{G}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{a}{f} \overrightarrow{E}_G \cdot \overrightarrow{B}_G \qquad \langle a \rangle \to 0 \text{ dynamico}$$

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Photons polarized along a B field can mix with axions.



### ally.

## Axion Dark Matter

Like the dark photon: coherent waves of the axion fields can be a good dark matter candidate!

Very attractive theoretically:

- · there are other reasons for the field to exist.
- · It can get excited at some level. Can that be (some of) dark matter?
- The QCD axion predicts the interaction strength (gives a goal!).



## **Axions and ALPs**





### **New challenges:**

superconducting quantum devices that can operate in (or near) high magnetic fields!



# Dark Sector: High Q in Multi-Tesla Fields

**Axion haloscope**: search for dark matter with high Q cavity in multi-tesla magnetic fields

Two SQMS designs substantially outperform state of the art copper cavities (and these ideas can be combined!)

**Other Challenges:** counting photons near a magnetic field. Cavity and qubit frequency tuning. etc.



Superconducting Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cavity (FNAL): Posen et al., arxiv:22014.10733, in review in Phys Rev Applied



Hybrid copper-dielectric cavity (INFN): Di Vora et al., PhysRevApplied.17.054013









## **Axions and ALPs**



# Quantum sensing already playing a role for Axion DM: e.g. **HAYSTAC** used squeezed states for factor of 2 in scan speed.

Backes, K.M., Palken, D.A., Kenany, S.A. *et al.* A quantum enhanced search for dark matter axions. *Nature* **590**, 238–242 (2021)



## In Conclusion

We are curious about the Universe?

- · What new particles exist?
- What is dark matter?
- · What can we learn from gravitational waves?

These ambitious questions require the most sensitive detectors in existence.

We can let standard quantum limits get in our way! We need QIS!









# **Deleted scenes**

## **Atom Interferometers**

Superposition allowed for more cool stuff.

 $|\psi_1\rangle + e^{i\Delta Et/\hbar}$  $|\psi_2\rangle$ 

MAGIS 100, under construction, will look for gravity waves! (The distance between clocks oscillating...)

### DE.g. atomic clocks: am atom in a superposition of quantum states can keep time!



### **Gravitational waves**

SQMS theorists have laid the formalism for GR-EM cavity interaction.

Two types of signals: EM and mechanical.

- Current axion experiments have sensitivity to GHz Gravity waves [1].
- A dedicated cavity experiment, e.g. MAGO, has significant reach at MHz [2].

A new collaboration with INFN and DESY to revive MAGO is being formed.



MAGO (INFN)



[2] Berlin et al, in preparation.

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## Single Particle Qubit

The most precise theory-experiment comparison in physics:

Electron magnetic moment (g-2)e:The quantum state of a single electron in aThe quantum state of a single electron in atrap is monitored via a QND measurement.Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 071801 (2023)Editors choice!

SQMS joined the effort, contributed to understanding loss sources.





**SQMS bonus:** We also found that a singleelectron qubit is a sensitive DM search in a challenging frequency range!

Theory + proof-of-concept!

*Phys.Rev.Lett.* **129 (2022) 26, 261801** (a new NU-Stanford-Fermilab collaboration)



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## Quantum Simulation

We would like to simulate particle physics processes.

Perturbation theory does not always work!





**Feynman**: "Nature isn't classical, dammit! and if you want to make a simulation of problem, because it doesn't look so easy.

Nucleus



nature, you'd better make it quantum mechanical, and by golly it's a wonderful

### Quantum Simulation

But why should we make it quantum mechanical?

 $\psi(t) =$ 

### **Rapid oscillation!**

- Here is a reason: Simulating a quantum system evolving in time is numerically hard!
  - A "sign problem"

$$e^{iEt/\hbar}\psi(0)$$

A quantum system will keep track of this inherently

### Quantum Simulation

- □ What would we simulate?
- □ For example, some day, Hadronization Neutrino interacting with a nucleus.
- Processes in the early Universe













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FIG. 12. Pike's Peak, 7900 gauss. A disintegration produced by a nonionizing ray occurs at a point in the 0.35 cm lead plate, from which six particles are ejected. One of the particles (strongly ionizing) ejected nearly vertically apward has the range of a 1.5 MEV proton. Its energy (given by its range) corresponds to an  $H_{\rho} = 1.7 \times 10^{\circ}$ , or a radius of 20 cm, which is three times the observed value. If the observed curvature were produced entirely by magnetic deflection it would be necessary to conclude that this track represents a massive particle with an e/m much greater than that of a proton or any other known nucleus. As there are no experimental data available on the multiple



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### The muon: who ordered that !?





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## So you don't always get what you ordered . . .







## Motivates long crystals too.





Rates:
$$\Gamma_{\rm SPDC} \sim \frac{P_p \chi_{\rm eff}^{(2)^2} \omega_s \omega_i L}{\pi n_p n_s n_i A_{\rm eff}}$$
Motivates long crystals too. $\Gamma_{\rm dSPDC}^{(A_L')} \sim \epsilon^2 \frac{m_{A'}^2}{\omega_{A'}^2} \frac{P_p \chi_{A'_L}^{(2)^2} \omega_s \omega_{A'} L}{n_p n_s A_{\rm eff}}$  $\Gamma_{\rm dSPDC}^{({\rm axion})} \sim \frac{P_p g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \omega_s L}{\omega_{axion} n_p n_s A_{\rm eff}}$  $N_{\rm events}^{(A'_L)} \sim 10^{21} \left(\epsilon^2 \frac{m_{A'}^2}{\omega_{A'}^2}\right) \left(\frac{P_p}{Watt}\right) \left(\frac{L}{m}\right) \left(\frac{t_{\rm int}}{year}\right)$  $N_{\rm events}^{({\rm axion})} \sim 40 \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-6} {\rm GeV}^{-1}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{P_p}{Watt}\right) \left(\frac{L}{m}\right)$  $\overline{\frac{Dark Photon (m_{A'} = 0.1 {\rm eV})}{Example dSPDC {\rm setup}}}$  $P_p = 1 {\rm W}$  $P_p = 1 {\rm Obday}$  $P_p = 1 {\rm Obday}$  $\Gamma = 10/{\rm day}$  $\Gamma = 10/{\rm day}$  $\Gamma = 10/{\rm pear}$  $P_p = 10 {\rm kW}$  $L = 10 {\rm m}$  $L = 10 {\rm m}$  $\Gamma = 10/{\rm pear}$  $\Gamma = 10/{\rm pear}$ 

	Dark Photon $(m_{A'} = 0.1)$
Current lab limit	$\epsilon < 3 \times 10^{-7}$
Example dSPDC setup	$P_p = 1 \ \mathrm{W}$
	L = 1  cm
	$\Gamma = 10/\text{day}$
Current Solar limit	$\epsilon < 10^{-10}$
Example dSPDC setup	$P_p = 1 \text{ W}$
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