

Quantum Detectors for particle physics

(focus on applying quantum sensors to
both “HEP” *and* low energy particle physics)

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Clarification of terms

Some words on the landscape

Quantum sensors for low energy particle physics

Quantum sensors for high energy particle physics

(low energy) particle detectors:

quantum sensors register a change of quantum state caused by the interaction with an external system:

- transition between superconducting and normal-conducting
- transition of an atom from one state to another
- change of resonant frequency of a system (quantized)

} highly sensitive and highly specific sensors for minute perturbations of the environment in which they operate

Then, a “quantum sensor” is a device, the measurement (sensing) capabilities of which are enabled by our ability to manipulate and read out its quantum states.

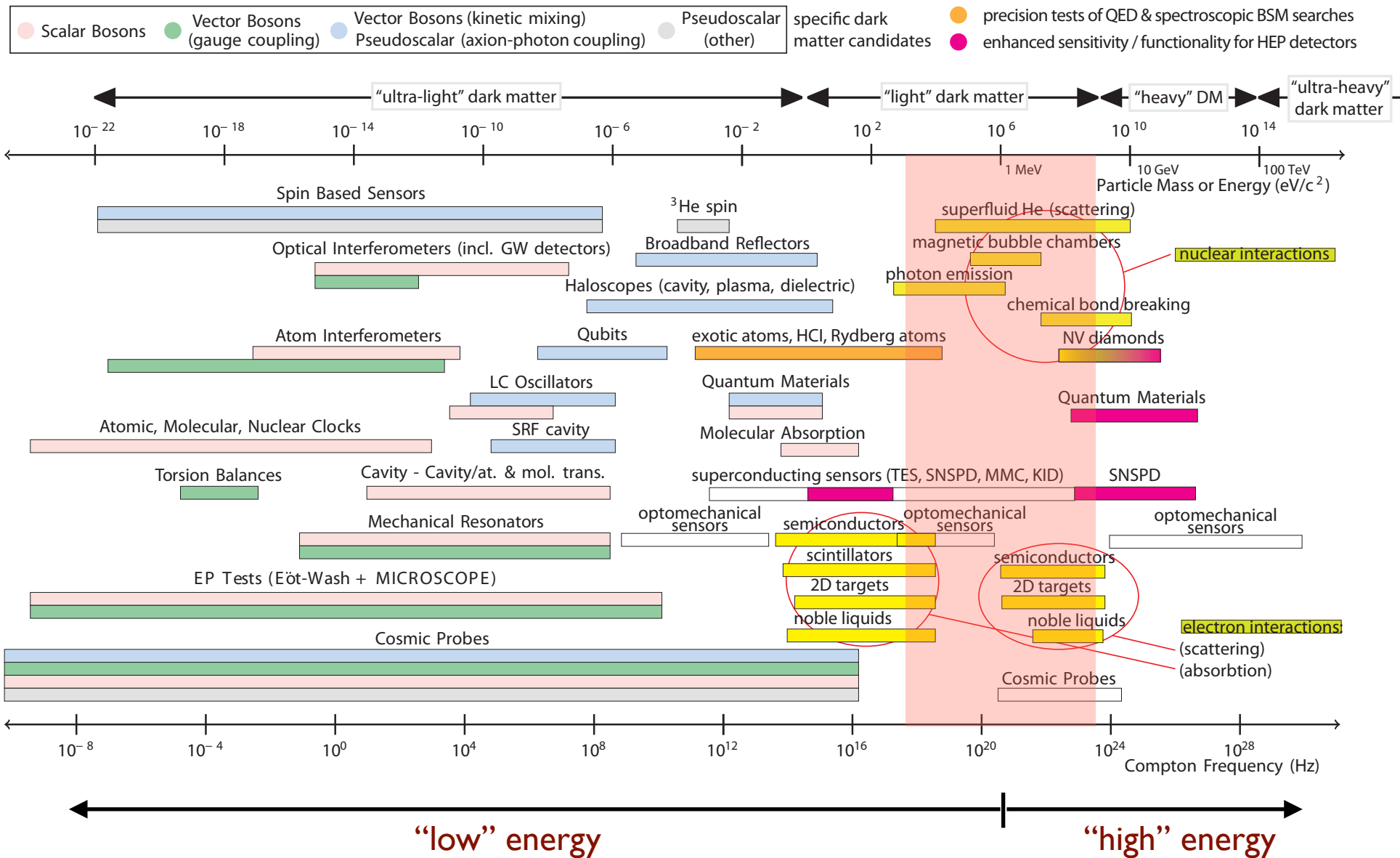
and because the commensurate energies are very low, unsurprisingly, quantum sensors are ideally matched to low energy (particle) physics;

→ focus on activities in both in low energy and high energy particle physics

(I will *not* however be talking about **entanglement** and its potential applications)

bottom line: measure result of a single individual interaction

Ranges of applicability of different quantum sensor techniques to searches for BSM physics



quantum sensors & particle physics: what are we talking about?

quantum technologies

- 1 superconducting devices (TES, SNSPD, ...) / cryo-electronics
- 2 spin-based, NV-diamonds
- 3 optical clocks
- 4 ionic / atomic / molecular
- 5 optomechanical sensors
- 6 metamaterials, 0/1/2-D materials

domains of physics

- search for NP / BSM
- Axions, ALP's, DM & non-DM
UL-particle searches
- tests of QM wavefunction collapse,
decoherence
- EDM searches & tests of
fundamental symmetries
- Development of new detectors*

ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap Symposium of Task Force 5 Quantum and Emerging Technologies

 <https://indico.cern.ch/event/999818/>

Many initiatives related to HEP world-wide;

Three initiatives at CERN:

- CERN Quantum Technology Initiative
- Physics Beyond Colliders
- R & D on quantum sensors for particle physics

CERN quantum initiative

<https://quantum.web.cern.ch/>

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- Assess the **areas of potential quantum advantage** in HEP applications (QML, classification, anomaly detection, tracking)
- Develop **common libraries of algorithms, methods, tools**; benchmark as technology evolves
- Collaborate to the development of shared, **hybrid classic-quantum infrastructures**

Computing & Algorithms



- Identify and develop techniques for **quantum simulation** in collider physics, QCD, cosmology within and beyond the SM
- Co-develop quantum computing and sensing approaches by providing **theoretical foundations** to the identifications of the areas of interest

Simulation & Theory



- Develop and promote **expertise in quantum sensing** in low- and high-energy physics applications
- Develop quantum sensing approaches with emphasis on **low-energy particle physics measurements**
- Assess **novel technologies and materials** for HEP applications

Sensing, Metrology & Materials

currently: 3 PhD's



- **Co-develop CERN technologies relevant to quantum infrastructures** (time synch, frequency distribution, lasers)
- Contribute to the **deployment and validation of quantum infrastructures**
- Assess requirements and **impact of quantum communication on computing applications** (security, privacy)

Communications & Networks

<https://quantum.web.cern.ch/>

CERN quantum initiative (v2)

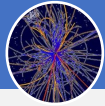
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DRD5 WP's

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- Objective 2.1a: Exotic atoms as qubits and Dark Matter sensors (Rydberg states characterisation, spectroscopy; atom interferometry; entangled Rydberg states as quantum demonstrators for qubits)
- Objective 2.2a: RF cavities and coating for axion searches; designing, building and operating a tuneable RF cavity for axion and GW searches
- Objective 2.2b.1: Development of a multi-qubit demonstrator platform (cryogenic infrastructure and RF cavity technology; design intermediate control software layer)
- Objective 2.3a: Quantum Sensors and Quantum Data Acquisition (TES as quantum sensors for millicharged DM searches in beam dumps, test bed for Quantum DAQ)

Core goals



- Objective 2.1b: Evaluation of the interplay between interferometric inertial sensors and cosmology to improve understanding of properties of Dark Matter and sources of GWs
- Objective 2.2b.2: Develop device-aware algorithms for qubits with SRF cavities
- Objective 2.3b: Cryogenic veto system, tuneable low-energy deposit calibration set-up; Monte Carlo simulation for tracks of backgrounds and signals, pushing the modeling towards low-energy deposits

Extended objectives



- Objective 2.1c: Benchmark and comparison of Rydberg states as qubits in prototype systems
- Objective 2.2b.3: Investigate scaling behavior of multiple qubits
- Objective 2.3c: Read-out-free detection & DAQ via entanglement between TES voxels and another system; machine-learning-based anomaly detection of millicharged DM particles in TES

Long term objectives

focus on physics

@ CERN: PBC, large low energy physics community...

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1002356/> PBC technology annual workshop 2021 (focus on quantum sensing)

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1057715/> PBC technology mini workshop: superconducting RF (Sep. 2021)

Initial experiments with quantum sensors world-wide

→ rapid investigation of new phase space

→ scaling up to larger systems, improved devices

→ expanding explored phase space

→ **particles, atoms, ions, nuclei:** tests of QED, symmetries

→ **RF cavities:** axion searches

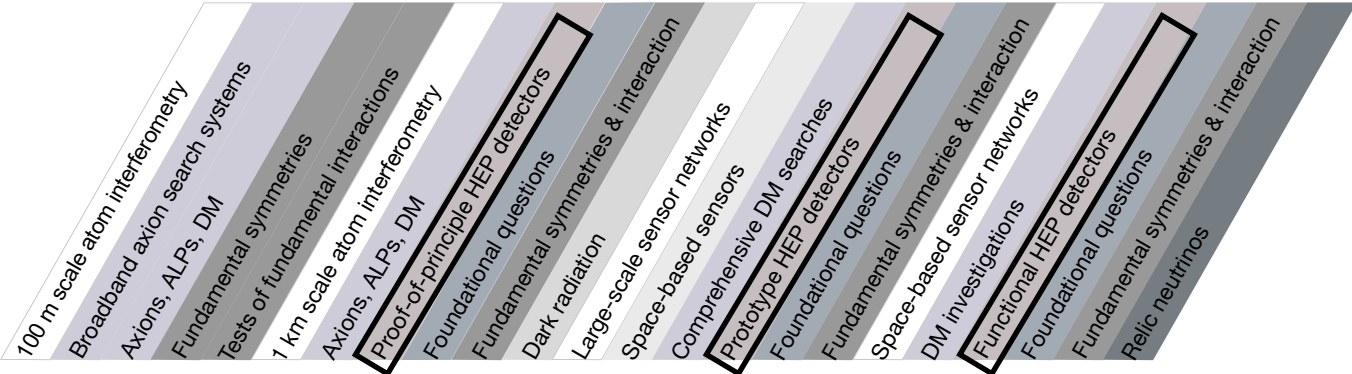
→ **atom interferometers:** DM searches

RECFA Detector R&D roadmap 2021

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2784893>

Chapter 5: Quantum and Emerging Technologies Detectors

focus on physics and technology



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Section	< 2025	2025-2030	2030-2035	> 2035
Clocks and clock networks 5.3.1	●	●	●	
Kinetic detectors 5.3.2	●	●	●	●
Spin-based sensors 5.3.3	●	●	●	●
Superconducting sensors 5.3.3	●	●	●	●
Optomechanical sensors 5.3.4	●	●	●	●
Atoms/molecules/ions 5.3.5	●	●	●	●
Atom interferometry 5.3.5	●	●	●	●
Metamaterials, 0/1/2D-materials 5.3.6	●	●	●	●
Quantum materials 5.3.6	●	●	●	●

● Must happen or main physics goals cannot be met ● Important to meet several physics goals ● Desirable to enhance physics reach ● R&D needs being met

Proposal for DRD5: R&D on quantum sensors

Roadmap topics → Proposal themes → Proposal WP's

Roadmap topics

Proposal WP's

Sensor family → Work Package ↓	clocks & clock networks	superconduct- ing & spin- based sensors	kinetic detectors	atoms / ions / molecules & atom interferometry	opto- mechanical sensors	nano-engineered / low-dimensional / materials
WP1 <i>Atomic, Nuclear and Molecular Systems in traps & beams</i>	X			X	(X)	
WP2 <i>Quantum Materials (0-, 1-, 2-D)</i>		(X)	(X)		X	X
WP3 <i>Quantum super- conducting devices</i>		X				(X)
WP4 <i>Scaled-up massive ensembles (spin-sensitive devices, hybrid devices, mechanical sensors)</i>		X	(X)	X	(X)	X
WP5 <i>Quantum Techniques for Sensing</i>	X	X	X	X	X	
WP6 <i>Capacity expansion</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X

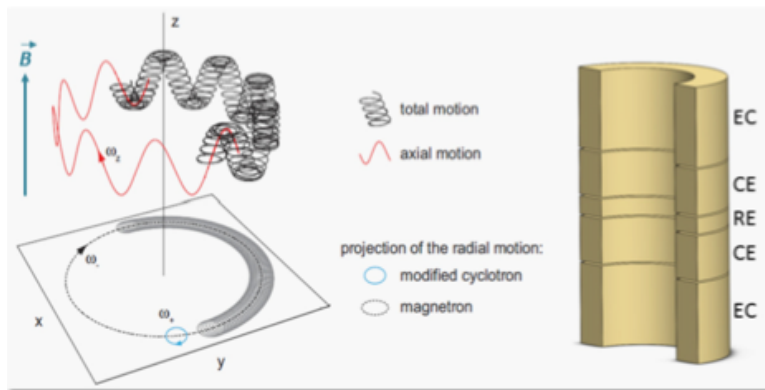
Ensure that all sensor families that were identified in the roadmap as relevant to future advances in particle physics are included

WP → sub-WP → sub-sub-WP

particles, atoms, ions, nuclei:

tests of QED, T-violation, P, Lorentz-violation, DM searches

HCI's in Penning traps



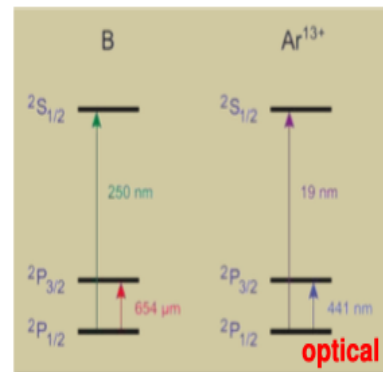
eEDM's in molecules

nuclear clock (^{229}Th)

molecular / ion clocks

Scaling with a nuclear charge Z

- Binding energy $\sim Z^2$
- Hyperfine splitting $\sim Z^3$
- QED effects $\sim Z^4$
- Stark shifts $\sim Z^{-6}$



K. Blaum et al., Quantum Sci. Technol. 6 014002 (2021)

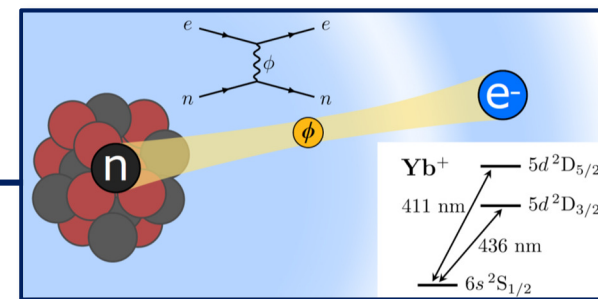
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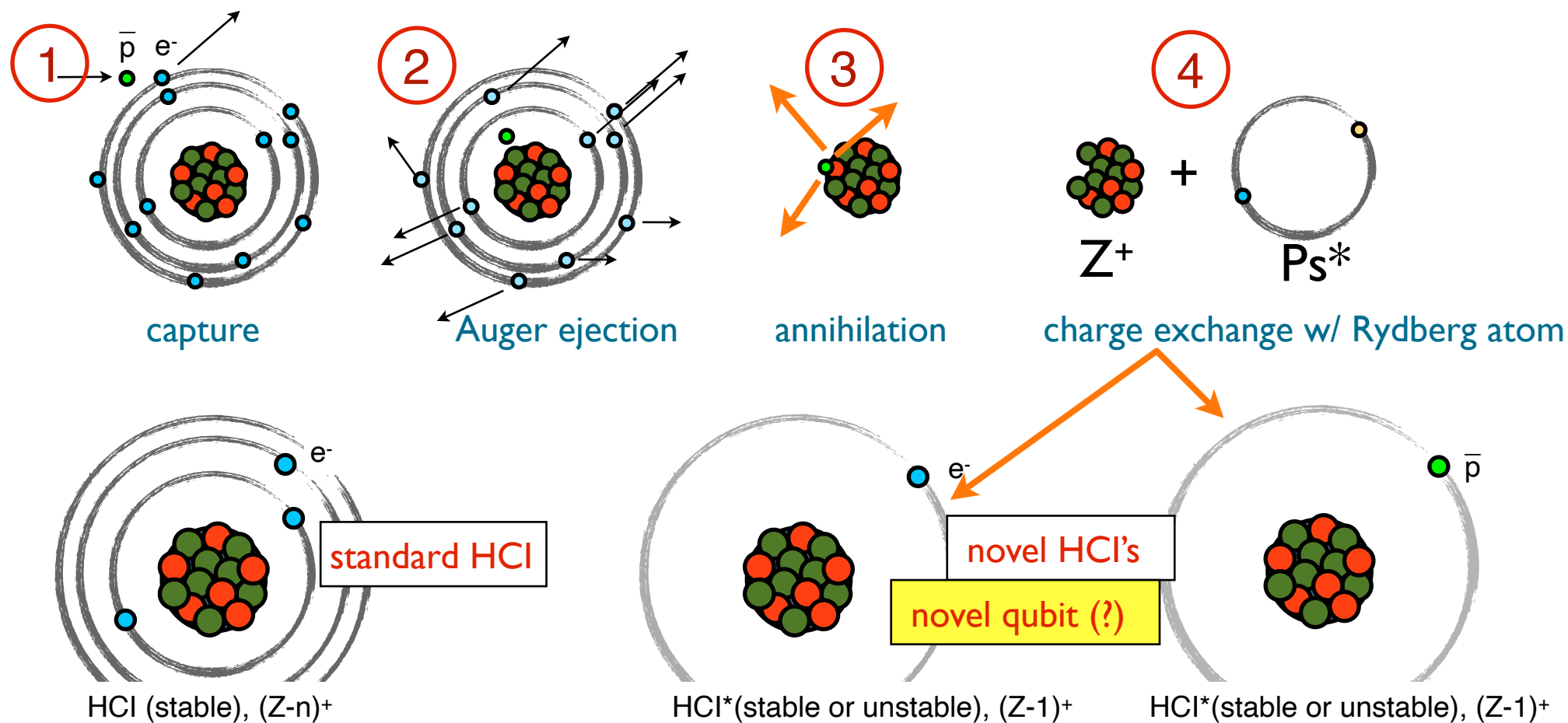
Marianna Safronova (University of Delaware)

HCLs: **much larger** sensitivity to variation of α and dark matter searches than current clocks

- Searches for the variation of fundamental constants
- Tests of QED: precision spectroscopy
- Fifth force searches: precision measurements of isotope shifts with HCLs to study non-linearity of the King plot



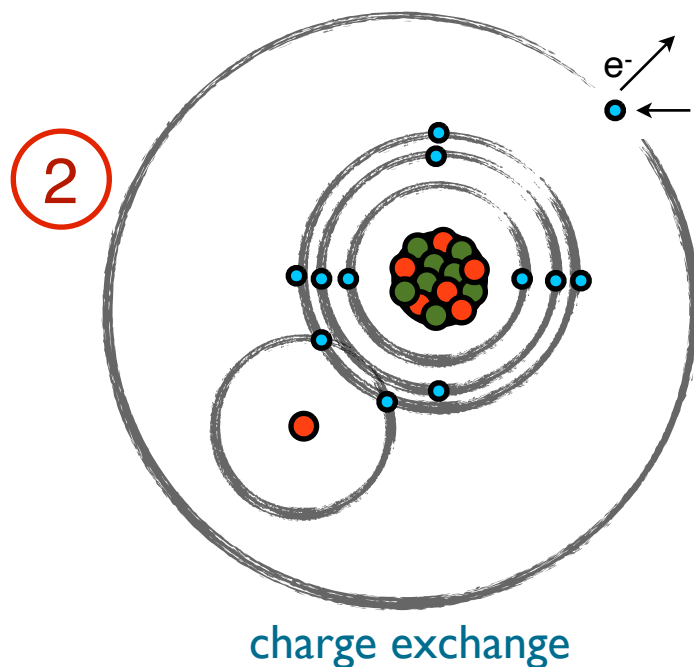
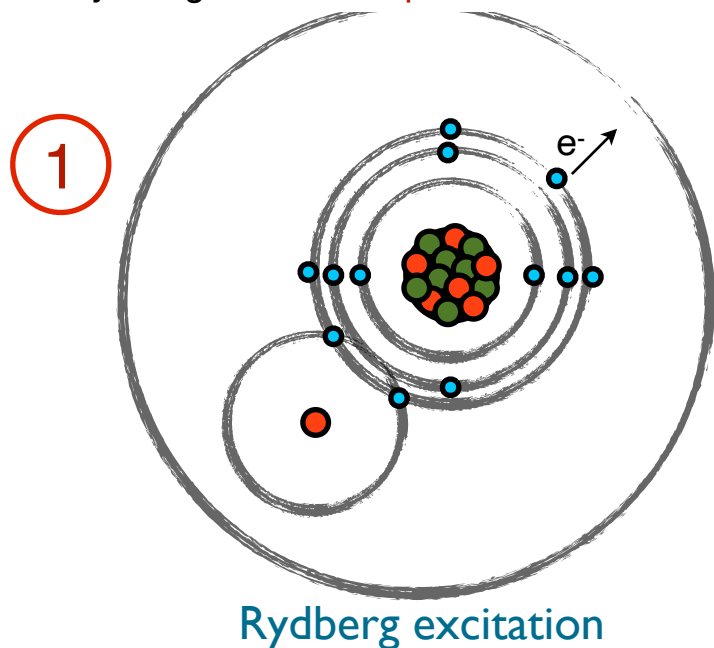
Antiprotonic atoms → novel HCL systems



Quantum sensors for new particle physics experiments: Penning traps

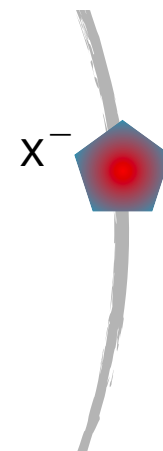
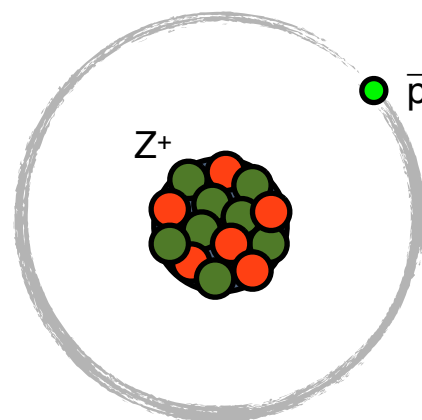
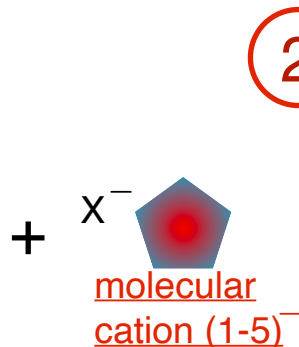
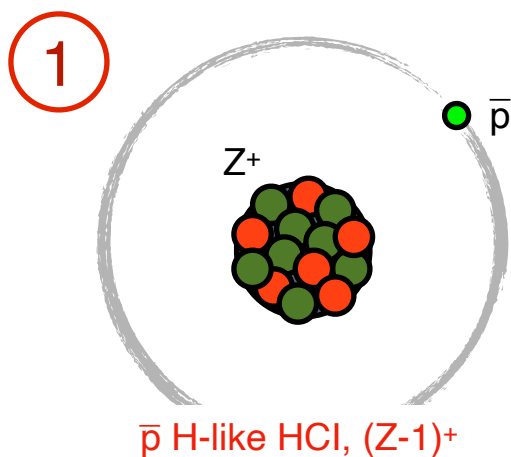
Antiprotonic Rydberg atoms: exotic couplings, similar approach as spectroscopy of muonic atoms, CPT tests

Antiprotonic Rydberg molecules: \bar{p} EDM?



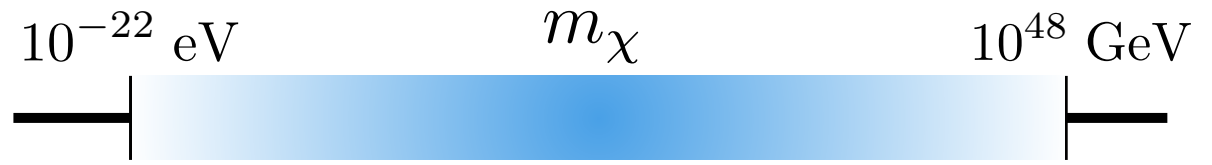
similar approach
as eEDM in molecules

Antiprotonic Rydberg molecular ions: \bar{p} EDM



Superconducting sensors: RF cavities

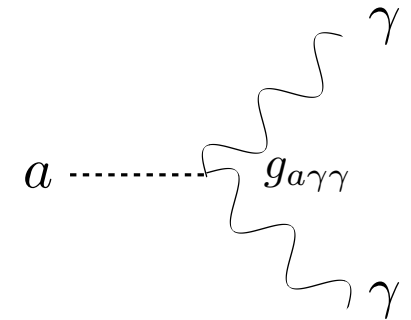
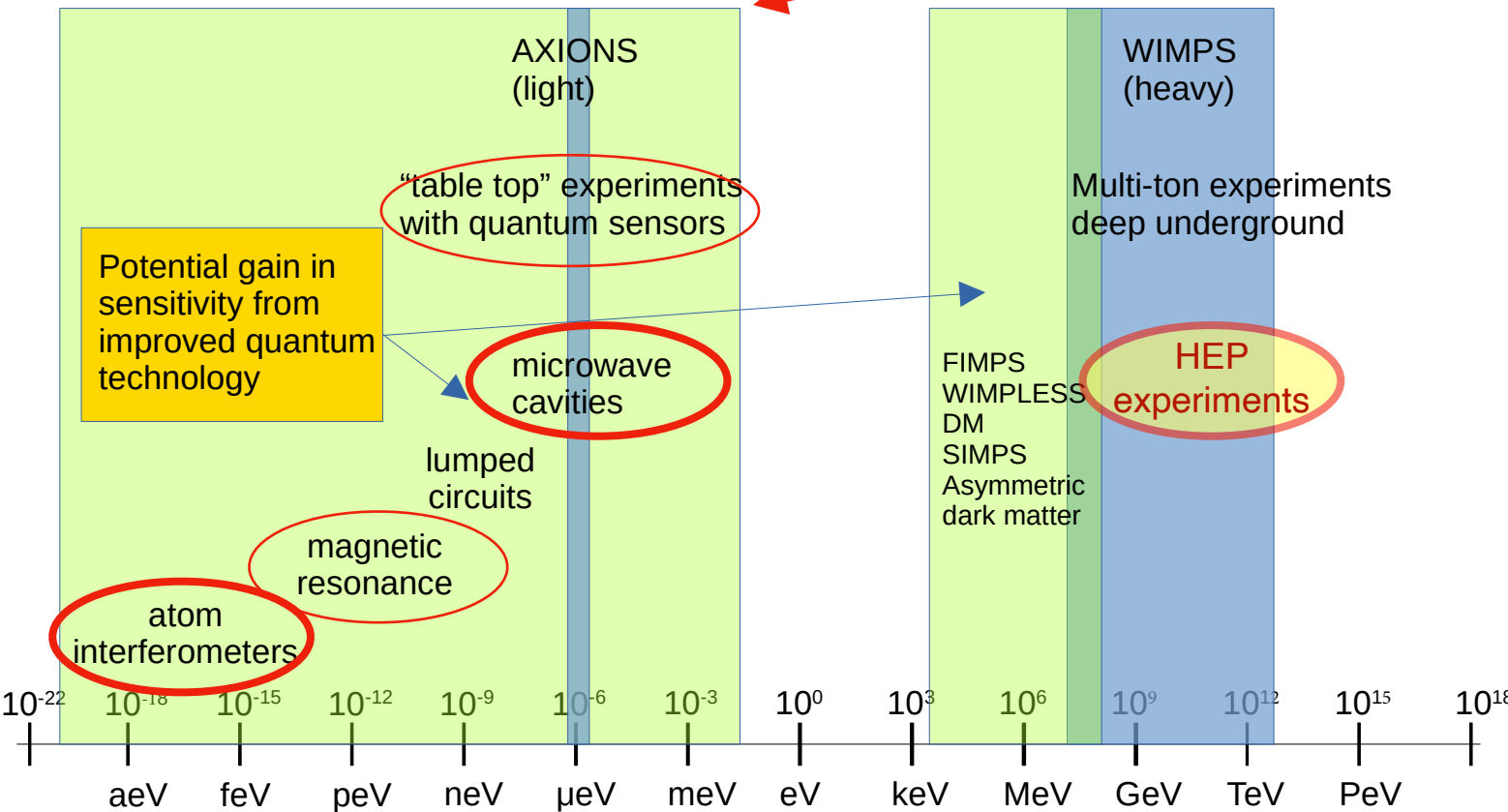
Axions, ALP's, DM & non-DM UL-particle searches



cavity size = axion size
axion mass = unknown

$$F \sim g_{a\gamma}^2 m_A^2 B^4 V^2 T_{sys}^{-2} G^4 Q,$$

system noise temperature
cryo-amplifiers JJPA



(but not only...)

Axion heterodyne detection

problem: cavity resonance generally fixed

Conceptual Theory Level Proposal:

A. Berlin, Raffaele Tito D’Agnolo, S. Ellis, C. Nantista, J. Nielson, P. Schuster, S. Tantawi, N. Toro, K. Zhou, *JHEP* 07 (2020) 07, 088

A. Berlin, Raffaele Tito D’Agnolo, S. Ellis, K. Zhou, arXiv:2007.15656

$$F \sim g_{a\gamma}^2 m_A^2 B^4 V T_{sys}^{-2} G^4 Q,$$

figure of merit axion mass cavity volume

Resonant cavities possible down to μeV ; below that, need huge volume

→ frequency conversion: driving “**pump mode**” at $\omega_0 \sim \text{GHz}$ allows axion to resonantly drive power into “**signal mode**” at $\omega_1 \sim \omega_0 \pm m_a$

→ scan over axion masses $m_a =$ **slight perturbation of cavity geometry**, which modulates the frequency splitting $\omega_0 - \omega_1$

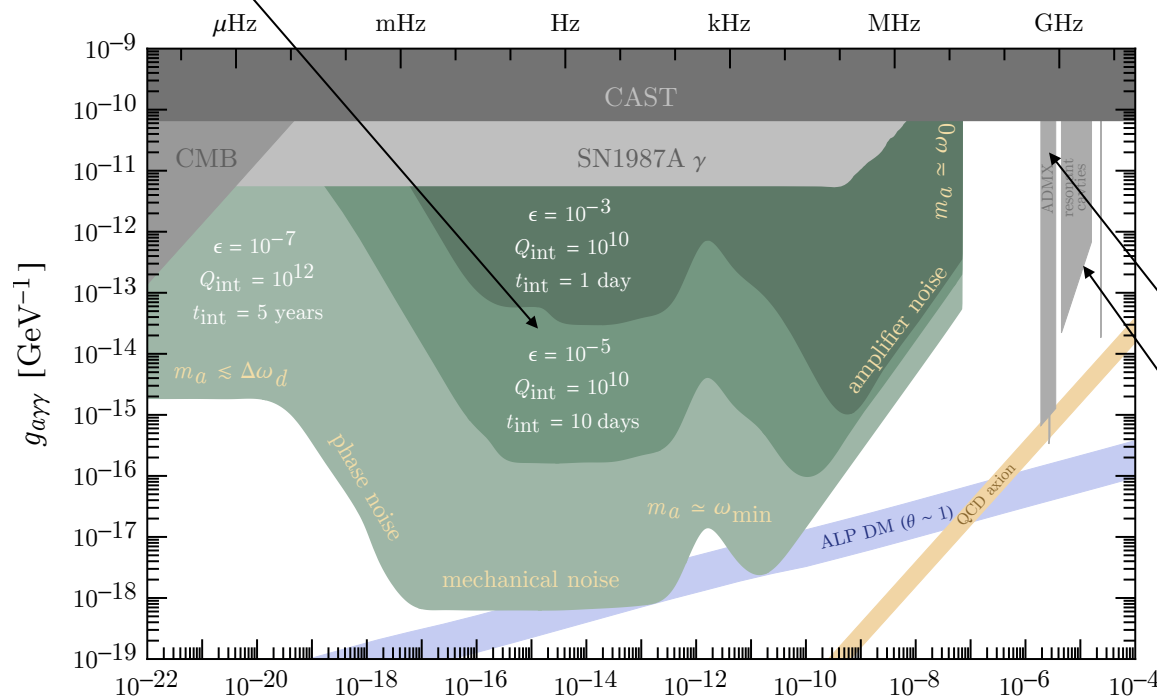
→ **superconducting RF cavities**

Axion heterodyne detection

$Q_{\text{int}} \gtrsim 10^{10}$ achieved by DarkSRF collaboration
(sub-nm cavity wall displacements)

A. Grassellino, "SRF-based dark matter search: Experiment," 2019. <https://indico.fnal.gov/event/19433/session/2/contribution/2/material/slides/0.pdf>

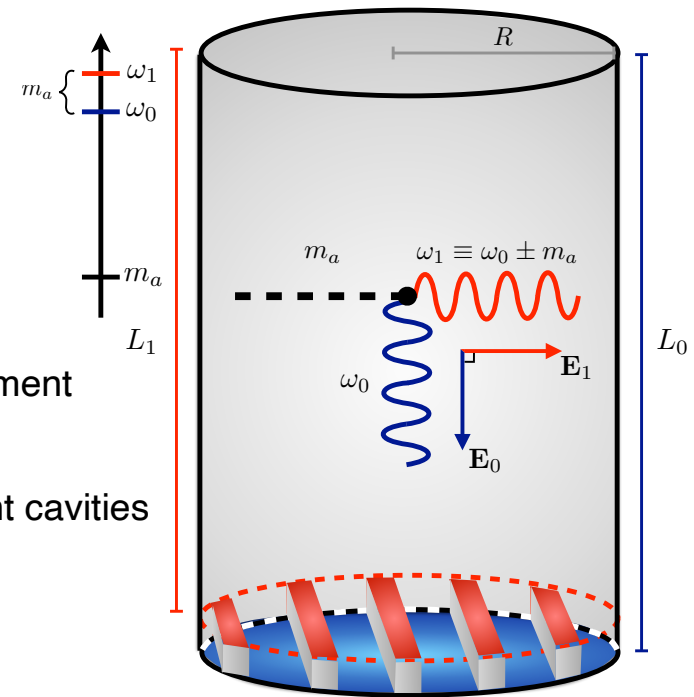
frequency = $m_a/2\pi$



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(a) Cartoon of cavity setup.

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"The cavity is designed to have two nearly degenerate resonant modes at ω_0 and $\omega_1 = \omega_0 + m_a$. One possibility is to split the frequencies of the two polarizations of a hybrid HE_{11p} mode in a corrugated cylindrical cavity. These two polarizations effectively see distinct cavity lengths, L_0 and L_1 , allowing ω_0 and ω_1 to be tuned independently."

Needed! : major developments on integrated cryoelectronics (4K)

AION: **atom interferometer** (start small, ultimately → space)

L. Badurina et al., AION: An Atom Interferometer Observatory and Network, *JCAP* 05 (2020) 011, [arXiv:1911.11755].

Where does this fit in? Go after $10^{-20} \text{ eV} < m_a < 10^{-12} \text{ eV}$,
but also topological DM, ultralight DM, gravitational waves, Lorentz invariance, ...

atom interferometry at macroscopic scales: arXiv:2201.07789v1 [astro-ph.IM] 19 Jan 2022

MIGA^{France}

AION^{UK}

ZAIGA^{China}

CERN? shafts (100~500 m ideal testing ground),
cryogenics, vacuum, complexity...

MAGIS^{Fermilab}

M. Abe, P. Adamson, M. Borcean, D. Bortoletto, K. Bridges, S.
P. Carman et al., *Matter-wave Atomic Gradiometer
Interferometric Sensor (MAGIS-100)*, arXiv:2104.02835v1.

MAGIS collaboration, Graham PW, Hogan JM, Kasevich MA,
Rajendran S, Romani RW. *Mid-band gravitational wave
detection with precision atomic sensors.* arXiv:1711.02225

satellite missions:

ACES (Atomic Clock Ensemble in Space):

April 2025

ESA mission for ISS

two on-board clocks rely on atomic transitions in the microwave domain

probe time variations of fundamental constants, and to perform tests of the Lorentz-Violating Standard Model Extension (SME). Possibly topological dark matter

pathfinder / technology development missions:

~2030

I-SOC: *key optical clock technology (laser cooling, trapping, optical resonators) for space; Sr optical lattice clock / Sr ion clock; microwave and optical link technology;*

FOCOS (Fundamental physics with an Optical Clock Orbiting in Space): Yb optical lattice clock with 1×10^{-18} stability

AION: ~2045

satellite mission

AEDGE: ~2045

satellite mission

El-Neaj, Y.A., Alpigiani, C., Amairi-Pyka, S. *et al.* **AEDGE: Atomic
Experiment for Dark Matter and Gravity Exploration in Space.** *EPJ Quantum
Technol.* 7, 6 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1140/epjqt/s40507-020-0080-0>

typically not obvious, given that most detectors rely on detecting the product of many interactions between a particle and the detector (ionization, scintillation, Čerenkov photons, ...)

handful of ideas that rely on quantum devices, or are inspired by them. not necessarily used as quantum detectors per se, but rather their properties to enhance / permit measurements that are more difficult to achieve otherwise

main focus on tracking / calorimetry / timing / novel observables / PU ...

closely related: nanostructured materials

→ [Frontiers of Physics, M. Doser et al., 2022](#)
doi: 10.3389/fphy.2022.887738

these are not fully developed concepts, but rather the kind of approaches one might contemplate working towards



very speculative!

Metamaterials, 0 / 1 / 2-dimensional materials (quantum dots, nanolayers)

ultra-fast scintillators based on perovskites

chromatic calorimetry (QDs)

active scintillators (QCL, QWs, QDs)

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GEMs (graphene)

Atoms, molecules, ions

Rydberg TPC's

5.3.5 *

Spin-based sensors

helicity detectors

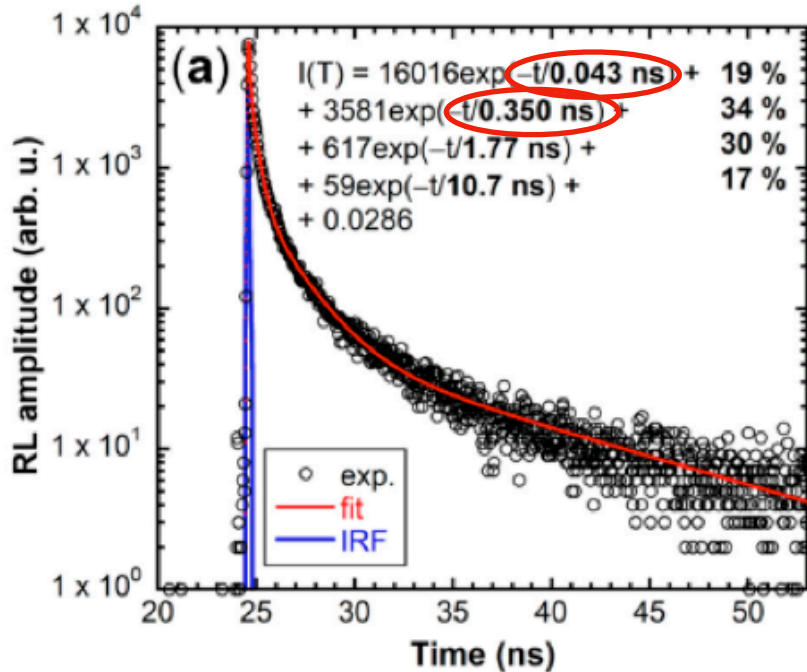
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* <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2784893>

Superconducting sensors

Quantum dots: timing

Etiennette Auffray-Hillemans / CERN



Scintillation decay time spectra from CsPbBr₃ nanocrystal deposited on glass

K. Decka et al., Scintillation Response Enhancement in Nanocrystalline Lead Halide Perovskite Thin Films on Scintillating Wafers. *Nanomaterials* 2022, 12, 14. <https://doi.org/10.3390/nano12010014>

Concerns: integrated light yield (need many photons to benefit from rapid rise time)

ZnO:Ga embedded in SiO₂ or polystyrene

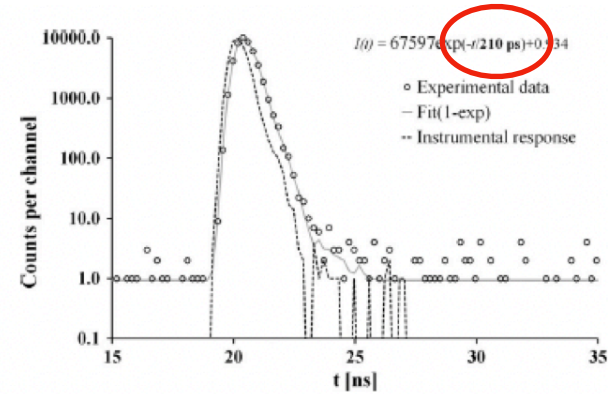
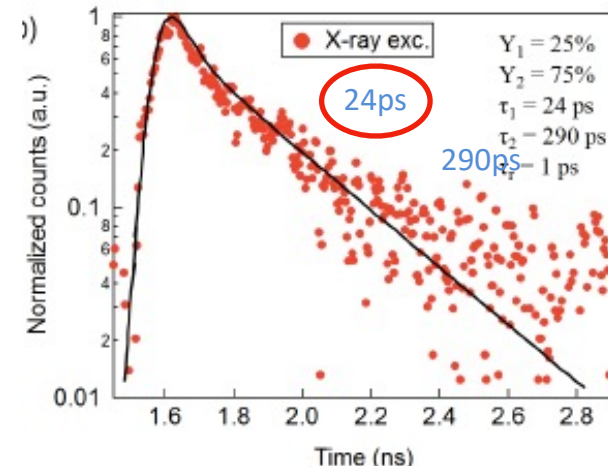


Fig. 9. Photoluminescence decay of ZnO:Ga sample at room temperature. Excitation nanoLED 339 nm, emission wavelength set at 390 nm. Decay curve is approximated by the convolution of instrumental response (also in figure) and single exponential function $I(t)$ provided in the figure.

Lenka Prochazkova et al., *Optical Materials* 47 (2015) 67–71

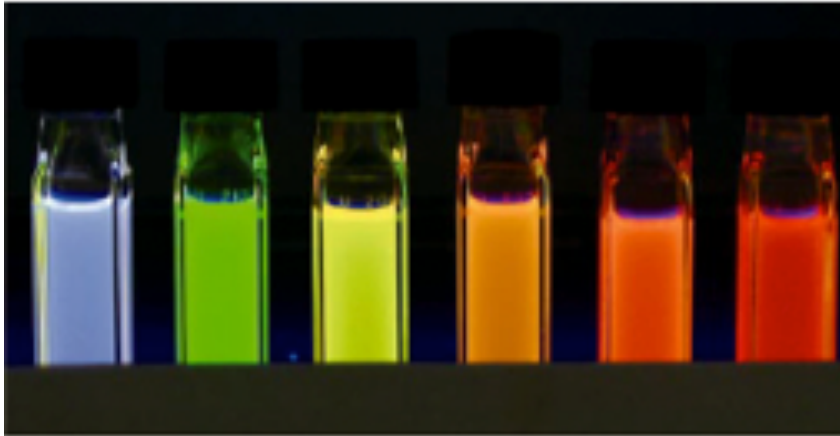
CdSe nanoplatelet,



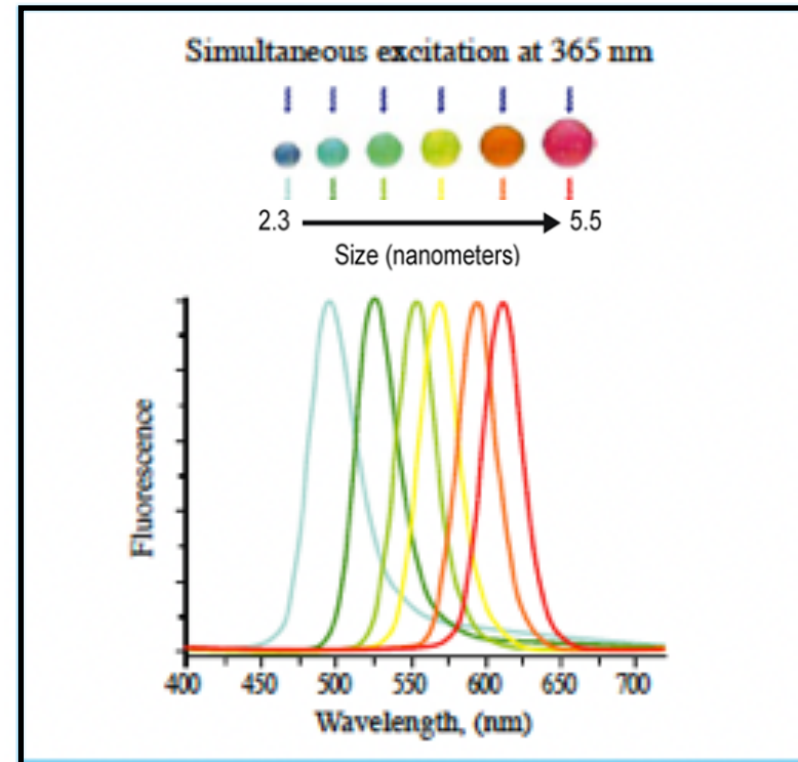
J. Grim et al., *Nature Nanotechnology*, 9,2014, 891–895
R. Martinez Turtos et al., 2016 *JINST*_11 (10) P10015

Quantum dots: chromatic tunability

Etiennette Auffray-Hillemans / CERN



Hideki Ooba, "Synthesis of Unique High Quality Fluorescence Quantum Dots for the Biochemical Measurements," AIST TODAY Vol.6 , No.6 (2006) p.26- 27

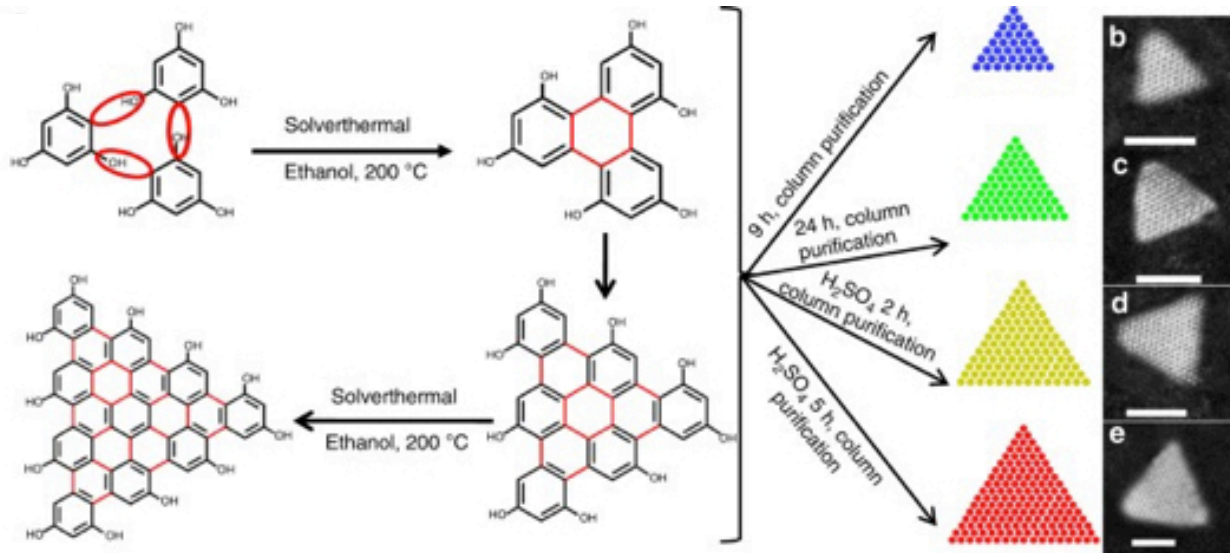


chromatic tunability → optimize for quantum efficiency of PD (fast, optimizable WLS)

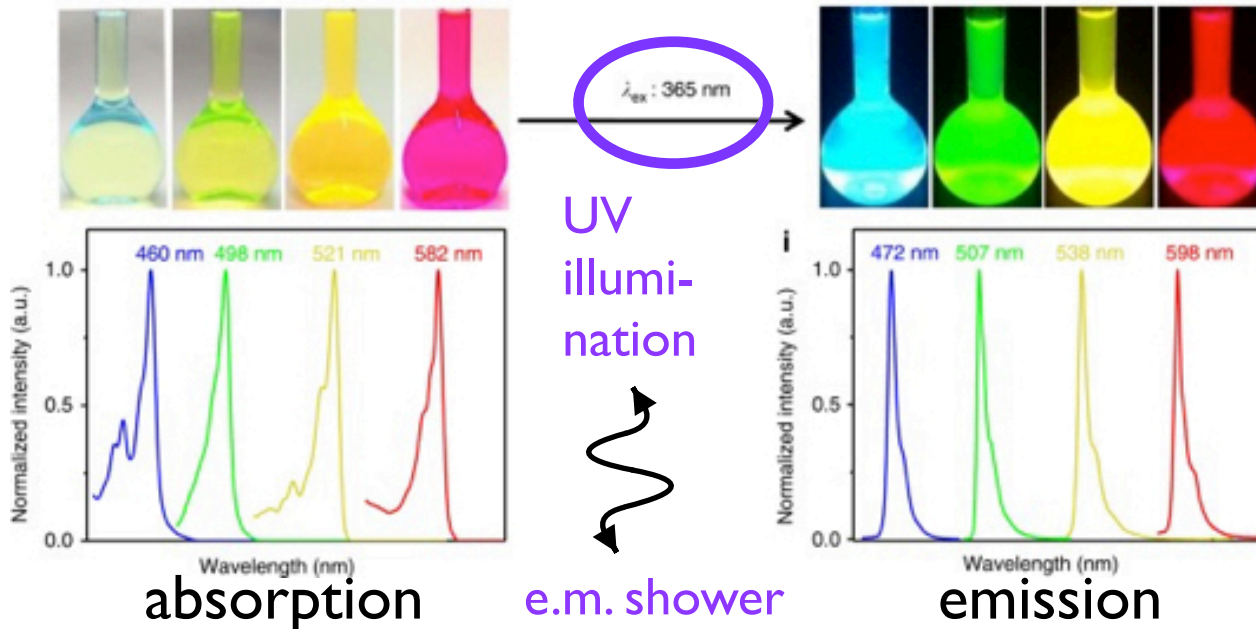
deposit on surface of high-Z material → thin layers of UV → VIS WLS

embed in high-Z material ? two-species (nanodots + microcrystals) embedded in polymer matrix?
 → quasi continuous VIS-light emitter (but what about re-absorbtion?)

Quantum dots: chromatic calorimetry



idea: seed different parts of a “crystal” with nanodots emitting at different wavelengths, such that the wavelength of a stimulated fluorescence photon is uniquely assignable to a specific nanodot position

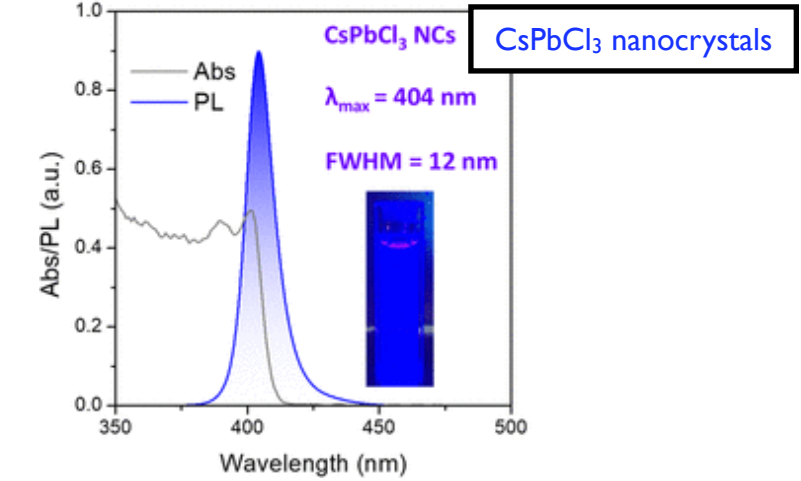
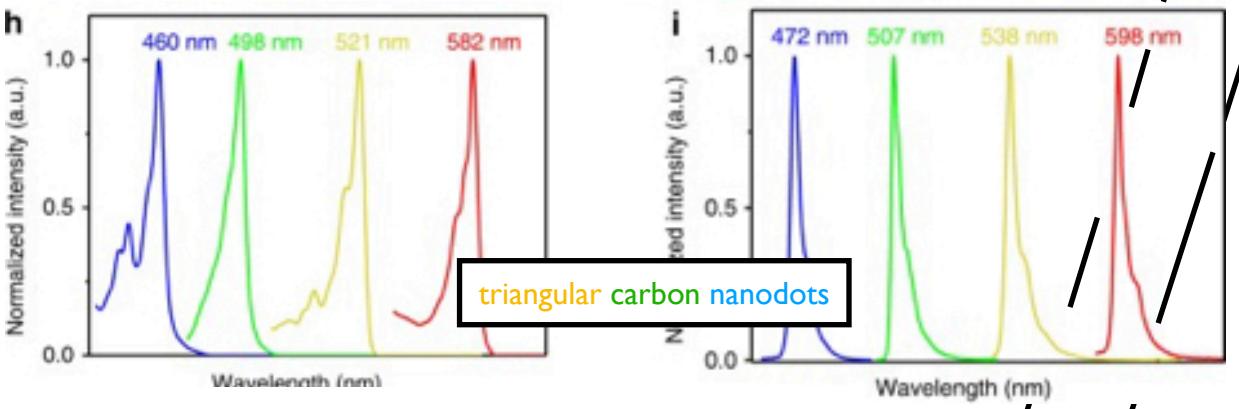
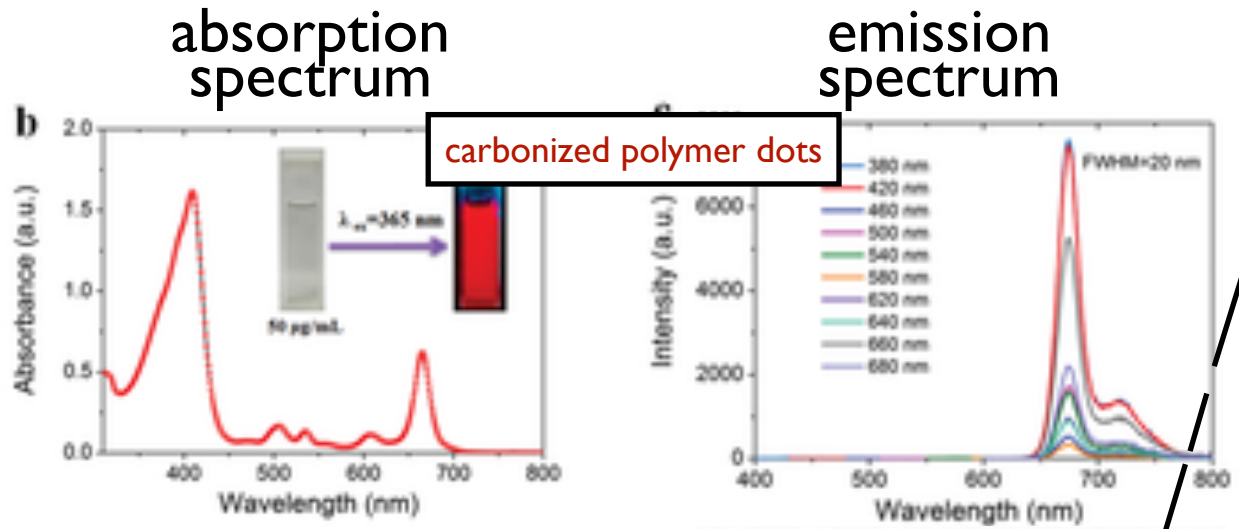


requires:

- narrowband emission (~20nm)
- only absorption at longer wavelengths
- short rise / decay times

select appropriate nanodots

e.g. **triangular carbon nanodots**



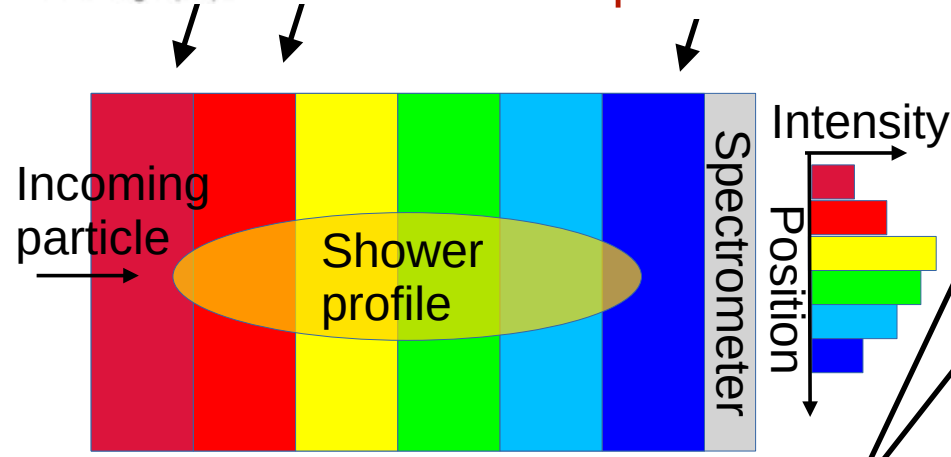
leftmost nanodots:
absorb wavelengths < 650 nm
emit at > 680 nm

next band:
absorb wavelengths < 590 nm
emit at > 590 nm

...

rightmost nanodots:
absorb wavelengths < 410 nm
emit at > 420 nm

if high-Z substrate transparent
in 400-700 nm, then no re-
absorption of emitted light



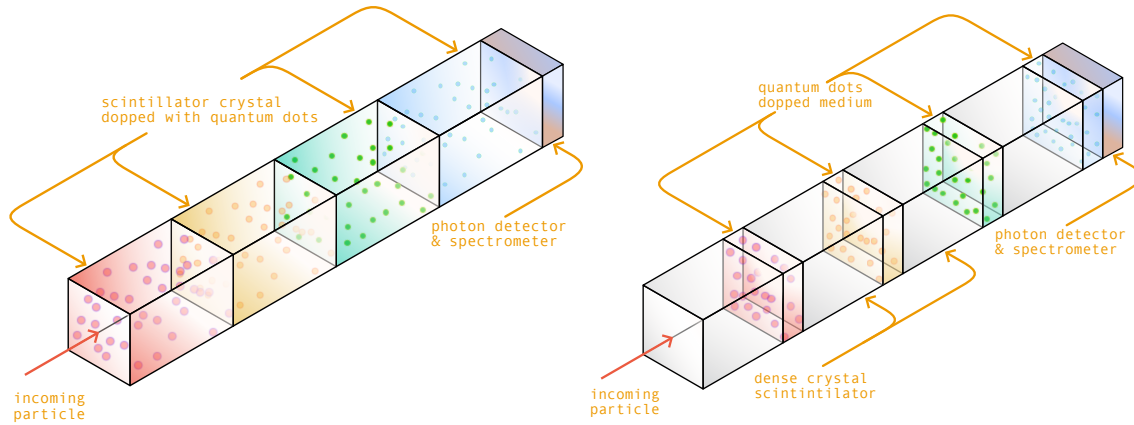
Monochromators + PD?
Y.T. Lin & G. Finlayson,
Sensors 23, 4155
(2023)

Metalenses?
M. Khorasaninejad
& F. Capasso,
Science 358, 6367
(2017)

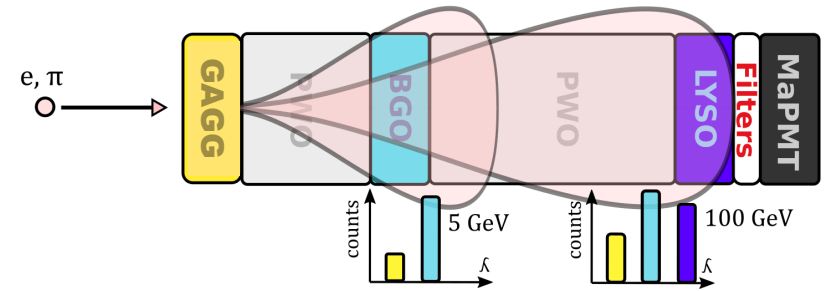
(shower profile via **spectrometry**) CEA_Saclay, Jan. 2025

This slide courtesy Devanshi Arora, CALOR'24

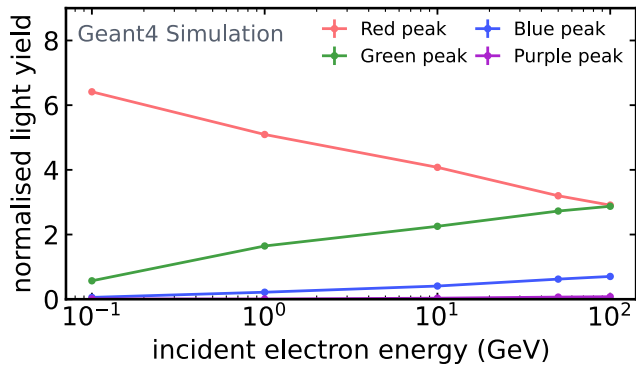
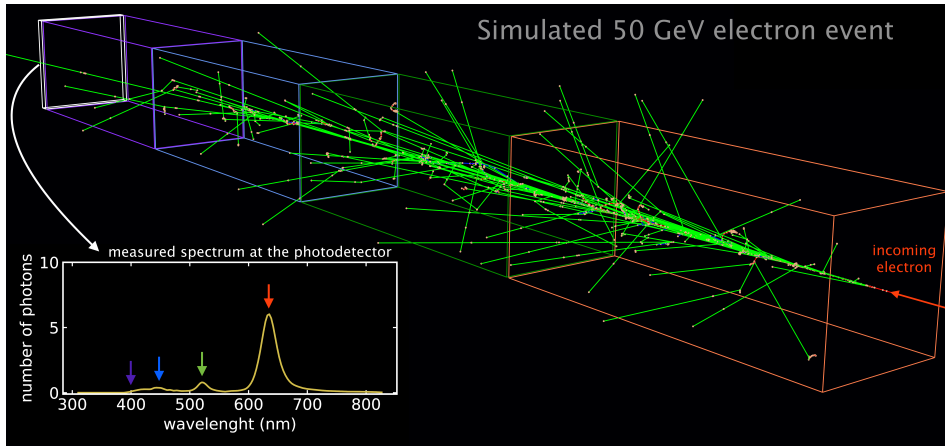
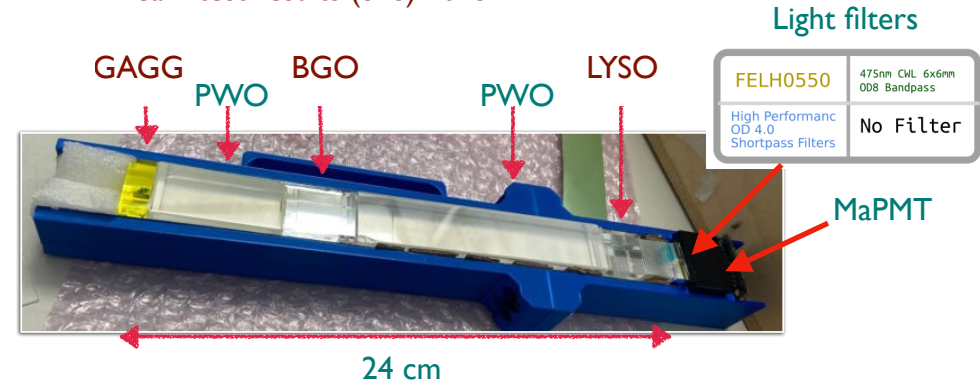
Quantum sensors for high energy particle physics



courtesy Y. Haddad, N U, Boston, USA

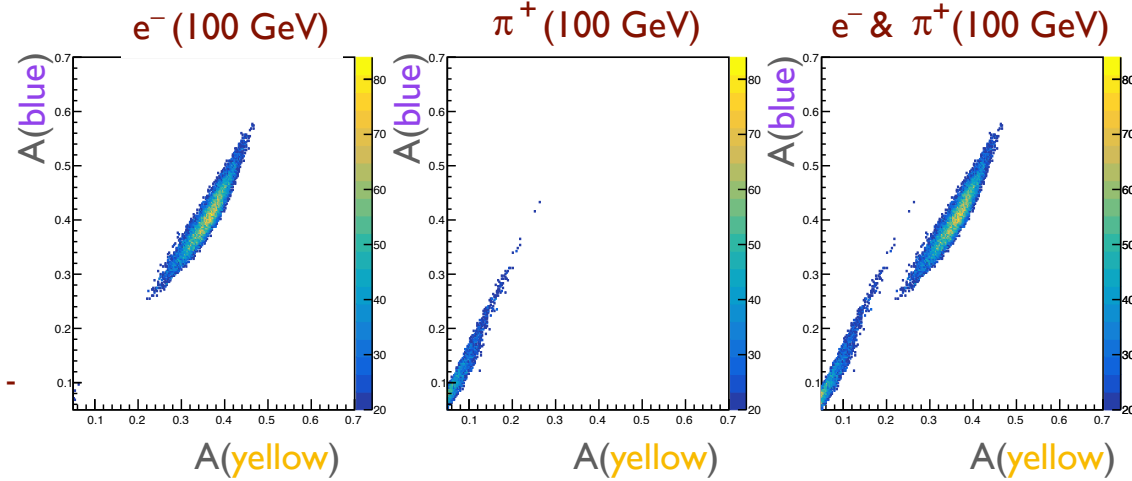


Beam test results (SPS) 2023



“Chromatic” energy measurement

“Chromatic” electron - pion discrimination

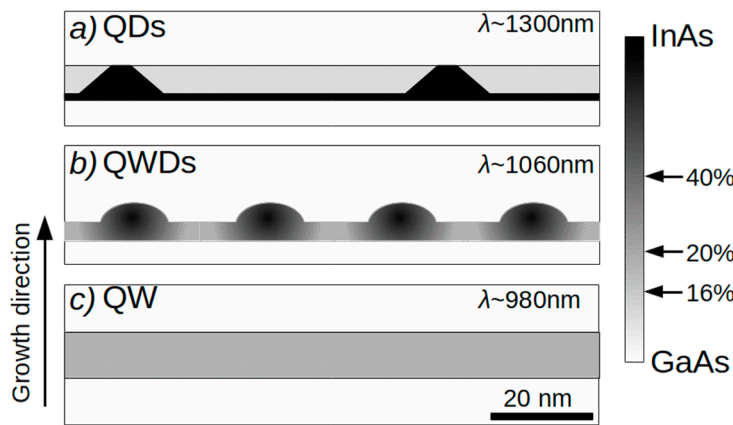


86% “chromatic” electron - pion discrimination

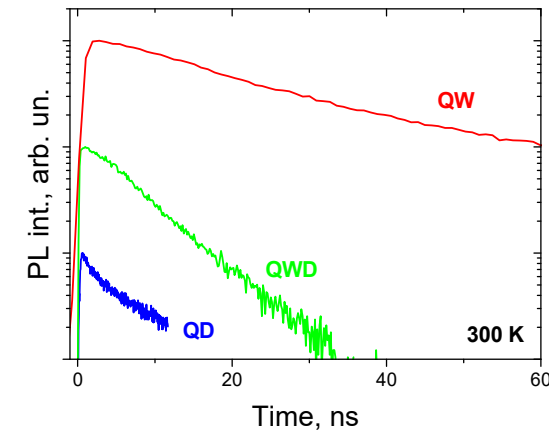
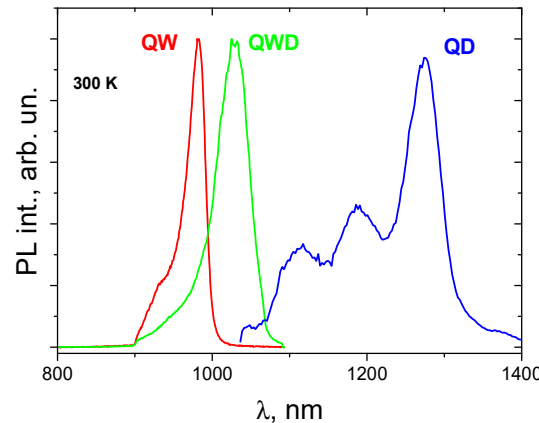
Active scintillators (QWs, QDs, QWDs, QCLs)

- standard scintillating materials are **passive**
- can not be amplified
 - can not be turned on/off
 - can not be modified once they are in place

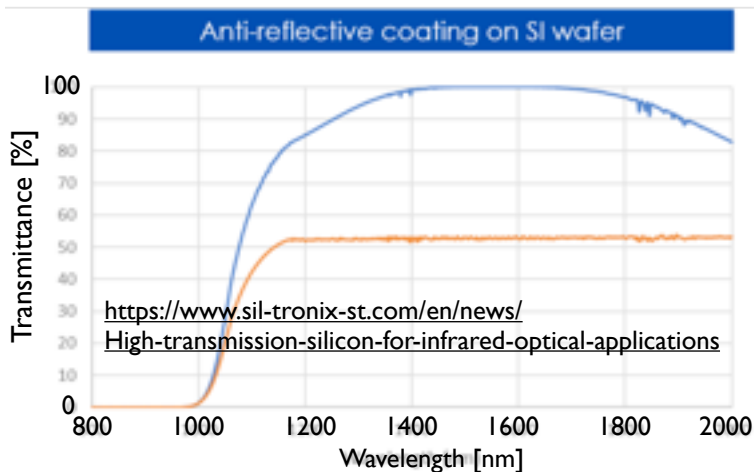
- is it possible to produce **active** scintillating materials?
- electronically amplified / modulable
 - pulsed / primed
 - gain adapted in situ



existing QD's, QWD's are elements of optoelectronic devices, typically running at 10 GHz, quite insensitive to temperature



Light Emitting Devices Based on Quantum Well-Dots, Appl. Sci. 2020, 10, 1038; doi:10.3390/app10031038



<https://www.sil-tronix-st.com/en/news/High-transmission-silicon-for-infrared-optical-applications>

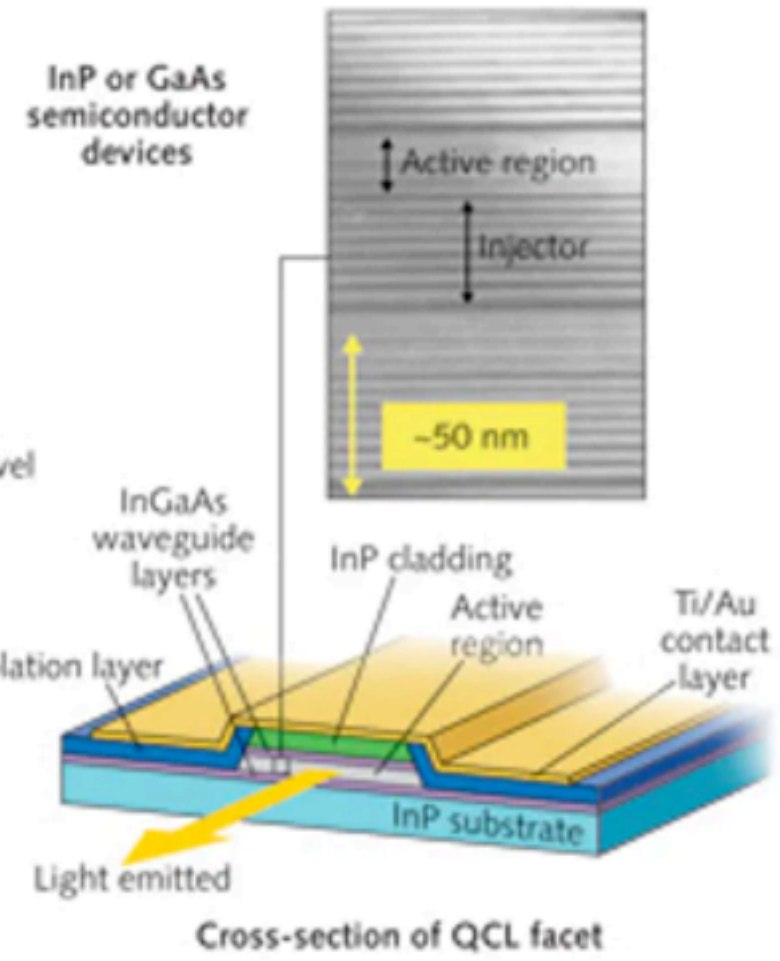
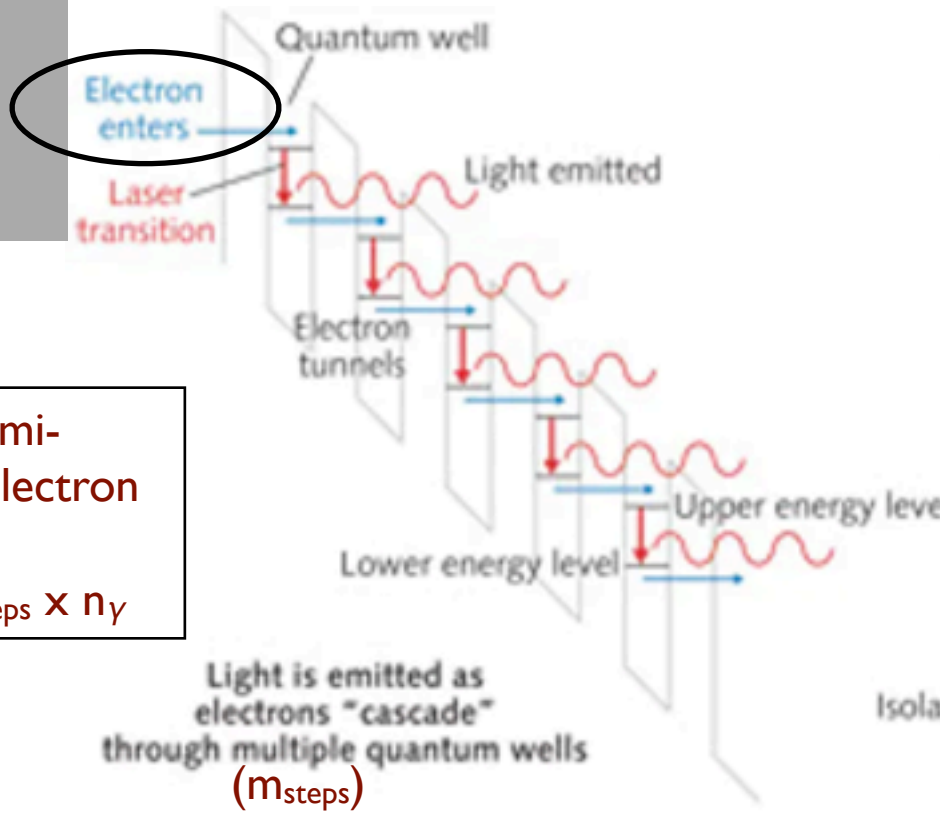
Emission in **IR!** Silicon is ~transparent at these wavelengths...
Can this IR light be transported *through* a tracker to outside PDs?

QD's are radiation resistant

R. Leon et al., "Effects of proton irradiation on luminescence emission and carrier dynamics of self-assembled III-V quantum dots," in IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, 49, 6, 2844-2851 (2002), doi: 10.1109/TNS.2002.806018.

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<https://www.laserfocusworld.com/test-measurement/spectroscopy/article/16556856/quantumcascade-lasers-qcls-enable-applications-in-ir-spectroscopy>



Couple bulk semiconductor to electron injection layer:
 $n_e \rightarrow m_{steps} \times n_\gamma$

Emitted light is IR~THz, normally mono-chromatic but tunable from $3 \mu m \sim 12 \mu m$

Radiation resistant ([Radiation Physics and Chemistry 174](#), 2020, 108983)

Quantum dots and wells:

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.11828>

submicron pixels

DoTPiX

= single n-channel MOS transistor, in which a buried quantum well gate performs two functions:

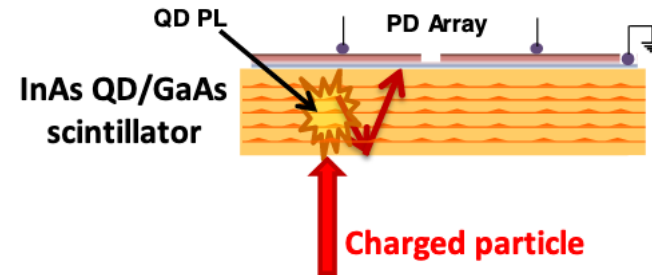
- as a hole-collecting electrode and
- as a channel current modulation gate

A **charged particle** enters the GaAs bulk, producing **electron-hole pairs**. The **electrons** are then quickly trapped by the positively charged InAs quantum dots (QDs). The QDs undergo **photoluminescence (PL)** and emit photons that travel through the medium (GaAs absorption edge at 250 nm). The emitted photons are collected by an **immediately adjoining photodiode (PD)** array.

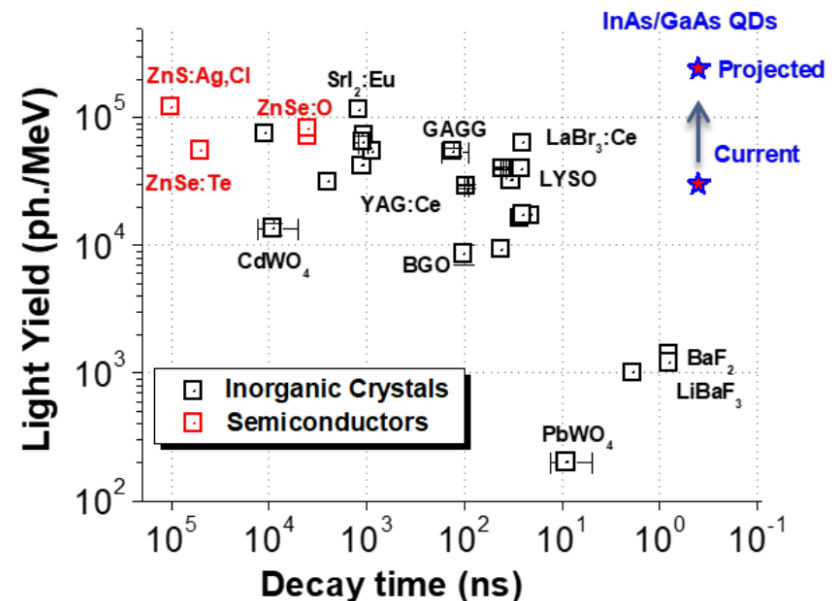
Novel Sensors for Particle Tracking: a Contribution to the Snowmass Community Planning Exercise of 2021, M.R. Hoefkamp et al., arXiv:2202.11828

scintillating (chromatic) tracker

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1557/s43580-021-00019-y>



IR emission from InAs QD's integrated PD's (1-2 μm thick)



Metamaterials, 0 / 1 / 2-dimensional materials (quantum dots, nanolayers)

ultra-fast scintillators based on perovskites

chromatic calorimetry (QDs)

active scintillators (QCL, QWs, QDs)

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GEMs (graphene)

Atoms, molecules, ions

Rydberg TPC's

5.3.5

Spin-based sensors

helicity detectors

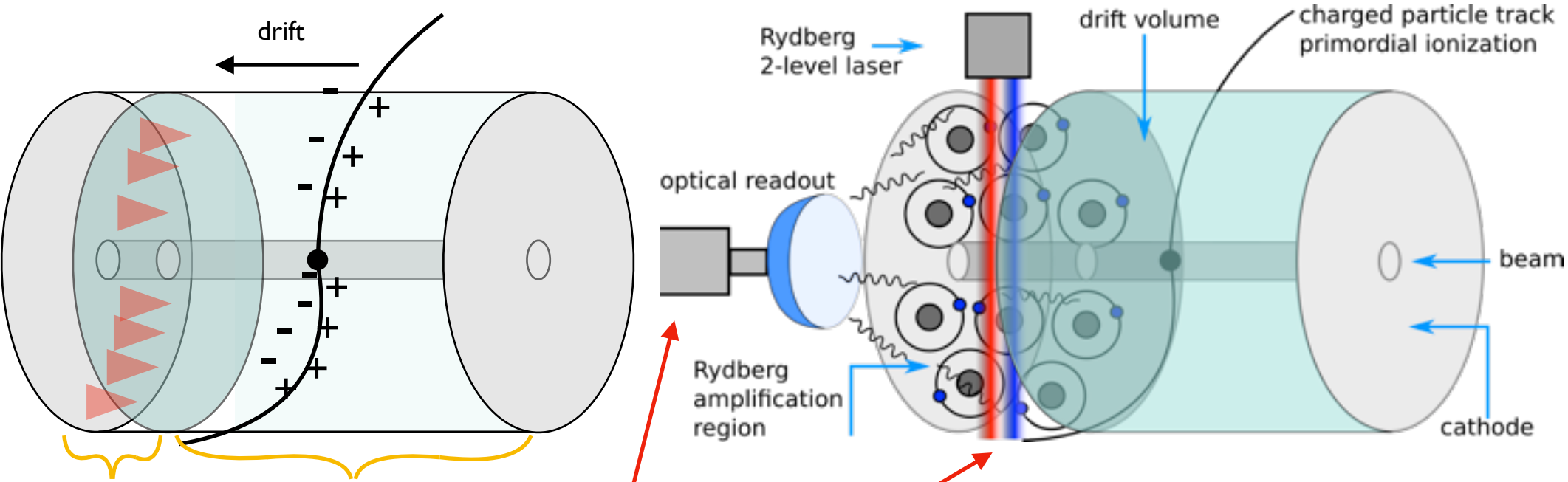
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Superconducting sensors

Rydberg atom TPC's

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Act on the amplification region



amplification region

drift region

enhanced electron signal through “priming” of gas in amplification region: \longrightarrow effective reduction of ionization threshold of gas in amplification region
 \longrightarrow higher electron yield

Rydberg atoms can serve to up-convert THz / GHz radiation into the optical regime \longrightarrow optical R/O of avalanche intensities

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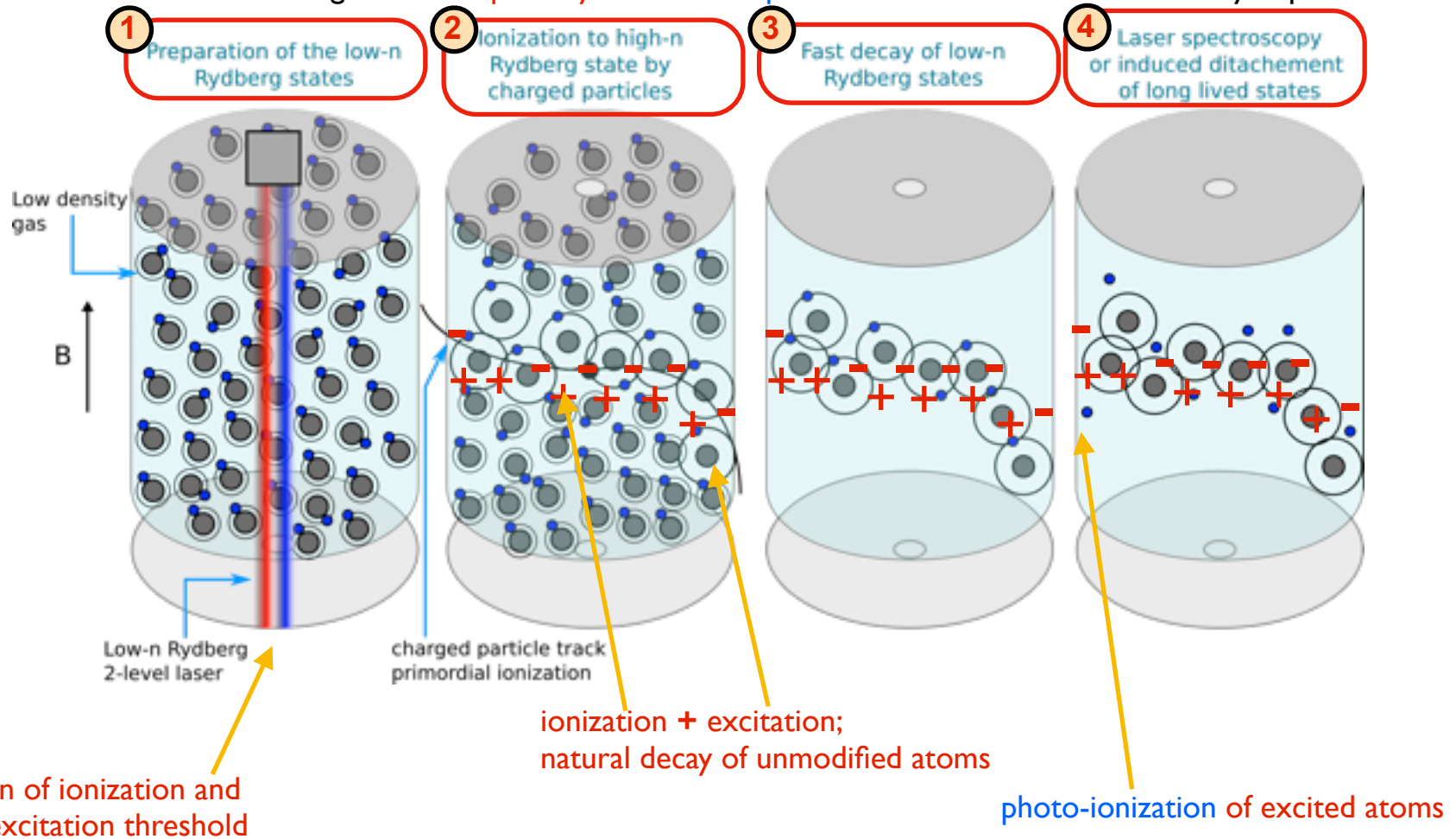
Act on the drift region

principle carries over to drift region:

enhanced electron signal through “priming” of gas in **drift** region:

effective reduction of ionization threshold of gas in amplification region

increased dE/dx through standard **primary** ionization + **photo-ionization** of atoms excited by mip's



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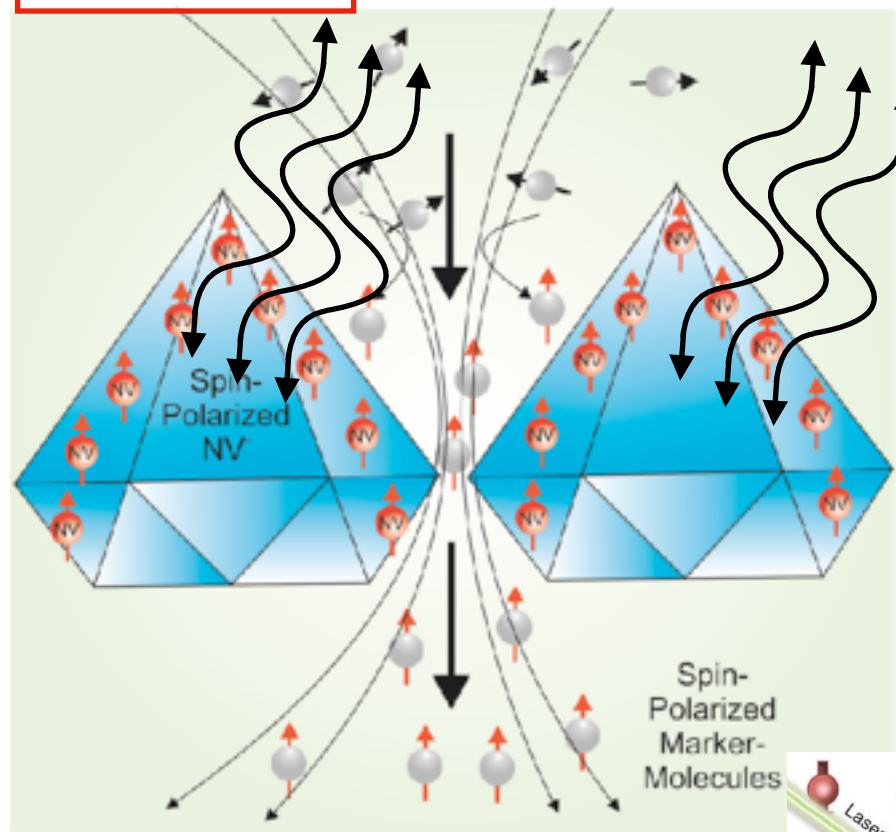
optically polarizable elements: Nitrogen-vacancy diamonds (NVD)

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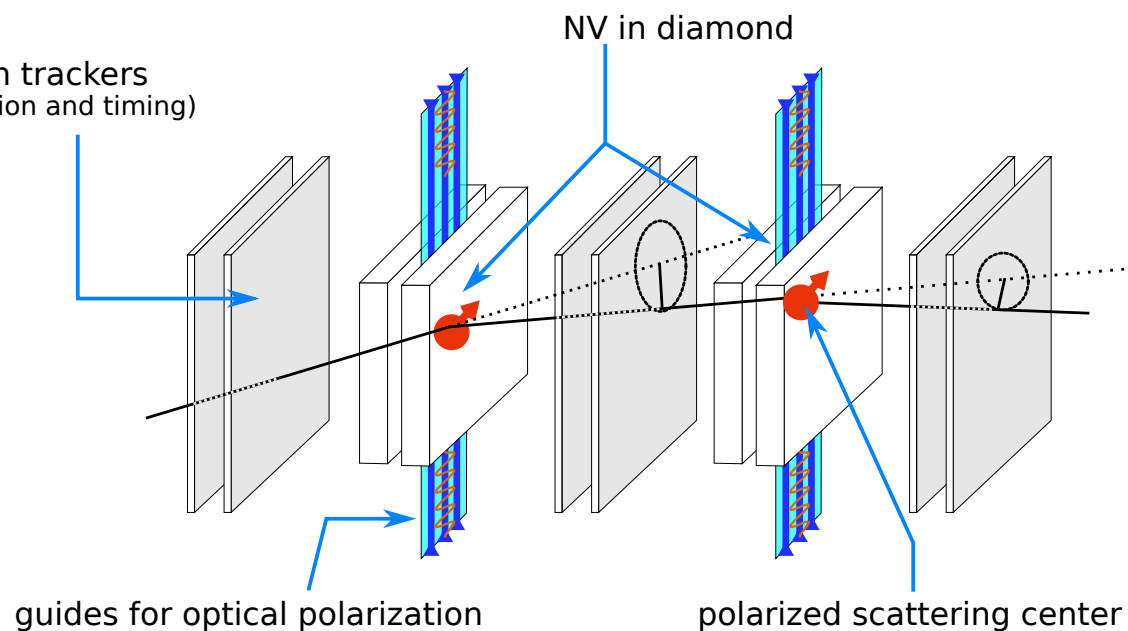
spin-spin scattering for helicity determination: usually with polarized beams and/or polarized targets

introduce polarized scattering planes to extract track-by-track particle helicity

$10^{16} \sim 10^{18} / \text{cm}^3$



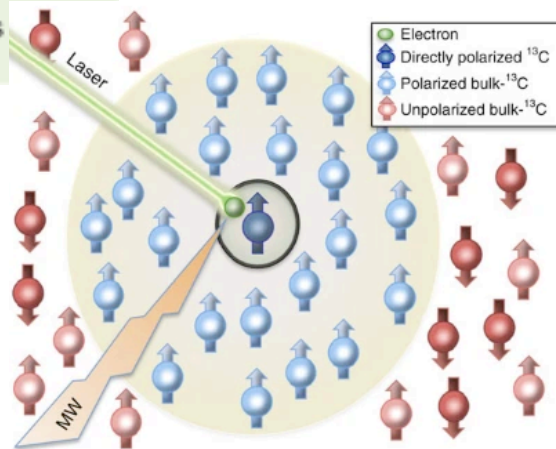
silicon trackers
(direction and timing)



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https://www.metaboliqs.eu/en/news-events/MetaboliQs_PM_first_year.html

Diamond plates of up to $8 \times 8 \text{ mm}^2$ in size, fabricated by Element Six



Local and bulk ^{13}C hyperpolarization in nitrogen-vacancy centred diamonds at variable fields and orientations, G. Alvarez et al., *Nature Communications* **6**, 8456 (2015)
<https://www.nature.com/articles/ncomms9456>

$\times 10^2$

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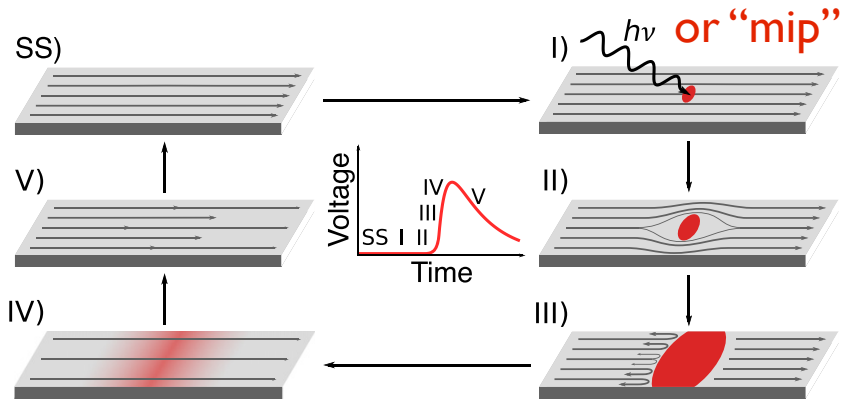
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Extremely low energy threshold detectors: SNSPD



SNSPD's Near term future

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Superconducting Nanowire Single-Photon Detectors

Moving to SC strips conventional lithography \rightarrow scale up
Development towards SC SSPM

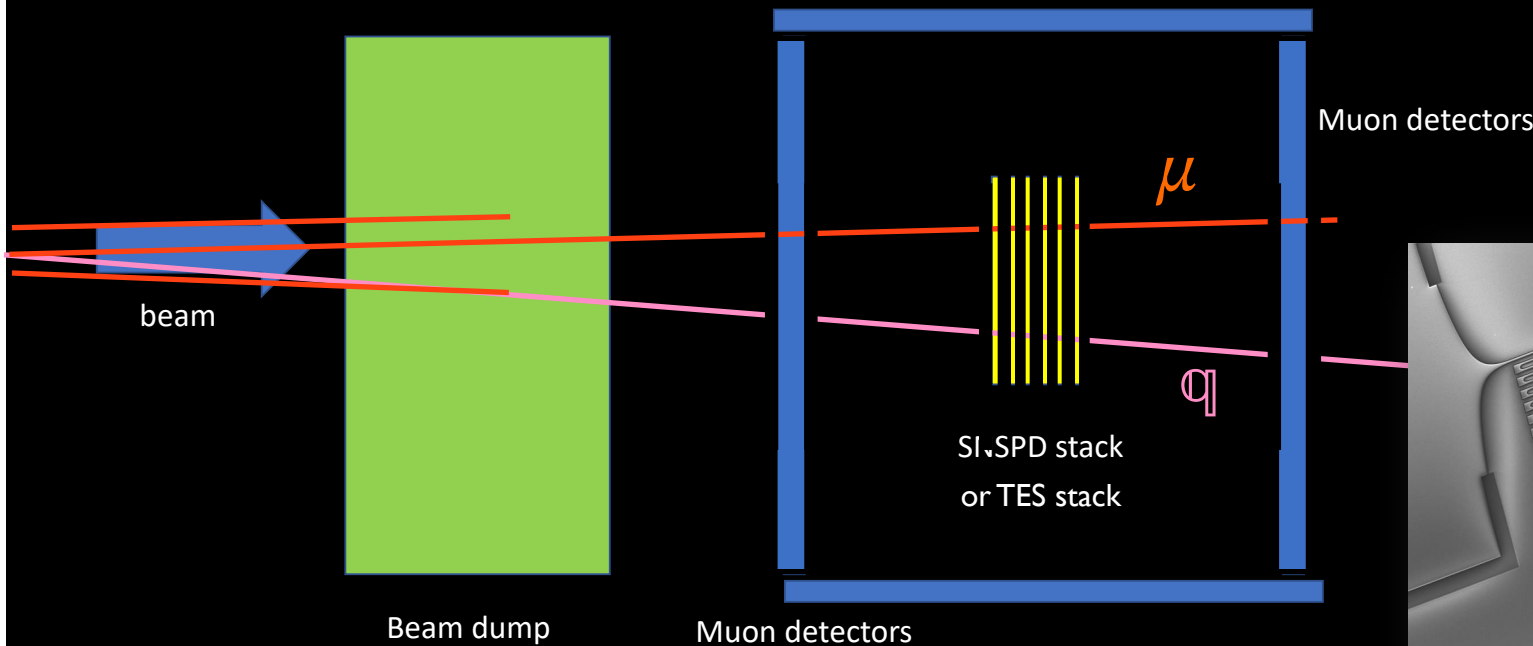
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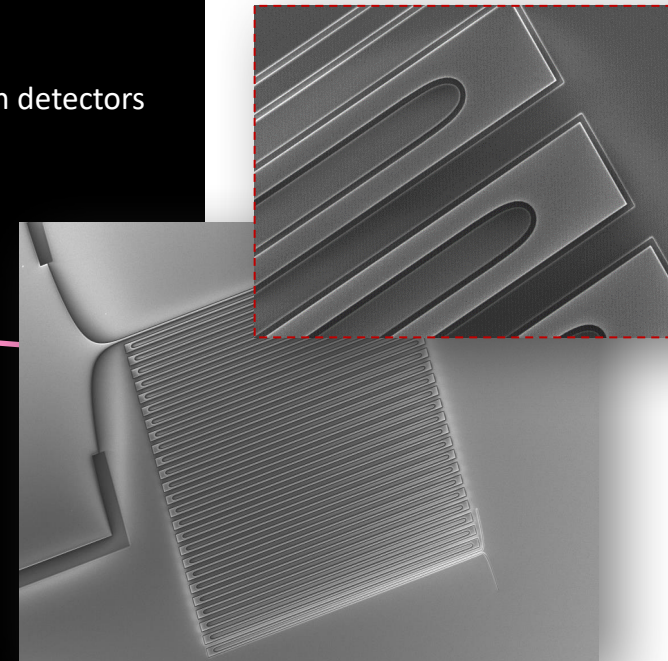
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Search for Beyond Standard Model **milli-charged particles?**



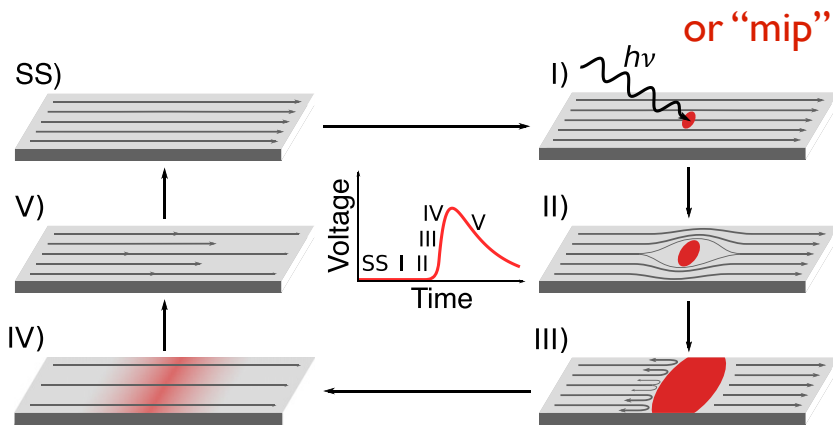
mip: ~ 20 keV/100 μ m

$\times 10^6$ sensitivity



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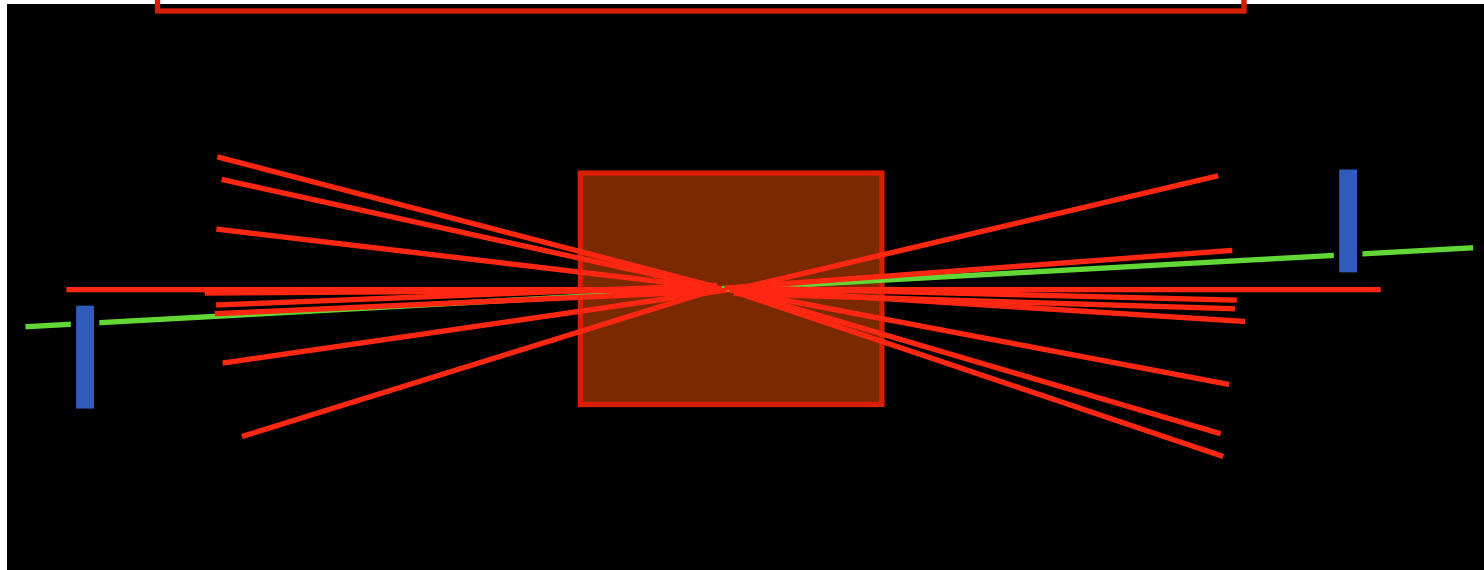
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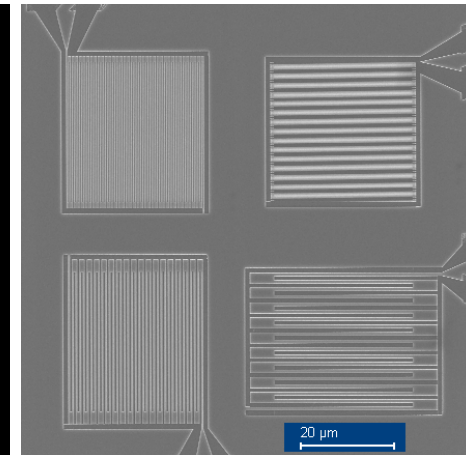
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diffractive scattering via ps-resolution tracking in Roman pots



@ 2.8 K

100 nm 200 nm



400 nm 800 nm

arXiv:2312.13405v2

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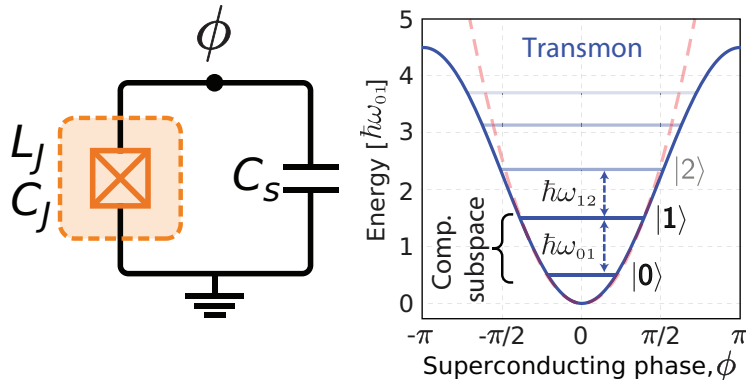
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low energy particle physics: dark count rate is critical !
high energy particle physics: dark count rate is not a problem: high Tc is imaginable

Beyond existing sensors: using (superconducting) qubits

commonly used qubits: transmons

Josephson junction qubit



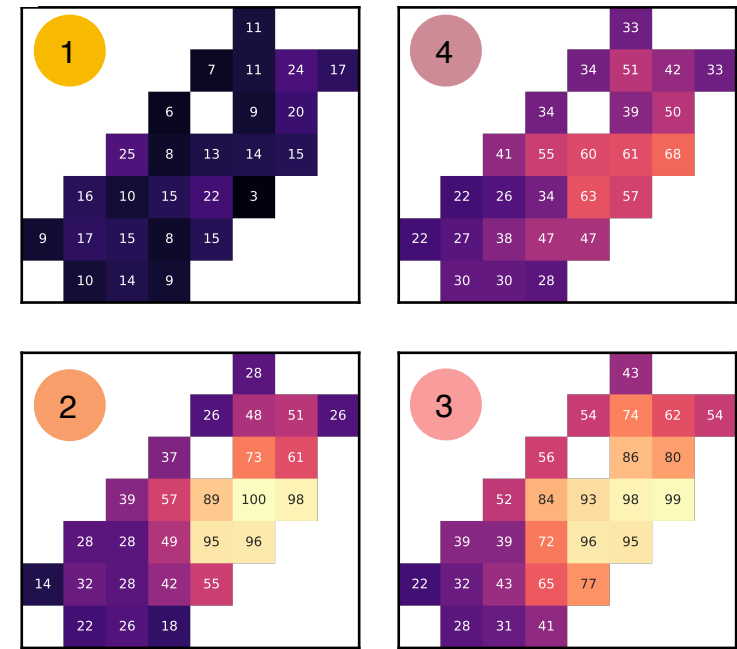
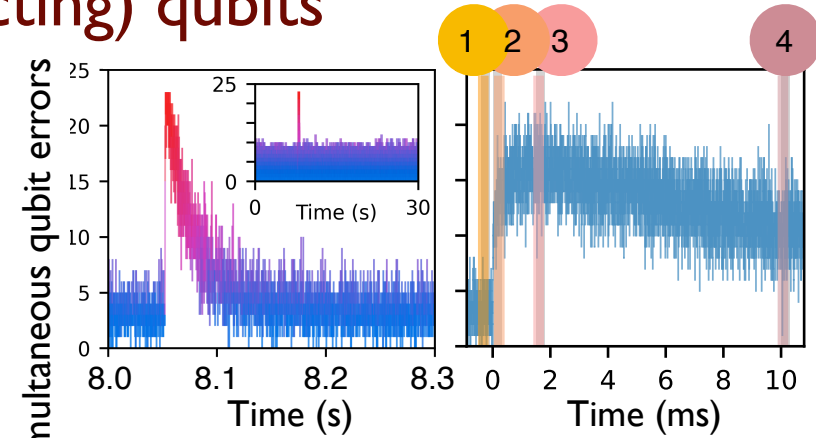
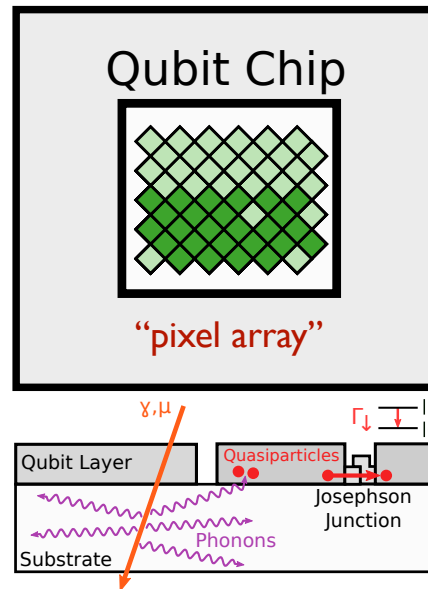
variant of a harmonic oscillator (with numerous equally-spaced energy levels):

need to be able to define a computational subspace consisting of only two energy states (usually the two-lowest energy eigenstates) in between which transitions can be driven without also exciting other levels in the system: $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

Energy scale: $25\mu\text{eV}$ (cosmic: 0.1~1 MeV)

A quantum engineer's guide to superconducting qubits, P. Krantz et al., <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1904.06560>

Google Sycamore processor (Quantum Computer)



Correlated errors in neighboring qubits in a 26 qubit sub-array: cosmic ray "tracker"

McEwen et al., Nature 118, 107 (2022) arXiv:22014.05219

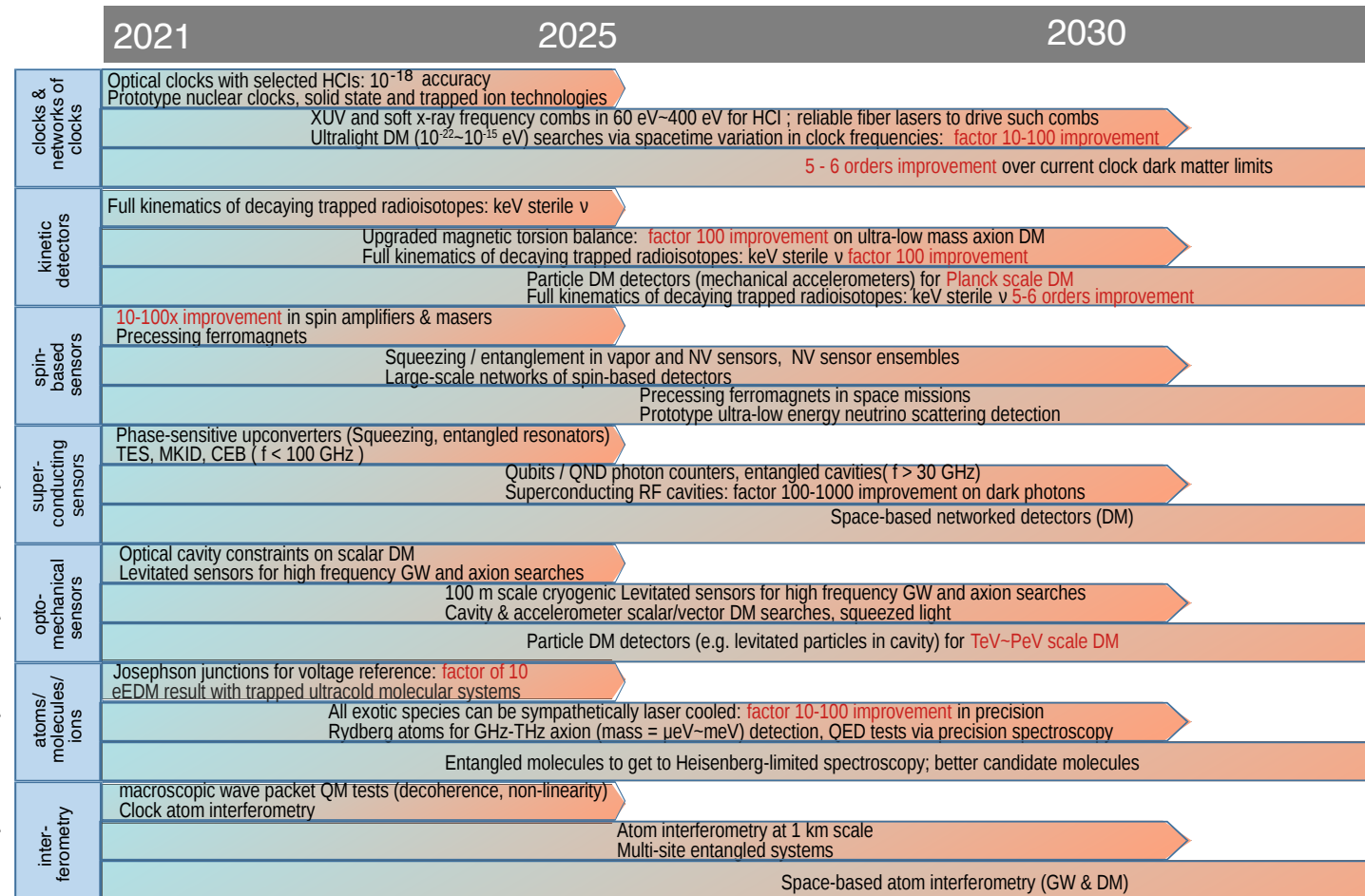
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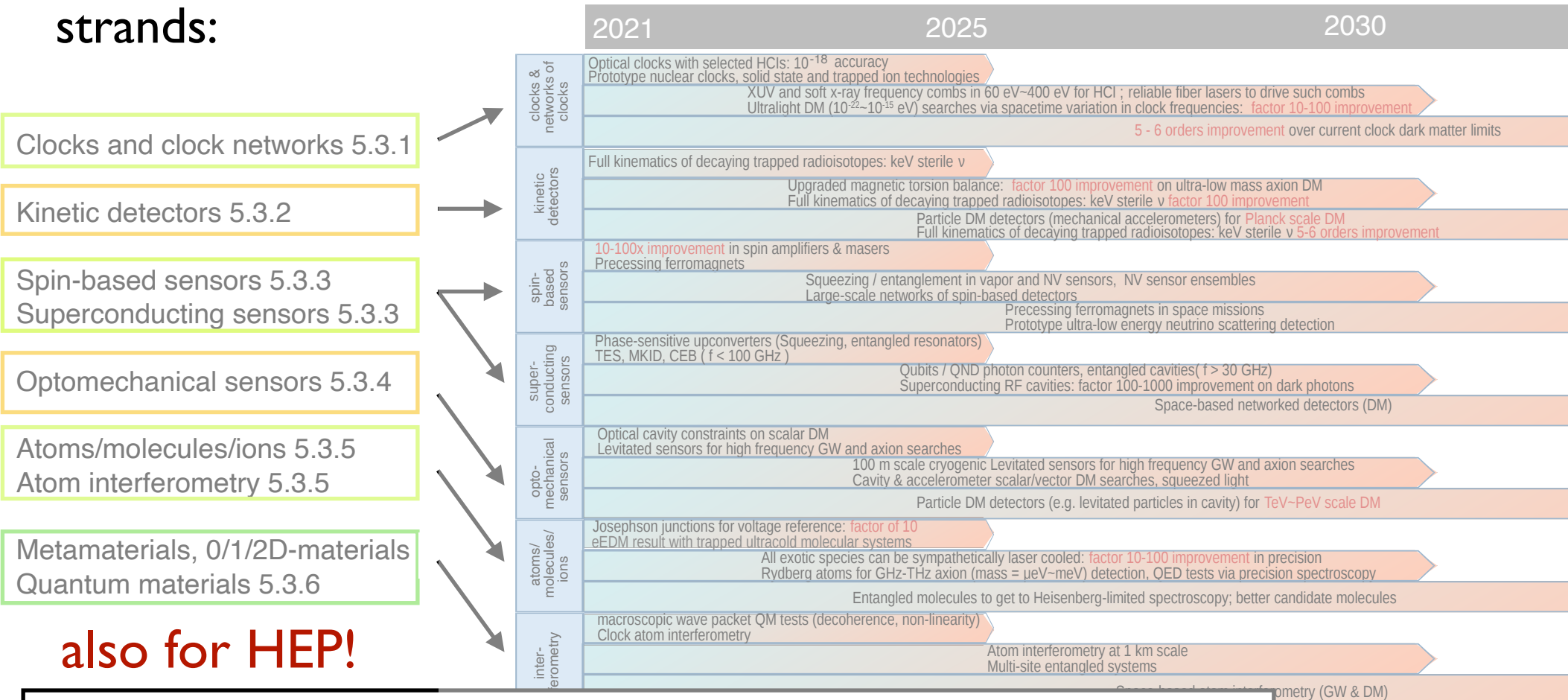


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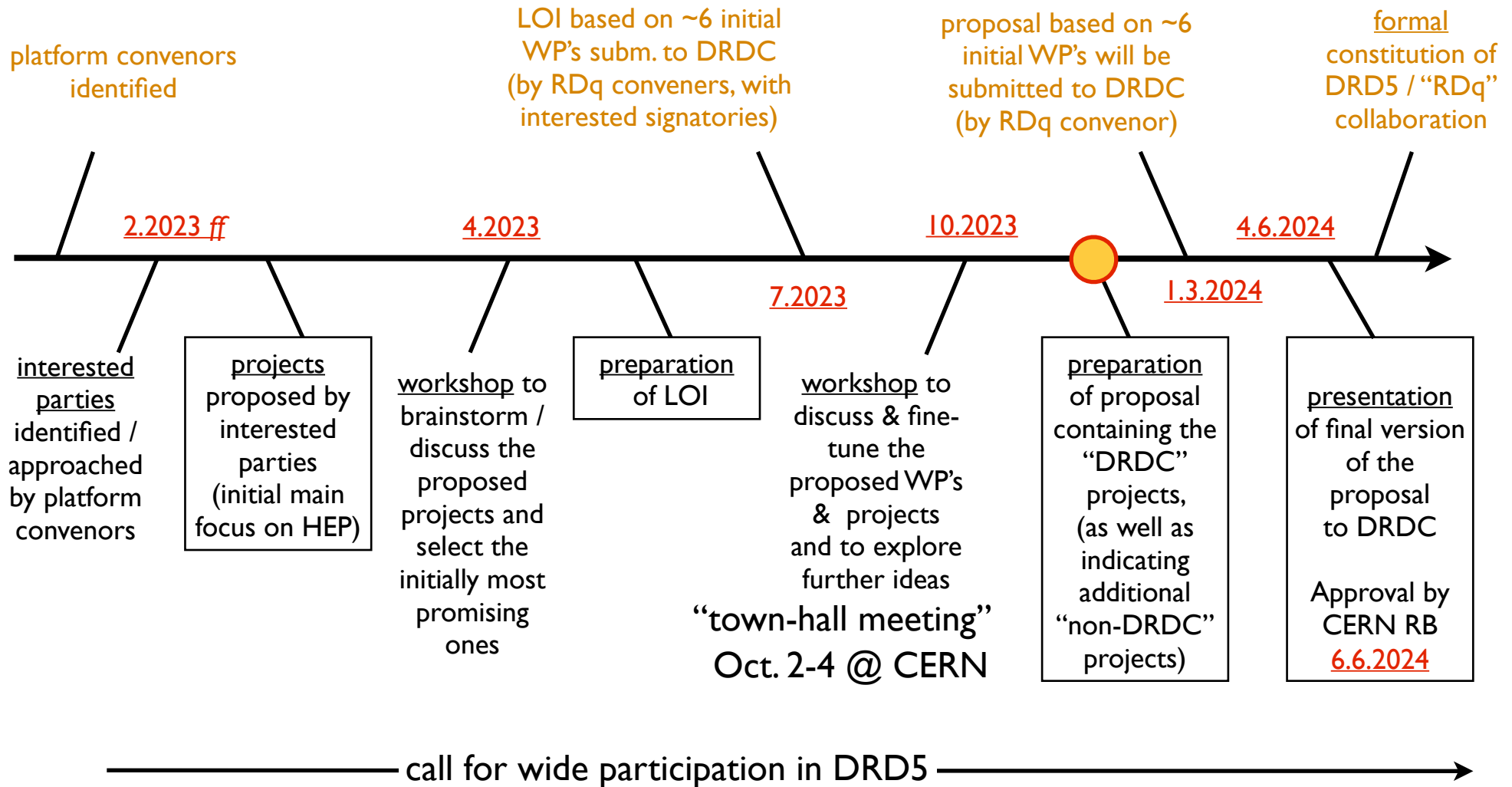


also for HEP!

next step: implementation of ECFA detector R&D pgm CEA_Saclay, Jan. 2025

Two goals:

- preparation of a proposal (LoI, White Paper) for detector R&D
- formation of a global collaboration (Europe, Americas, Asia)

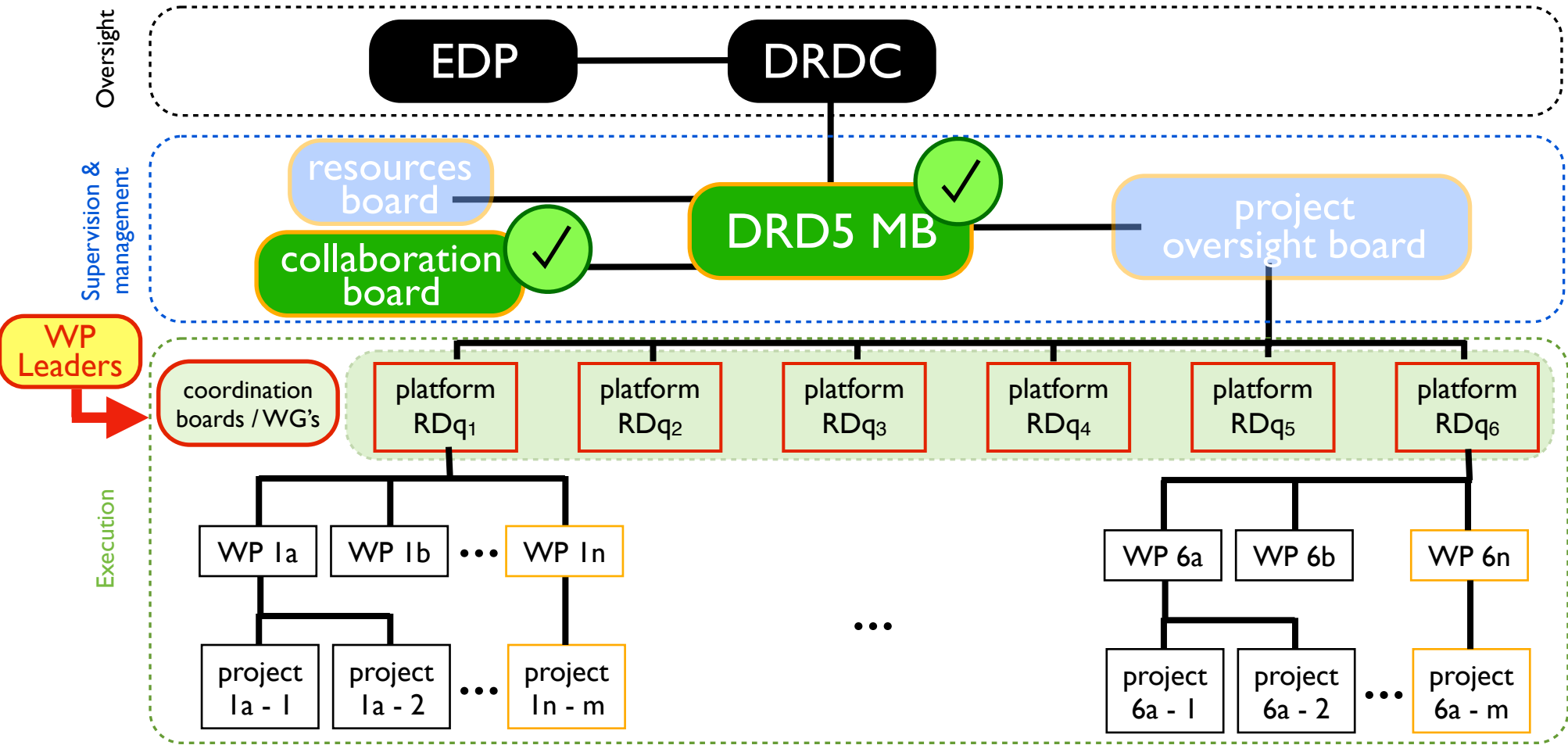


DRD5:WP's and structure

WP's & structure

- WPI** Exotic systems in traps & beams (HCI's, molecules, Rydberg systems, clocks, interferometry, ...)
- WP2** Quantum materials (0-, 1-, 2-D) (Engineering at the atomic scale)
- WP3** Quantum superconducting systems (4K electronics; MMC's, TES, SNSPD, KID's/...; integration challenges)

- WP4** Scaling up to macroscopic ensembles (spins; nano-structured materials; hybrid devices, opto-mechanical sensors,...)
- WP5** Quantum techniques for sensing (back action evasion, squeezing, entanglement, Heisenberg limit)
- WP6** Capability expansion (cross-disciplinary exchanges; infrastructures; education)



(WP's may be mono-site or multi-site but carry the responsibility to shepherd the spread-out activities related to their specific projects)

WP1 Network, signal & clock distribution (clock network; std. 'portable' clocks)

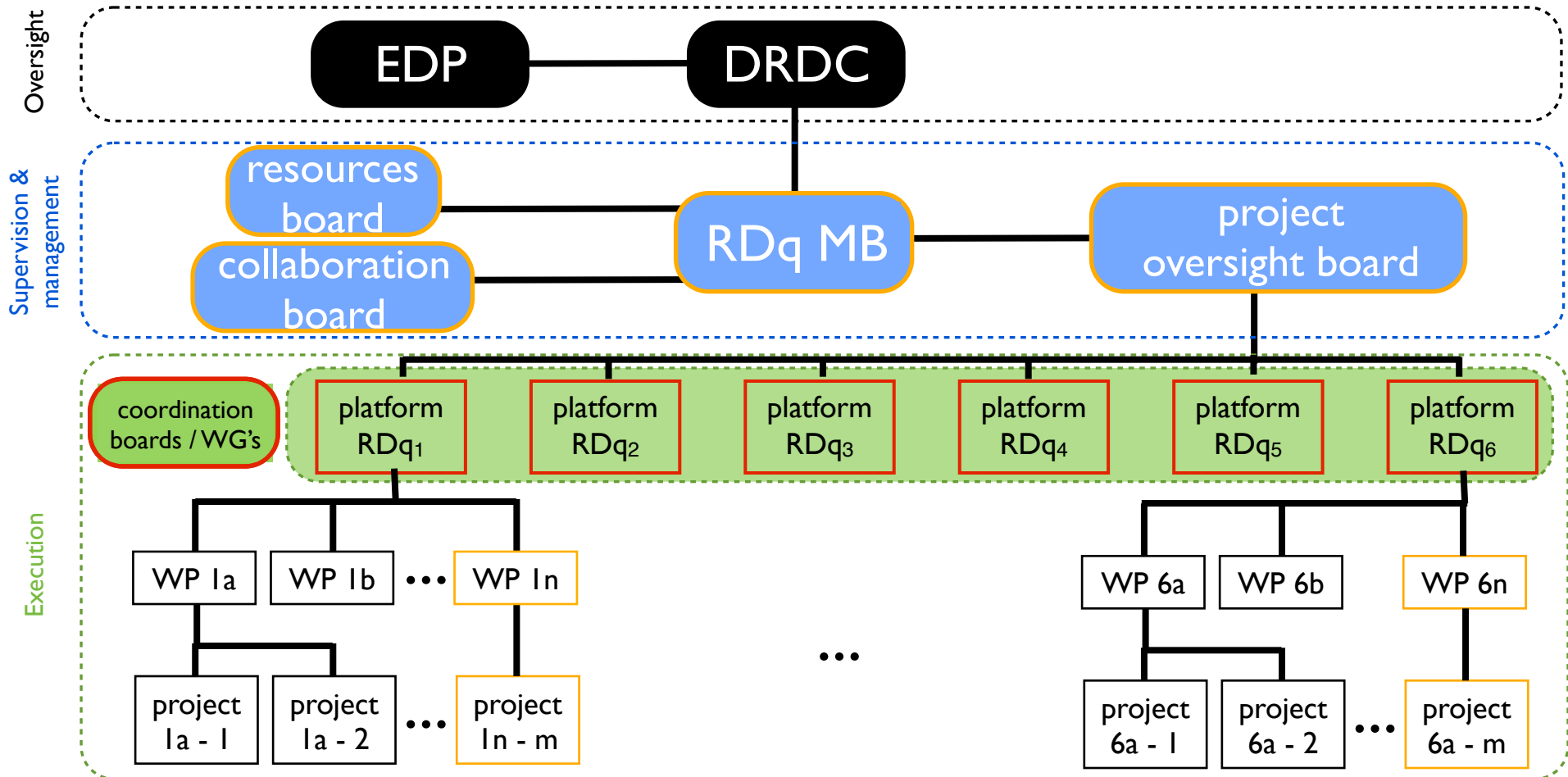
WP2 Exotic systems in traps & beams (HCI's, Rydberg systems & molecules; beam-beaker-beam)

WP3 Cryogenic systems (4K electronics; TES/KID's/...; integration challenges)

WP4 Theory (bound state calculations; Heisenberg limit; parameter space comparators)

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WP6 Capability driven design (cross-disciplinary exchanges; test infrastructure; education)



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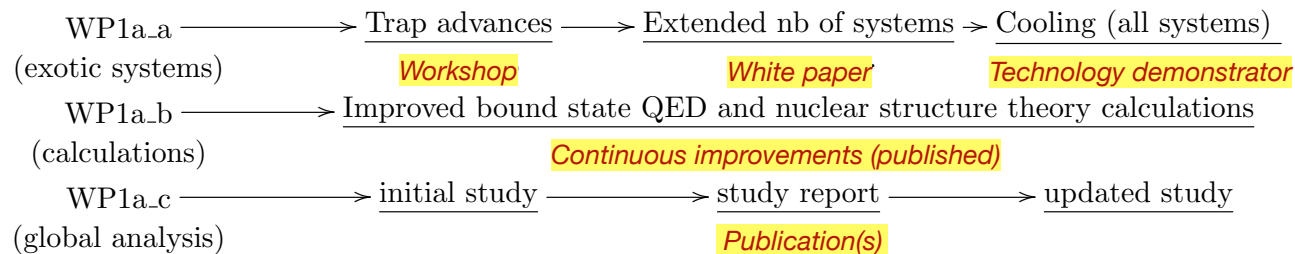
WP-1c b: Portable references and sources

cross-WP activity

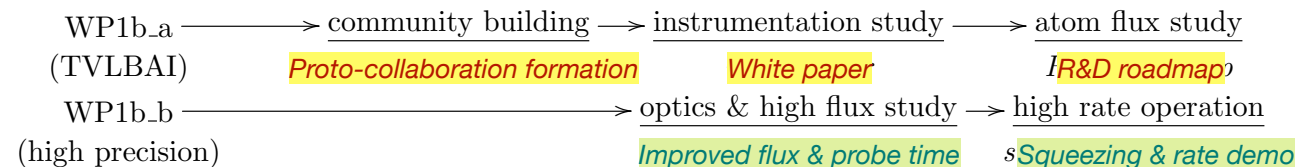
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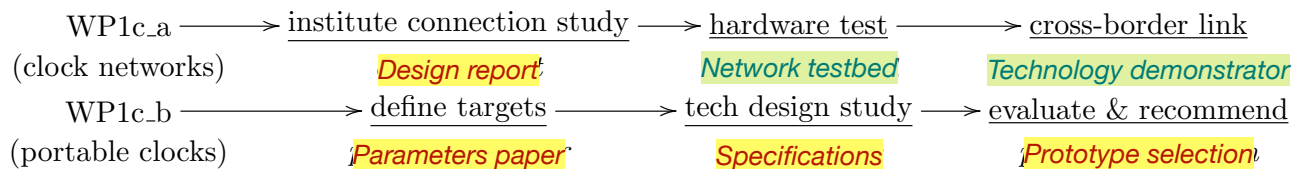
WP-1a (exotic systems)



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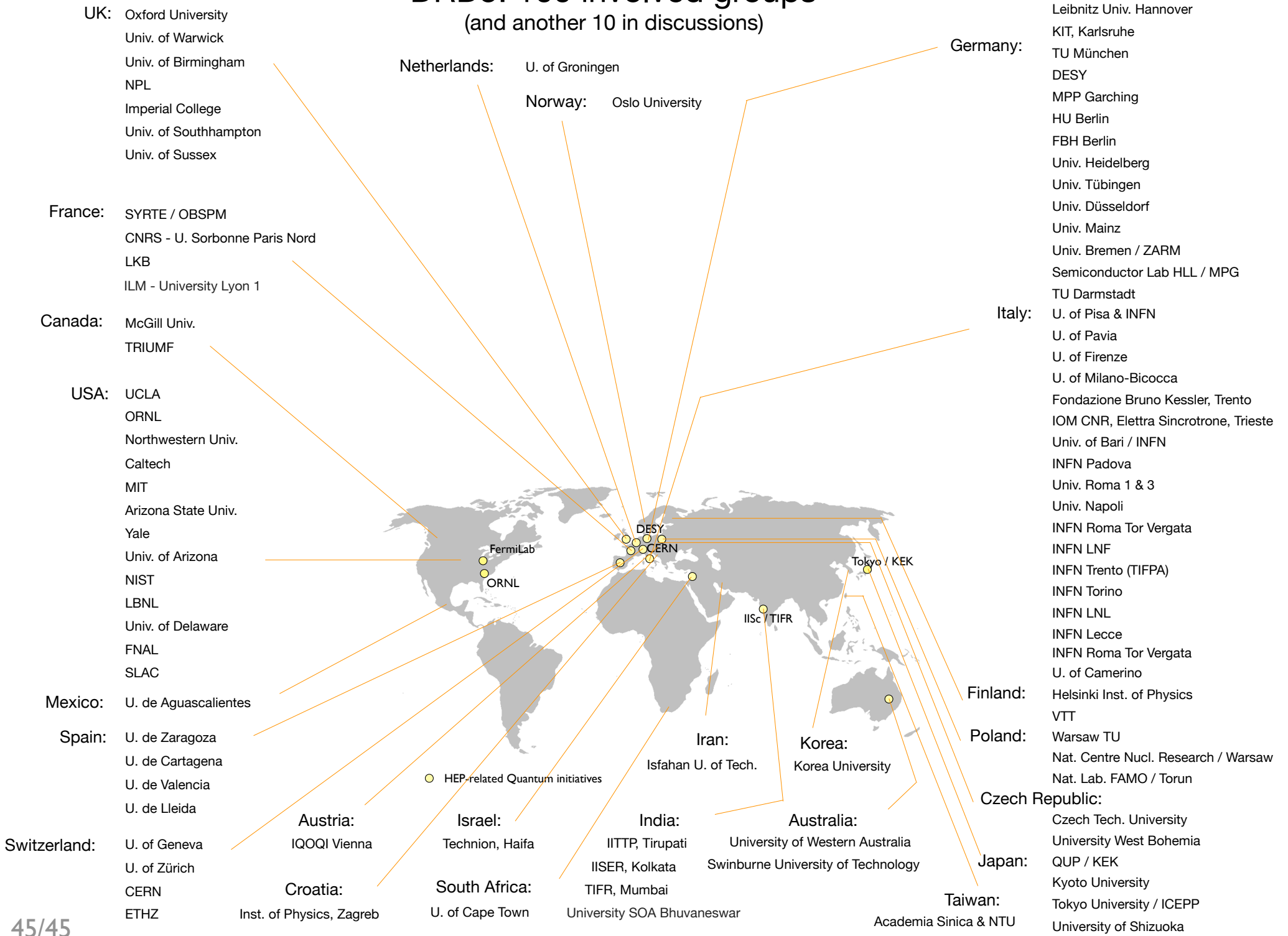
WP1a.a → Trap advancement (exotic systems) → *White paper*
 WP1a.b → Bound state calculations (calculations) → *White paper*

atom flux study → *White paper*
 optics & high flux study → *White paper*
 Improved flux & probe time

WP-1c (clock networks)

WP1c.a → institute connection study → hardware test → cross-border link
Design report *Network testbed* *Technology demonstrator*
 WP1c.b → define targets → tech design study → evaluate & recommend
Parameters paper *Specifications* *Prototype selection*

DRD5: 100 involved groups (and another 10 in discussions)

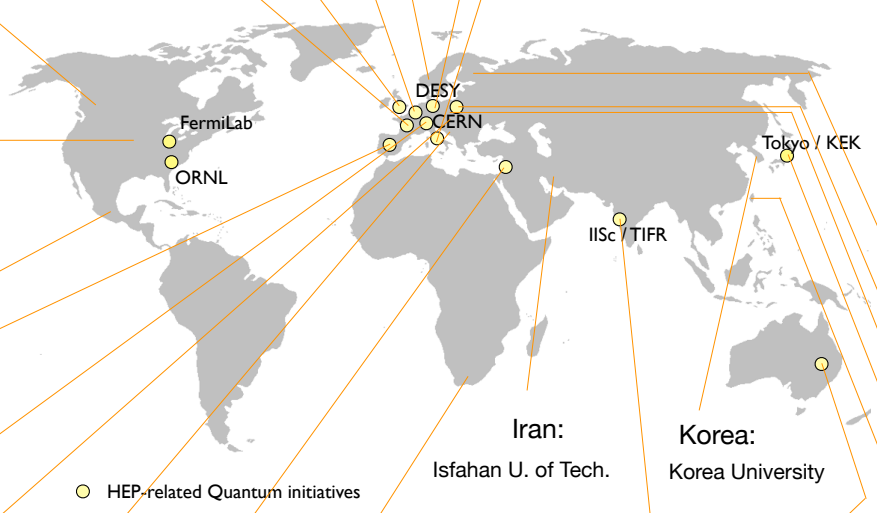


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Collaboration currently being ramped up, combines diverse communities, including HEP.

Many novel developments that benefit both quantum technologies and particle physics.

Open to all interested parties
(and it's free to join!)



UK: Oxford University
Univ. of Warwick
Univ. of Birmingham
NPL
Imperial College
Univ. of Southampton
Univ. of Sussex

France: SYRTE / OBSPM
CNRS - U. Sorbonne Paris Nord
LKB
ILM - University Lyon 1

Canada: McGill Univ.
TRIUMF

USA: UCLA
ORNL
Northwestern Univ.
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MIT
Arizona State Univ.
Yale
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LBNL
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Mexico: U. de Aguascalientes

Spain: U. de Zaragoza
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U. de Lleida

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U. of Zürich
CERN
ETHZ

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Norway: Oslo University

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KIT, Karlsruhe
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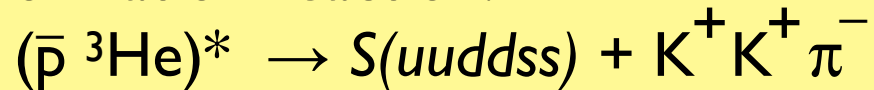
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AEgIS : a novel dark matter search

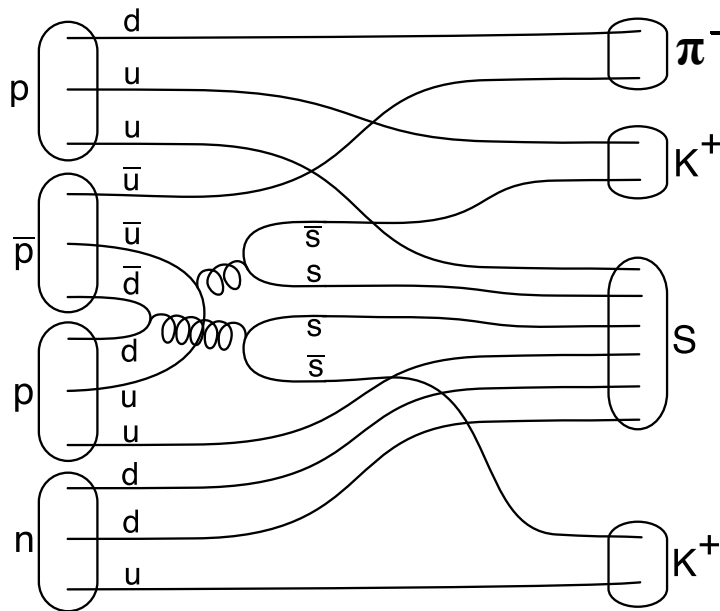
sexaquark: uuddss bound state ($m \sim 2m_p$) [Glennys Farrar <https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.08951>]

not excluded by prior searches for similar states (among them, the H dibaryon) in the GeV region
 astrophysical bounds can be evaded
 standard model compatible (uuddss bound state)

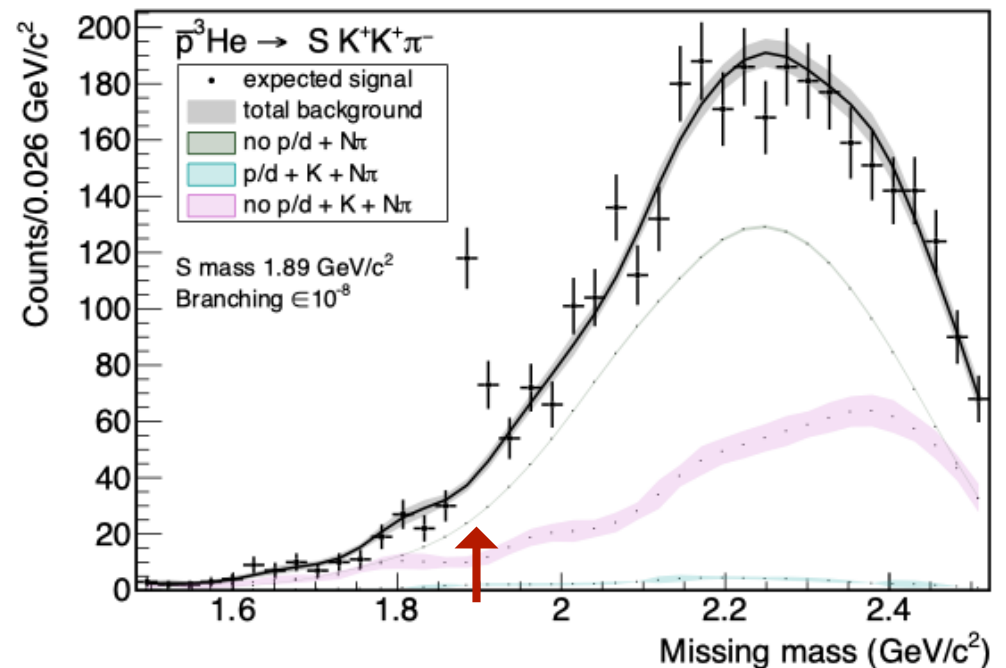
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$$S = +2, Q = +1$$



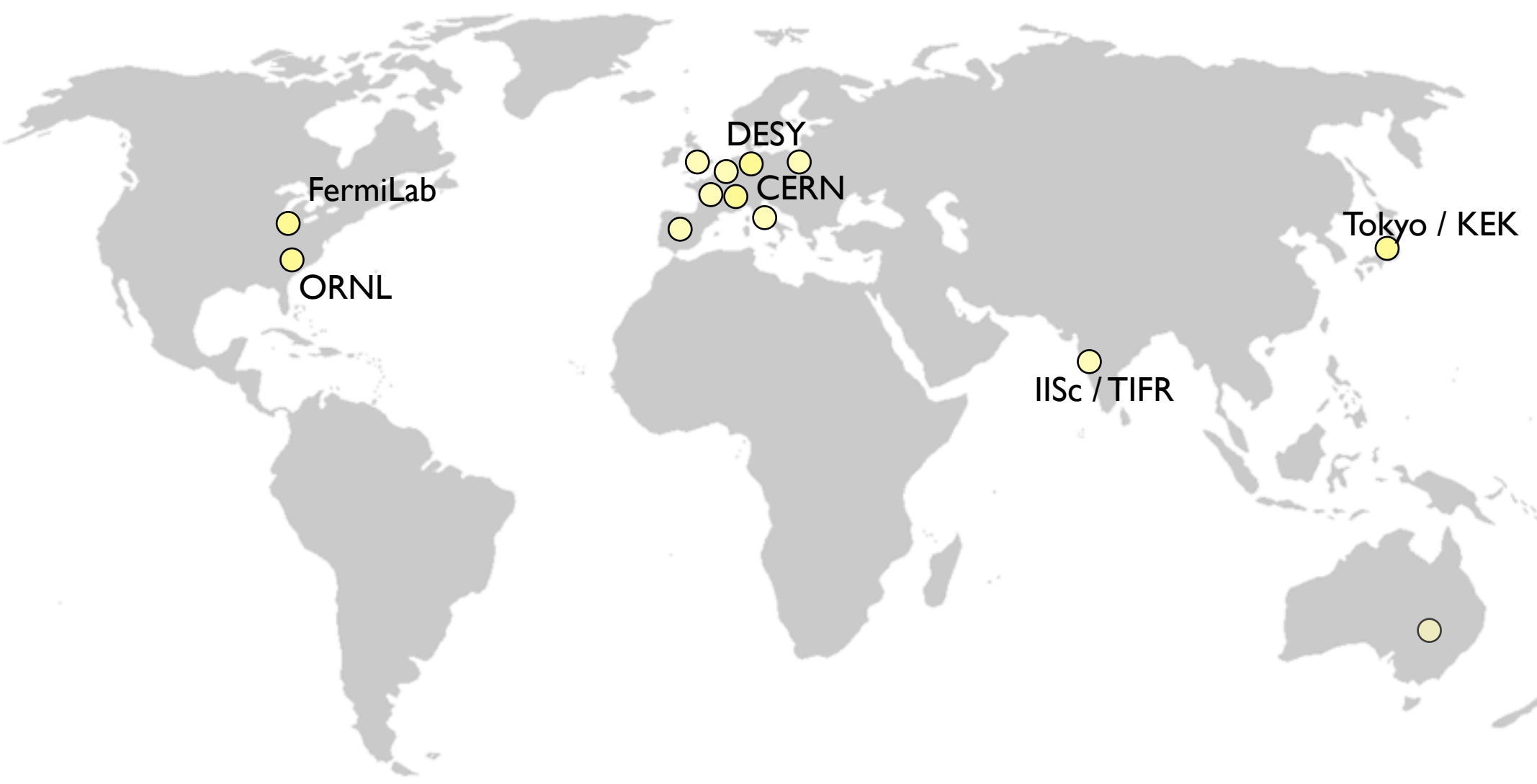
Geant-4 simulation



in-trap formation of antiprotonic atoms

→ **charged particle tracking, PID**
detection of spectator p, d

→ **sensitivity down to 10^{-9}**



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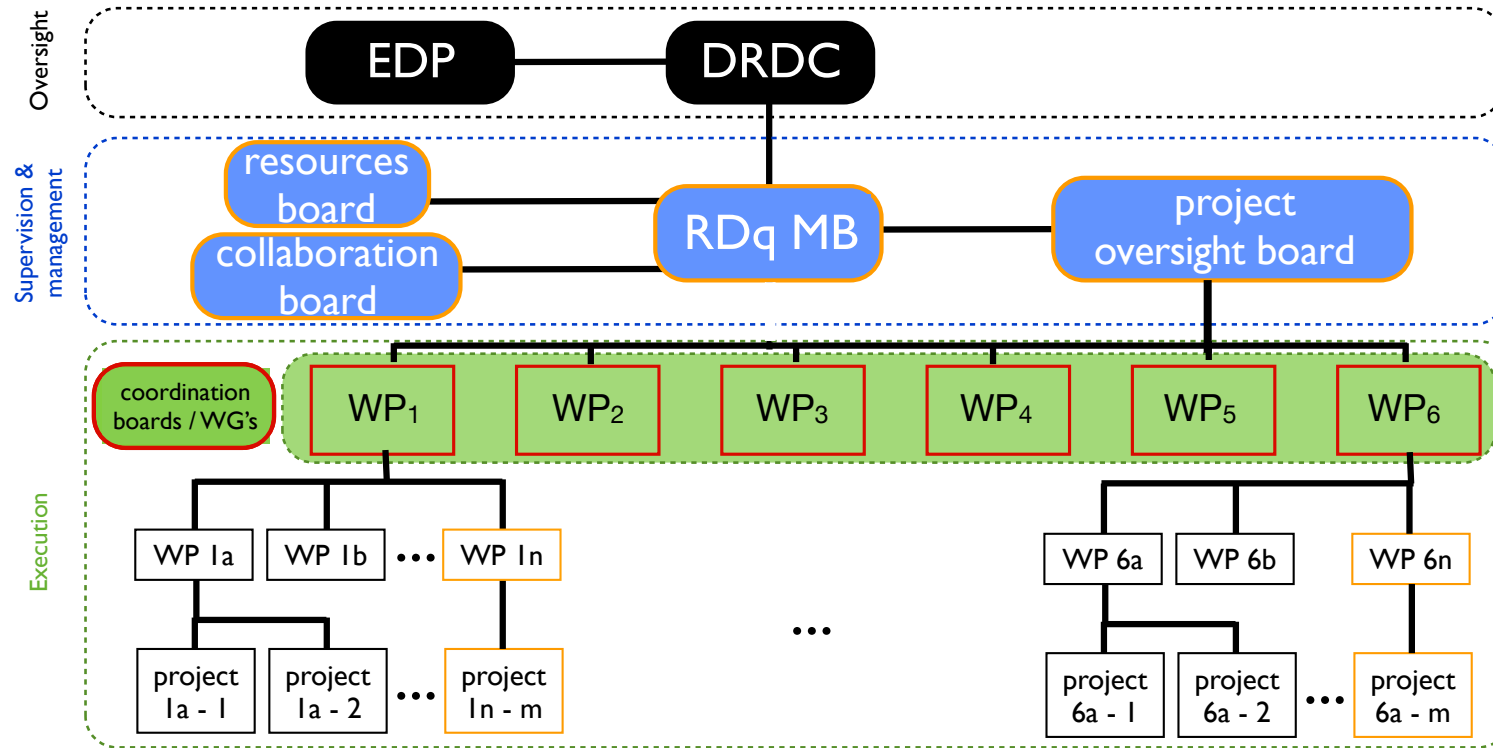
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Tokyo / KEK

○ interested groups from Quantum Technologies
or HEP-related Quantum initiatives

Structure of DRD5:



Membership is free (no common fund contributions)! (Only for academics! industry?)

Simple membership access (via request to CB) / leave (inform CB) processes;

WP's are coordinated as WG's

MB, POB, WG coordinators: by election through CB (1 institute = 1 vote) (Attention to balance!)
(sub-WP coordinators are appointed by WP coordinator)

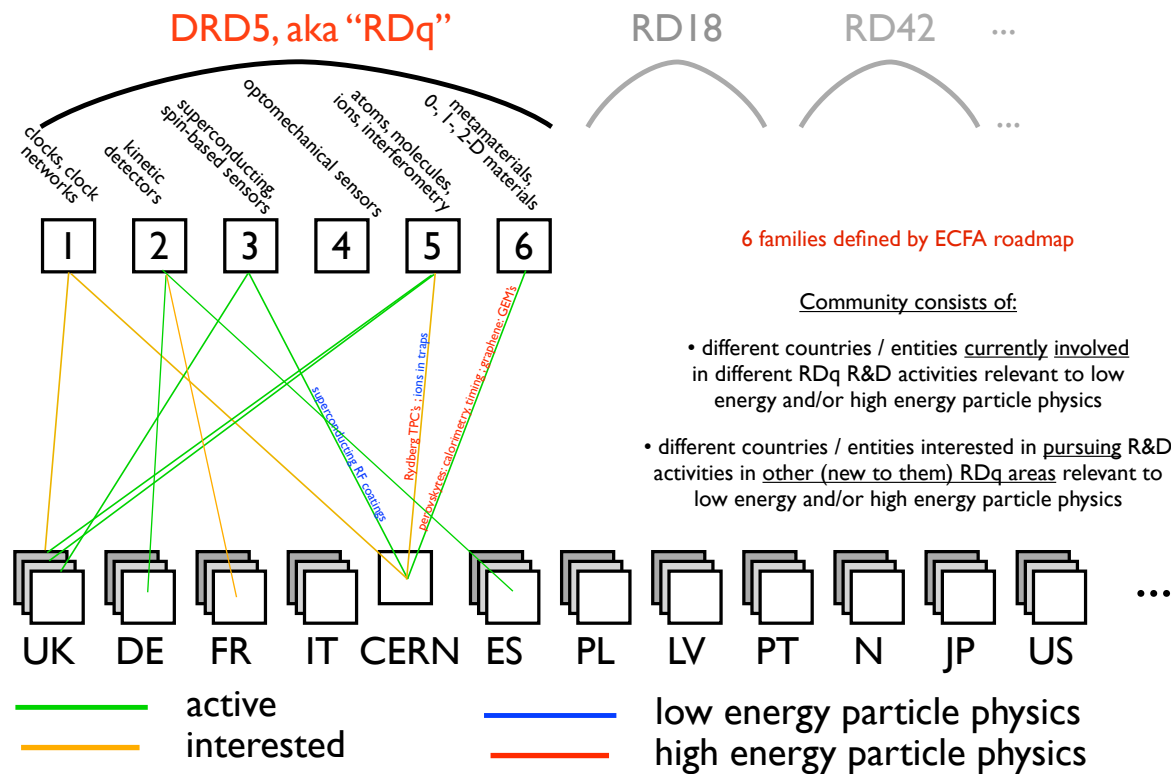
MB = spokesperson, deputy, CB, RB and POB chairs

* CB: collaboration board; MB: management board; POB: project oversight board; RB: resources board; WG: working group for a specific Work Package

next step: implementation of ECFA-wide R&D pgm

define structure of implementation of TF5:

- formal collaboration (“DRD5”, a.k.a. “RDq”)
- consists of 6 families of quantum technologies, each with many sub-activities and sub-collaborations



- spread load by hosting families in several platforms / institutions

ECFA

EDP

DRDC

reporting

> I.I.2024

funding agencies | funding agencies

grant requests for DRDC-approved proposal projects

grant requests for RDq-vetted proposal projects

reports to DRDC; informs about new ECFA-relevant developments (RDq spokesperson)

follows progress of platforms; follows DRDC approved projects; verifies that focus of projects is along lines of roadmap

- 1 clocks, clock networks
- 2 kinetic detectors
- 3 superconducting; spin-based sensors
- 4 optomechanical sensors
- 5 atoms, molecules, ions, interferometry
- 6 metamaterials; 0-, 1-, 2-D materials

projects proposed by collaborators

platform collaborators

representatives of the hosting entities

int. advisory committee ?

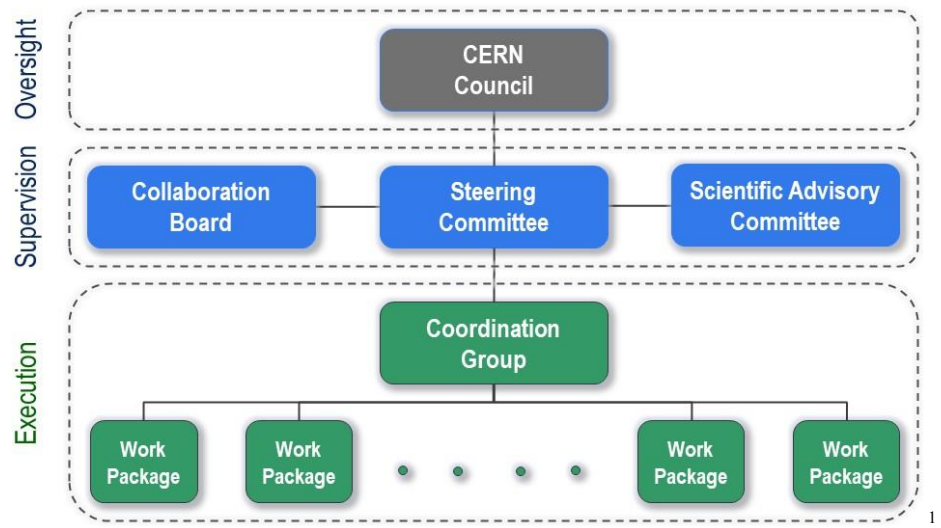
project evaluation board discussions & proposal evaluations for new RDq projects

DRD5 collaboration spokesperson

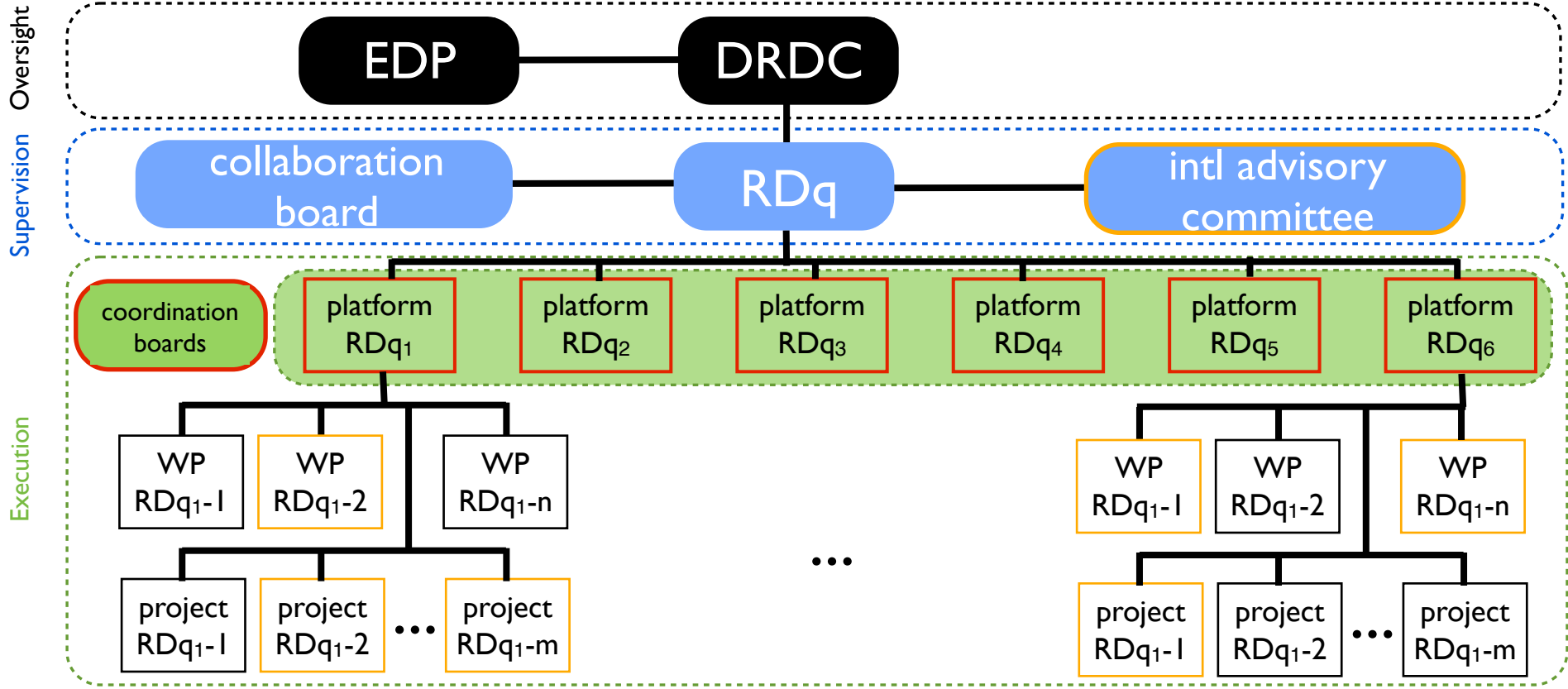
new RDq projects internally evaluated

structure of RDq

example from FCC



https://fcc.web.cern.ch/Documents/Organisation/FCC-1409051000-JGU_GovernanceStructure_V0200.pdf



Open symposium organized by TF5

Anna Grassellino, Marcel Demarteau, Michael Doser, Caterina Braggio, Stafford Withington, Peter Graham, John March-Russel, Andrew Geraci

ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap Symposium of Task Force 5 Quantum and Emerging Technologies

Symposium: April 12, 2021

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/999818/>

14 presentations
first block covering physics landscape
following blocks focusing on technologies
discussion of three important points

ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap Symposium of Task Force 5: Quantum and emerging technologies

Monday 12 Apr 2021, 09:00 → 18:30 Europe/Zurich

09:00 → 09:15 Introduction

09:15 → 11:00 science targets – Overview and Landscape

9:15 EDM searches & tests of fundamental symmetries Peter Fierlinger / TU Munich

9:45 Tests of QM [wavefunction collapse, size effects, temporal separation, decoherence]

10:15 Multimessenger detection [including atom interferometer or magnetometer networks] Giovanni Barontoni / Birmingham

10:45 Axion and other DM (as well as non-DM Ultra-light) particle searches Mina Arvanitaki / Perimeter Institute

11:15 → 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 → 12:30 Experimental methods and techniques - Overview and Landscape

11:30 Precision spectroscopy and clocks, networks of sensors and of entangled systems [optical atomic clocks] David Hume / NIST

12:00 Novel ionic, atomic and molecular systems [RaF, multiatomic molecules, exotic atoms] Marianna Safranova / U. Delaware

12:30 → 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 → 16:00 Experimental and technological challenges, New Developments

13:30 Superconducting platforms [detectors: TES, SNSPD, Haloscopes, including single photon detection]

14:00 High sensitivity superconducting cryogenic electronics, low noise amplifiers Stafford Withington / Cambridge

14:30 Broadband axion detection Kent Irwin / Stanford

15:00 Mechanical / optomechanical detectors Andrew Geraci / Northwestern

15:30 Spin-based techniques, NV-diamonds, Magnetometry Dima Budker / Mainz

16:00 → 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 → 18:30 Experimental and technological challenges, New Developments

16:15 Calorimetric techniques for neutrinos and axions potential speaker identified

16:35 Quantum techniques for scintillators potential speaker identified

16:55 Atom interferometry at large scales (ground based, space based) Jason Hogan / Stanford

17:25 → 18:15 Discussion session : discussion points

- Scaling up from table-top systems
- Networking – identifying commonalities with neighboring communities
- Applying quantum technologies to high energy detectors

18:15 → 18:30 Wrap-up

Quantum Technologies for High Energy Physics (QT4HEP) (Nov. 1-4, 2022)

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1190278/timetable/>

topics chosen to overlap with
CERN focus and expertise

Applications of superconducting technologies to particle detection

Caterina Braggio (Univ. Padova (IT))

DM searches via RF, superconducting electronics, coatings, cavities

Scaling up of atomic interferometers for the detection of dark matter

Oliver Buchmuller (Imperial College (GB))

AION, MAGIS, ... DM searches via atom interferometers in vertical shafts

Applying traps and clocks to the search for new physics

Piet Schmidt (Univ. Hannover / PTB (DE))

AD, ISOLDE: symmetry & BMS tests via precision spectroscopy

Applications of quantum devices to HEP detectors

Ian Shipsey (University of Oxford (GB))

Quantum systems for HEP (novel or enhanced detectors)

Molecular systems for tests of fundamental physics

Steven Hoekstra (Univ. Groningen (NL))

AD, ISOLDE: symmetry & BMS tests via precision spectroscopy

Development of detectors for ultra-low energy neutrinos

Gianluca Cavoto (Sapienza Universita e INFN, Roma I (IT))

neutrino physics at the low energy frontier (CNB)