Quantum Sensing for Fundamental Physics

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HEP - Quantum Interface

Particle physics was always inherently quantum. Duh.

□ A new field of Quantum physics is rapidly emerging, QIS.

□ The interface is growing, but still small -











Q15 spans many technologies. Very sensitive (and cool) devices! The goal is to manipulate information in quantum ways. lon traps



Atom interferometers





SC qubits

Optomechanical sensors

200 nm

Takeway and Plan

Takeaway: we can bridge the gap b/w these fields

HEP, QIS share a common foundation - Quantum Field Theory. These fields are not as distant as we sometimes think.

□ We have new opportunities to explore Nature with quantum technology. Plan:

Talk about quantum devices in HEP language. (EFT)

Examples.

Talk about BSM models in a QIS language.

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Examples of searches for BSM with sensors

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There is more. BSM. More fields! We'll get back to that!



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QFT is continuum of interacting fields. All frequencies.



Quantum Field Theory

At the heart of QFT is a mode expansion.
 We get to pick the modes. Something like -

$$\phi(x_{\mu}) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega}} \left(a_{\vec{k}} u_{\vec{k}}(\vec{x}) e^{i\omega t} + a_{\vec{k}}^{\dagger} u_{\vec{k}}^{*}(\vec{x}) e^{-i\omega t} \right)$$
Quantize: a, a^{t} are operators.
$$Statify: \left[a_{\vec{k}}, a_{\vec{k}'}^{t} \right] = \delta_{\vec{k}\vec{k}'}$$

□ This is sometimes referred to as "second quantization". For HEP its first!

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Only a discretum satisfies boundary conditions.

$$+\sum_{j}\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega}}\left(a_{j}u_{j}(\vec{x})e^{i\omega t}+a_{j}^{\dagger}u_{j}^{*}(\vec{x})(e^{-i\omega t}\right)$$



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□ In these EFTs, modes separate from the continuum, Quantum Mechanics shines:



New phases

BTW: interesting quantum effects sometimes happen even without boundary conditions

New phases, gaps, band structures, nontrivial dispersion...:

- Superconductors
- Superfluids
- Semiconductors
- Semi-metals
- Spin glasses
- Topological phase
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Examples

Optical Devices (e.g. integrated optics)

Superconducting circuits and cavities

Optical Devices

Optics is the low energy EFT of light in matter.

- □ We can control the dispersion relation: k = nw. Useful for localization.
- A waveguide admits a 1D EFT w/ modes quantized in transverse direction.
- Transverse wave function affects longitudinal dispersion relation (a la KK modes!)

Linear Optics: $H = E^2 + B^2 = \Sigma \hbar \omega (a^t a + \frac{1}{2})$







"Integrated photonics"

Nonlinear Devices

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Dim-6:
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Superconducting Cavities & Circuits

Cavities: Light in a box. A discretum of states.

□ Separation from the continuum is parametrized by Q.

Q~10¹⁰ is now routine. (Thank you accelerators!)

LC Circuits: quantized current/flux.

□ Control Frequency with L & C, $(\omega^2 = 1/LC)$.

Both are harmonic. Equally spaced levels.







 $H_{mode} = \hbar \omega (a^{t}a + \frac{1}{2})$

Nonlinear Devices

Here too, we can arrange for a UV cutoff with higher dim operators,

□ e.g. making L a function of ata.

 $H = \hbar \omega (a^{t}a + \frac{1}{2}) + \kappa (a^{t}a)^{2}$

- Level spacing is nonuniform.
- □ Generically, κ < ω. ("Naturalness" :-)
- This allows for control of individual levels of a given mode!



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Or Qudit: $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle + \gamma|2\rangle \cdots$





By the way …

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SQMS

- Superconducting devices are a central player in QIS.
- □ A limiting factor in their performance is loss (finite Q) & decoherence.

e.g. prepare a qubit, $\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$, after a while $|0\rangle \longrightarrow |1\rangle$ For modern qubits, a while ~ msec

- Fermilab, and other labs, had already developed ultra-high-Q cavities to accelerate particles! Lifetimes of O(sec)!
- The SQMS center is using this technology and materials know-how for QIS.
- Achieving record coherence times in 2D and 3D systems, and understanding decoherence effects.









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But not the focus of my talk.





Quantum Sensing

The isolation of modes, and the ability to control them enables feeble effects to lead to dramatic consequences:

Appearance of mode occupation (Haloscope, light shining though wall)

Removal of mode occupation/phase transitions (TES, Nanowires: SC to normal)

Time evolution of ultra sensitive (entangled?) states



BSM - for Quantum Mechanics

New Physics → New Fields



+ Something new.

Ok. For concreteness,

(and because QIS is often about controlling light)

lets assume the new field couples to photons.

Linear or nonlinear?
Dark Photons - a Linear Extension

If something mixes linearly with the photon, it must have the same quantum numbers:

□ The dark Photon effective Hamiltonian:

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□ A nonlinear interaction, naively, would involve 2 photons & 1 new field.

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

Axion phenomenology:

- □ Axion mixing w/ photons polarized along background B field.
- □ Axion can be absorbed by photon -> up conversion.
- D Axion exchange -> photon nonlinearity in vacuum. [e.g. Bogora

(Of course, the discovery of an axion will be a profound insight! Strong CP. etc.)

[Sikivie]

[PVLAS]

[Berlin et al (2019)] [Gao, RH (2020)]

[e.g. Bogorad, Hook, Kahn, Soreq (2020)]

E MAR a B Pecci and Quinn (77)

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New Particle vs Dark Matter Searches

We can test two distinct hypotheses:

Axion/Dark photons are new fields we can source in a lab.

They also make up the (cold) dark matter of the Universe.



DM search



Frequency is set by DM mass and is unknown. Need to scan!

Examples

Cavities Optics

Qubits

Atoms

I probably have more example than we have time for...

Dark SRF: cavity-based search for the Dark Photon

Look for linear model with linear devices: A light-shining-through-wall experiment.







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Axion searches with Cavities

- We can look for nonlinear effects.
 - DM search: Turn on a B field*, or up conversion of pump mode photon into a nearby signal mode. [Sikivie] [Berlin et al (2019)]
 - Lab search: look for nonlinearity between modes (e.g.
 2 pumps, one signal. [e.g. Bogorad, Hook, Kahn, Soreq (2020)]
- Condensed matter connection: In many cases, the inherent nonlinearity of SC, nonlinear-Meinser.

[J. A. Sauls, Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2022, 033103 (2022)]

□ A double cavity setup likely needed. [Gao, RH (2020)]





* Turning one a strong B field in a SC cavity and keeping high Q is an open research challenge.





Can we do better?



Estrada et al. *PRX Quantum* 2 (2021) 3, 030340 RH in prepration.

Nonlinear Optics with Dark States



D Presence of idler is inferred. Might as well be invisible!

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 \Box Can we get quantum speed-up in DM detection? Consider n qubits interacting with DM:



Rate scales as $n^2 !!$

□ A variety of algorithms for sensing (e.g. quantum phase estimation, work in progress).

Imagine we take a qubit in Free space and induce a transition:

We give the atom some energy, but also momentum!





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MAGIS-100 is under construction in Fermila's MINOS shaft. :-)

Summary

Quantum Field theory extends into today's quantum devices!

□ The interface of HEP and QIS is growing!

- Quantum simulation of HEP (exciting, but not today's topic)
- Quantum sensing
- Quantum sensors can probe new hypotheses in HEP







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Deleted Scenes



$$\Gamma_{\rm SPDC} \sim \frac{P_p \chi_{\rm eff}^{(2)^2} \omega_s \omega_i L}{\pi n_p n_s n_i A_{\rm eff}}$$

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Motivates long crystals too. $\Gamma_{\rm dSPDC}^{(A_L')} \sim \epsilon^2 \frac{m_{A'}^2}{\omega_{A'}^2} \frac{P_p \chi_{A_L'}^{(2)^2} \omega_s \omega_{A'} L}{n_p n_s A_{\rm eff}}$ $\Gamma_{\rm dSPDC}^{(axion)} \sim \frac{P_p g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \omega_s L}{\omega_{axion} n_p n_s A_{\rm eff}}$ $N_{\rm events}^{(A_L')} \sim 10^{21} \left(\epsilon^2 \frac{m_{A'}^2}{\omega_{A'}^2}\right) \left(\frac{P_p}{\rm Watt}\right) \left(\frac{L}{\rm m}\right) \left(\frac{t_{\rm int}}{\rm year}\right)$ $N_{\rm events}^{(axion)} \sim 40 \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-6} \, {\rm GeV}^{-1}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{P_p}{\rm Watt}\right) \left(\frac{L}{\rm m}\right) \left(\frac{t_{\rm int}}{\rm year}\right)$

	Dark Photon $(m_{A'} = 0.1 \text{ eV})$	Axion-like particle $(m_a = 0.1 \text{ eV})$
Current lab limit	$\epsilon < 3 \times 10^{-7}$	$g_{a\gamma} < 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
Example dSPDC setup	$P_p = 1 $ W	$P_p = 1 \text{ kW}$
	$L = 1 \mathrm{cm}$	L = 10 m
	$\Gamma = 10/{ m day}$	$\Gamma = 10/{ m day}$
Current Solar limit	$\epsilon < 10^{-10}$	$g_{a\gamma} < 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
Example dSPDC setup	$P_p = 1 $ W	$P_p = 100 \text{ kW}$
	L = 10 m	L = 100 m
	$\Gamma = 10/\text{year}$	$\Gamma = 10/\text{year}$

Gravity Waves - A nonlinear extension

□ A gravity wave also interacts w/ two photons $\mathcal{L} \supset F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} \sim h(B \cdot B + E \cdot E) + \cdots$

But often more important:

 $H = \hbar \omega (a^{t}a + \frac{1}{2}) \quad \text{with} \quad \omega \sim (1+h)L^{-1}$

- Axion-like phenomenology:
 - GW mixing w/ photons in background B field.

□ GW can be absorbed by photon -> up conversion.



Gravitational waves

- Photon up-conversion due to GW.
- Current axion experiments have sensitivity to GHz Gravity waves [1].
- A dedicated cavity experiment, e.g. MAGO, has significant reach at MHz [2].
- MAGO traveled from INFN to DESY to Fermilab for testing
- A Fermilab KEK collaboration to design new dedicated broadband cavity.



MAGO (INFN)

[1] *Phys.Rev.D* 105 (2022) 11, 116011 [2] *Phys.Rev.D* 108 (2023) 8, 084058

 10^{-28}



 10^{7}

 10^{8}

 10^{9}



 10^{6}

 $\omega_g \, [\text{Hz}]$

 10^{5}

 10^{4}

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Berlin, et al., JHEP, DOI:10.1007/JHEP07 (2020) 088 Berlin, et al., arXiv:2203.12714, Snowmass WP (2022) Giaccone, et al., arXiv:2207.11346 (2022)





frequency = $m_a/2\pi$

Multimode searches

Dark Matter - Quantum Sensor Network

- A network of cavities can be used to enhance the sensitivity to dark matter.
- How should we distribute quantum resources in the network?
- A distributed quantum sensing protocol for DM searches allows for enhanced scan rate for DM.



A new collaboration of HEP and QIS experts from across SQMS:

- [1] PRX Quantum 3 (2022) 3, 030333
- [2] 2210.07291 [quant-ph]

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[3] 2210.16180 [quant-ph] (in review by Nature Photonics)





Multimode searches

Bogorad, et al., PRL, DOI:10.1103/PhysRevLett.123.021801 Berlin, et al., JHEP, DOI:10.1007/JHEP07 (2020) 088 Gao & Harnik, JHEP, DOI:10.1007/JHEP07 (2021) 053 Berlin, et al., arXiv:2203.12714, Snowmass WP (2022) Sauls, PTEP, DOI:10.1093/ptep/ptac034 (2022) Giaccone, et al., arXiv:2207.11346 (2022)

- Axion DM search based on the heterodyne detection scheme: cavity design is finalized, contract for cavity fabrication placed (cavity arrival: Fall 2023)
- In preparation for search:
 - Working on RF experimental set up and read out system
 - Addressing experimental challenges such as passive dampening of vibrations in LHe facility
- Multimode feasibility study

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Ultrahigh Q for Dark Matter





Superconducting Nb₃Sn cavity (FNAL): Posen et al., arxiv:22014.10733, in review in Phys Rev Applied

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


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 a trap is monitored via a **QND measurement**.



<u>Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 071801 (2023)</u> 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)

Ultrahigh Q for Dark Matter



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

DPDM search with 1.3 GHz cavity with $Q_L \approx 10^{10}$.

Deepest exclusion to wavelike DPDM by an order of magnitude. **Next steps:**

- Tunable DPDM search from 4-7 GHz. ("low hanging fruit")
- Implement photon counting to subvert SQL noise limit.

