

Quantum sensing in the SC platform: (i) qubits (ii) quantum-limited parametric amplifiers (iii) 3D resonators

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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS ON QUANTUM SENSING WITH SC DEVICES

- → compared to WP2, not (yet) ready for building collaborations? significant breakthroughs in the past few months
- → SC sensing technologies meant for heavier DM candidates from a few µeV up to tens of µeV
- → the range is not that broad as for clocks or atom interferometers, but it is really well motivated QCD lattice simulations, beyond astrophysical hints

→ in principle, there is sensitivity to test QCD benchmark models in the whole range *just need to gain a factor* $10^3 \dots \odot \odot$

(I) QUBITS: WHERE ARE WE?

• qubits are **building blocks for single microwave photon detection (SMPD)** SMPD enables higher scan rates, allowing to gain the factor $\ge 10^3$ in sensitivity required at high frequency (*say*, 10 GHz compared to 1 GHz, as $df/dt \propto v_c^{-3}$)



- needed: large bandwidth (> 100 MHz), operation in B fields, low dark counts (100 s^{-1})
- ⊙⊙ a number of experiments (Italy, Germany, CERN, US, Korea, Australia, Taiwan, ...) would benefit from this sensing method

a real (B field, tunable) DM search with a QIS device

 \rightarrow *itinerant* vs *cavity* single microwave photon counter (SMPD)



CAVITY PHOTONS



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- \odot low dark counts \Longrightarrow sensitivity
- ⊙ tunability static ($\simeq 100$ kHz), dynamical ($\simeq 100$ MHz) + Josephson mixer
- $\odot~$ metrological methods from QIS field
- \odot on/off resonance studies

SMPD-HALOSCOPE experiment

- ⊙ hybrid (normal-superconducting) cavity 7.37 GHz, tunable, $Q_0 = 9 \times 10^5$ (at 14 mK, under 2 T)
- T=14 mK delfridge base temperature
 @ Quantronics lab (CEA, Saclay)
- \odot a thousandfold acceleration of the search
- spin-off company in 2024



SMPD (top) and cavity

SC magnet

(II) parametric amplifiers: where are we?

$$df/dt \propto V_{\rm eff}^2 Q_L T_{sys}^{-2}$$

Josephson Parametric Amplifiers (JPAs) introduce the lowest level of noise (SQL noise). They are central in DM search for low noise **readout of a cavity field** and to learn about **the state of qubits**.

Recently developed TWPAs offer **much broader amplification bandwidths** (~ GHz).



- ongoing projects within INFN (nanofab at FBK)
- ww: MIT, NIST (Boulder), Grenoble (spin-off company), Caltech

(II) 3D RESONATORS $Q_{3D} \simeq Q_a$, with Q_a linewidth of searched signal is no more an issue



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 \rightarrow current challenge: getting large tuning ranges with minimum number of intruder modes

BUILDING A DRD5 COLLABORATION

there is value in forming a collaboration to bring together additional synergy from an existing community of pixellised-groups (table-top experiments, small-scale labs)

- to make a DM search with a microwave photon counter requires a high level of QIS expertise this entails not just knowing methods and techniques in circuit-QED but also knowing how to mount and operate of several components in ultra-cryogenic environment
- standardisation of electronics and procedures:
 - noise temperature measurements (\rightarrow Education Platform WP)
 - "quantum orchestration" platforms (FPGA-based controls)
 - printed circuit boards: selection of radiopure materials, cleaning
 - microwave setup engineering
- at an even higher level: **shared delfridges** larger ones, equipped with SC magnets and bucking coils, few M-cost



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noise temperature measurements







