Quantum Sensors for Dark Matter searches

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### Dark Matter



#### Dark matter candidates

**US** Cosmic vision



Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

#### Dark matter candidates



#### Dark matter candidates



#### Current detection mechanisms

#### Axions in the milky way halo



- Big bang-> Milkyway halo-> gravitational potential-> Maxwell Boltzmann distribution of v (mean 10<sup>-3</sup>c ~ local virial velocity )
- # density local galactic halo  $\approx 10^{14}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>

-- (ρ= 450 MeV/cm<sup>3</sup>)

Lifetime 10<sup>42</sup> years!





#### Quantum noise

Josephson Parametric Amplifier (JPA)





- Building blocks of quantum devices
- Flux to voltage transducer
- Magnetometers
- Quantum Amplifiers
- Signal readout from detectors

 $\Delta x: position$   $\Delta p: momentum$ Similar to  $\Delta x \Delta p \ge \hbar/2$   $48 \text{ mK } (h\omega/k_B @1\text{GHz})$ Electromagnetic wave's phase and amplitude measurement uncertainty

$$SNR \propto \frac{P_{out}}{k_B T_{system}} \sqrt{\frac{t}{b}} \propto \frac{g_{a\gamma}^2 \rho_a f Q C_{mnp} B^2 V t^{\frac{1}{2}}}{b^{\frac{1}{2}} T_{system}}$$

Need lower noise than quantum noise < 1/2 photons per quadrature !

### Particle like Dark Matter Search overview



Underground to avoid background like cosmic muon



#### **Processes:**

- --<u>DM Scattering off of nuclei</u>
- --DM Scattering off of electrons
- \*Fraction of DM Energy transferred to the target material (nuclear, electron recoil)

#### --<u>Absorption of DM</u> DM Energy absorbed by the target material

### Some Experiments

#### Super-CDMS-SNOLAB

-- DM-nuclei scattering (signal nuclear recoil) produces phonons (Ge/Si crystal lattice vibrations) and electrons through ionization (charge)



#### LZ (LUX-ZEPLIN)

-- DM-Xe nuclei interaction produces electrons through ionization and photons that drift to the top causing flash of light (PMT)



### Near and long-term Dark Matter search plan



**Figure 2-6:** Mass range probed for dark matter particles that scatter off nuclei, electrons, or collective excitations (1 keV to 1 GeV) and that are absorbed by nuclei, electrons, or collective excitations (1 meV to 1 keV). These masses are below those typically expected for WIMPs. Near-term experiments using existing advanced technologies can probe the mass range in green, while R&D on promising technologies can lead to experiments that can probe the extended mass range in blue.

DM mass	DM energy or momentum	CM scale
$50 { m MeV}$	$p_\chi \sim 50~{ m keV}$	zero-point ion momentum in lattice
$20 { m MeV}$	$E_{\chi} \sim 10 \ {\rm eV}$	atomic ionization energy
$2 { m MeV}$	$E_\chi \sim 1  { m eV}$	semiconductor band gap
$100 \ \mathrm{keV}$	$E_\chi \sim 50~{ m meV}$	optical phonon energy

Basic Research Needs (BRN)

### Qubit based Quantum detectors for Dark Matter searches

### Advantages of qubits over current Dark Matter technology

- o *sensitivity to sub-eV energy* from Dark Matter interaction
- energy can be coupled as *single phonons (lattice vibrations)* or *single photons*
- $\odot$  Easy signal readout with a qubit readout protocol (T<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>2</sub>, charge parity measurements etc.)
- Qubit superconducting systems in mK cryostat, ideal for *thermal noise reduction* for Dark Matter searches.
- Superconducting technology; *low noise*

### What is a qubit?



Quadratic energy potential of QHO reshaped by Josephson Inductance to sinusoidal potential



--Superconducting Transmon and its variants *can be utilized for Dark Matter detection through several mechanisms of coupling* 

## What has been demonstrated with qubit based Dark Matter detectors?

# Qubit based wave-like Dark Matter search





Some ongoing qubit-based projects at Fermilab/Illinois Institute of Technology



### Quantum Capacitance Detector



#### Projected sensitivity using QCD



Projected BREAD sensitivity by sensor technology in the dark photon A'(left) and axion a (right) coupling vs. mass plane

Using a Broadband Axion Antenna technology based on: https://journals.aps.org/prl/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevLett.128.131801

### QSC Dark Matter group

- Started new program in 2020.
- Two brand new dilution refrigerators installed and several new qubit-based experiments housed.
- IIT/Northwestern students and Fermilab postdocs at the forefront of this program.



# Quantum Instrumentation Control Kit Control Readout and control for qubits and detectors Readout and control for qubits and detectors Control Readout and control for qubits

 Software, firmware and hardware to control and readout a large variety and array of qubits with RFSoC (RF System-on-Chip) FPGA

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#### and RF electronics

- Lowered the:
  - -- cost of the control and readout electronics
  - -- feedback control latency
  - -- fridge real estate taken by qubit accessories

Chances are, you will use this if you are working with multiple qubits at some point!



Qubit readout using QICK

understanding energy dissipation in qubits



MEMS cryogenic photon

- Investigate ~ eV energy dissipation through e + h and phonon production
- Simulation effort on charge transport and phonon kinematics in Si.
- Application of particle physics simulation tools like G4CMP to understand qubits (various substrates and geometry)
- Cryogenic photon source development (0.62 6.9 eV)



source 6 qubit chip (Si)

phonon simulation in a 6-qubit silicon chip using G4CMP

#### Possible Qubit-based particle-like Dark Matter detector



#### ightarrow Phonon caustic and kinematics simulation in sapphire using G4CMP in progress







# Cryogenic photon source for Detector Characterization center



### Underground, low background facility at Fermilab

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Neutrino tunnel at Fermilab: perfect place to study radiation effects on qubits

#### NEXUS facility for SuperCDMS





QUIET low background facility by Quantum Science Center (QSC)

#### Impact of cosmic and terrestrial radiation on

### **QUANTUM COMPUTERS** High energy radiation: source of quasiparticle in qubits

Resolving catastrophic error bursts from cosmic rays in large arrays of superconducting qubits



### Summary

- Qubit senses smallest quanta of energy: photons and phonons
- Great for Dark Matter search
- Qubit can sense different types of Dark Matter
- Several qubit-based Dark Matter detector development efforts ongoing
- Aboveground and Underground facilities at Fermilab great platform for studies of impact of radiation in superconducting devices
- Dark Matter community developed resources: particle simulation tools (G4CMP) to understand energy dissipation

#### Community engagement and collaboration effort

#### **Coordinating Panel for Advanced Detectors (CPAD)**

US R&D COLLABORATIONS

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#### US R&D Collaborations

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US R&D Collaborations

In a culmination of a decade of discussions within the US Detector Instrumentation community facilitated by CPAD, it has been decided at the last CPAD annual workshop to create a network of US Detector R&D Collaborations.

These Collaborations will be created covering major technology areas in line with the 2019

11 RDCs focusing on different aspects of HEP Detector R&D

#### **GOALS**:

1.Two coordinators to work with the community & CPAD to <u>define the R&D goals</u>

2.The RDC will <u>put together work packages</u> which brings together a collaboration to tackle ideas and technologies

3. Turn work packages into proposals for funding

#### **R&D** Collaborations

RDC	Торіс	Coordinators
1	Noble Element Detectors	Jonathan Asaadi, Carmen Carmona
2	Photodetectors	Shiva Abbaszadeh, Flavio Cavanna
3	Solid State Tracking	Sally Seidel, Tony Affolder
4	Readout and ASICs	Angelo Dragone, Mitch Newcomer
5	Trigger and DAQ	Jinlong Zhang, (TBN)
6	Gaseous Detectors	Prakhar Garg, Sven Vahsen
7	Low-Background Detectors (incl. CCDs)	Noah Kurinsky, Guillermo Fernandez-Moroni
8	Quantum and superconducting Detectors	Aritoki Suzuki, Rakshya Khatiwada
9	Calorimetry	Marina Artuso, Minfang Yeh
10	Detector Mechanics	Andy Jung, Eric Anderssen
11	Fast Timing	Gabriele Giacomini, Matt Wetstein

 $\rightarrow$  RDC8 is quantum and superconducting detectors

ightarrow Nov 7-11 annual CPAD workshop in SLAC, CA, USA

#### **Coordination effort with ECFA DRDq**

- ➔ Met with Marcel Demarteau on how to better coordinate European and US effort
- → Regular monthly meeting attendance
- → CPAD presentation slot for ECFA DRDq
- Ensures better coordination between US and Europe

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### Detecting dark matter with qubits





#### Qubit based dark matter detector



Measure photon number => explore particle like nature of light

Dark matter detector work in progress.

*Photon # counting evades the quantum noise limit* 

#### Qubit based photon counter



→ Repeated spectroscopic measurement of atomic transition frequencies

- $\rightarrow$  exact photon number of the cavity state
- $\rightarrow$  presence/absence of axion signal photon

\* GHz qubits probe ~  $10^{-5}$  to  $10^{-4}$  eV axions

#### Qubit based photon counter



#### Qubit based axion detector



*Photon # counting evades the quantum noise limit* 

#### Qubit based axion detector



*Photon # counting evades the quantum noise limit* 

#### Signal and noise rate



#### **NQI Program Component Areas**

- **Quantum Sensing and Metrology (QSENS)** refers to the use of quantum mechanics to enhance sensors and measurement science. This can include uses of superposition and entanglement, non-classical states of light, new metrology regimes or modalities, and advances in accuracy and precision enabled by quantum control, for example with atomic clocks.
- **Quantum Computing (QCOMP)** activities include the development of quantum bits (qubits) and entangling gates, quantum algorithms and software, digital and analog quantum simulators using programmable quantum devices, quantum computers and prototypes, and hybrid digital plus analog, as well as quantum plus classical computing systems.
- **Quantum Networking (QNET)** includes efforts to create and use entangled quantum states, distributed over distances and shared by multiple parties, for new information technology applications and fundamental science; for example, networking of intermediate scale quantum computers (modules) for enhanced beyond-classical computing capabilities.
- **QIS for Advancing Fundamental Science (QADV)** includes foundational efforts to invoke quantum devices and QIS theory to expand fundamental knowledge in other disciplines; for example, to improve understanding of biology, chemistry, computation, cosmology, energy science, engineering, materials, nuclear matter, and other aspects of fundamental science.
- **Quantum Technology (QT)** catalogues several topics: work with end-users to deploy quantum technologies in the field and develop use cases; basic R&D on supporting technology for quantum information science and engineering, e.g., infrastructure and manufacturing techniques for electronics, photonics, and cryogenics; and efforts to understand and mitigate risks raised by quantum technologies, e.g., post-quantum cryptography (see Box 4.1).

#### **MEMS** mirror allows for desired operating specifications:



- ~1.5" x 1.5" scanning area
- <100µm spot size</p>
- ~10µm position resolution
- O(100)Hz scanning speed
- O(µs) pulse width
- >10mK operating temperature



### Nature of Dark Matter

For **mass < 70 eV**, Pauli exclusion principle causes dark matter clumps to swell up to be larger than the size of the smallest dwarf galaxies. (Randall, Scholtz, Unwin 2017)



Wave like DM

Fermions: 1 DM particle per mode volume  $(\lambda_{deBroglie})^3$ 





#### Particle like DM

#### Axion production

- Global symmetry broken at scale f<sub>a</sub>
  - -- axion produced through misalignment mechanism
  - -- during QCD phase transition, trough tilted by  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}{}^4$
- PE  $\sim \Lambda_{QCD}^4$  released, makes up dark matter
- -- oscillation of the QCD  $\theta$  angle about its minimum--vacuum energy to axions
- QCD axion mass m<sub>a</sub>~A<sub>QCD</sub><sup>2</sup>/f<sub>a</sub> ~ (200 MeV)<sup>2</sup>/f<sub>a</sub>
  - --- f<sub>a</sub> unknown

 $\Rightarrow$ GHz frequencies at f<sub>a</sub>~ 10<sup>13</sup> GeV scale





Fig 1:J. Ellis et al; arxiv:1201.6045v1

#### Axion searches overview



Graham, et. al (2016)

#### Axion searches overview contd.



### Quantum amplifiers

#### Why quantum amps.?

Intrinsically low noise (superconducting technology)

- $\Rightarrow$  low resistance elements
- $\Rightarrow$  low thermal dissipation
- $\Rightarrow$  Add very low added noise during amplification
- => Tunable in frequency



Energy transfer from pump to

Josephson Parametric Amplifier





**Only limited by Quantum Noise** 

### What's causing these dark counts?

#### A superconductor free of quasiparticles for seconds

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Eliminated cosmic muon and radioactive background from suspects since qp poisoning suppressed over longer ~ a week cooldown period

Used similar device to charge parity device like QCD

Microfractures due to GE Varnish and mounting glue on Si substrate causing phonon bursts breaking cooper pair -> qp poisioning

#### A Stress Induced Source of Phonon Bursts and Quasiparticle Poisoning

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