

Quantum Particle Detectors

(focus on applying quantum sensors to HEP,
with *some* mention of 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

(quantum sensor-based) 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)

*Then, a “quantum sensor” is a device, the measurement (sensing) capabilities of which are enabled by our ability to **manipulate** and / or **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 high energy particle physics (“**manipulate**”)

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

bottom line: quantum sensors measure the result of **a single** individual interaction, but bulk quantum systems might also allow improved **multiple interaction** measurements

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

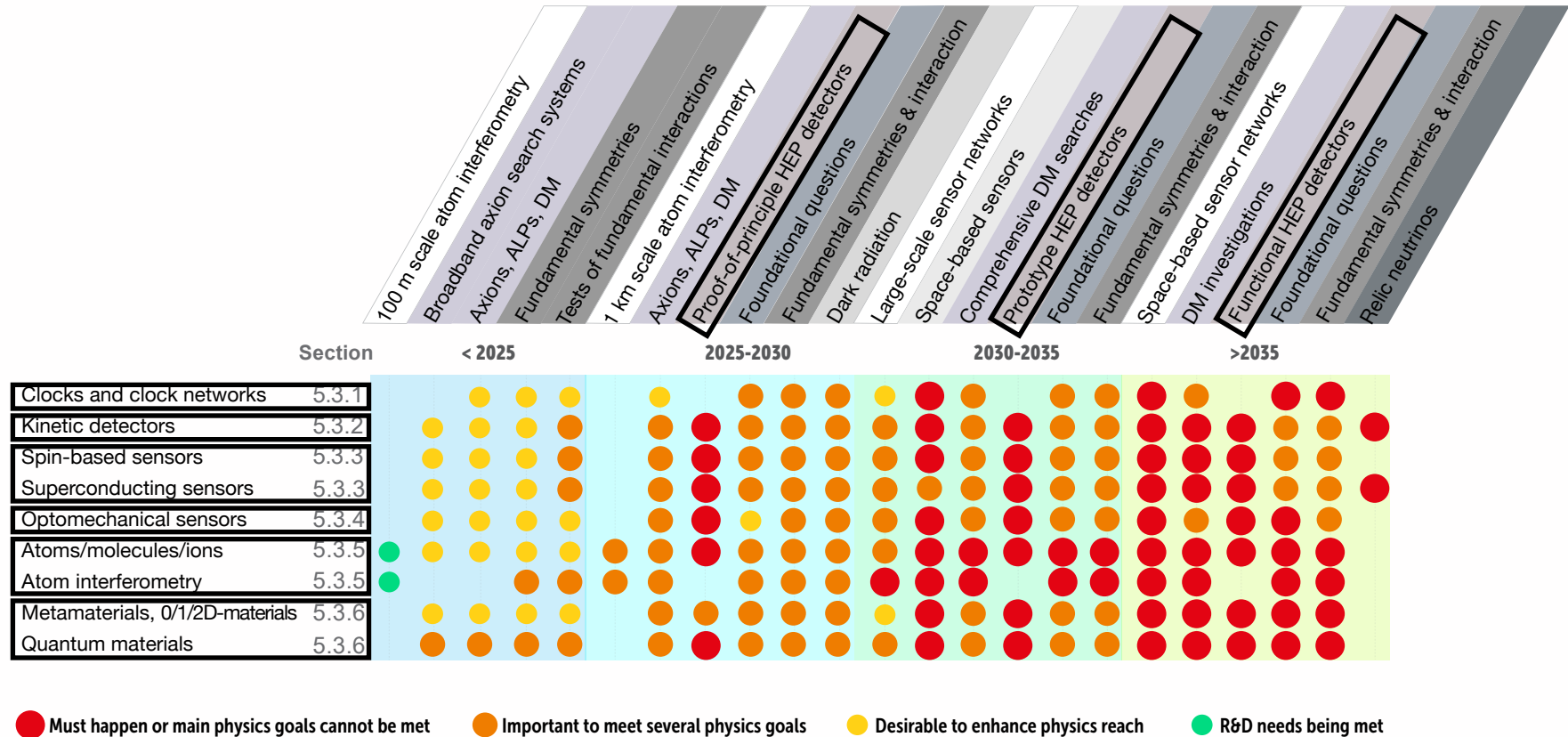
tests of QM

wavefunction collapse,
decoherence

EDM searches & tests of
fundamental symmetries

RECFA Detector R&D roadmap 2021

Chapter 5: Quantum and Emerging Technologies Detectors



Chapter 4: Particle Identification and Photon Detectors

It is recommended that several “blue-sky” R&D activities be pursued. The development of solid state photon detectors from novel materials is an important future line of research, as is the development of cryogenic superconducting photosensors for accelerator- based experiments. Regarding advances in PID techniques, gaseous photon detectors for visible light should be advanced. Meta-materials such as photonic crystals should be developed, giving tune-able refractive indices for PID at high momentum. Finally, for TRD imaging detectors, the detection of transition radiation with silicon sensors is an important line of future research.

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**
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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
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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
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Sensing, Metrology & Materials

currently: 3 PhD's

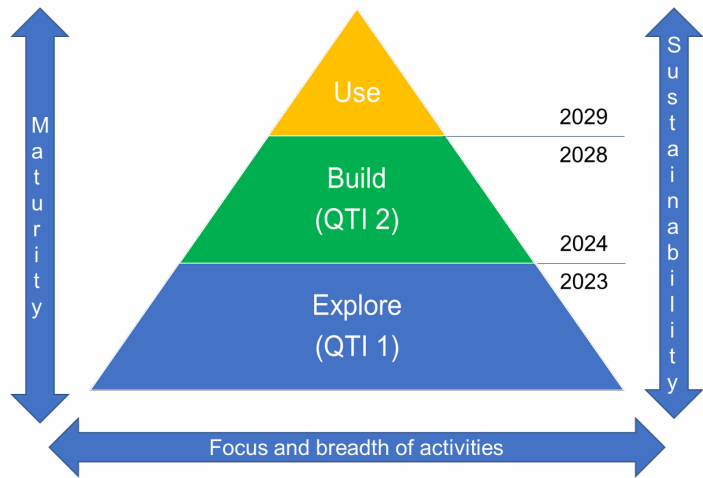


- **Co-develop CERN technologies relevant to quantum infrastructures** (time synch, frequency distribution, lasers)
- Contribute to the **deployment and validation of quantum infrastructures**
- Assess requirements and **impact of quantum communication on computing applications** (security, privacy)

Communications & Networks

CERN quantum initiative (v2)

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



CC1: Hybrid Quantum Computing Infrastructures, Algorithms and Applications

CC2: CERN Technologies as Quantum Platforms Demonstrators

CC3: Quantum Networks and Communication Hub for Research

CC4: Collaboration for Impact

4 largely independent technology areas (or branches)

4 interoperating thematic Centres of Competence

Exotic atoms and ions as qubits and **Dark Matter sensors**, atomic and nuclear clocks as sensors for new, **feeble interactions** ; metrology and quantum states measurements; cryogenics and **RF cavities** design and characterization for axion and Gravitational Wave searches; development and characterization of multi-qubit systems with cavities, ion traps, and isotopes; quantum sensors for **millicharged particles** and Physics Beyond Colliders; quantum data acquisition.

Specifically, the **sensor-related goals of QTI 2 are intentionally aligned with the larger international framework of the ECFA roadmap** and process (within which the technical developments focusing on quantum sensing R&D efforts for particle physics are integrated in the future international DRD5 collaboration), while focusing on those areas that are uniquely suited to CERN's expertise, technologies and infrastructure.

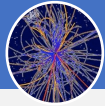
CERN quantum initiative (v2)

approved!

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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

@ 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)

Highly active experimental community with quantum sensors world-wide

→ rapid investigation of new phase space w/ new types of quantum sensors

→ scaling up to larger systems, improved devices

→ expanding explored phase space

<u>@ CERN</u>	→ particles, atoms, ions, nuclei:	tests of QED, symmetries
	→ (cryogenic) RF cavities:	axion searches
	→ atom interferometers:	DM searches, grav. waves

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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Atoms, molecules, ions

Rydberg TPC's

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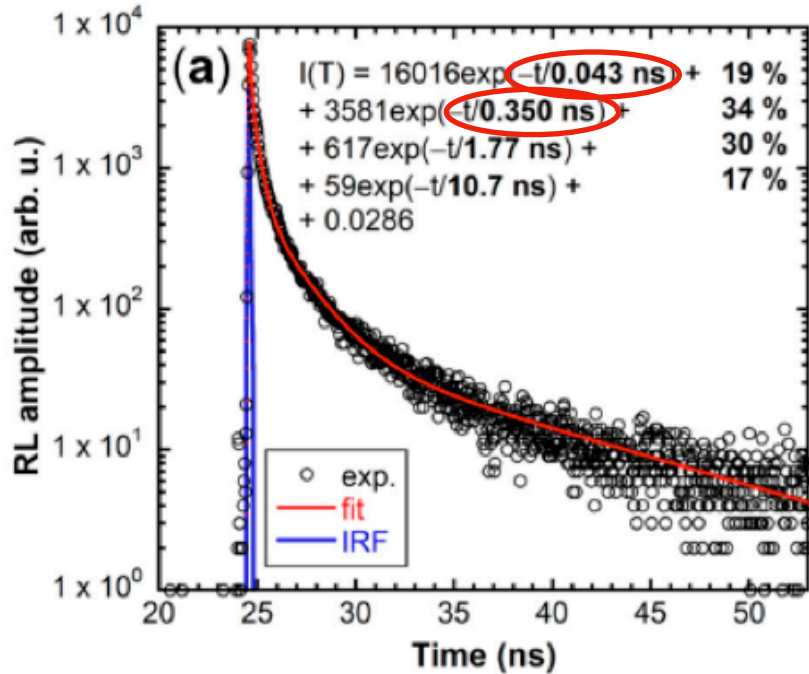
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Superconducting sensors

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>

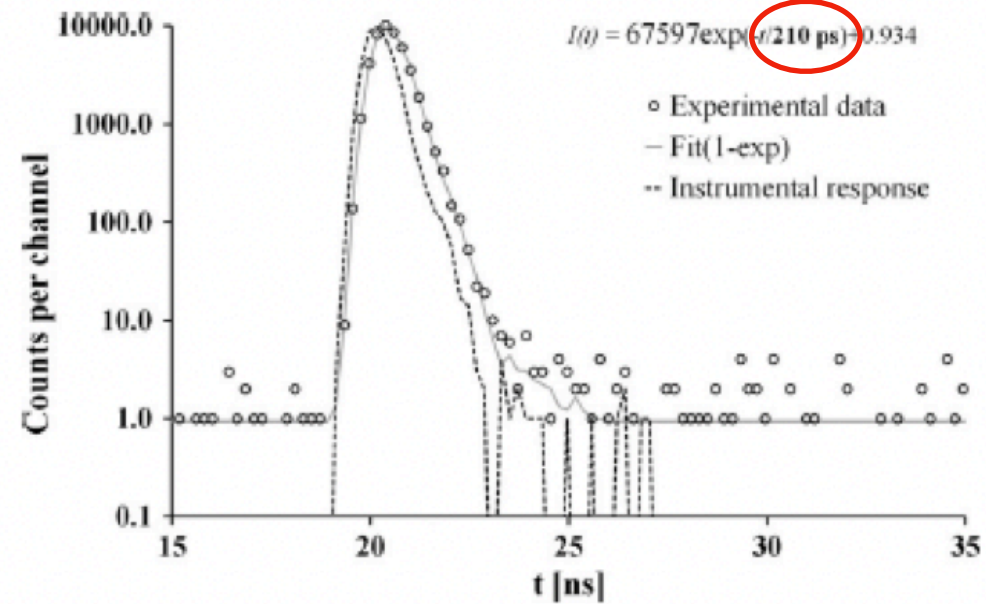


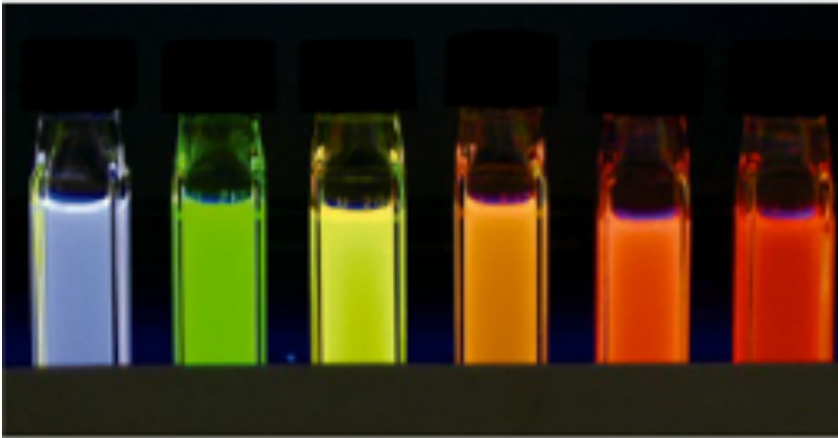
Fig. 9. Photoluminescence decay of ZnO:Ga sample at room temperature. Excitation nanoLED 339 nm, emission wavelength set at 390 nm. Decay curve is approximated by the convolution of instrumental response (also in figure) and single exponential function $I(t)$ provided in the figure.

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

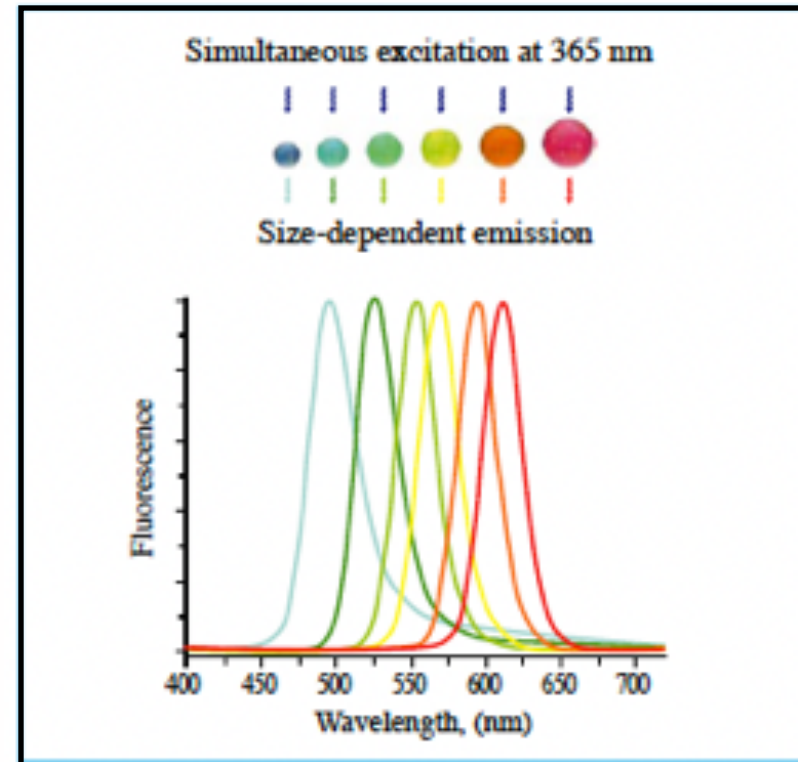
Concerns: integrated light yield (need many photons to benefit from rapid rise time)

Quantum dots: chromatic tunability

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

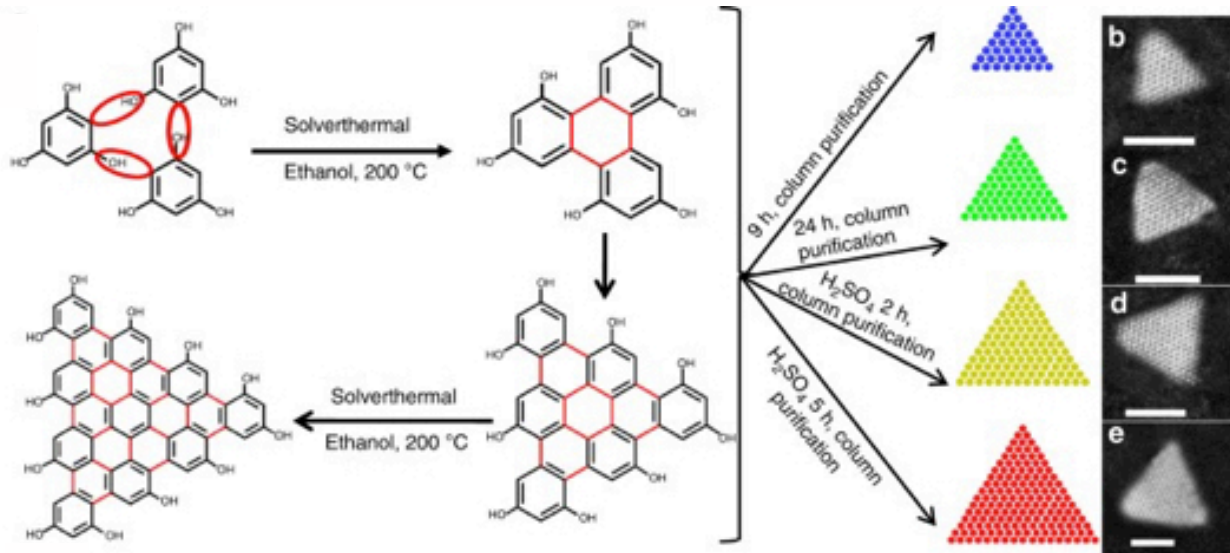


chromatic tunability → optimize for quantum efficiency of PD (fast, optimizable WLS)

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



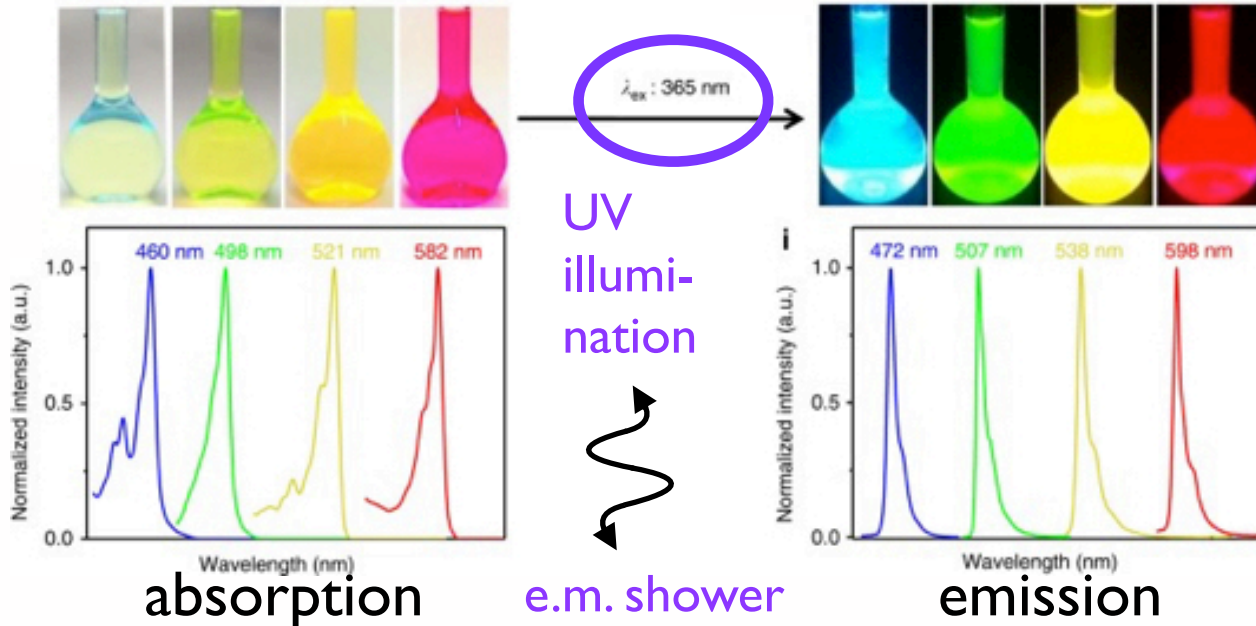
idea: seed different parts of a “crystal” with nanodots emitting at different wavelengths, such that the wavelength of a stimulated fluorescence photon is uniquely assignable to a specific nanodot position

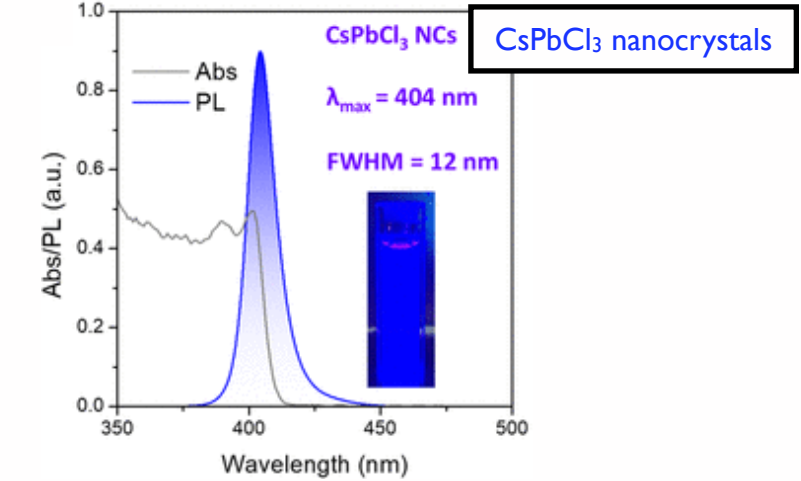
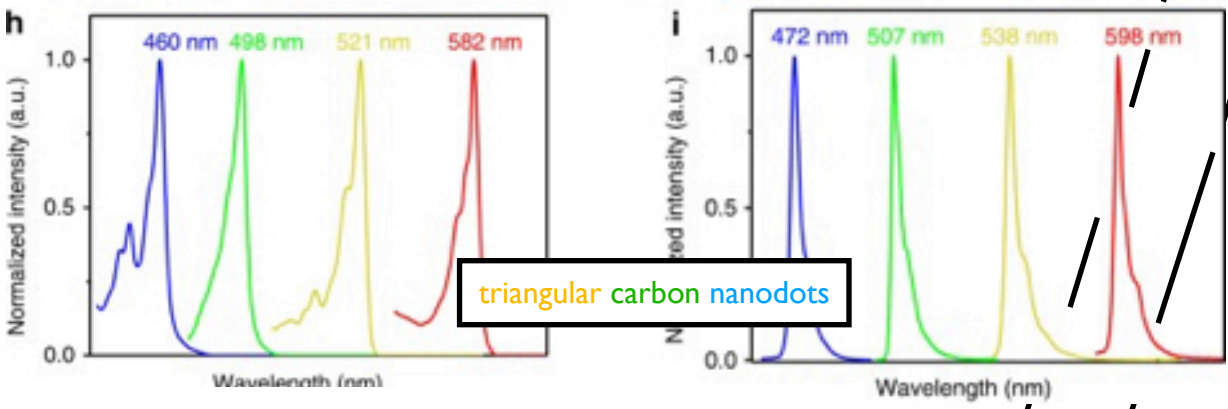
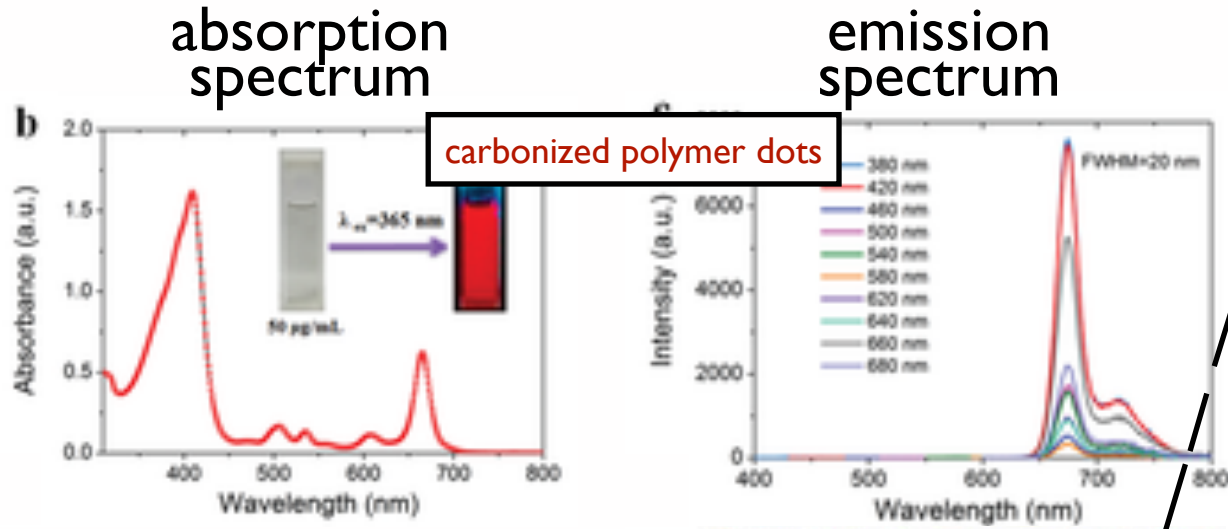
requires:

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

select appropriate nanodots

e.g. **triangular carbon nanodots**





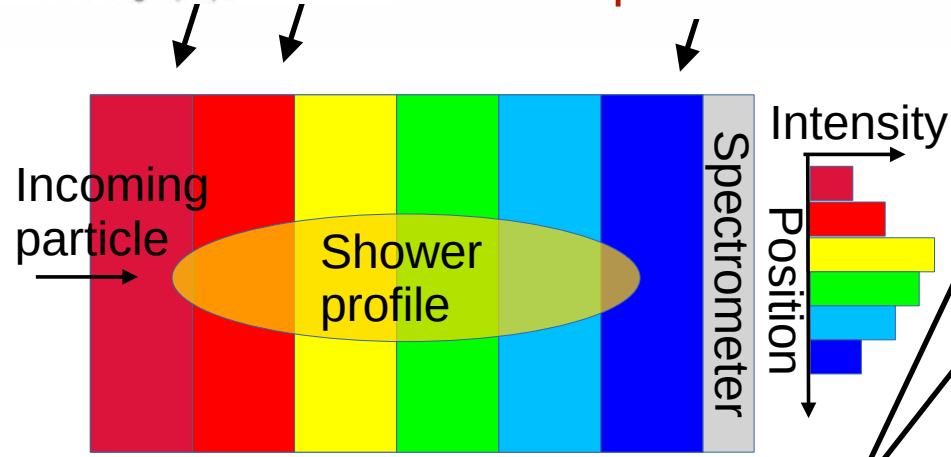
leftmost nanodots:
absorb wavelengths < 650 nm
emit at > 680 nm

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)

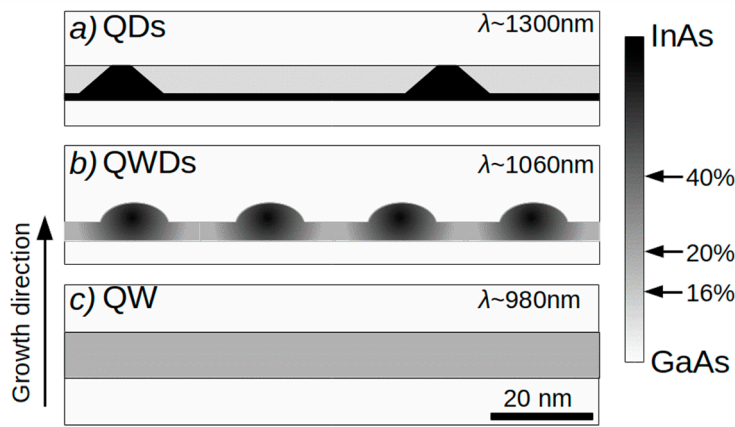
Metalenses?
M. Khorasaninejad
& F. Capasso,
Science 358, 6367
(2017)

(shower profile via **spectrometry**) PSDI3, Sep. 2023

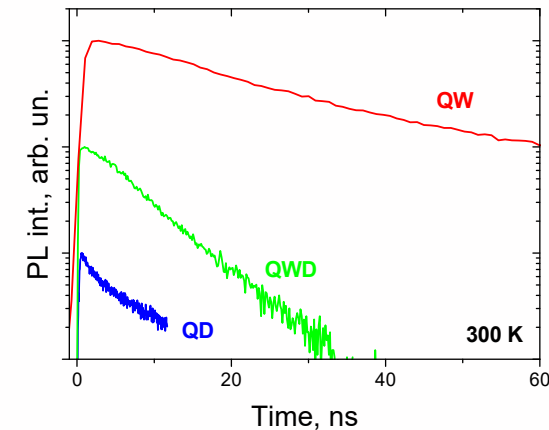
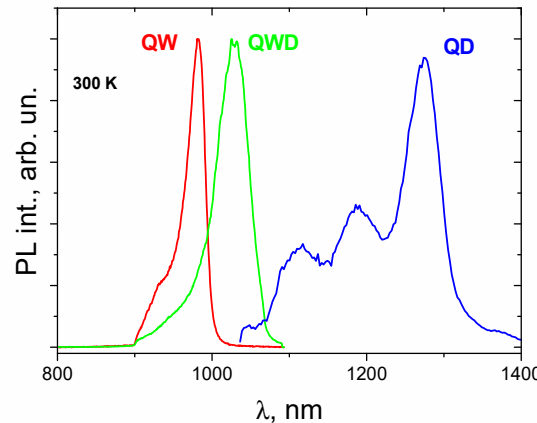
Active scintillators (QWs, QDs, QWDs, QCLs)

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

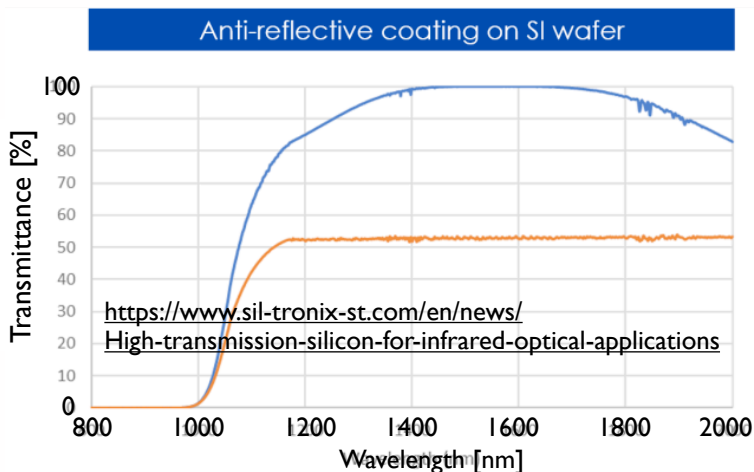
- is it possible to produce **active** scintillating materials?
- electronically amplified / modulable
 - pulsed / primed
 - gain adapted in situ



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>

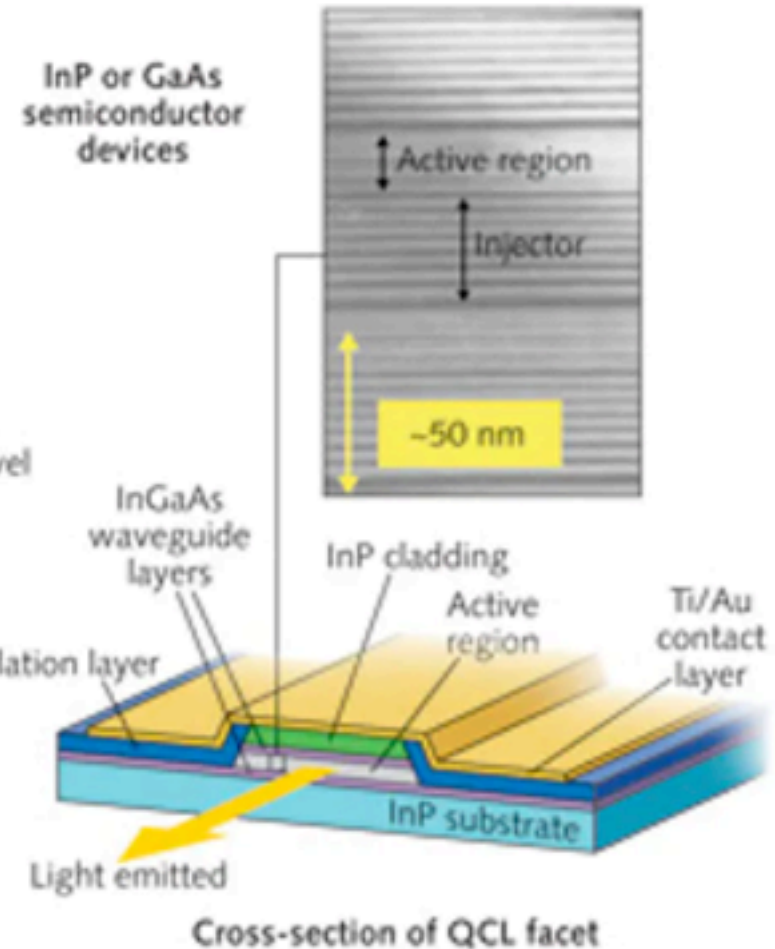
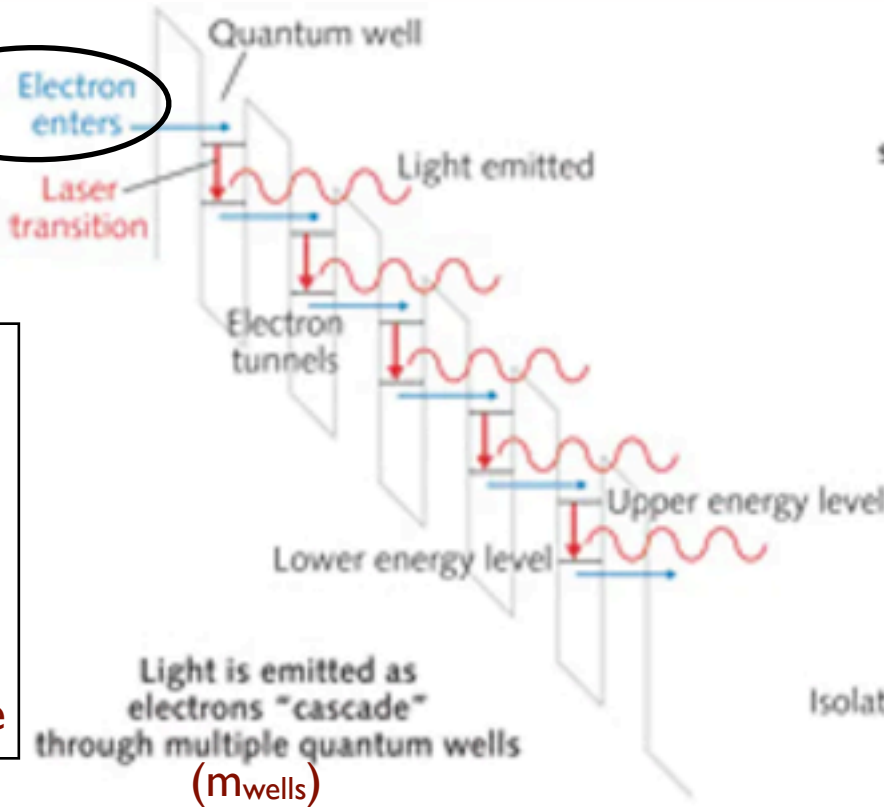
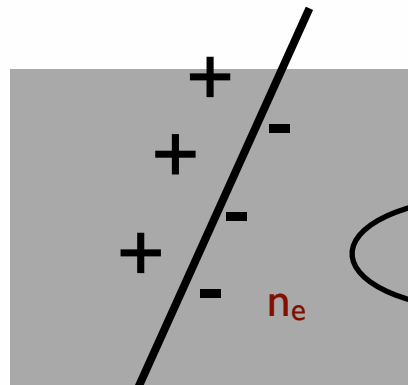
Emission in **IR!** Silicon is ~transparent at these wavelengths...
Can this IR light be transported *through* a tracker to outside PDs?

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.

Active scintillators (QCLs, QWs, QDs, QWDs)

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



Couple bulk semiconductor to electron injection layer:
 $n_\gamma = m_{wells} \times n_e$
 furthermore:
 E_γ is (locally) tunable

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](#))

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helicity detectors

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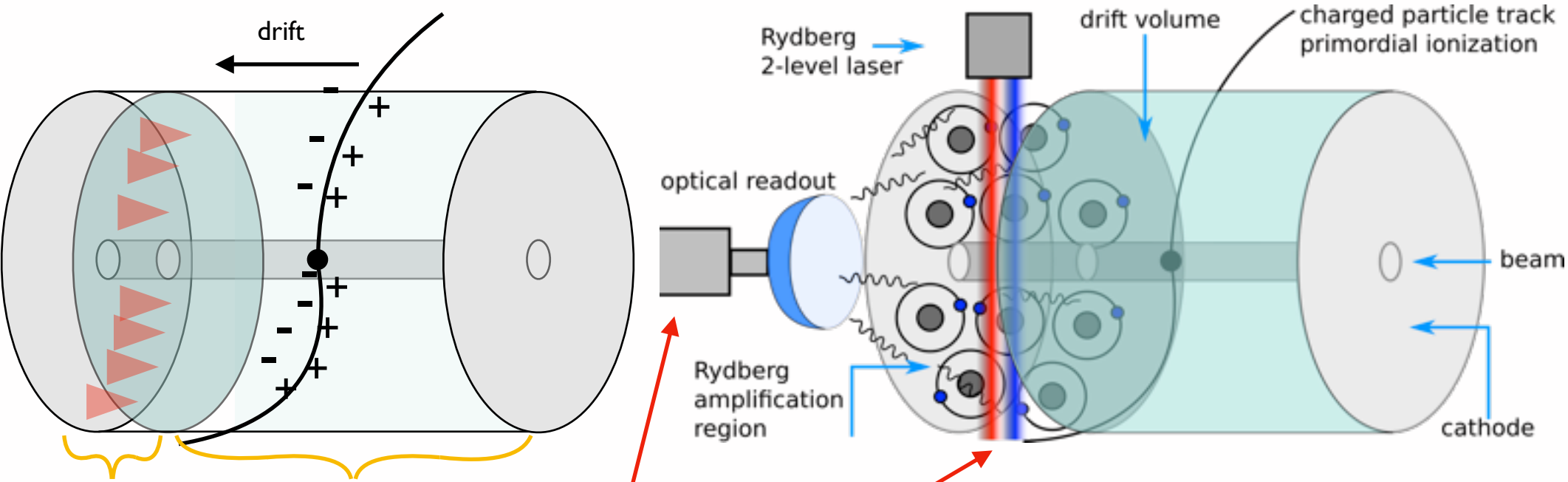
* <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2784893>

Superconducting sensors

Rydberg atom TPC's

Georgy Kornakov / WUT

Act on the amplification region



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

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

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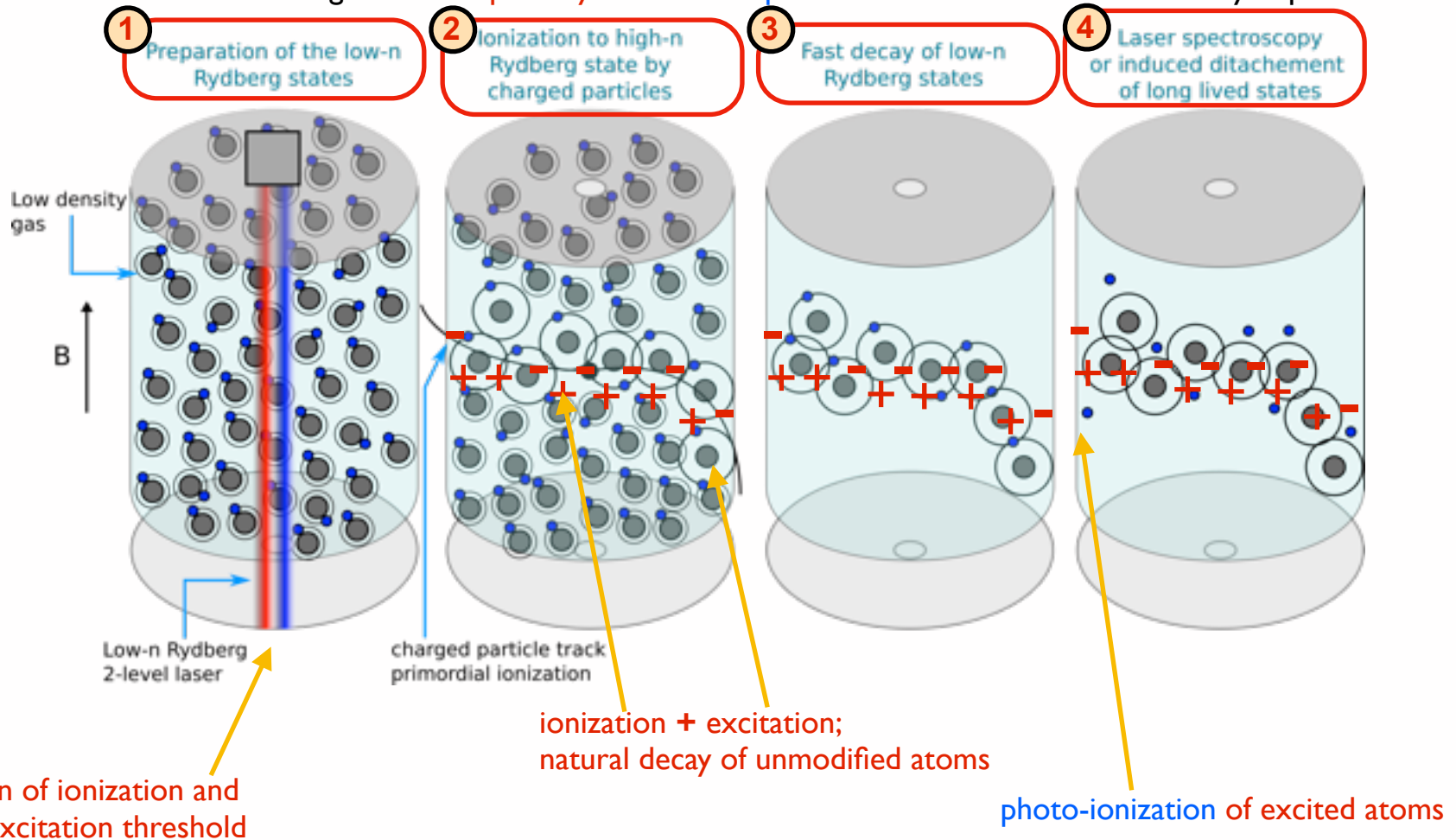
Act on the drift region

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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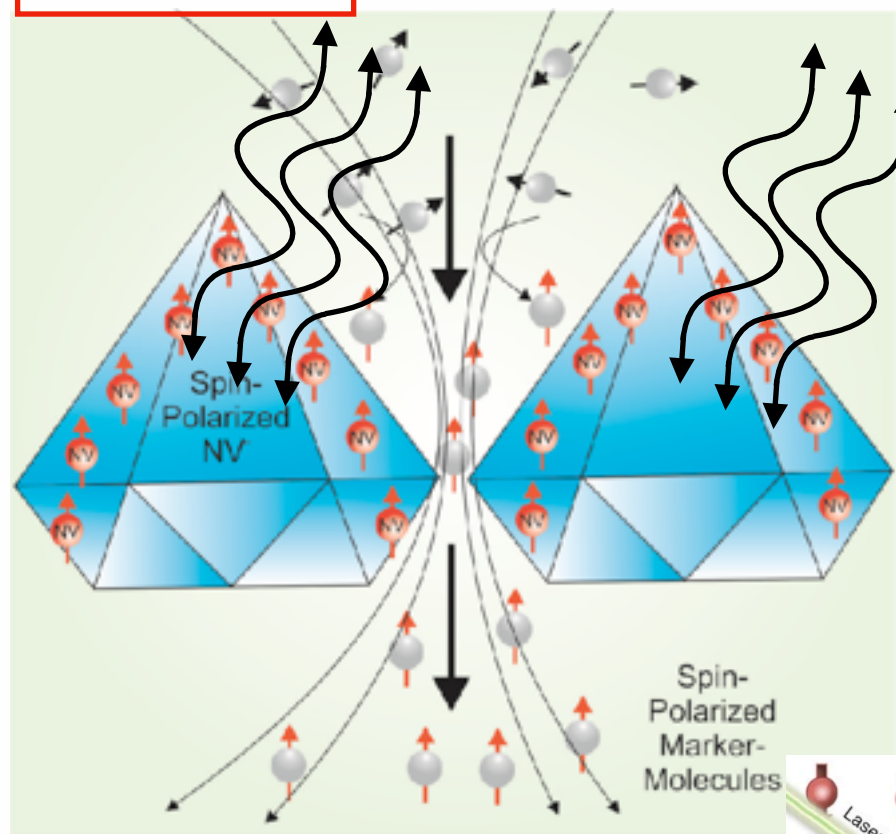
optically polarizable elements: Nitrogen-vacancy diamonds (NVD)

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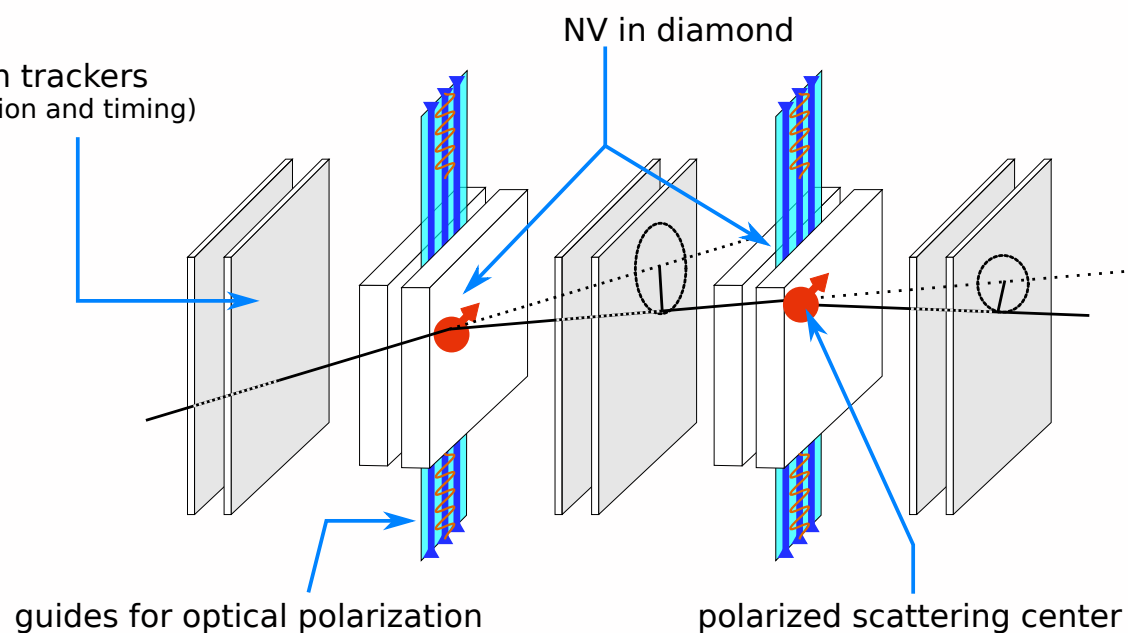
spin-spin scattering for helicity determination: usually with polarized beams and/or polarized targets

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

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



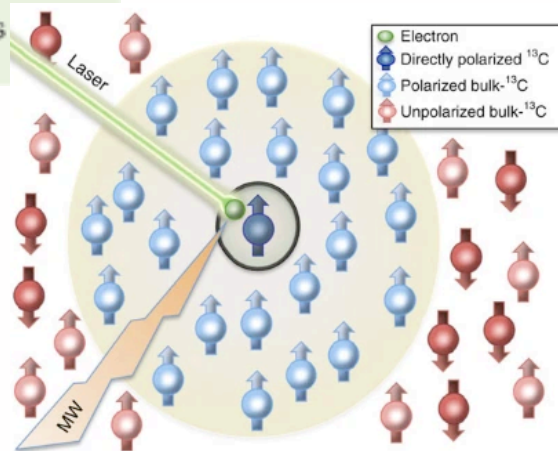
silicon trackers
(direction and timing)



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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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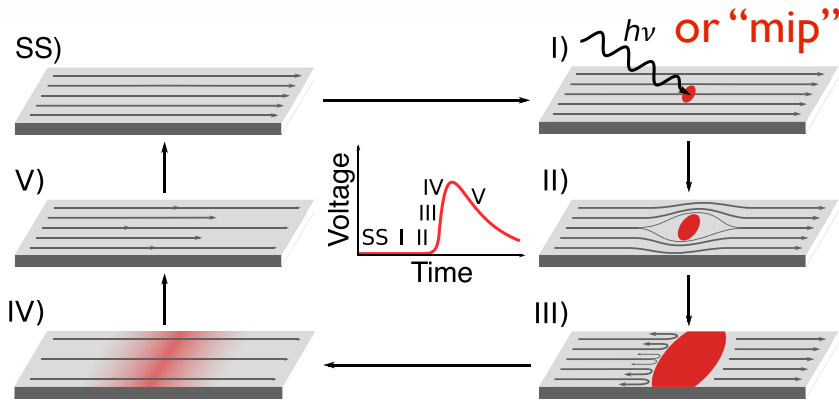
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Superconducting sensors

Extremely low energy threshold detectors: SNSPD



SNSPD's Near term future

Parameter	SOA 2020	Goal by 2025
Efficiency	98% @ 1550nm	>80% @ 10 μ m
Energy Threshold	0.125 eV (10 μ m)	12.5 meV (100 μ m)
Timing Jitter	2.7 ps	< 1ps
Active Area	1 mm ²	100 cm ²
Max Count Rate	1.2 Gcps	100 Gcps
Pixel Count	1 kilopixel	16 megapixel
Operating Temperature	4.3K	25 K

Snowmass2021 - Letter of Interest

Superconducting Nanowire Single-Photon Detectors

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

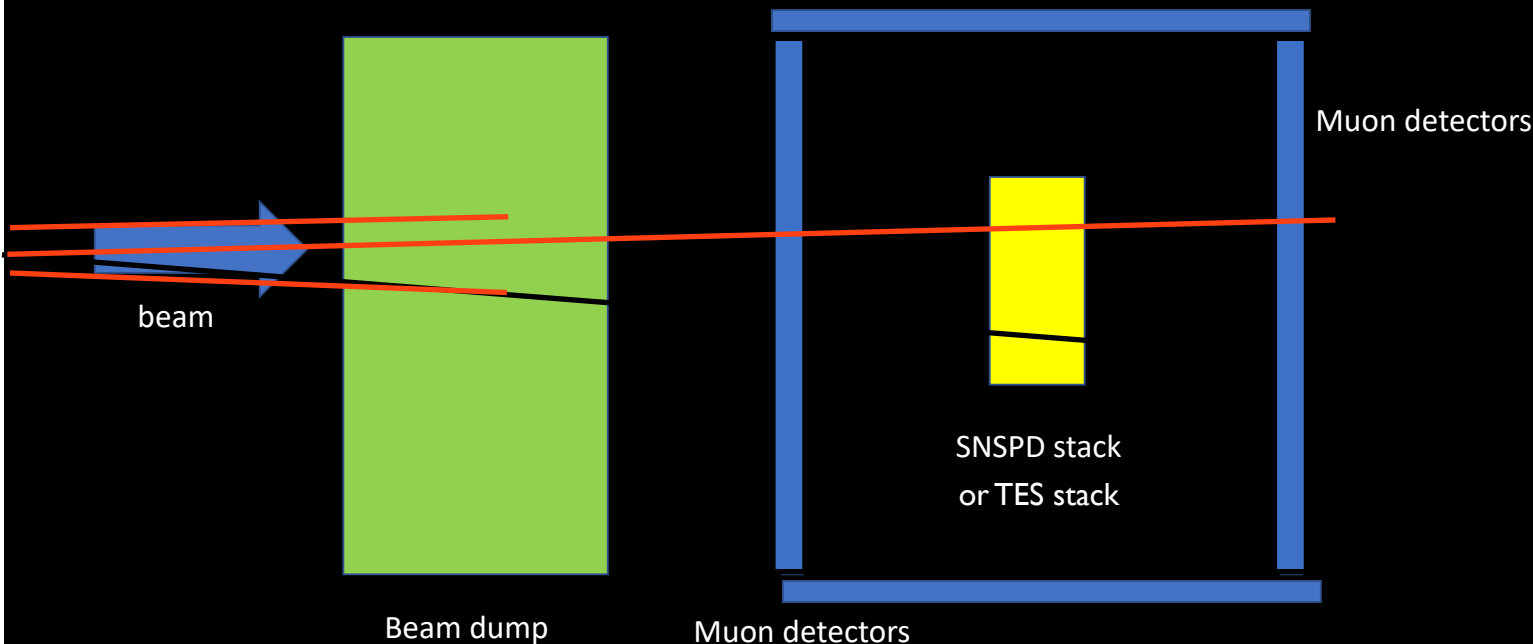
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Search for Beyond Standard Model **milli-charged particles?**



mip: ~ 20 keV/100 μ m

$\times 10^6$ sensitivity

further systems
(also for γ detection):

TES
TWPA

...

What's next?

These potential applications of quantum sensors also in HEP require dedicated R&D to evaluate their potential and feasibility.

In line with the RECFA R&D roadmap, it makes sense to consider a quantum-sensing R&D program that brings together the following strands:

Clocks and clock networks 5.3.1

Kinetic detectors 5.3.2

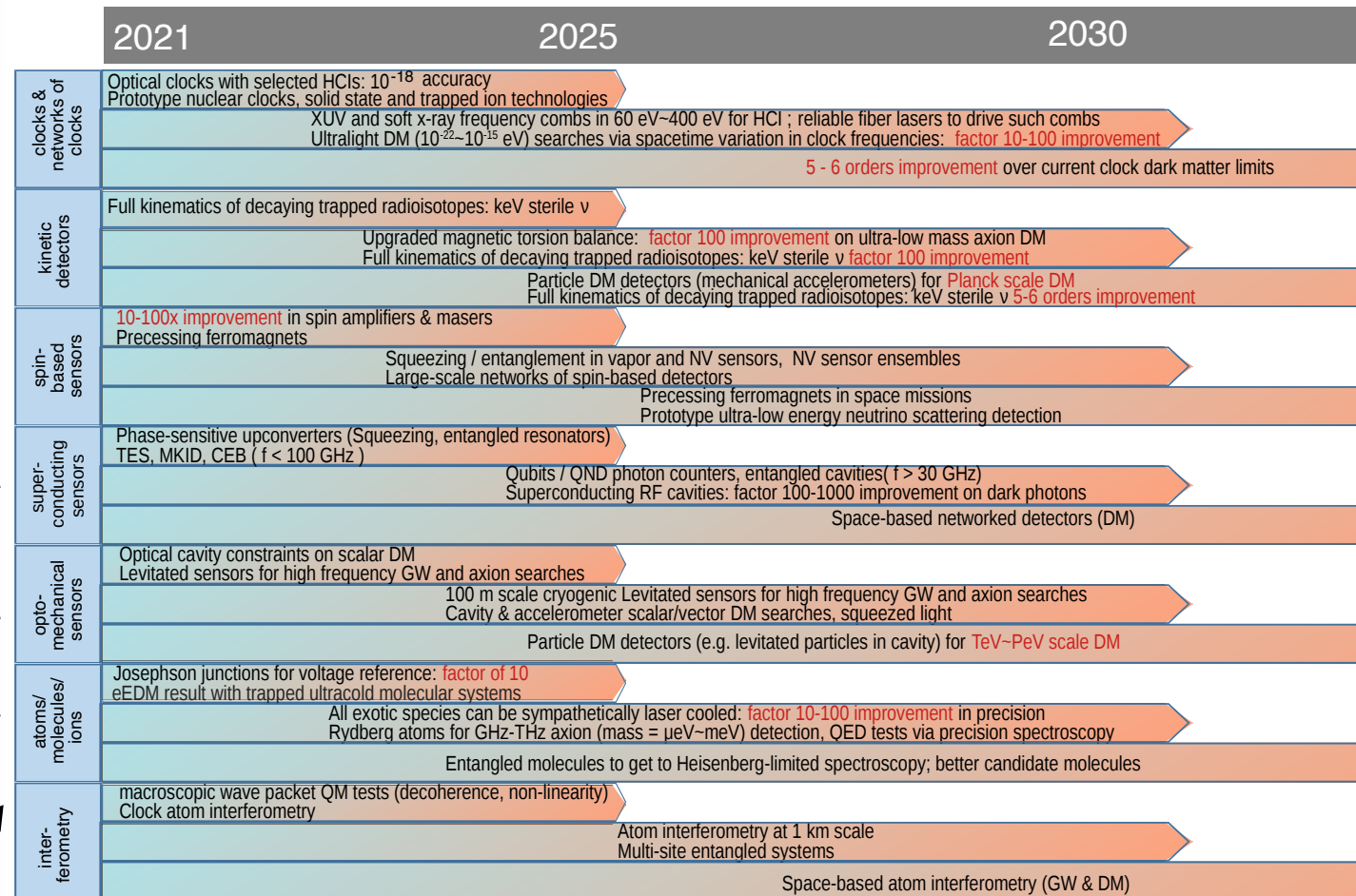
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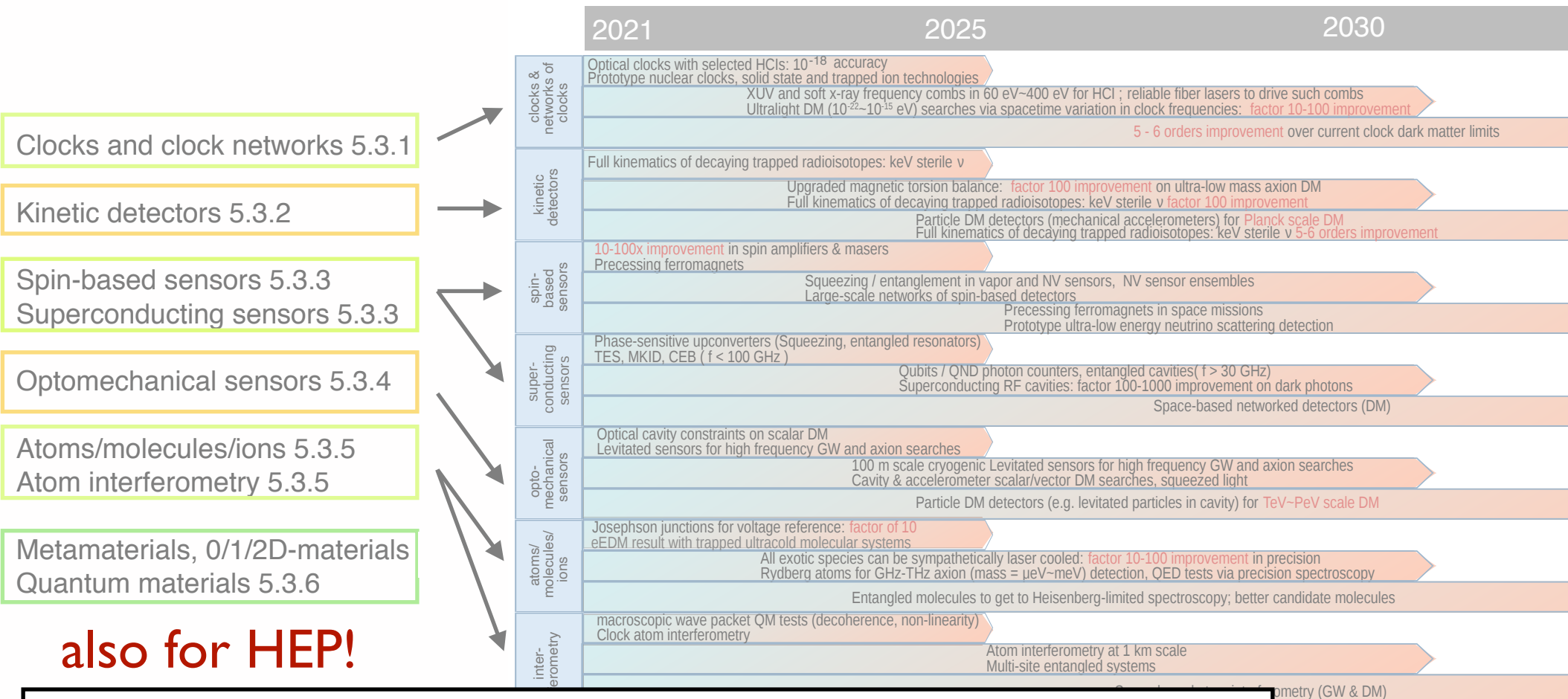
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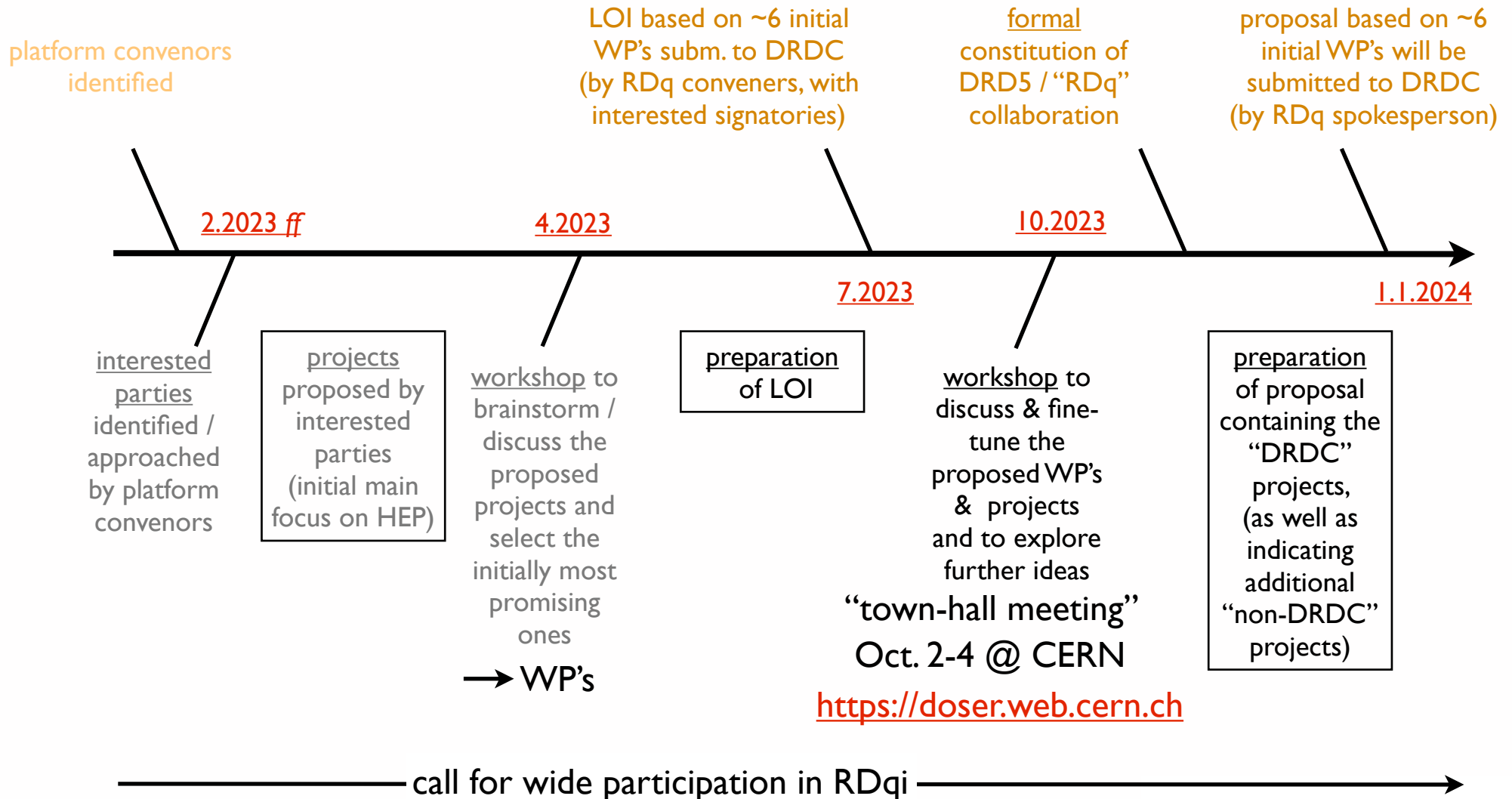
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next step: implementation of ECFA detector R&D pgm

Two goals for end of 2023: the DRD5 / RDq collaboration

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

focus on technical developments that go beyond what a single group can do



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

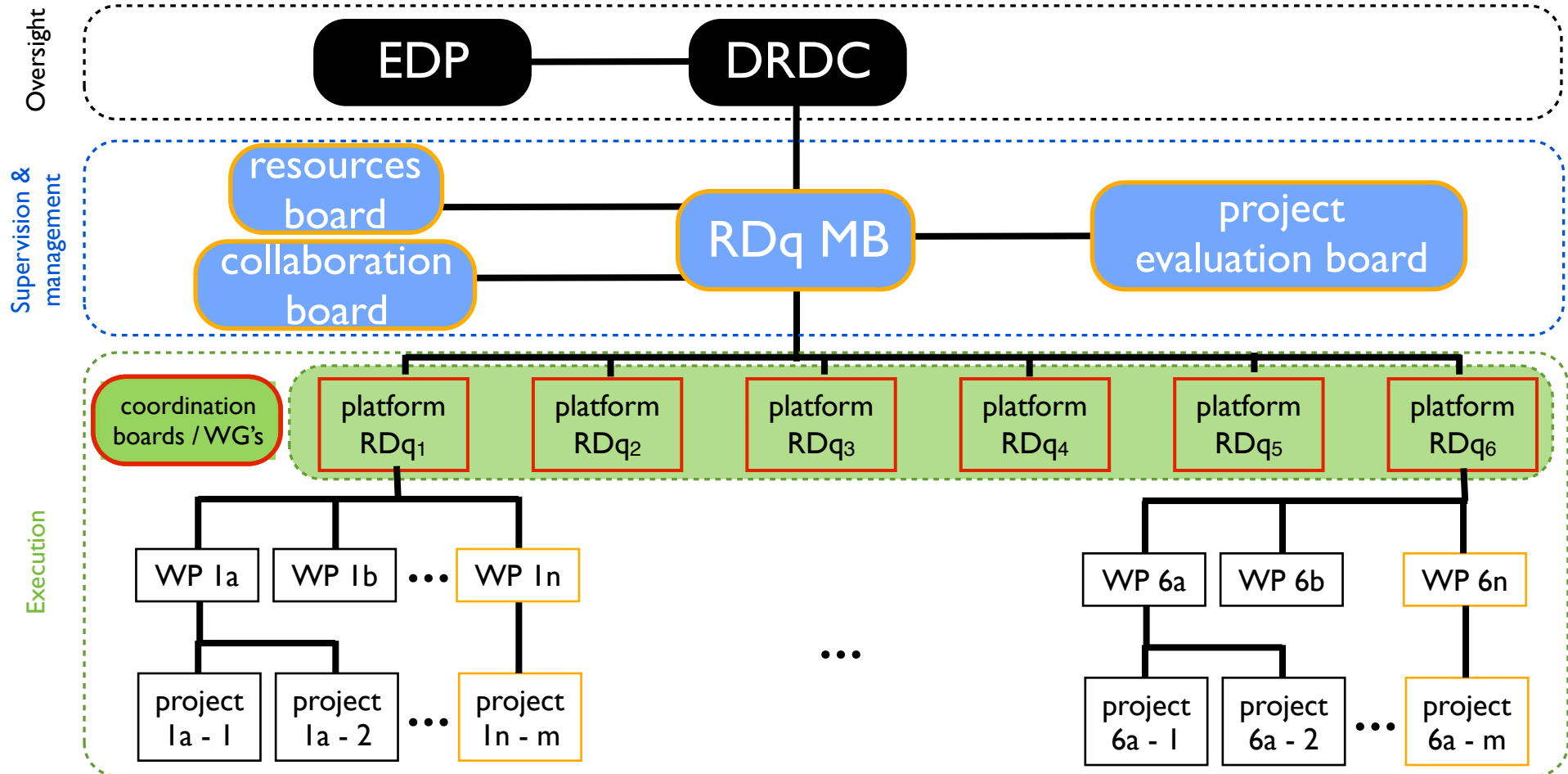
WP4 Theory (bound state calculations; Heisenberg limit; parameter space comparators)

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

WP5 Scaling up to macroscopic ensembles (spins; nano-structured materials; ...)

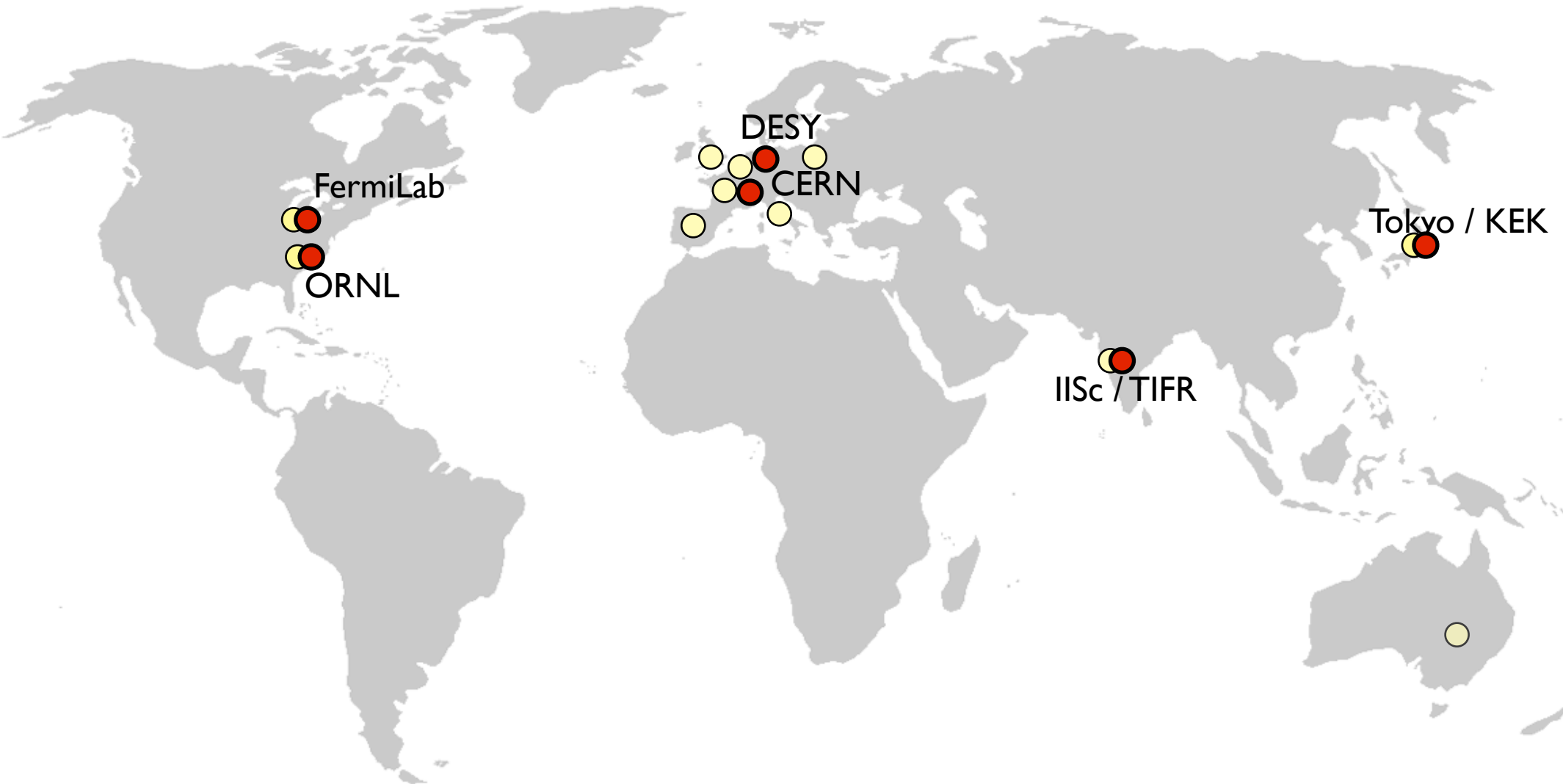
WP3 Cryogenic systems (4K electronics; TES/KID's/...; integration challenges)

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



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

Sharing of responsibilities for coordinating the technical work of the WVP's



- possible DRD5 hosting platforms
- HEP-related Quantum initiatives

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DRD5 / RDq:

platform c
ident

if you are interested / curious / intrigued, please let me know
or sign up via <http://doser.web.cern.ch>



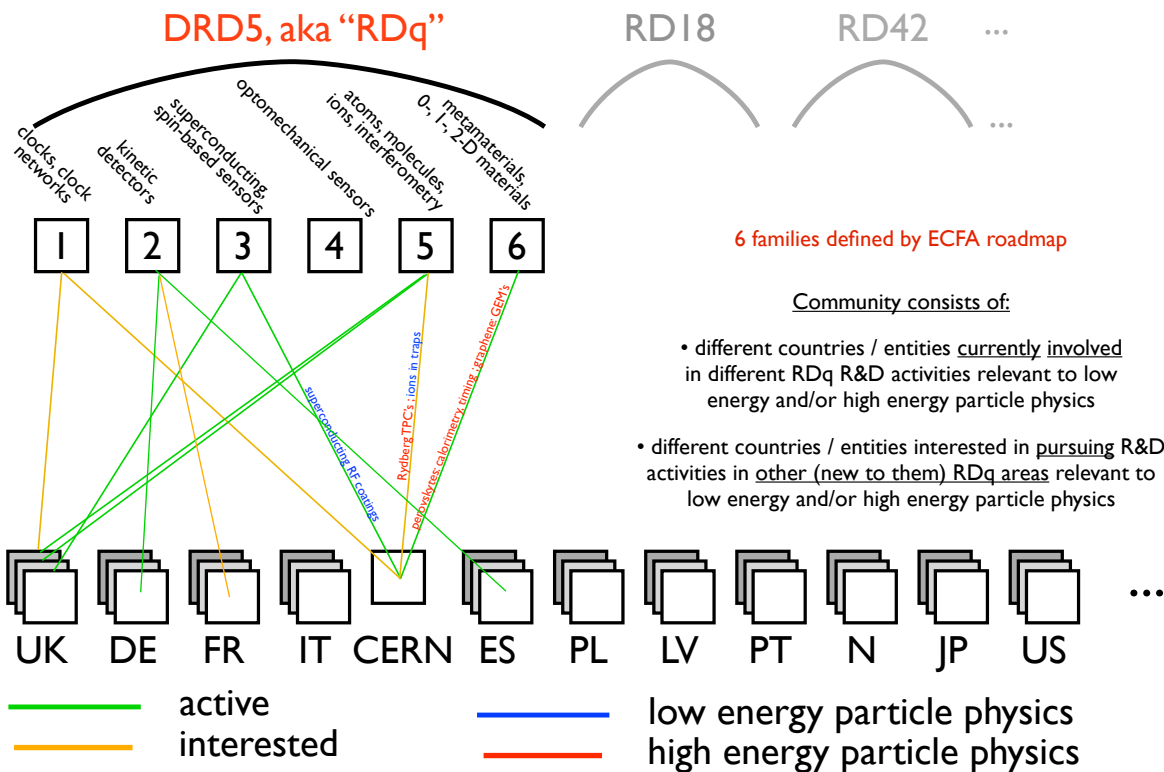
call for wide participation in RDqi

thank you!

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

> 1.1.2024

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 ?

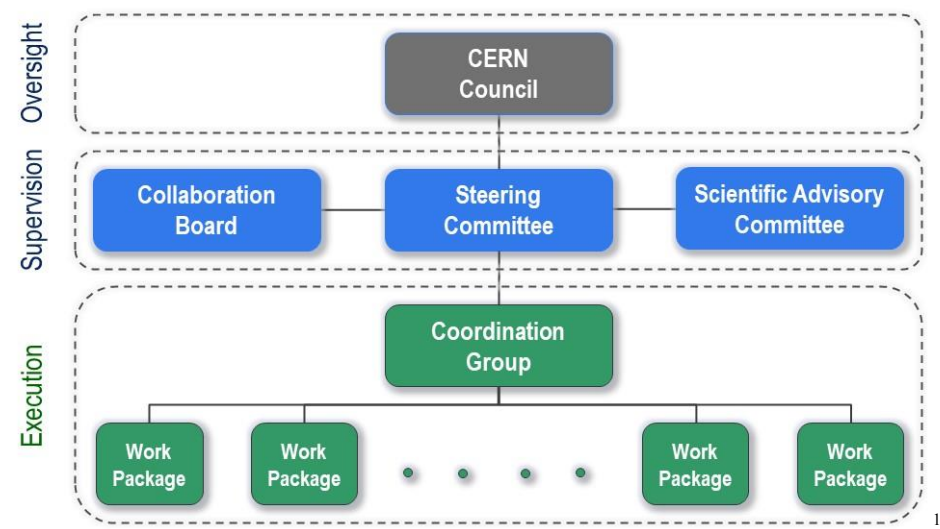
project evaluation board discussions & proposal evaluations for new RDq projects

DRD5 collaboration spokesperson

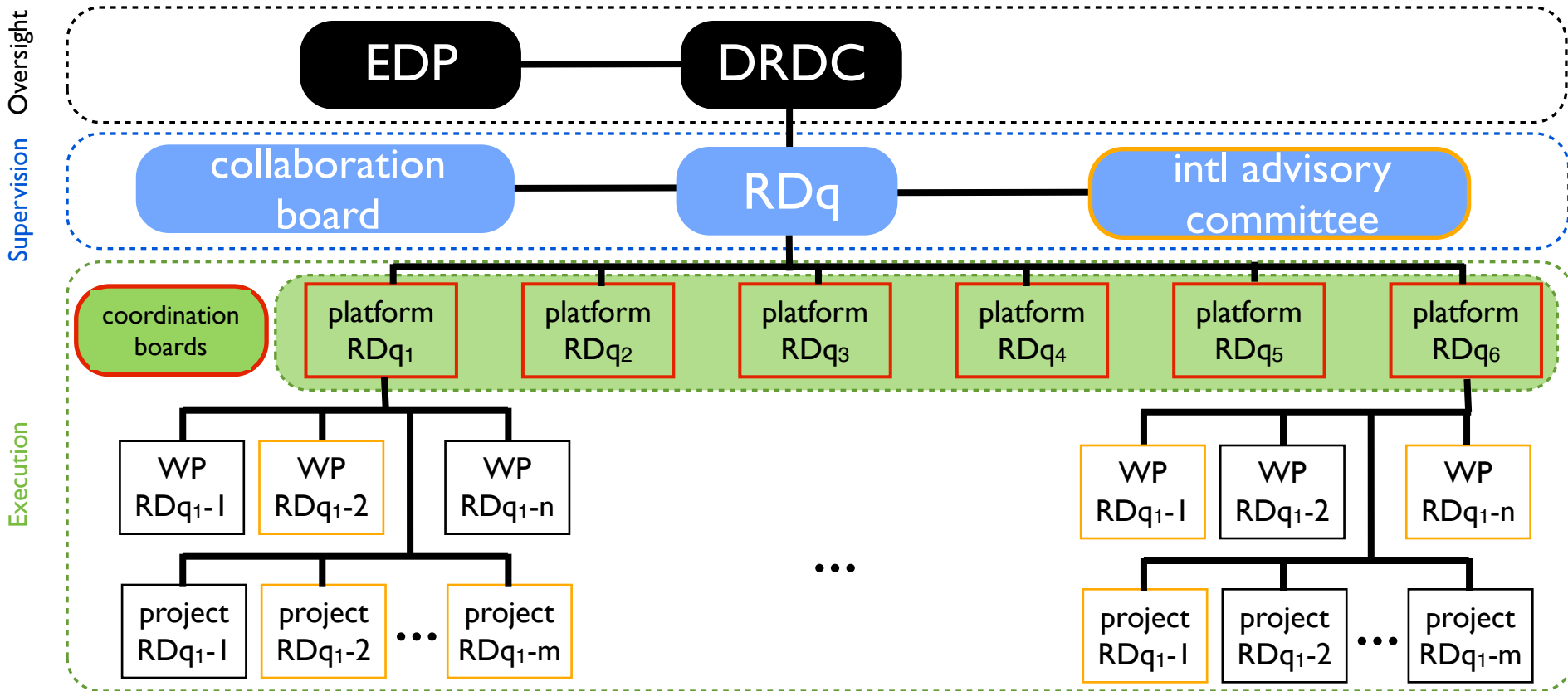
new RDq projects internally evaluated

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 Università e INFN, Roma I (IT))

neutrino physics at the low energy frontier (CNS)

particles, atoms, ions, nuclei:

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

HCI's in Penning traps

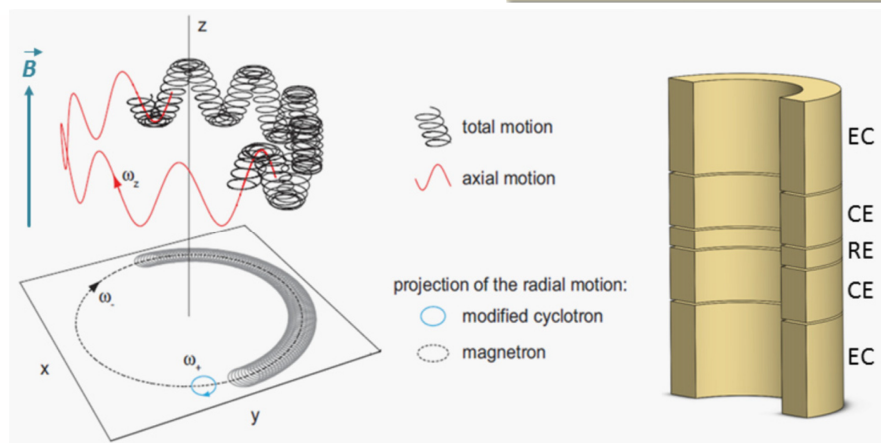
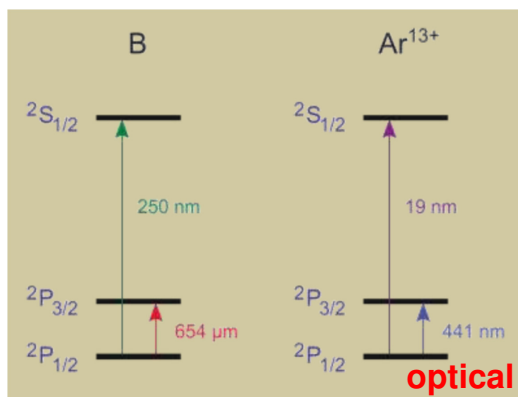
Scaling with a nuclear charge Z

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)

eEDM's in molecules

nuclear clock (^{229}Th)

molecular / ion clocks

Quantum Sensors for New-Physics Discoveries

<https://iopscience.iop.org/journal/2058-9565/page/Focus-on-Quantum-Sensors-for-New-Physics-Discoveries>

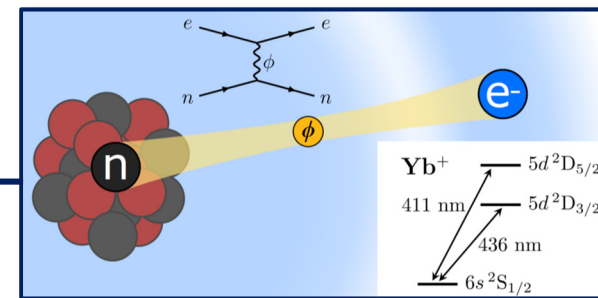
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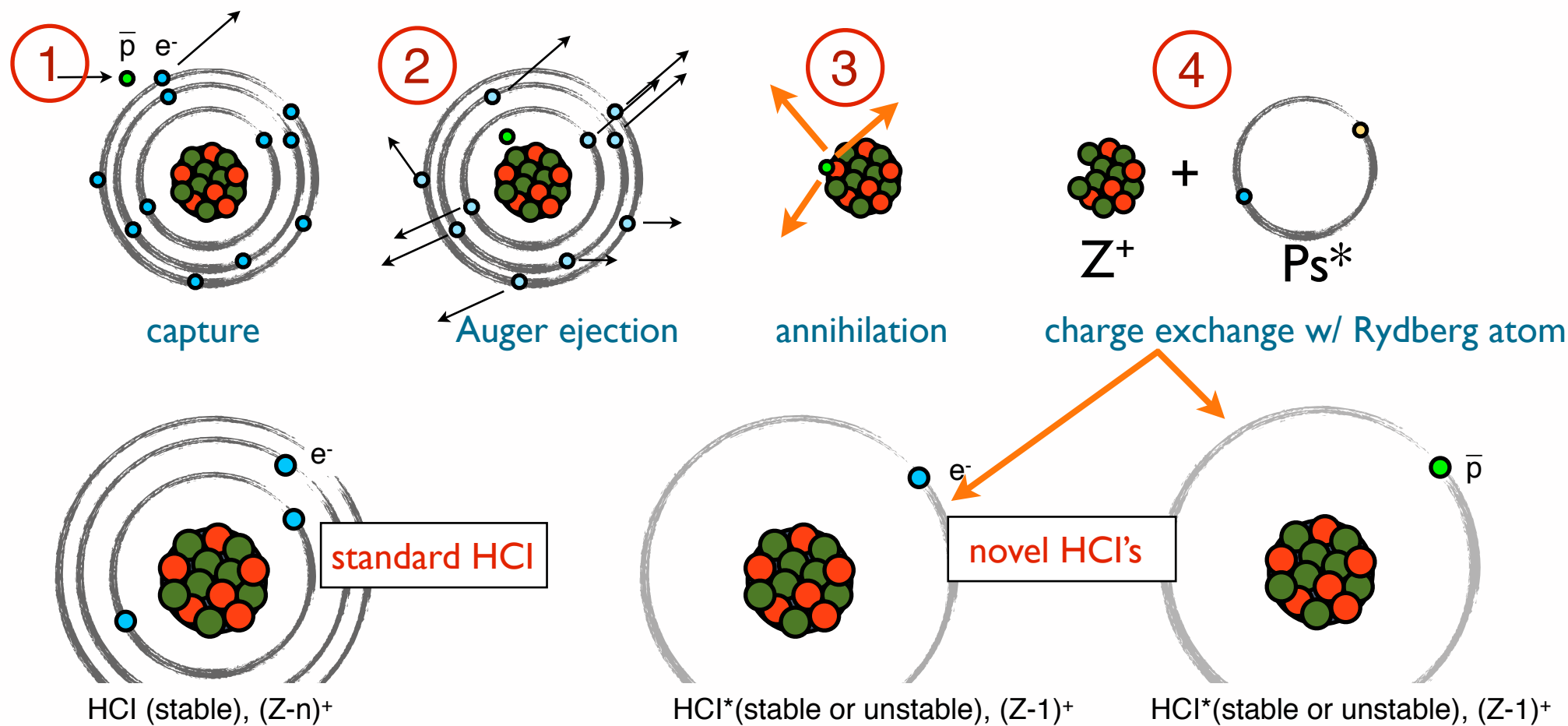
Marianna Safronova (University of Delaware)

HCl's: **much larger** sensitivity to variation of α and dark matter searches then current clocks

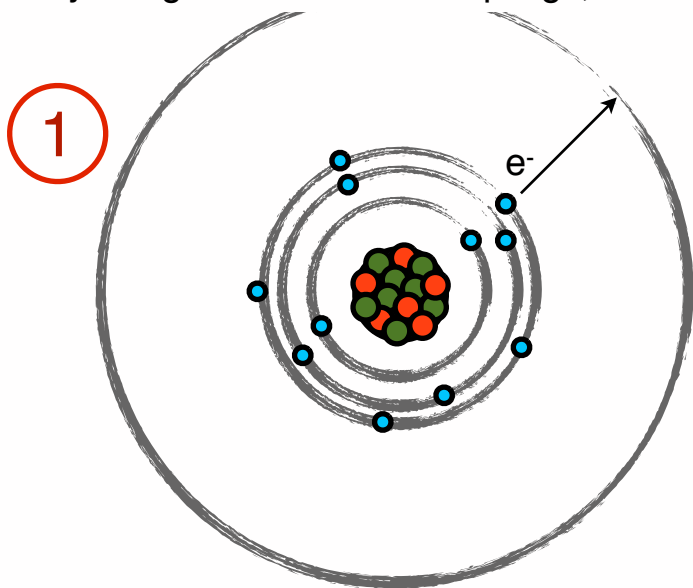
- Searches for the variation of fundamental constants
- Tests of QED: precision spectroscopy
- Fifth force searches: precision measurements of isotope shifts with HCl's to study non-linearity of the King plot



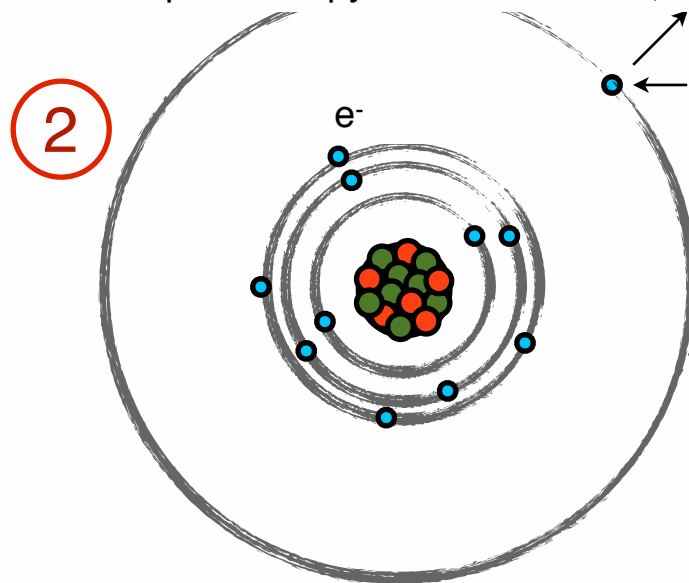
Antiprotonic atoms → novel HCl systems



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



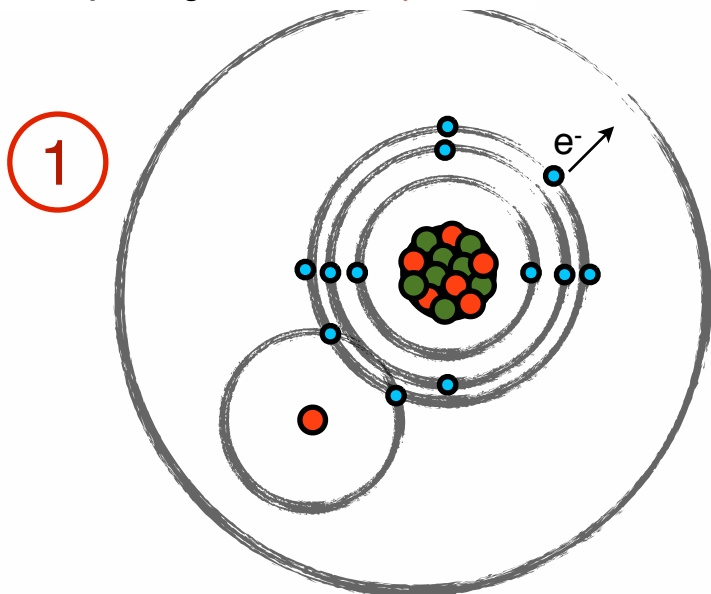
Rydberg excitation



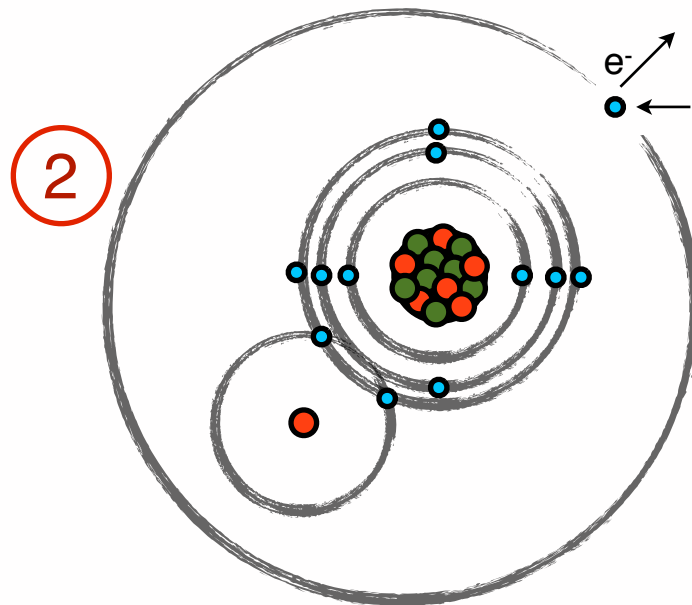
charge exchange

at end of cascade, \bar{p} is very close to nucleus... investigate long-range behavior of strong interaction?

Antiprotonic Rydberg molecules: \bar{p} EDM?



Rydberg excitation



charge exchange

similar approach as eEDM in molecules

AEgIS : a novel dark matter search

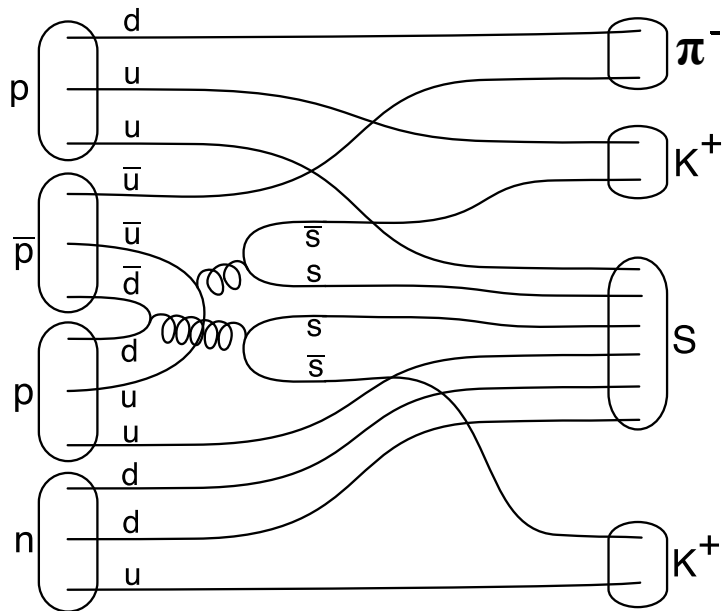
sexaquark: $uuddss$ bound state ($m \sim 2m_p$) [Glennys Farrar <https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.08951>]

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)

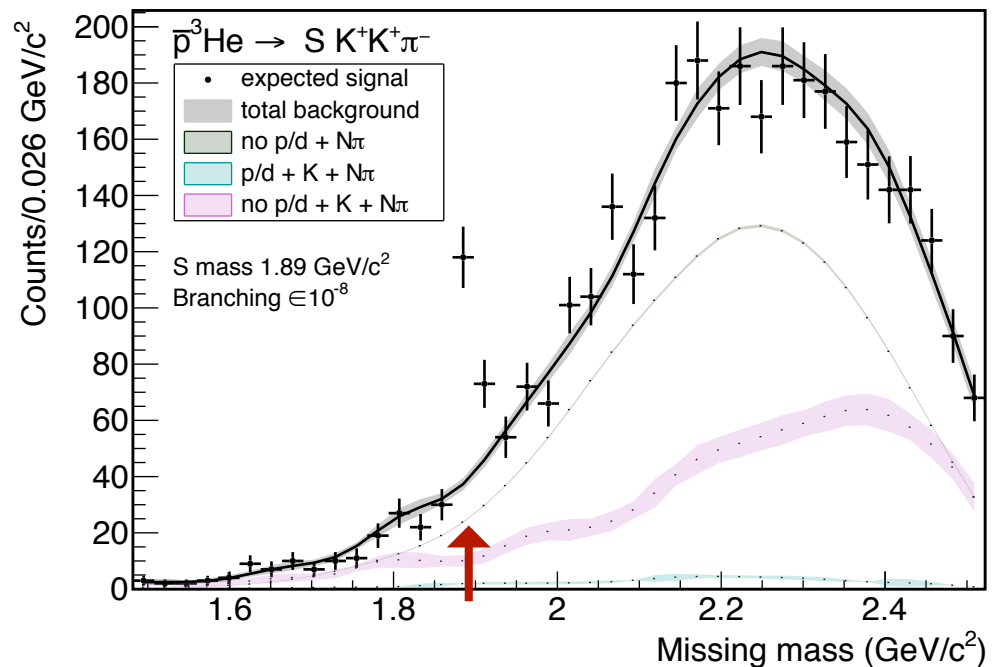
formation reaction:



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



Geant-4 simulation



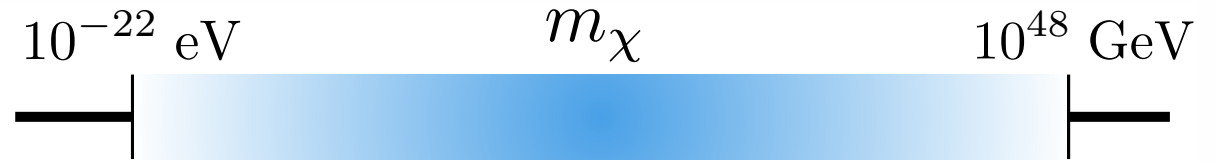
in-trap formation of antiprotonic atoms

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

→ **sensitivity down to 10^{-9}**

RF cavities:

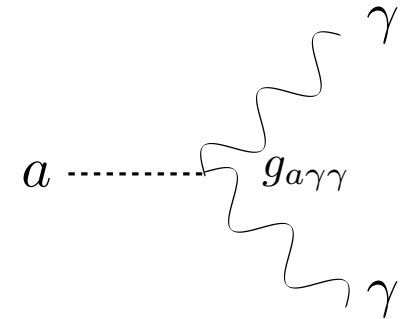
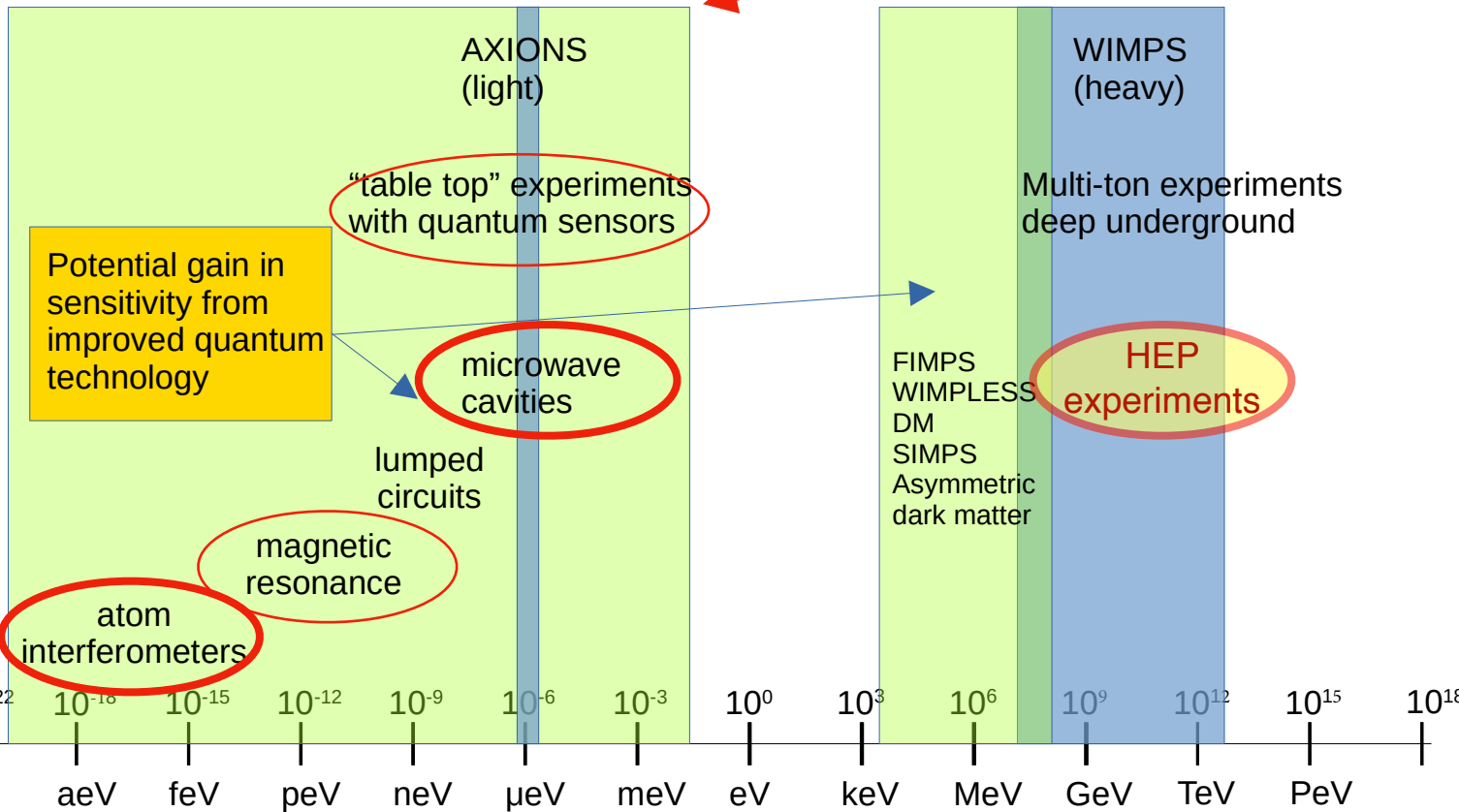
Axions, ALP's, DM & non-DM UL-particle searches



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...)

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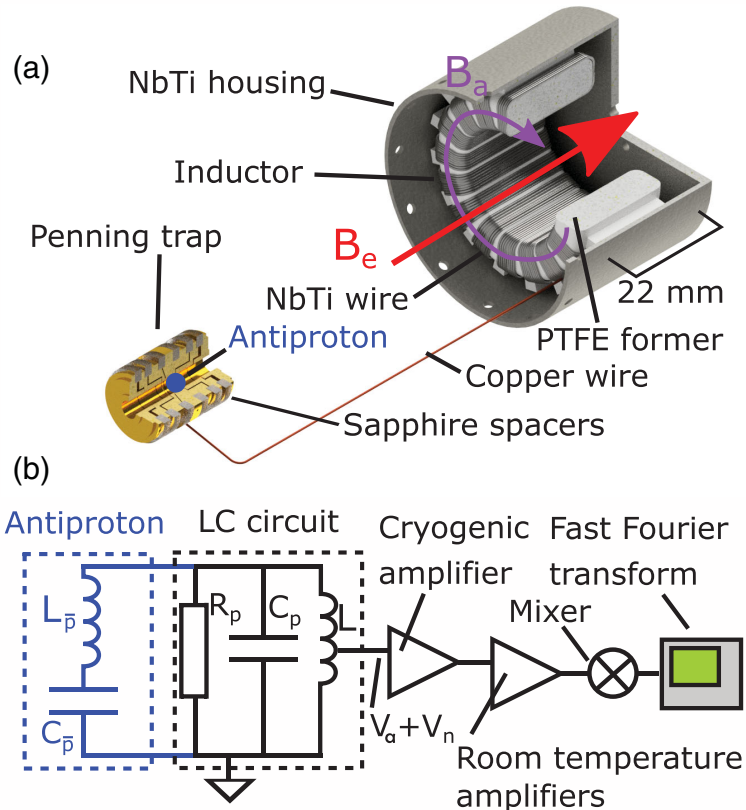
Quantum sensors for new particle physics experiments: Penning traps

search the noise spectrum of fixed-frequency resonant circuit for peaks caused by dark matter ALPs converting into photons in the strong magnetic field of the Penning-trap magnet

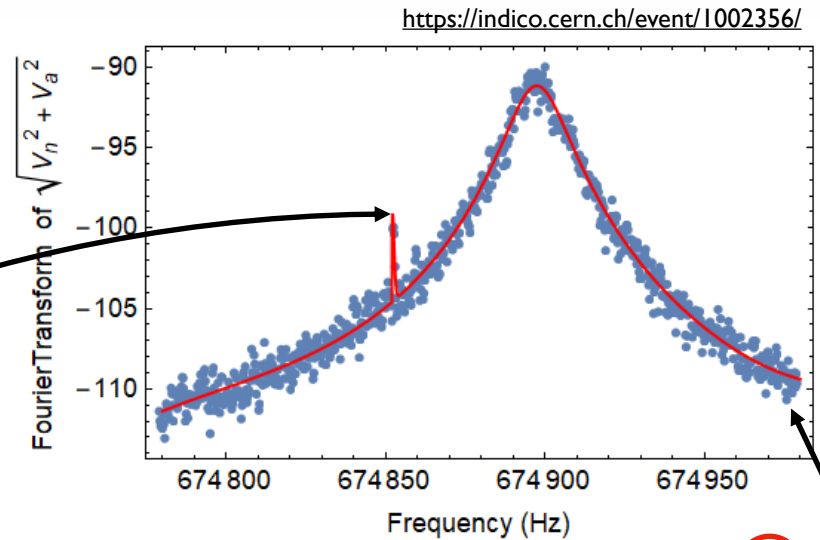
Resolving single antiproton spin flips requires the highest Q and lowest temperature LC resonant detectors ever built: BASE-CERN is the state of the art

Constraints on the Coupling between Axion-like Dark Matter and Photons Using an Antiproton Superconducting Tuned Detection Circuit in a Cryogenic Penning Trap

J. Devlin et al., BASE collaboration, Physical Review Letters 126, 041301 (2021)



H. Nagahama et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 87, 113305 (2016)



resonator background $\propto \sqrt{T_z}$ from antiproton spin-flip

The axion signal

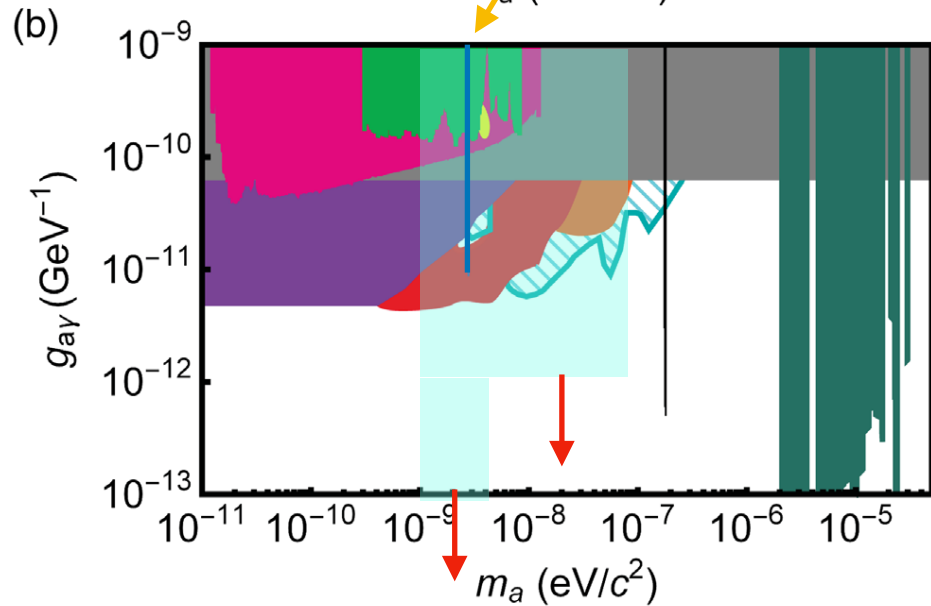
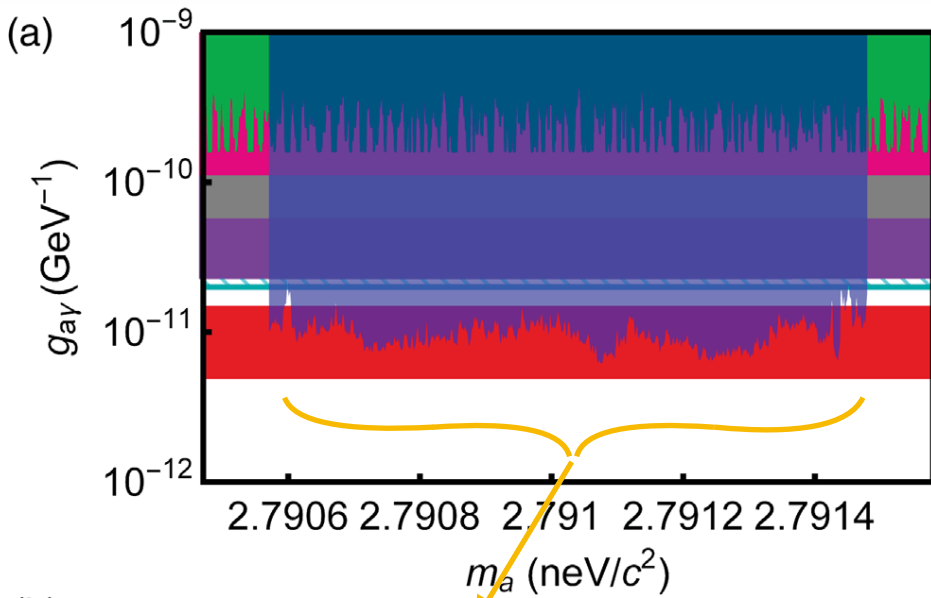
$$V_a = \frac{\pi}{2} Q \sqrt{f(\nu, Q, \mathbf{q})} \kappa \nu_a l N_T (r_2^2 - r_1^2) g_{a\gamma} \|\mathbf{B}_e\| \sqrt{\rho_a \hbar c}.$$

$f(\nu, Q, \mathbf{q})$ is a lorentzian line-shape function proportional to $\text{Re}\{Z\}$
 e_n is the equivalent input noise of the amplifier
 κ is the coupling constant
 Q is the resonator Q-factor
 N_T is the number of turns
 l is the length of the toroid along the magnet B field

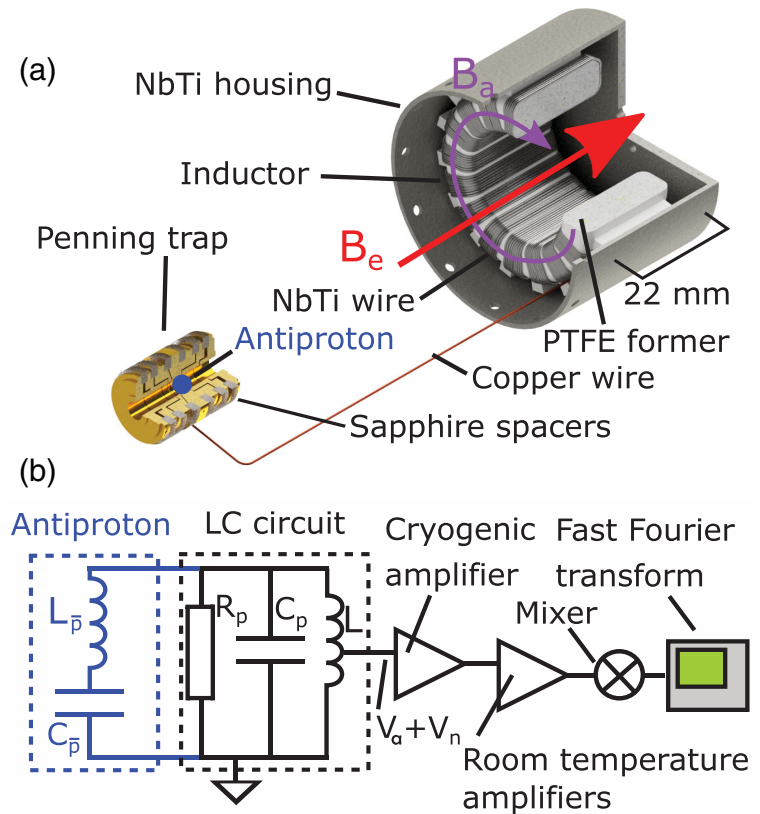
r_1 is the inner radius of the toroid
 r_2 is the outer radius
 $g_{a\gamma}$ is the coupling constant
 B is the static magnetic field
 ρ_a is the dark matter density

Tunability!

Quantum sensors for new particle physics experiments: Penning traps



Limits			Hints	
SN-1987A	CAST	ADMX-SLIC	Excess	
H.E.S.S.	BASE	ABRACADABRA	γ rays	
Cavities	SHAFT	FERMI-LAT	Pulsars	



currently developing **superconducting tunable capacitors & laser-cooled resonators**

7 T magnet + broader FFT span: one month \longrightarrow
 2 and 5 neV to an upper limit of $1.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

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

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

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 $\omega_0 - \omega_1$

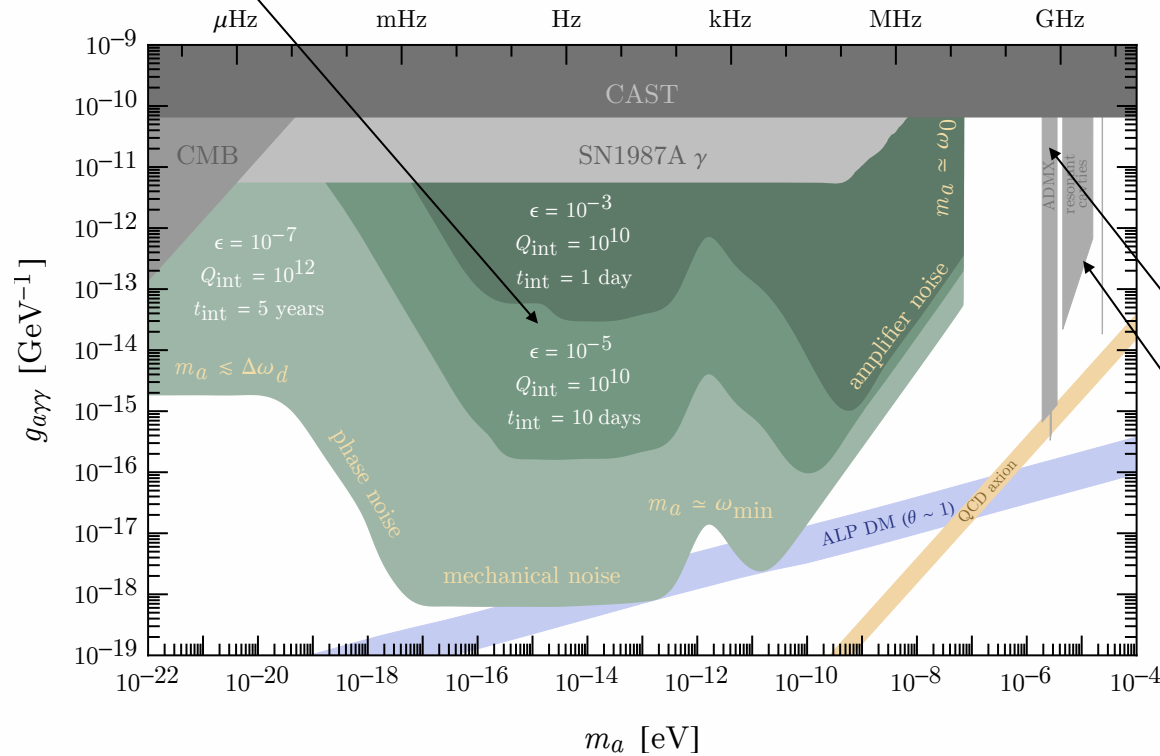
→ **superconducting RF cavities**

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>

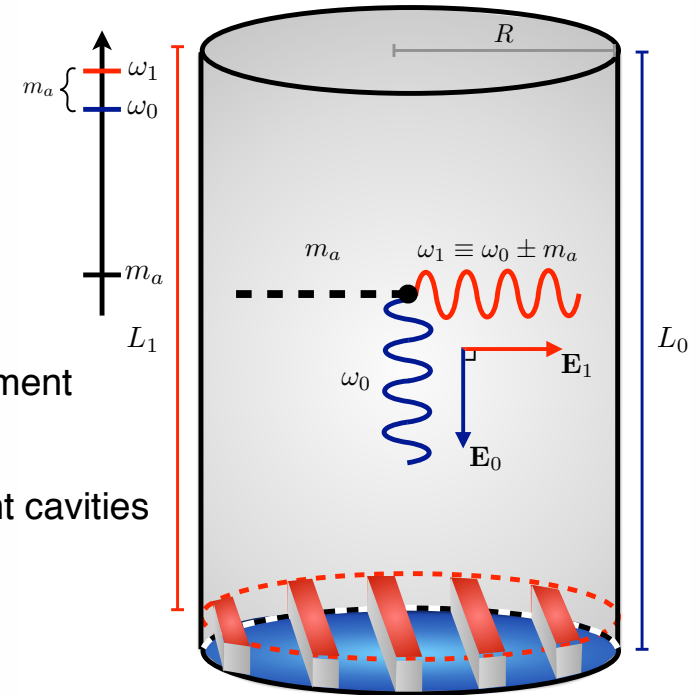
frequency = $m_a/2\pi$



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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."

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].

Topological Dark Matter (TDM)

Ultralight Dark Matter

TDM can be expressed as a scalar field that couples to fundamental constants, thus producing variations in the transition frequencies of atomic clocks at its passage.

spatial variation of the fundamental constants associated with a change in the gravitational potential

Local Lorentz Invariance (LLI)

independence of any local test experiment from the velocity of the freely-falling apparatus.

searching for daily variations of the relative frequency difference of e.g. Sr optical lattice clocks or Yb⁺ clocks confined in two traps with quantization axis aligned along non-parallel directions

Local Position Invariance (LPI)

independence of any local test experiment from when and where it is performed in the Universe

comparing atomic clocks based on different transitions can be used to constrain the time variation of fundamental constants and their couplings, comparison of two ¹⁷¹Yb⁺ clocks and two Cs clocks -> limits on the time variation of the fine structure constant and of the electron-to-proton mass ratio

Gravitational wave detector

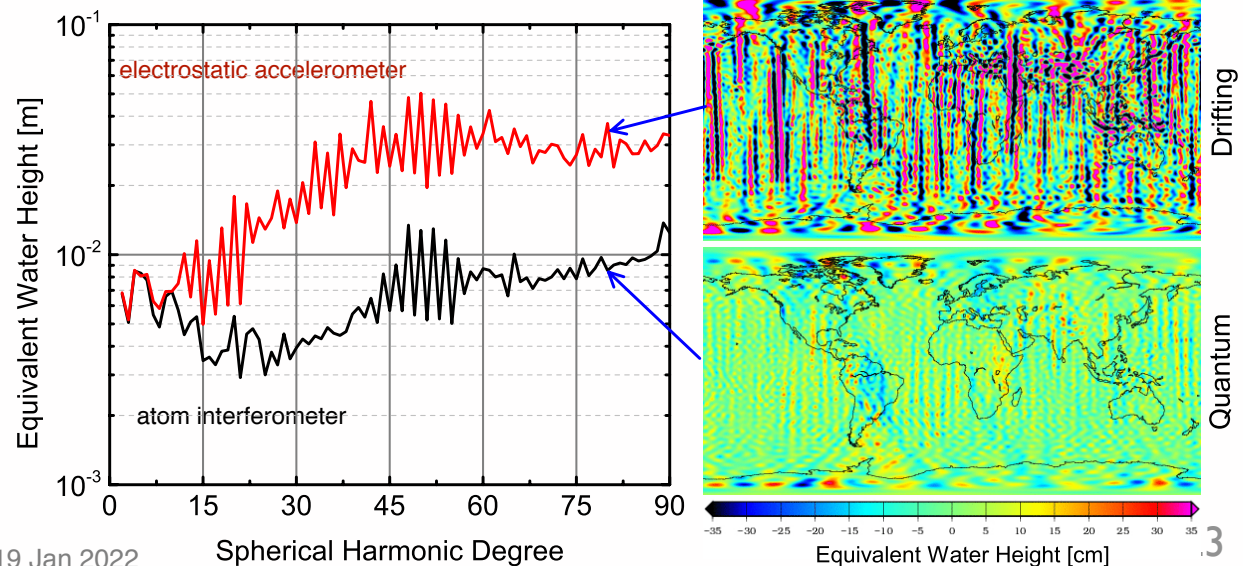
clocks act as narrowband detectors of the Doppler shift on the laser frequency due to the relative velocity between the satellites induced by the incoming gravitational wave

R & D needed:

Optical lattice clocks at up to 1×10^{-18} relative accuracy

& expanded optical fibre network (operated between a number of European metrology institutes)

& develop cold atom technology for robust, long-term operation



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

atom interferometry at macroscopic scales: [arXiv:2201.07789v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.02225)

satellite missions:

ACES (Atomic Clock Ensemble in Space):

2024-2025

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>