

Quantum sensors for particle identification in HEP

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Focus on photon detection for:

- high energy photons: energy measurements
- low energy particles: x-ray measurements
- use of photon detectors for other HEP applications

photon detection in the framework of calorimeters

long chain between

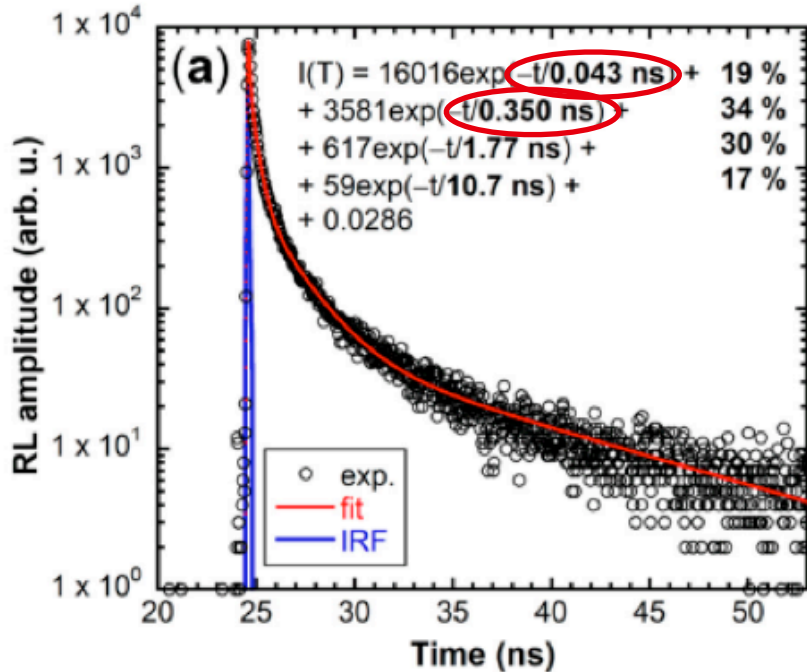
- photon generation by particles in material ← simulation beyond G4!
- photon transport
- WLS (optimizing QE for PD)
- transformation into electronic signals

what we're interested in is:

- timing
- total energy deposited
- where energy is deposited

Quantum dots: timing

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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>

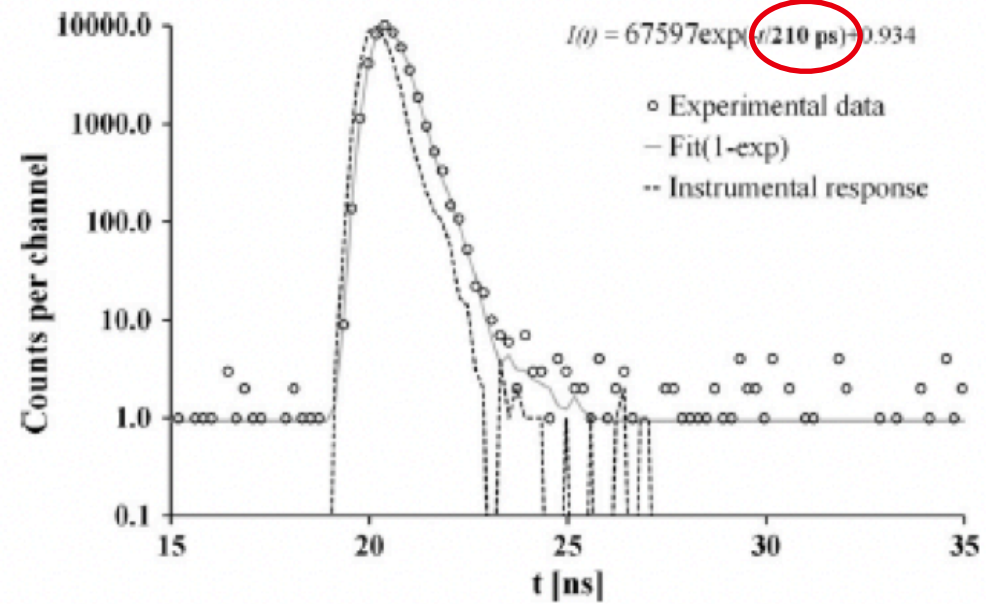


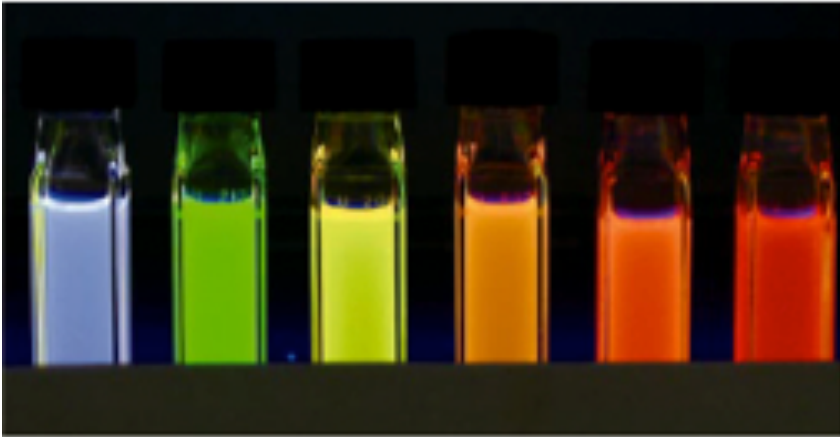
Fig. 9. Photoluminescence decay of ZnO:Ga sample at room temperature. Excitation nanoLED 339 nm, emission wavelength set at 390 nm. Decay curve is approximated by the convolution of instrumental response (also in figure) and single exponential function $I(t)$ provided in the figure.

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

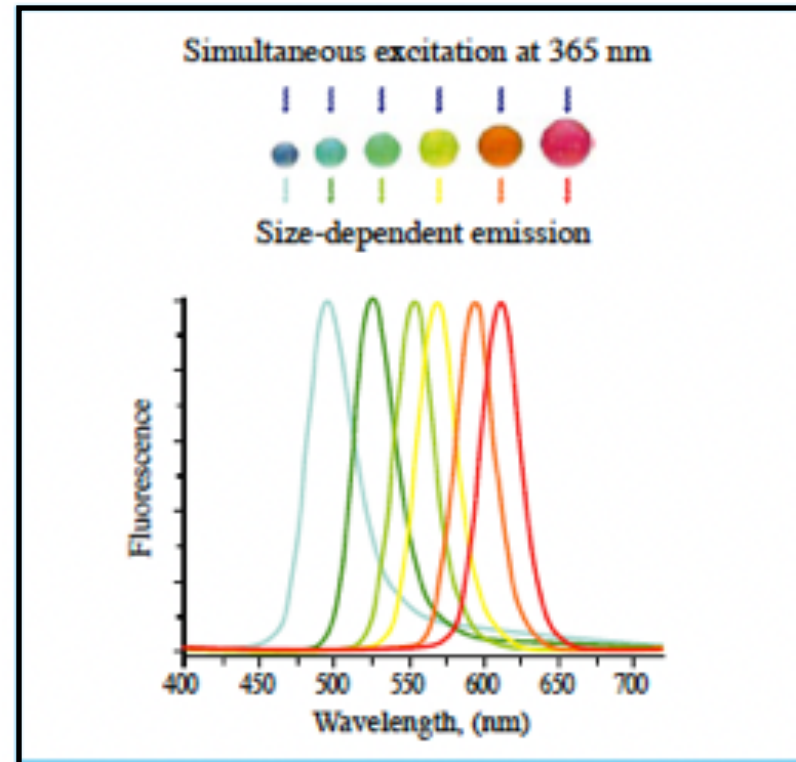
Concern: integrated light yield (need many photons to benefit from rapid rise time)

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

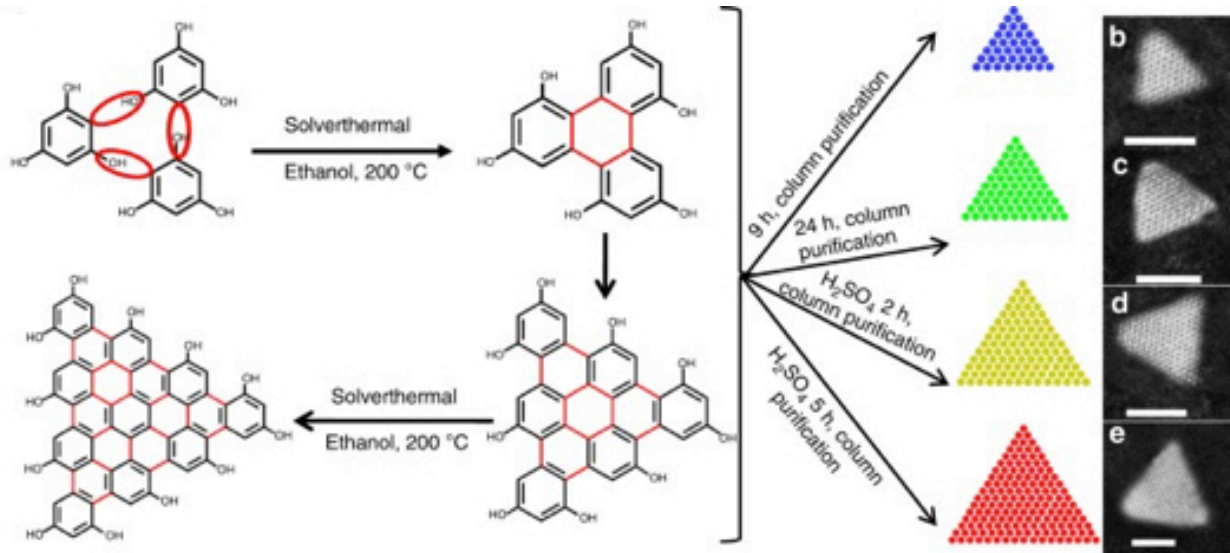


chromatic tunability → optimize for quantum efficiency of PD (fast, optimizable WLS)

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



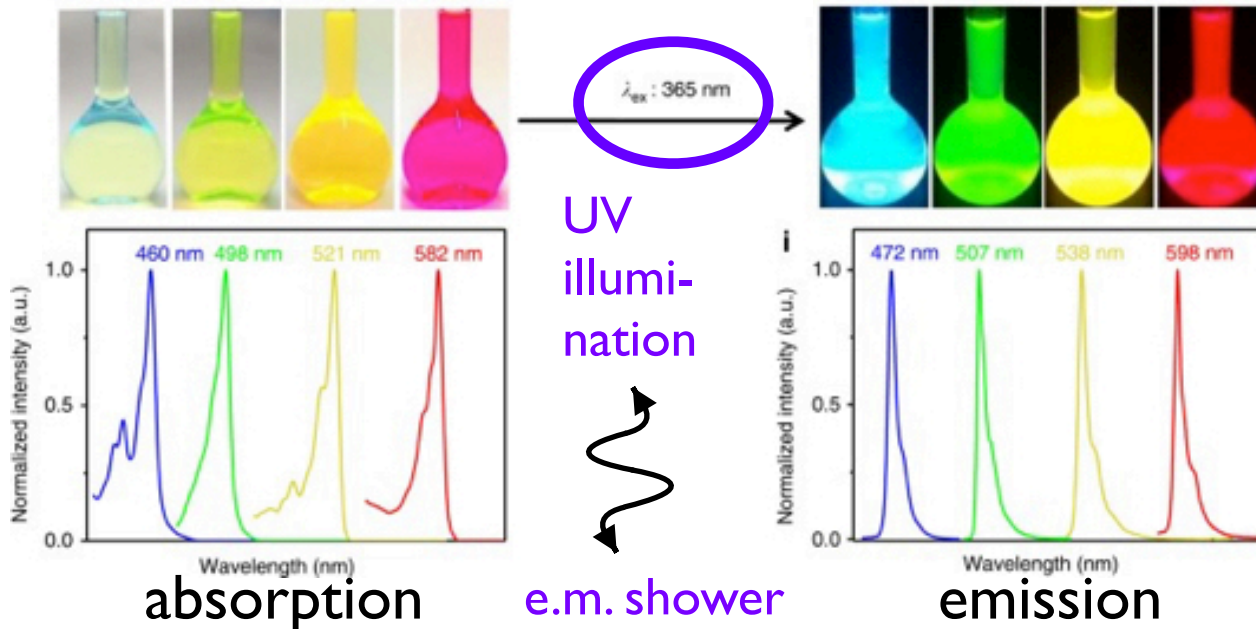
idea: seed different parts of a “crystal” with nanodots emitting at different wavelengths, such that the wavelength of a stimulated fluorescence photon is uniquely assignable to a specific nanodot position

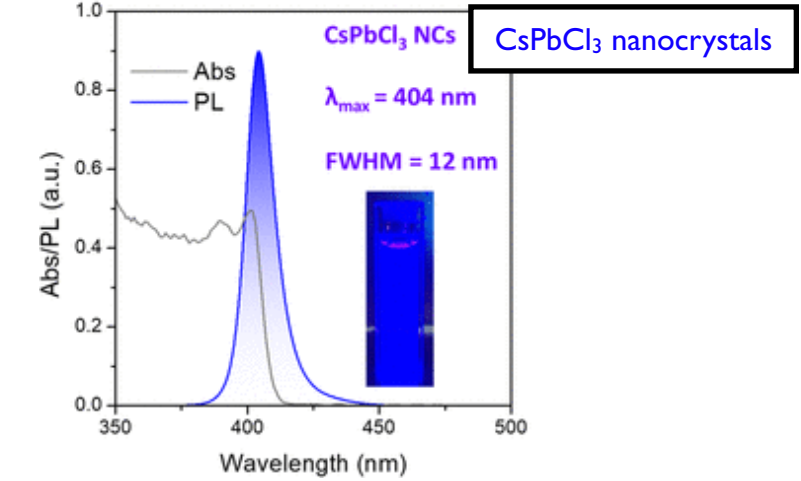
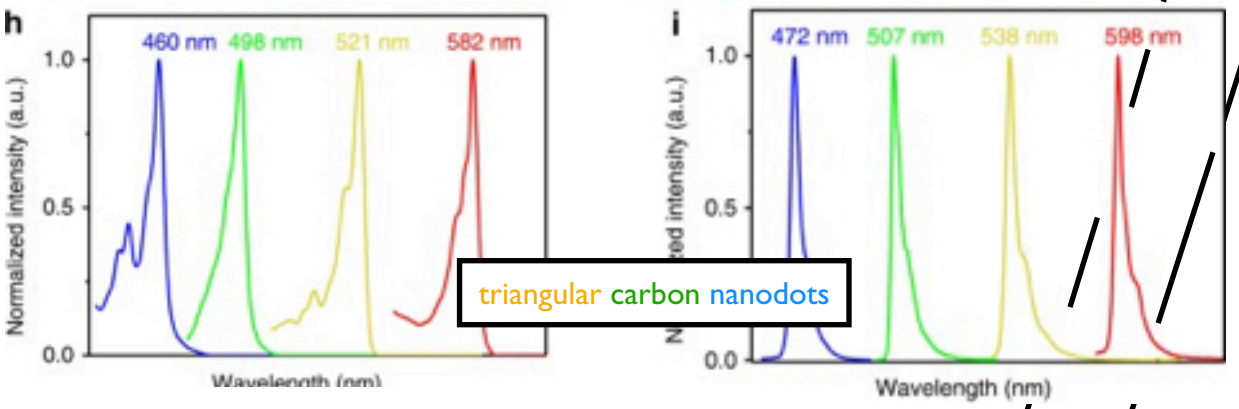
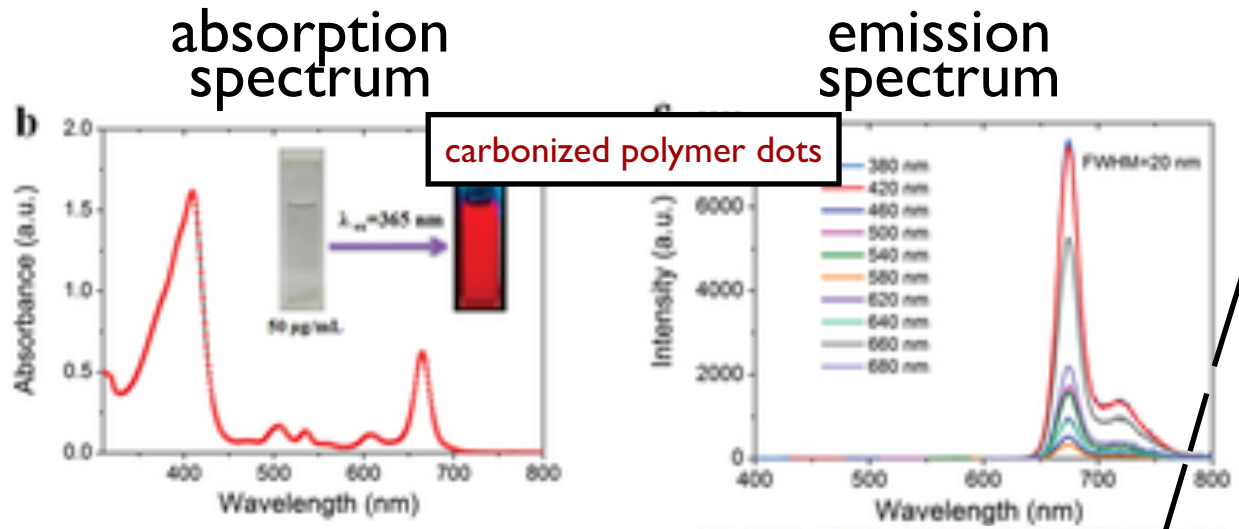
requires:

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

select appropriate nanodots

e.g. **triangular carbon nanodots**





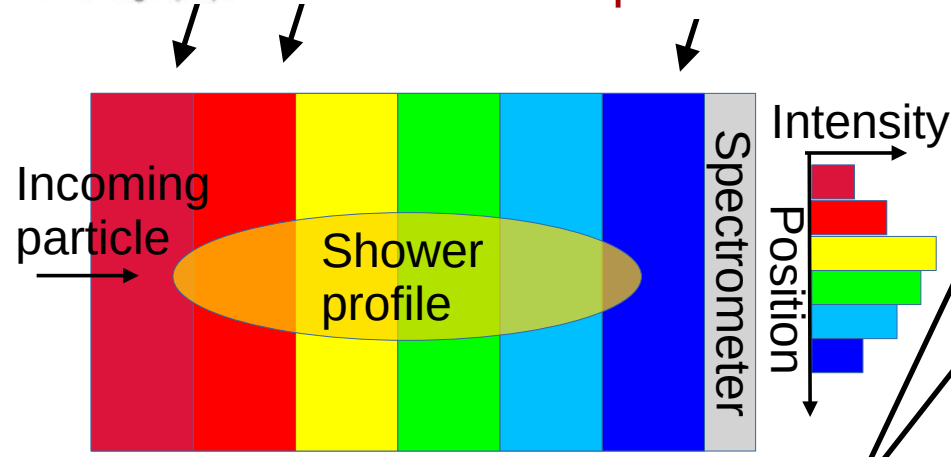
leftmost nanodots:
absorb wavelengths < 650 nm
emit at > 680 nm

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**)

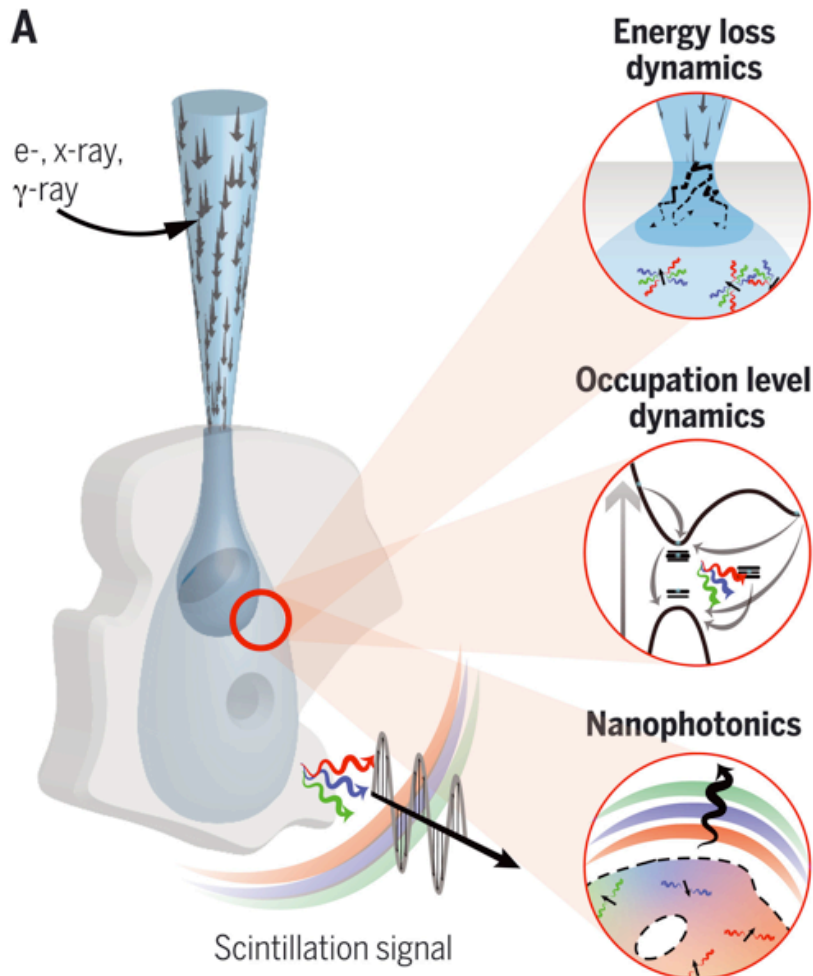
Scintillation with nanophotonics: simulation beyond G4

(the importance of a detailed understanding of the full chain)

A framework for scintillation in nanophotonics,
Charles Roques-Carmes, Nicholas Rivera, Ali Ghorashi, Steven E. Kooi et al.,
Science, 25 Feb 2022, Vol 375, Issue 6583, DOI: 10.1126/science.abm9293

<https://www.science.org/doi/full/10.1126/science.abm9293>

electron-beam induced scintillation from
silicon-on-insulator nanophotonic structures



general framework to model, tailor, and enhance scintillation by means of nanophotonic structures integrated into scintillating materials (nanophotonic scintillators)

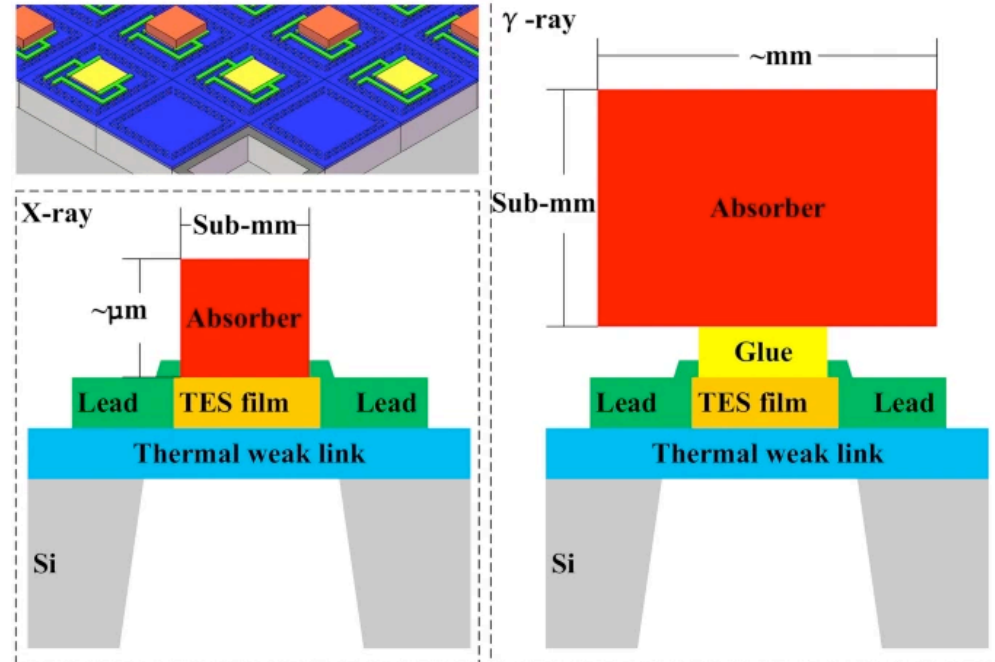
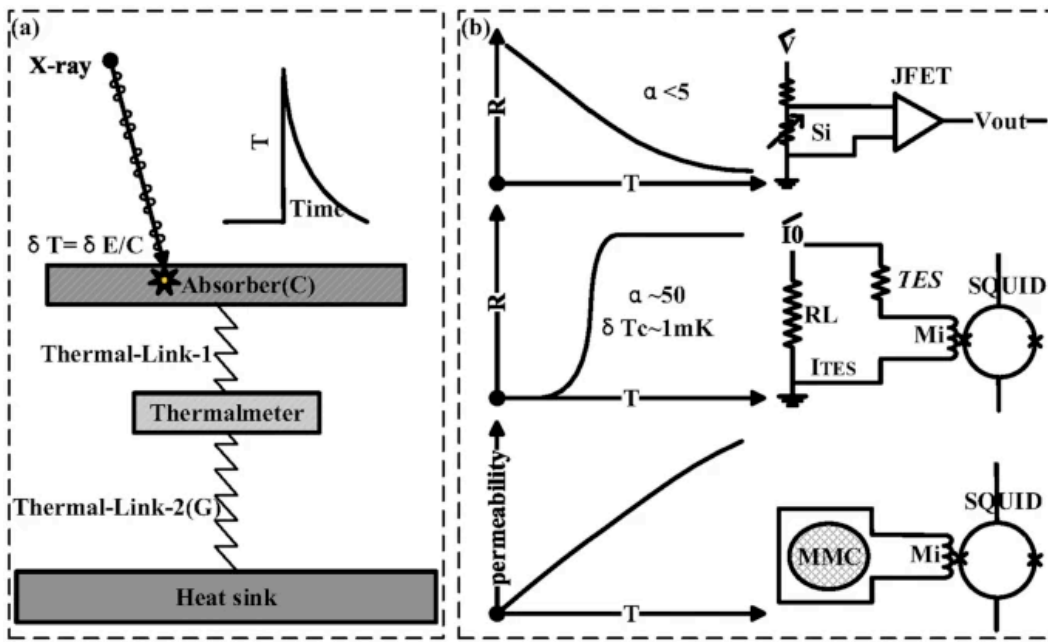
spectral shaping and enhancement of scintillation; could be extended to angular and polarization control

by considering different emission linewidths and frequencies, one can selectively **design** optimized nanophotonic structures that enhance one of the scintillating peaks, at a single frequency or over the entire scintillation bandwidth.

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TES: Transition Edge Sensors (x-rays)

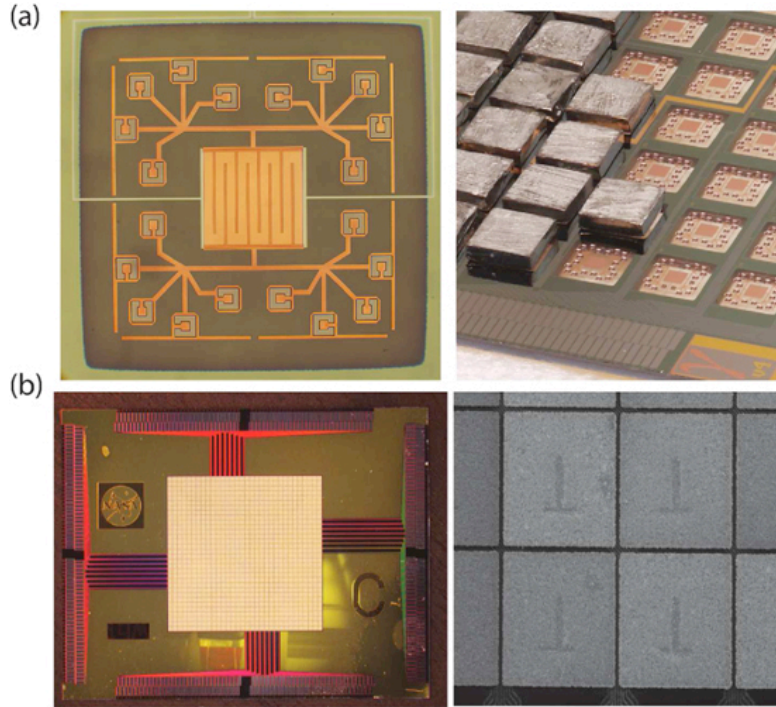


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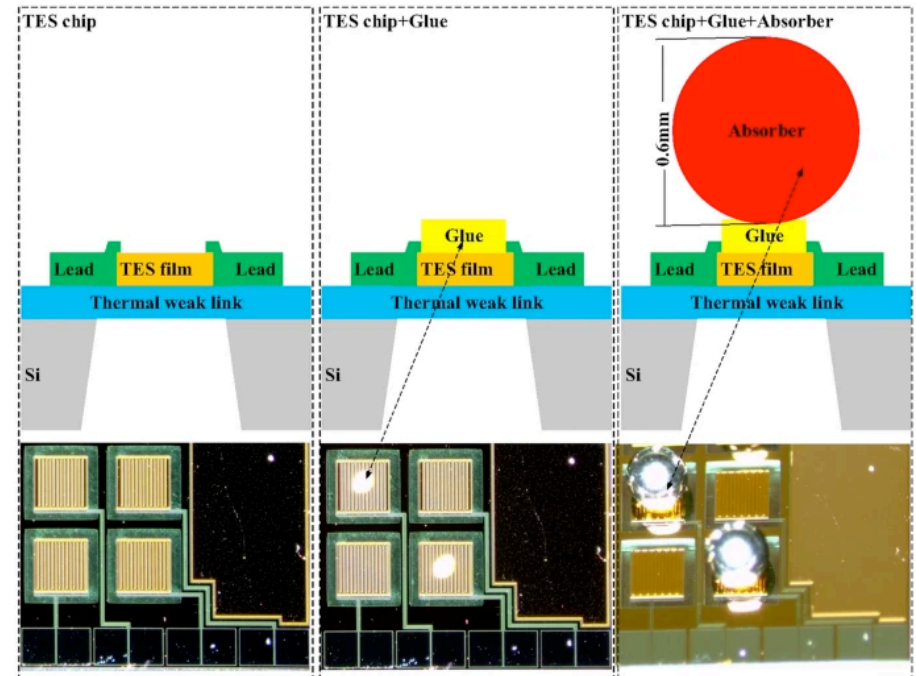
X-rays with energies below 10 keV have a weak penetrating ability, hence, only gold or bismuth of a few micrometers in thickness can guarantee a quantum efficiency higher than 70%. Therefore, the entire structure of the TES X-ray detector in this energy range can be realized using a microfabrication process. However, for X-rays or γ -rays from 10 keV to 200 keV, submillimeter absorber layers are required, which cannot be realized using the microfabrication process. This paper first briefly introduces a set of TES X-ray detectors and their auxiliary systems, and then focuses on the introduction of the TES γ -ray detector with an absorber based on a submillimeter lead-tin alloy sphere. The detector achieved a quantum efficiency above 70% near 100 keV and an energy resolution of approximately 161.5 eV at 59.5 keV.

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MMC: Magnetic Microcalorimeters (x-rays)

J Low Temp Phys (2018) 193:365–379
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10909-018-1891-6>

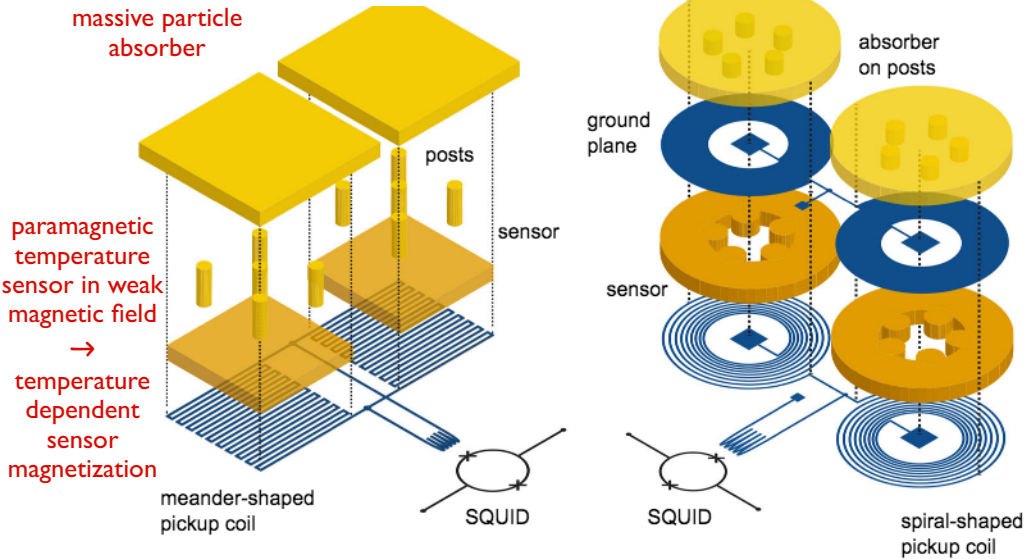


Fig. 2 Schematics of two state-of-the-art transformer-coupled detector geometries using (Left) meander-shaped and (Right) spiral-shaped pickup coils (Color figure online)

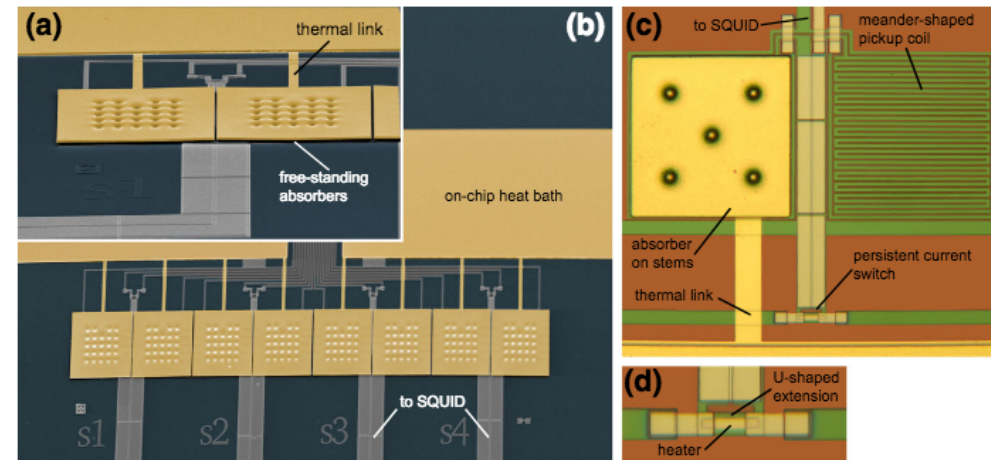
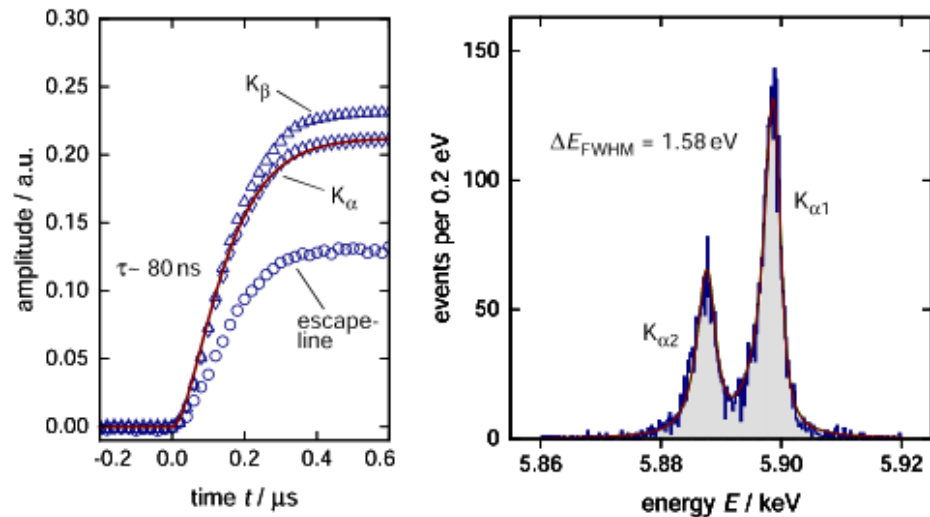


Fig. 4 Colorized SEM pictures as well as microscope photographs of the maXs-20 detector array having meander-shaped pickup coils and being optimized for high-resolution spectroscopy of photons with energy up to 20 keV [18] and a single-channel high-resolution detector that was developed for the ECHO experiment [19,20]. **a** Single two-pixel detector of the maXs-20 detector array. **b** Overview of the full maXs-20 detector array. **c** Overview of a single ECHO detector. **d** Magnification of the persistent current switch used within the ECHO detector (Color figure online)

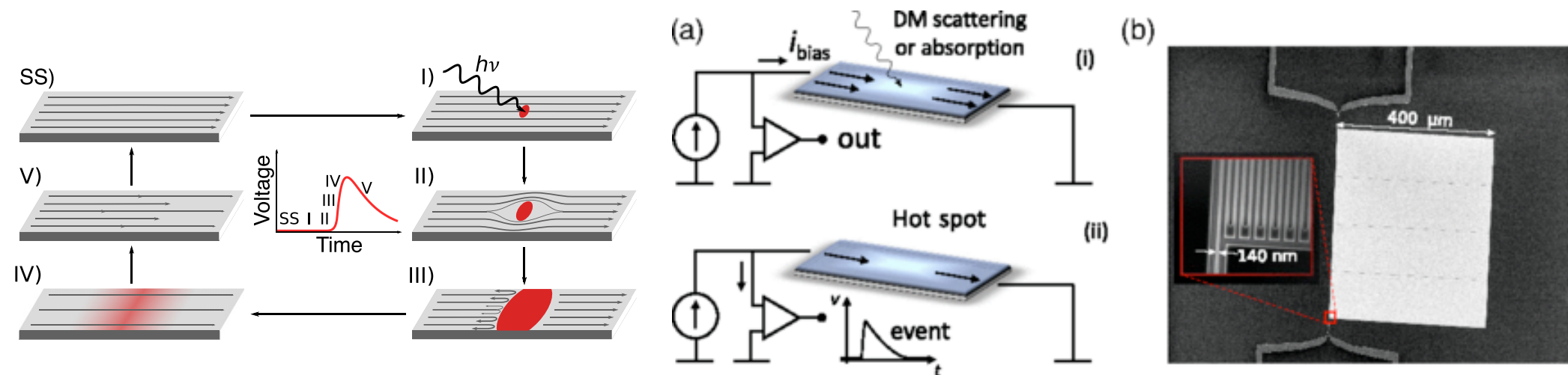


$T_{\text{operation}} \sim 0.02 \text{ K}$: dilution refrigerator!

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SNSPD: superconducting nanowire single photon detectors



Detecting Sub-GeV Dark Matter with Superconducting Nanowires, Yonit Hochberg, Ilya Charaev, Sae-Woo Nam, Varun Verma, Marco Colangelo, and Karl K. Berggren, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 151802 (2019)

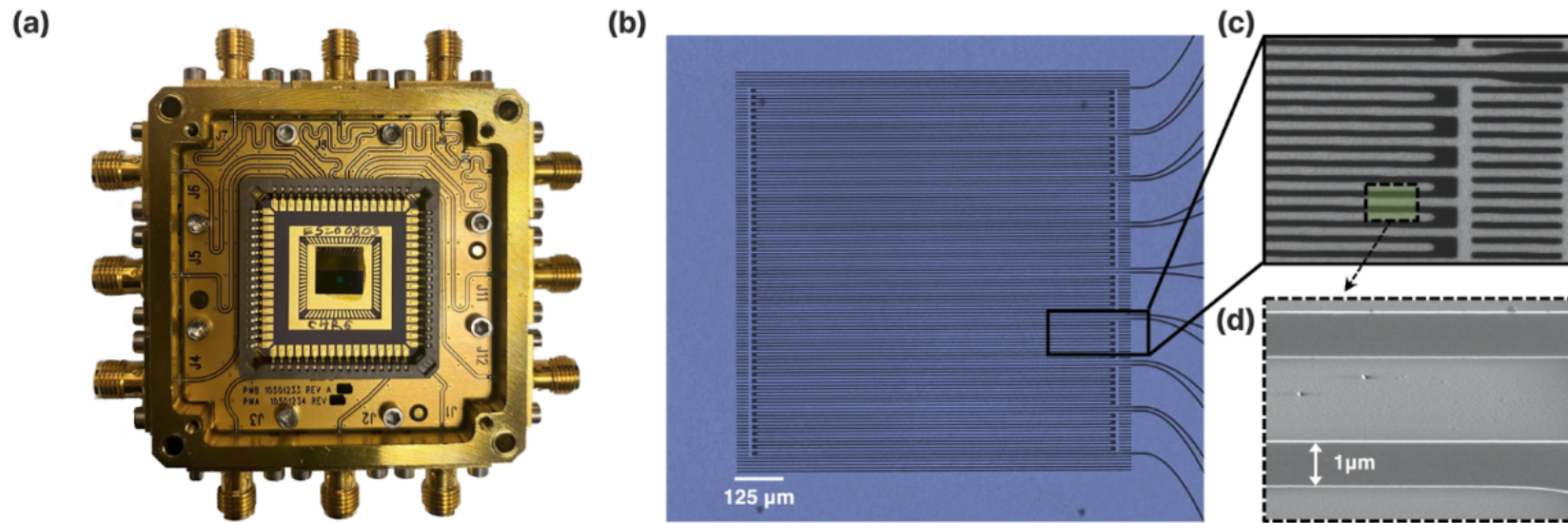
(SS) The detector is biased at a current close to the critical value. (I) When the energy is absorbed by the nanowire, the electrons depart from equilibrium and diffuse (II) out of the formed hot spot (flux squeezed out, critical current in neighboring regions). A resistive region formed across the nanowire then leads to a measurable voltage pulse in the readout.

The SEM image of the prototype WSi device after fabrication. The active area is $400 \times 400 \mu\text{m}^2$.

The long wavelength sensitivity of the SNSPD extends far beyond that of the Si single-photon avalanche photodiode (SPAD) [11] and the SNSPD is superior to the InGaAs SPAD [12] in terms of signal-to-noise ratio.

$T_{\text{operation}} \sim 4 \text{ K}$: dilution refrigerator!

SNSPD: superconducting nanowire single photon detectors



J. Luskin et al, Applied Phys Lett 122, 243506 (2023)

Figure 4: Superconducting nanowire single photon detectors.

arXiv:2311.01930

Large active-area superconducting microwire detector array with **single-photon sensitivity** in the near-infrared

- sensitive to single photons
- time resolution $\sim 2\text{ps}$
- **no energy resolution**
- high rate capability (MHz)
- radiation hard (expected, yet to be measured)
- work also for high T_c materials

B. Korzh, Q.-Y. Zhao, J. P. Allmaras, et al., "Demonstration of sub-3 ps temporal resolution with a superconducting nanowire single-photon detector," Nature Photonics, no. 14, Mar. 2020.

potentially useful for non-resolving (soft) photon counting devices (e.g. shower size determination in concert with a charged-particle detector)

Esmail Zadeh, J. Chang, J. W. N. Los, et al., "Superconducting nanowire single-photon detectors: A perspective on evolution, state-of-the-art, future developments, and applications," Applied Physics Letters, vol. 118, no. 19, p. 190 502, (2021) doi: [10.1063/5.0045990](https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0045990)

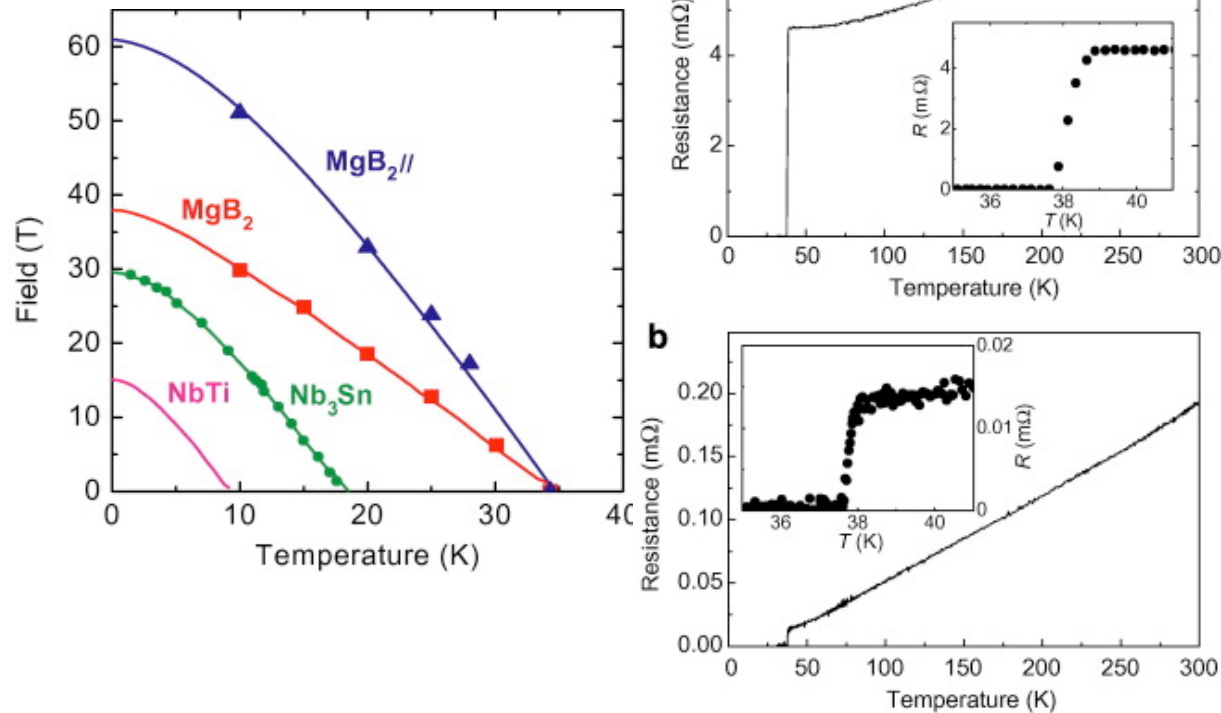
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Low kinetic inductance superconducting MgB_2 nanowires with a 130 ps relaxation time for single-photon detection applications

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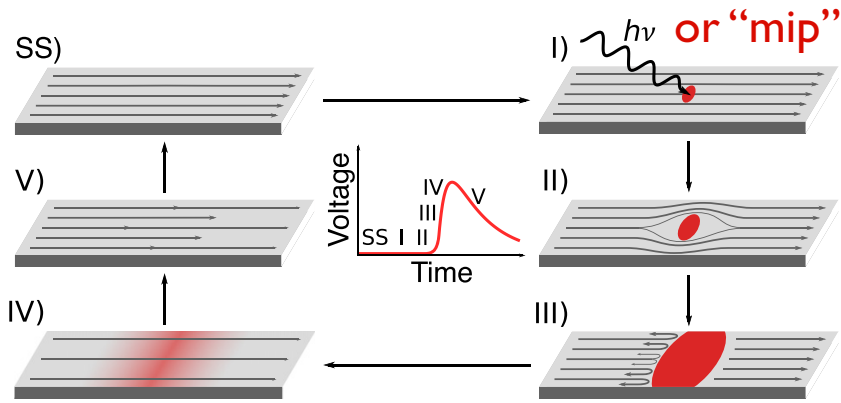
Sergey Cherednichenko *et al* 2021 *Supercond. Sci. Technol.* **34** 044001



... reset time in 35 nm \times 120 μm MgB_2 nanowires is 130 ps, which is more than a factor of 10 shorter than in NbN nanowires of similar length-to-width ratios. Depending on the bias current, such MgB_2 nanowires function as single-, double, or triple-photon detectors for both visible ($\lambda = 630$ nm) and infrared ($\lambda = 1550$ nm) photons, with a dark count rate of <10 cps.

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Extremely low energy threshold detectors: SNSPD



SNSPD's Near term future

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Pixel Count	1 kilopixel	16 megapixel
Operating Temperature	4.3K	25 K

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Superconducting Nanowire Single-Photon Detectors

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

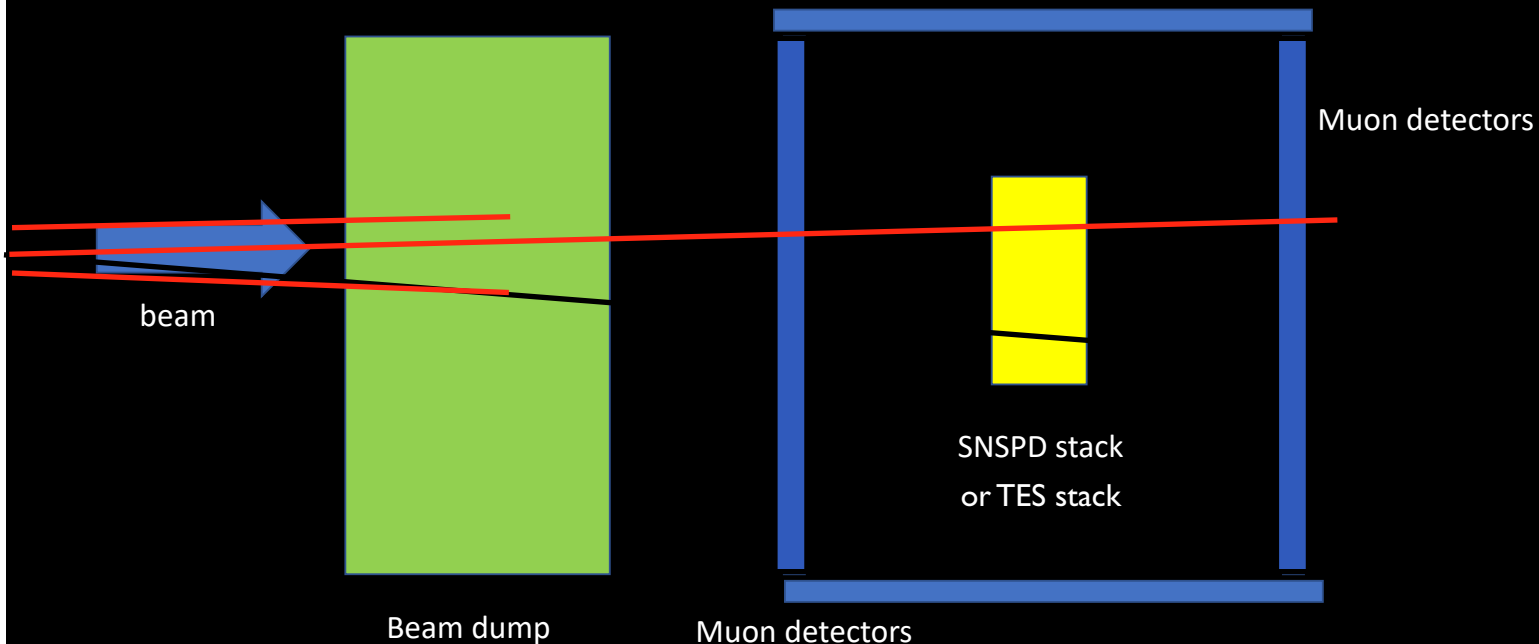
QT4HEP22-- I. Shipsey

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

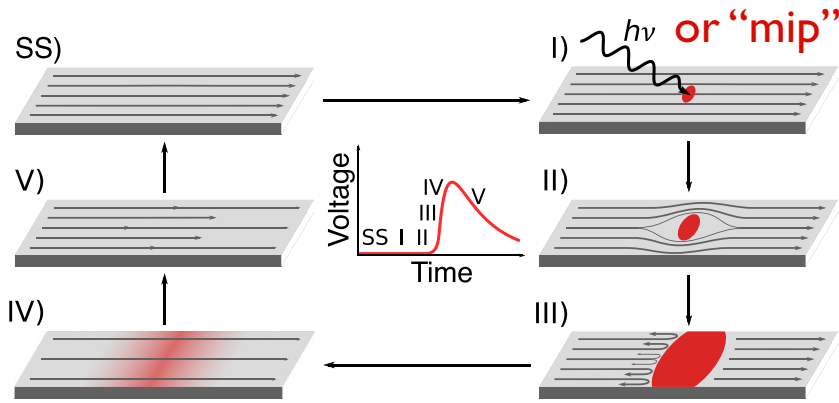


mip: ~ 20 keV/100 μ m

$\times 10^6$ sensitivity

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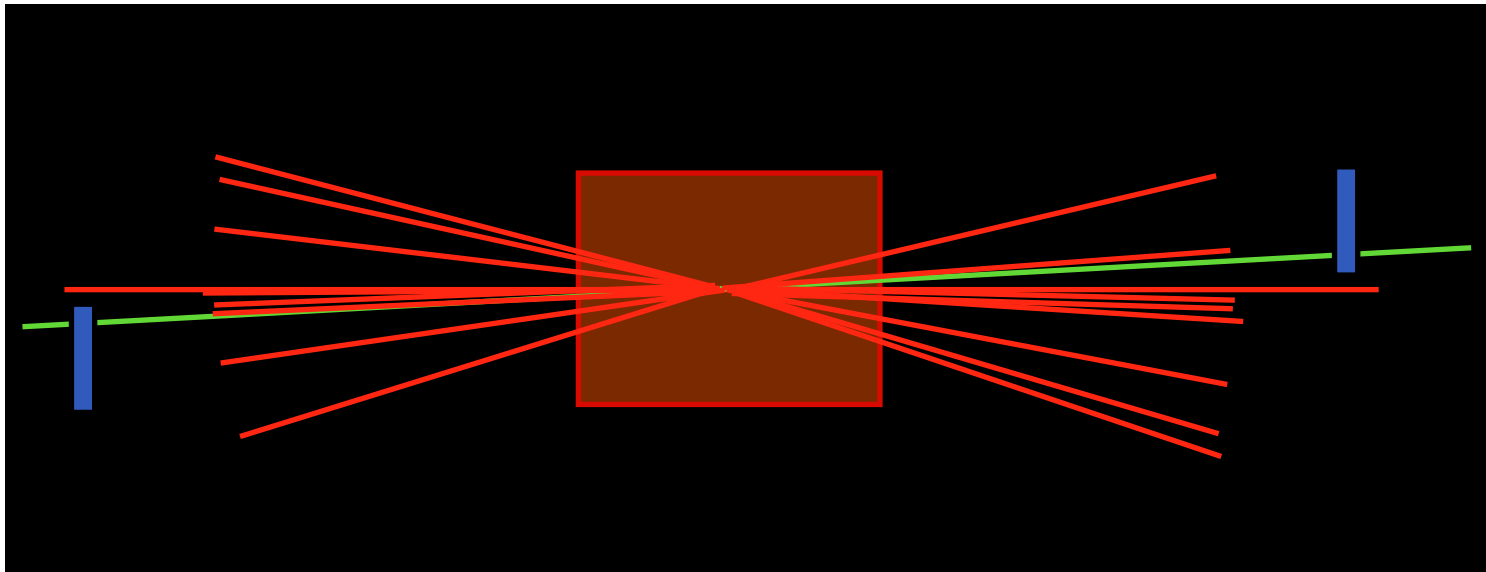
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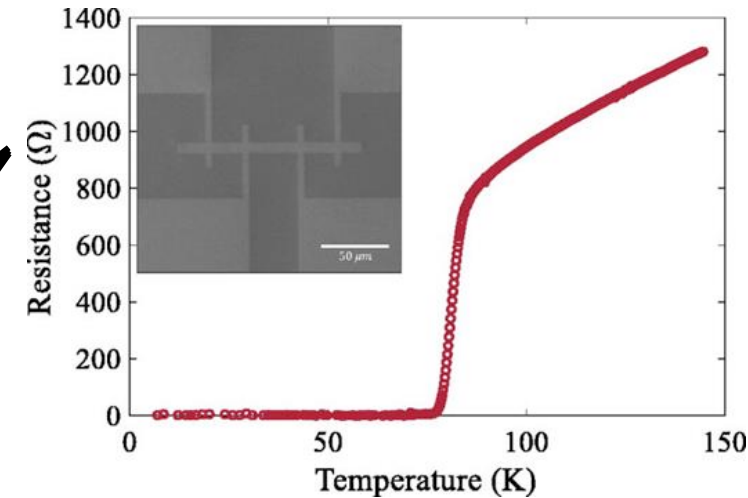
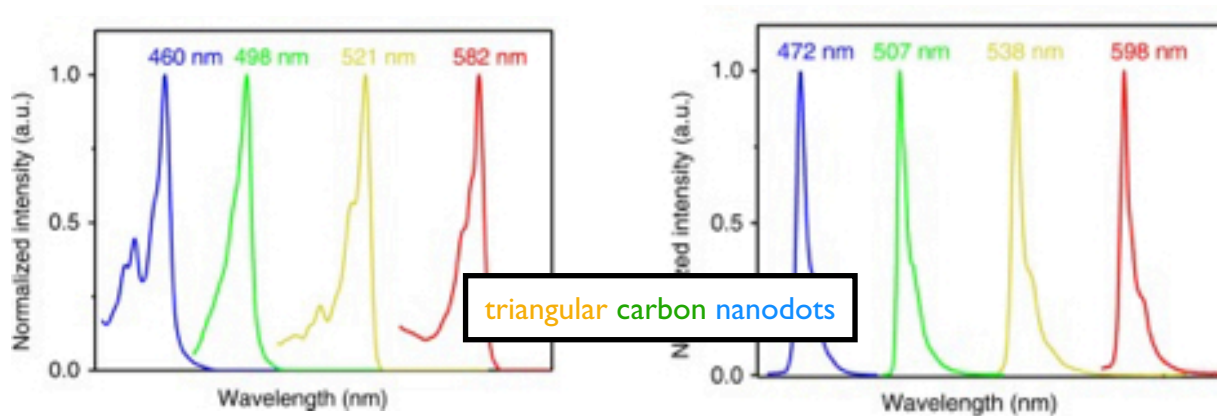
diffractive scattering via ps-resolution tracking in Roman pots



proposed for exactly this for the EIC

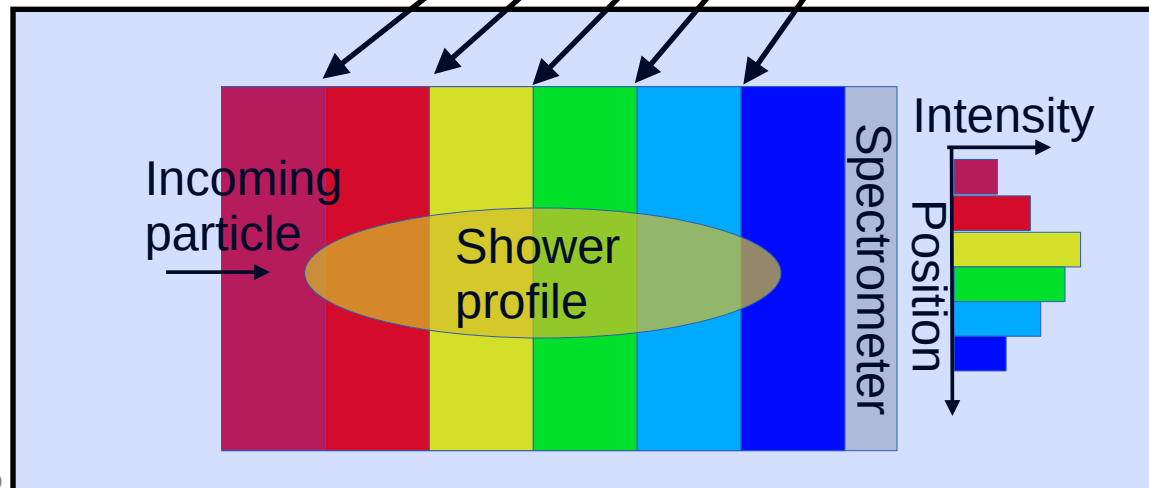
low energy particle physics: dark count rate is critical !
high energy particle physics: dark count rate is not a problem: high T_c is imaginable

chromatic calorimetry & O(ps) shower timing



Ultrafast low-jitter optical response in high-temperature superconducting microwires
 A. Kumar et al., *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 122, 192604 (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0150805>

segmented calorimeter with intercalated very thin timing layers ?



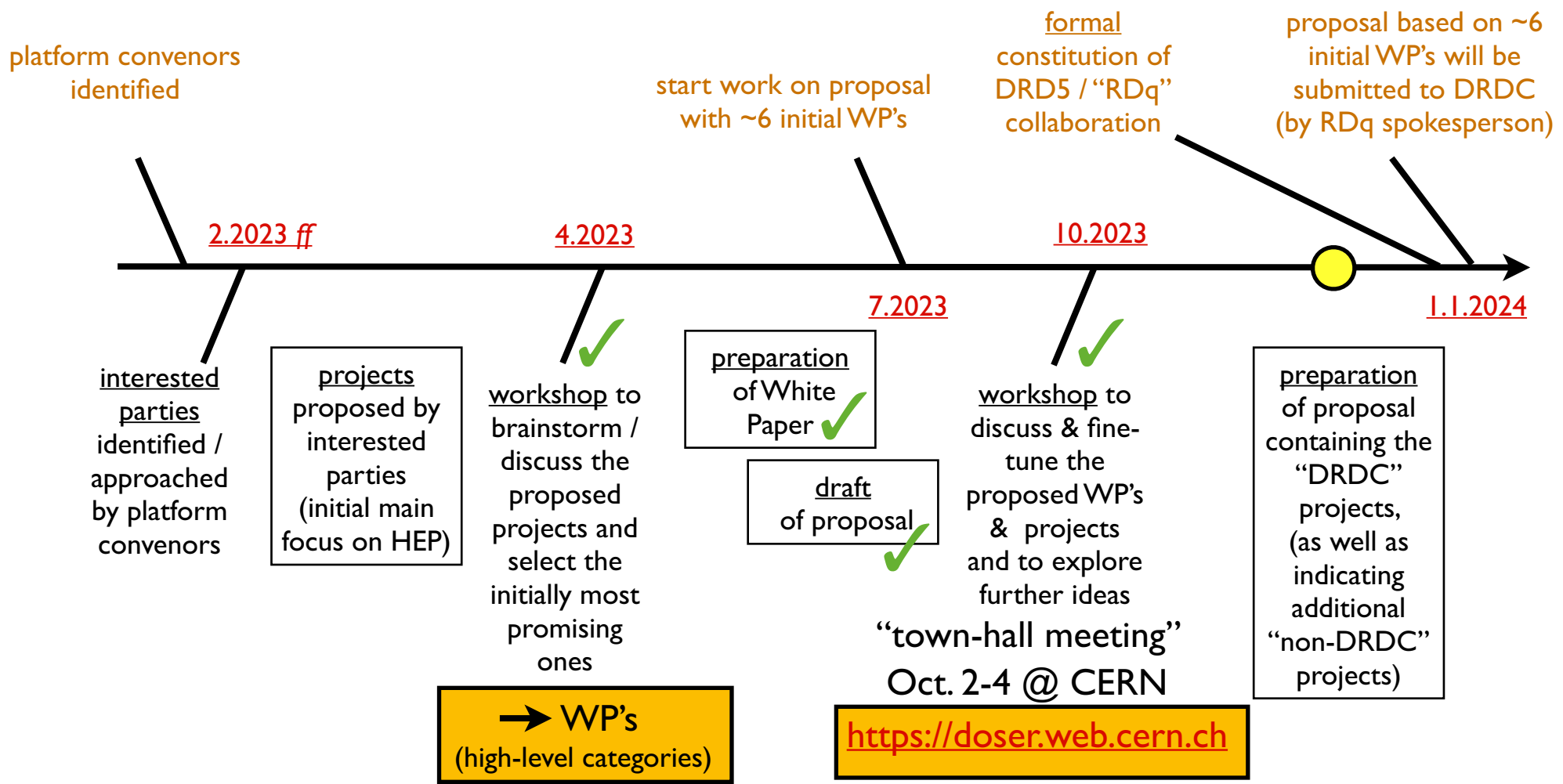
shower profile via **spectrometry**
 shower timing via **SNSPD**

(requires operation in cryostat...)

Quantum sensing for particle physics

Very relevant also in the field of photon sensors

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



call for wide participation in RDqi

continuous effort to inform & involve

WPI

ATOMIC, NUCLEAR AND MOLECULAR
SYSTEMS IN TRAPS & BEAMS

WP-1a: **Exotic systems in traps and beams**

- WP-1aa: **Extension & improved manipulation of exotic systems**
- WP-1ab: **Bound state calculations**
- WP-1ac: **Global analysis in the presence of new physics**

WP-1b: **Interferometry**

WP-1c: **Networks, signal and clock distribution**

- WP-1ca: **Large-scale clock networks**
- WP-1cb: **Portable references and sources**

WP2

QUANTUM COMPONENTS

WP-2a: **0-, 1- and 2-D materials**

- WP-2aa: **Application-specific tailoring**
- WP-2ab: **Extended functionalities**

WP-2b: **Cryogenic systems**

- WP-2ba: **The 4K stage**
- WP-2bb: **Cryogenic quantum sensors for particle and photon detection**
- WP-2bc: **Resilient integration of superconducting systems**

WP3

DEVELOPMENT OF LARGE
ENSEMBLES OF QUANTUM SYSTEMS

WP-3a: **Multi-modal devices** (e.g. Opto-mechanical systems, transduction)

WP-3b: **Quantum-system-inspired parallel readout** (for 'classical' detectors)

WP4

SCALING UP "QUANTUM" (FOR MIP's)

WP-4a: **Massive spin polarized ensembles**

WP-4b: **Hybrid devices**

- WP-4ba: **Scintillators**
- WP-4bb: **Ensembles of heterostructures**
- WP-4bc: **Heterodox devices**

WP5

QUANTUM TECHNIQUES FOR SENSING

WP-5a: **Squeezing**

WP-5b: **Entanglement**

WP-5c: **Back action evasion**

WP-5d: **Optimization of physics reach**

WP6

CAPACITY BUILDING

WP-6a: **Education platforms**

WP-6b: **Exchange platforms**

WP-6c: **Shared infrastructures**

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

- preparation of a proposal for detector R&D → CERN DRDC
- formation of a global collaboration (Europe, Americas, Asia) → MOU



DRD5 / RD-q is a global distributed effort with the goal of advancing the incredibly promising and rapidly growing field of Quantum Sensors via targeted general-interest R&D with no entry cost to any group.

For it to be successful, it needs motivated, active and interested participants... have a look and see if you might be interested in being involved!

- groups involved in RD-q process / HEP-related Quantum initiatives

thank you!