Fermilab Core HEP Competences: from Detectors, to Quantum Networks, to Dark Matter



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Emerging Technologies Directorate (ETD)



- The Quantum S&T program effort, outside of SQMS scope, resides in the Quantum Division (formerly known as FQI) within the new Emerging Technologies Directorate (ETD), and the Theory Division within the Particle Physics Directorate (PPD). Both ETD and PPD organizations provide effort towards SQMS activities
- The Quantum Division houses the Quantum S&T "base" program, supported by competitive awards from DOE/HEP (QuantISED), DOE/ASCR, and private foundations, as well as Fermilab's QSC scope

Fermilab Core HEP Competences

- Advancing HEP science requires unprecedented sensitivities which goes beyond conventional HEP approaches
 - Quantum S&T has the potential to deliver such sensitivity
 - System engineering, detectors, electronics, fast timing, controls, etc.







Fermilab Core HEP Competences

- In addition our research might enable applications beyond HEP & new sensor capabilities
- Overarching goal is to realize distributed quantum sensors
 - When realized quantum networks (QNETs) will enable impactful applications outside HEP
 - SNSPD (QNETs sensor) is a powerful tools for discovery



Quantum Internet Vision



Long-distance quantum coherence



Quantum-enhanced security



Quantum Sensors (SNSPD)

- Single photon (heat) triggers detector out of superconductor state
- Resistance quickly (ps) jumps to few $k\Omega \rightarrow$ detector current into readout
- Highest performance single-photon detector, from UV to mid-infrared
- Operating temperature : 1-4 Kelvin



more on quantum sensors in A. Chou's presentation

Quantum Communication Enabler: SNSPDs



1.0

0.6

0.4

0.2

0.0

0.0

SDE

0.99

0.97

0.45

V bias (V)

0.2

0.1

0.50

0.3

0.4

0.8 0.98

SNSPD Has Achieved:

- > 90% system efficiency ✓
- •Low dark count rate 1e-5Hz 🗸
- Record time resolution ~3ps √



Quantum Networks Overview

Quantum Networks: towards a Quantum Internet

Current focus: deploy a **multi-node, multi-user metropolitan scale quantum network** in the greater Chicago area.

Leveraging Fermilab competencies in precision timing, controls, network architecture, and systems integration





Long-term vision: enable security, sensor, and computing applications, following the <u>DOE</u> <u>Quantum Internet Blueprint</u>



Next Quantum Network Initiative

New DOE Project: Advanced Quantum Networks (A-QNET)



More Nodes; Longer distances; Higher Rates; Hybrid free-space to fiber

Large Collaborative Effort



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More than 30 active members: students



Entanglement-enabled Communication



Entanglement enabled Communication



Time-bin Qubit System



Challenge: Increase detector efficiency with negligible dark count rate and excellent time resolution

Fermilab Quantum Network (FQNET)

- Multiple deployed QNodes at Fermilab (D0, FCC, IERC*) and at ANL
- Demonstrated Quantum Teleportation and Swapping with record high fidelities



FNAL/Caltech Quantum Networks

Use telecom (1536 nm) photon qubits



Generating and detecting GHz signal

Cutting-edge optics, high-speed electronics and quantum sensors

FNAL/Caltech Quantum Networks



Quantum Sensor: SNSPDs



Teleportation Monitoring



FNAL/Caltech Quantum Networks

The results: PRX QUANTUM 1, 020317 (2020)



Record-high teleportation fidelity over 44 km of fiber

https://www.caltech.edu/about/news/quantum-internet-tested-caltech-and-fermilab

High precision timing (3 ps) synchronization

Classical resources needed for network operation



Coexistence of quantum and classical signal achieved

Fermilab Quantum Network

Complex protocols: Entanglement Swapping



Underpins long-distance quantum communication

Fermilab Quantum Network

Teleportation of entanglement!



Underpins long-distance quantum communication

Swapping Experimental Setup

Real world implementation



Challenging experiment with several cutting edge technologies

Entanglement Swapping

Preliminary experimental results



HEP Dark Matter Enabler

Appl. Phys. Lett. 122, 243506 (2023)



SNSPD R&D recently achieved:

- Ultra-low energy sensitivity (40 meV)
 - Opens up unexplored DM regions
- Large area single device (> mm²)
 - Compatible with HEP needs
- Ultra-low dark counts rate
 - Critical for HEP applications



Bias Current (μA)

First large area SNSPD operation

Dark count characterization





Deeper into the IR: New probes for fundamental physics



Accelerate SNSPD R&D

DOE project for R&D towards large area, ultra-low energy sensitivity, and ultra-low dark count rate





Axions

- Axions solve the strong CP problem and a dark matter candidate
- Axion-photon coupling under B-field converts axion to photon
- Past experiments use resonant cavities to detect ~µev axions, but:
 - The cavities need to scan for unknown axion mass
 - Technologically and practically difficult to reach higher axion masses





See more details in A. Chou's presentation

Axions Landscape

Large region of parameter space unexplored



Axions Landscape

New SNSPDs can probe new parameter space



All Pieces in Place for Pilot Experiment



Dark Photon Pilot Experiment

New SNSPDs can probe new parameter space



Unique Testing Capabilities at Fermilab

Unique infrastructure to test new SNSPDs

- Absolute efficiency characterization
- Dark count rate dependence on T
- Cosmic ray response
- New underground facilities



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SNSPD Vision for HEP S&T Applications

sub-MeV DM (Cryogenic Scintillator readout)



Distributed quantum sensors



Towards the quantum internet



Ultra low-threshold millicharged particles



Time-resolved astrophysics



List of Accomplishments (QNETs)

- Record high fidelity quantum teleportation. PRX Quantum 1, 020317
- Entanglement distribution between Argonne and Femi National Labs. *IEEE JQE*, 59,1-7
- High precision clock synchronization between Argonne and Femi National Labs. *IEEE JQE*, 59,1-7
- Design and Implementation of the IEQNET, in IEEE TQE, 3, 1-20
- Entanglement Swapping at Fermilab. Samantha Davis at APS 2023
- Automated entanglement systems using QICK. IEEE JQE, 59, 1-7.
- High-rate multiplexed entanglement source based on time-bin qubits for advanced quantum networks. <u>arXiv:2310.01804</u>
- High fidelity entanglement swapping (teleportation of entanglement). In preparation
- The Illinois Express Quantum Network (IEQNET). DOE Award 2018-2023
- Advanced Quantum Networks (AQNET) for Scientific Discovery. DOE Award 2023-2026

List of Accomplishments (SNSPD R&D)

- Demonstration of sub-3 ps temporal resolution with a SNSPD. <u>Nature</u> <u>Photonics</u>, 14, 250–255 (2020)
- Free-space coupled SNSPD with **low dark counts** (world-best). *Optica 8,* 1586-1587 (2021)
- Large active-area superconducting microwire detector array with single-photon sensitivity in the near-infrared. *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 122, 243506 (2023)
- First in depth characterization of SNSPD dark count rate for HEP experiments. To be submitted to Appl. Phys. Lett..
- Impedance-matched differential superconducting nanowire detectors (first milestone towards ultra-low jitter). *arXiv:2108.07962*
- Accelerate SNSPD technology for HEP Discoveries. DOE Award 2023-2026