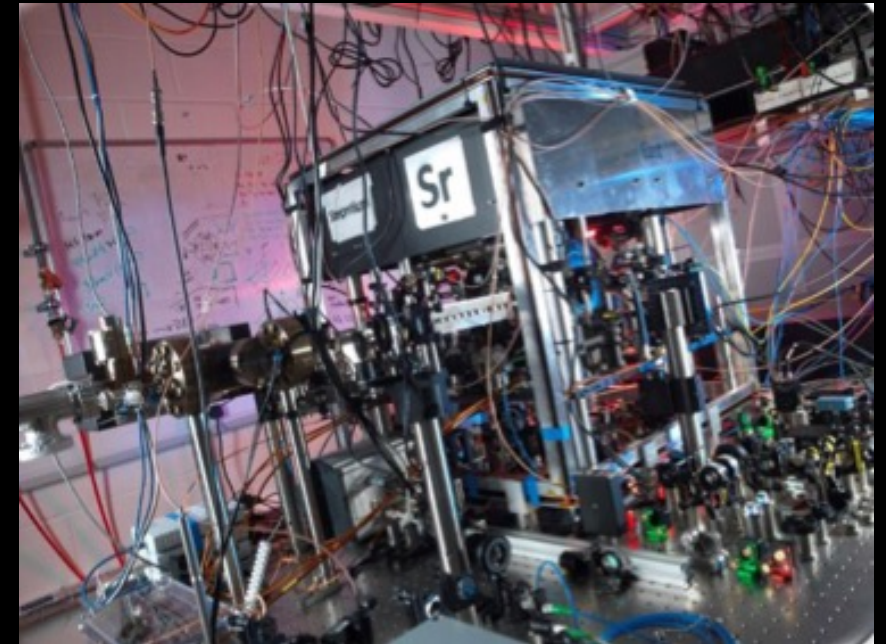
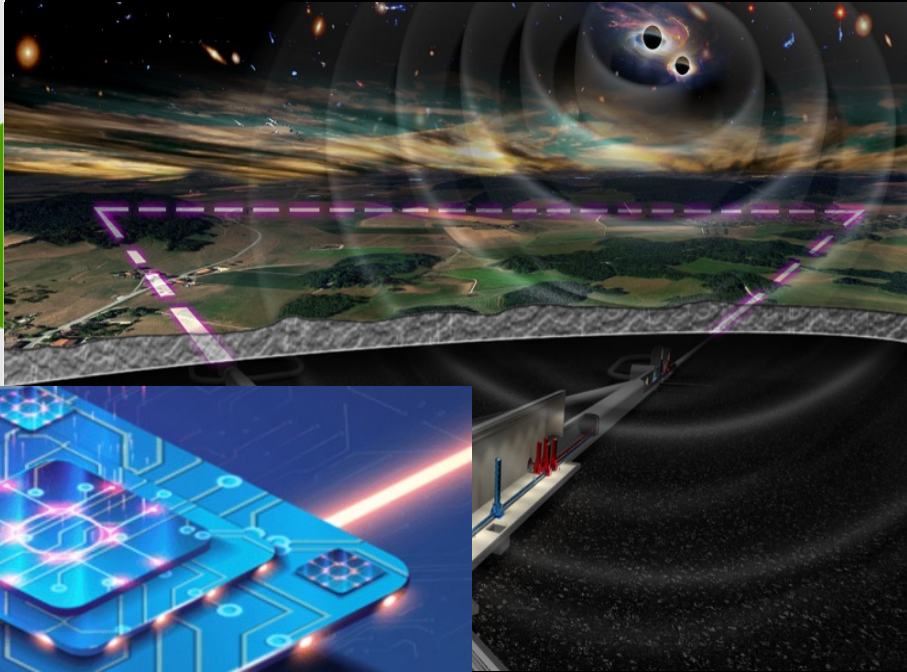
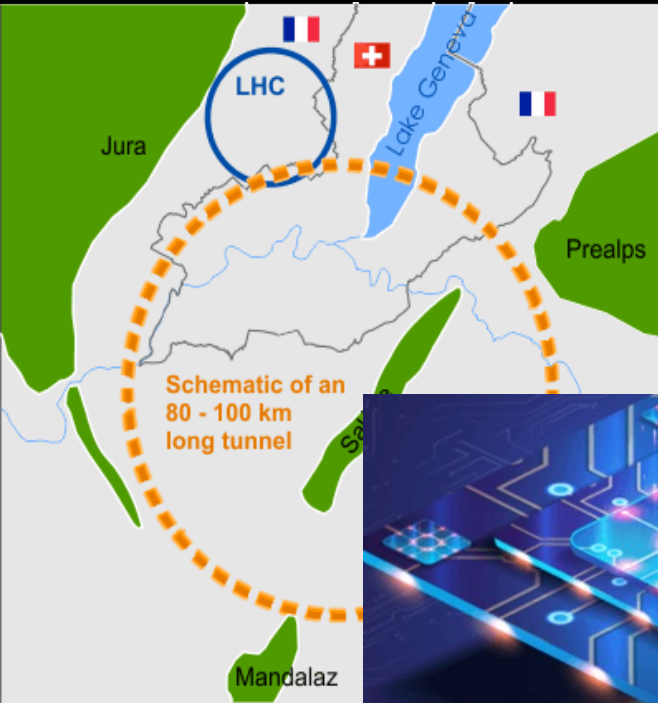


# Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics

## The Science & The Quantum Technologies Landscape



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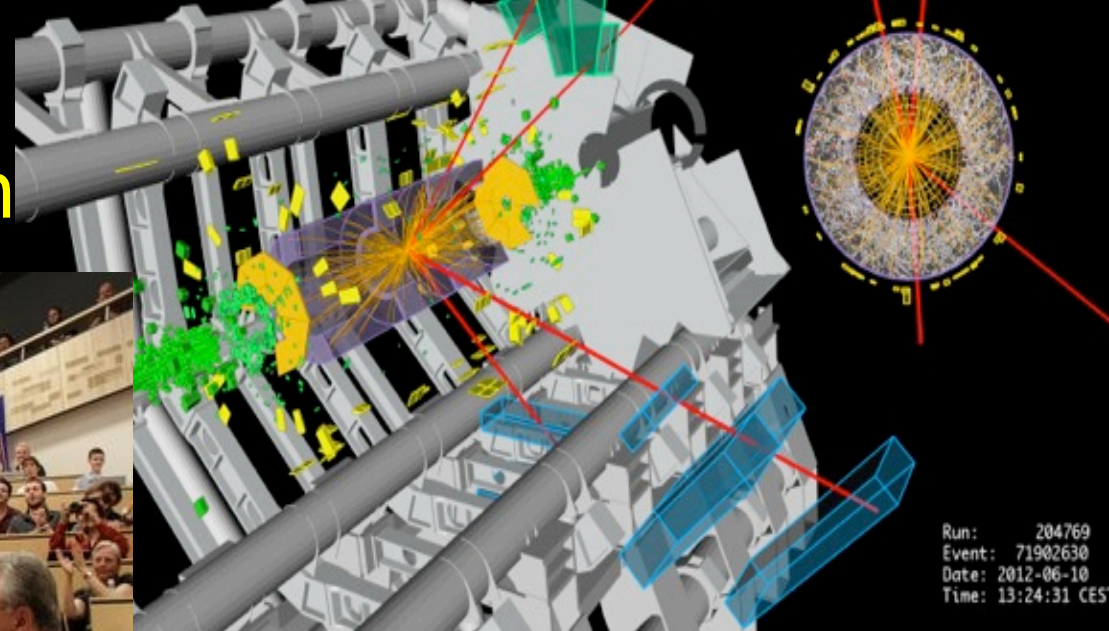
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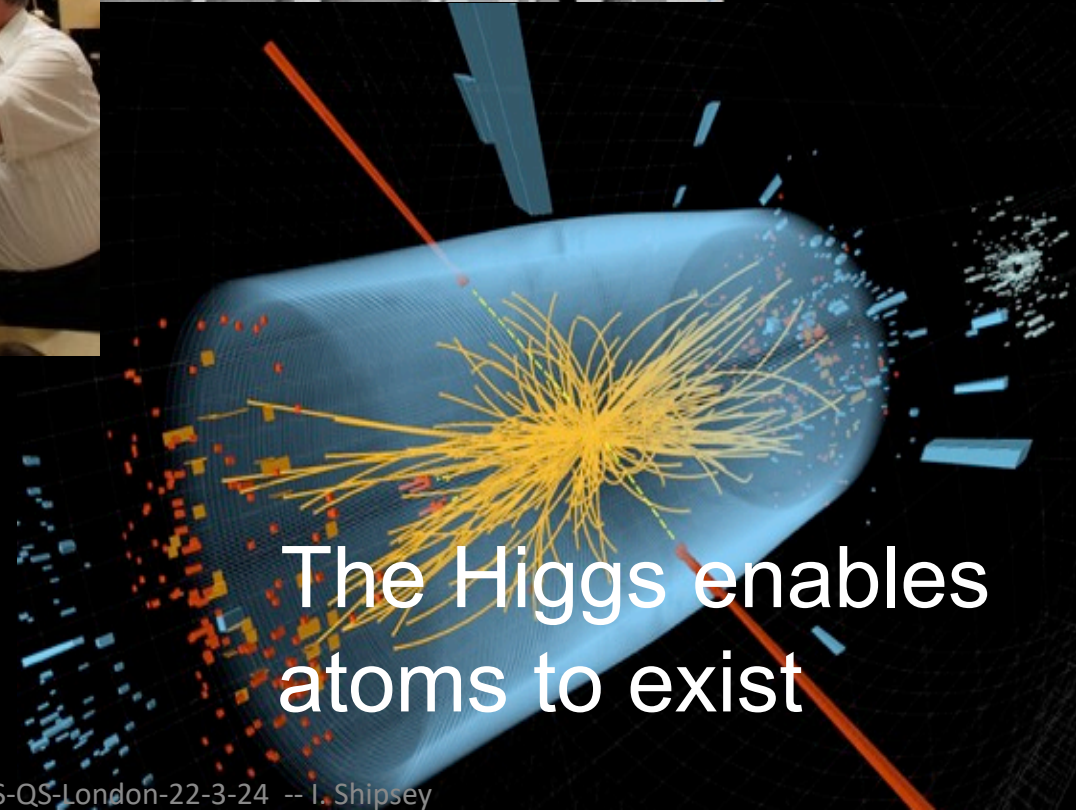


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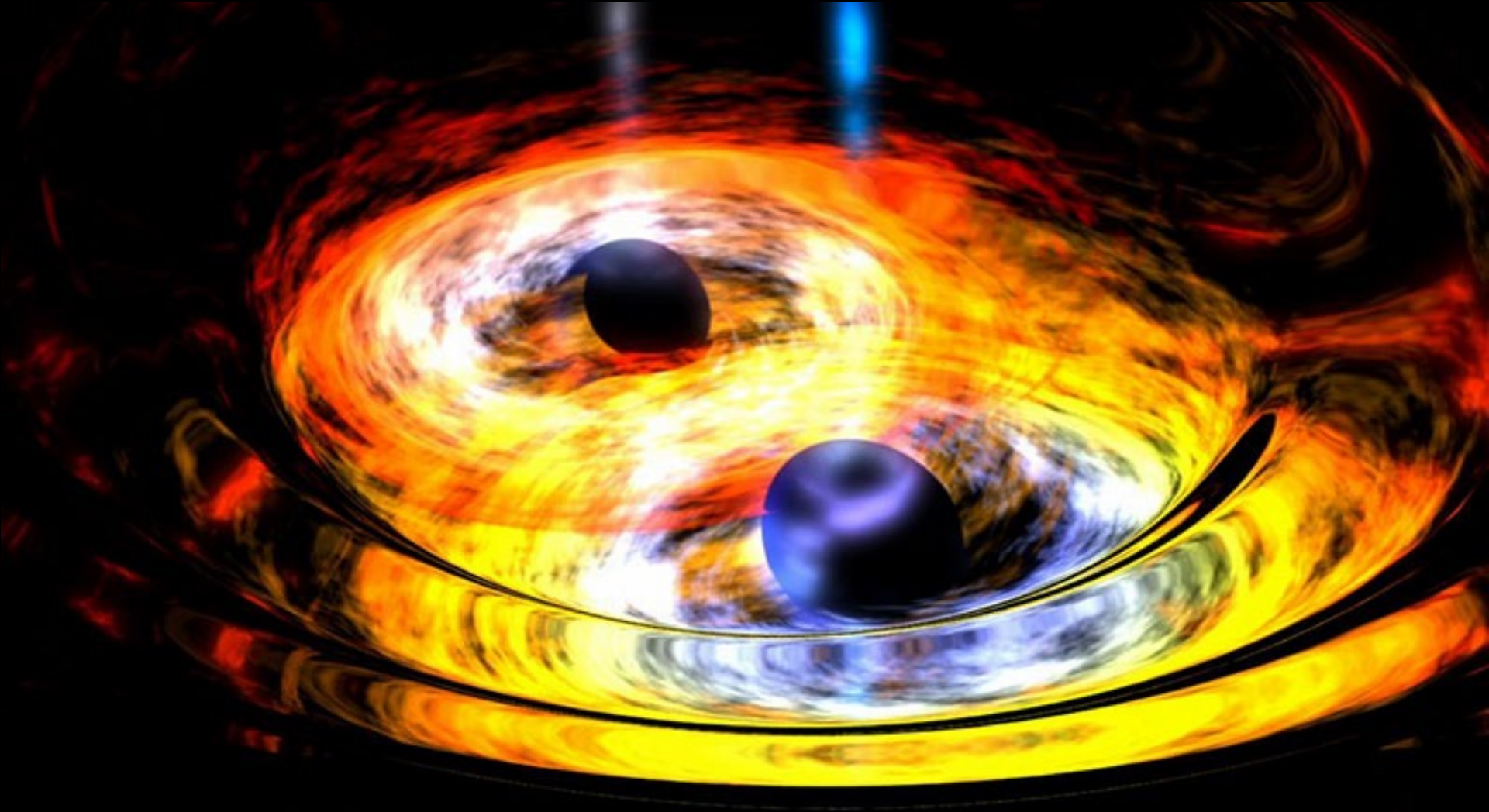
construction : 1998



The Higgs enables atoms to exist



Detection of gravitational waves  
LIGO February, 2016



# The Opportunities for Discovery

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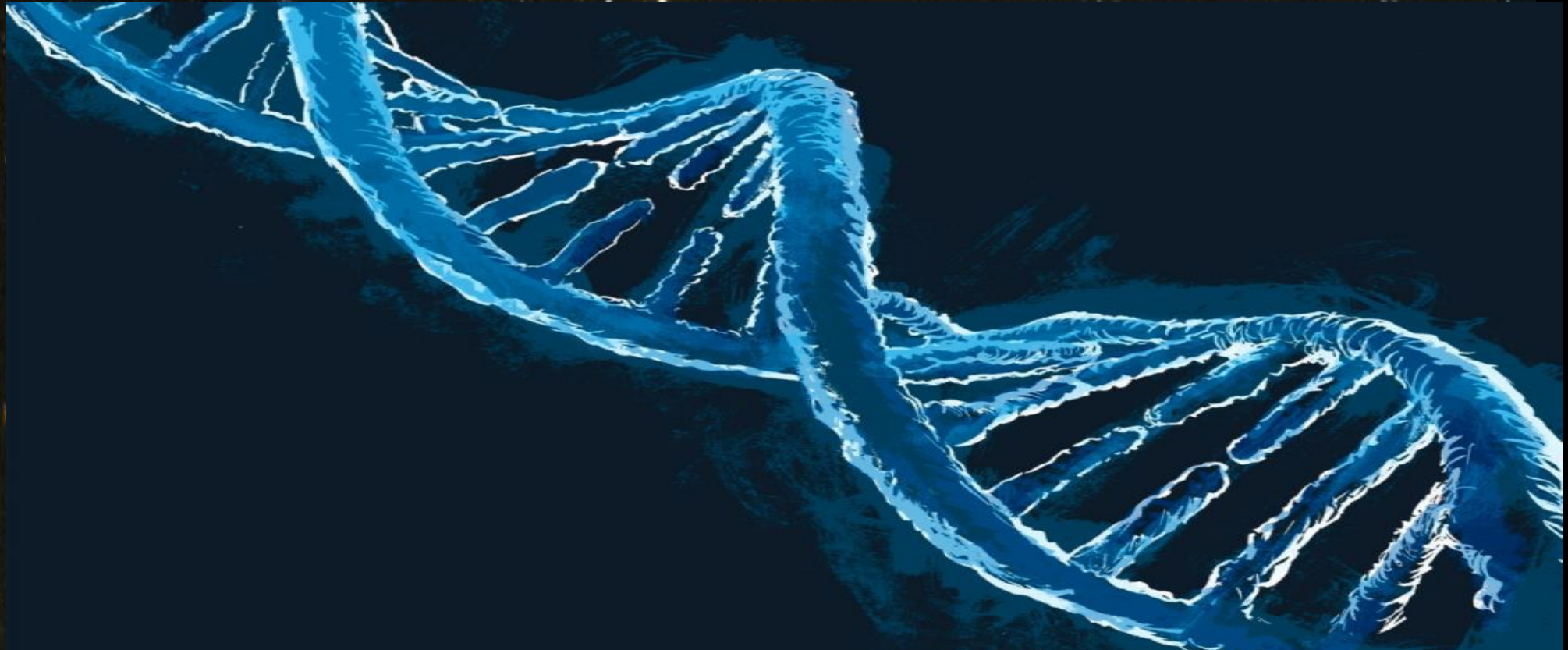
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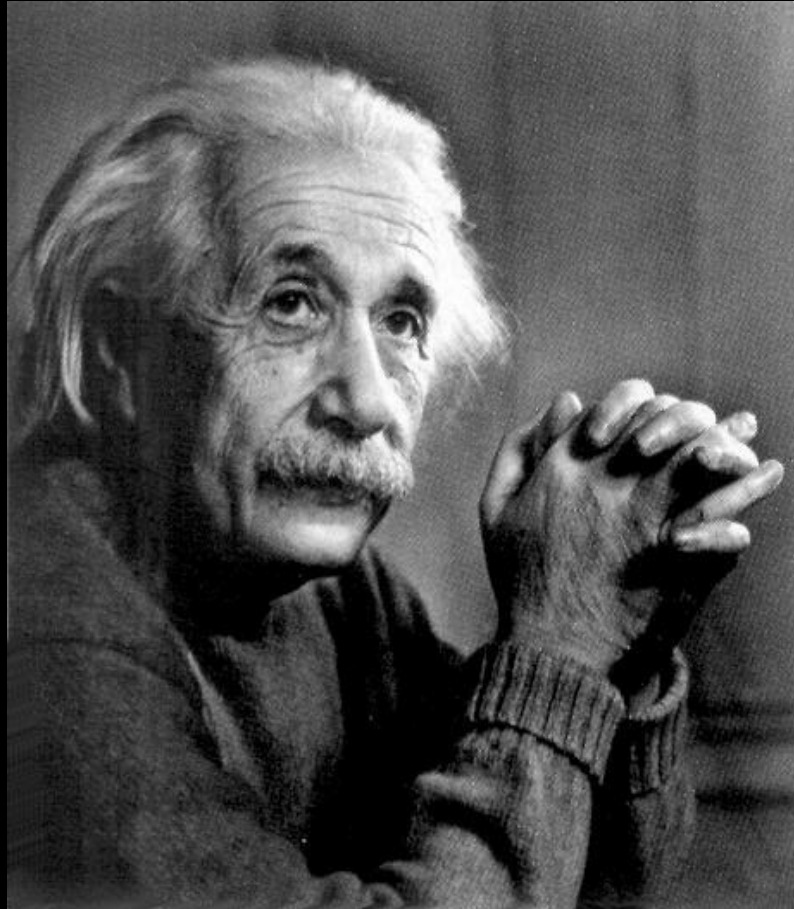


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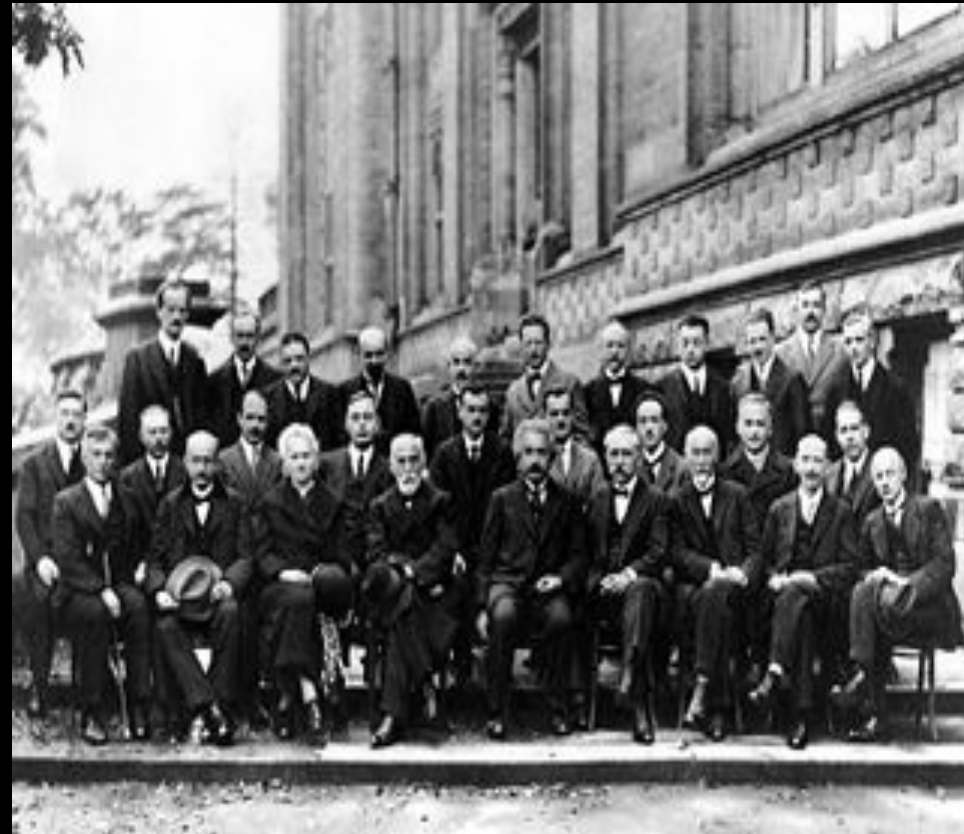
Physics has revolutionized human understanding of the Universe  
– its underlying code, structure and evolution



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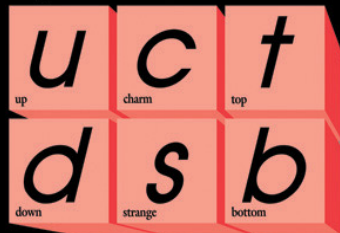
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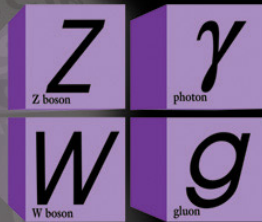
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### Quarks

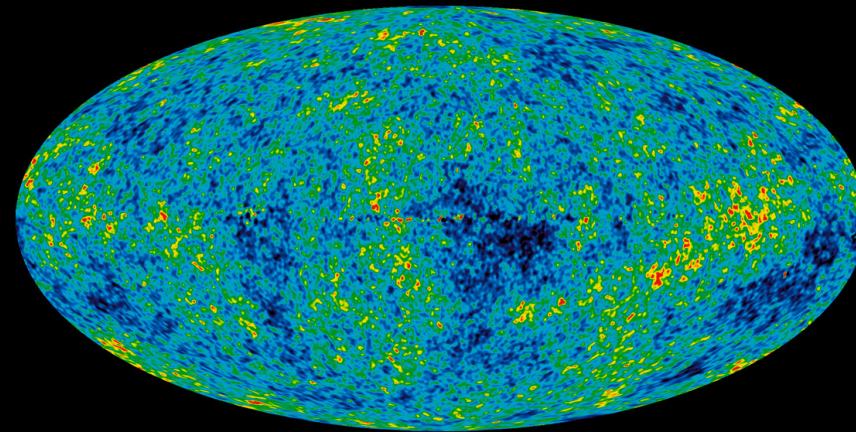


### Leptons

### Forces



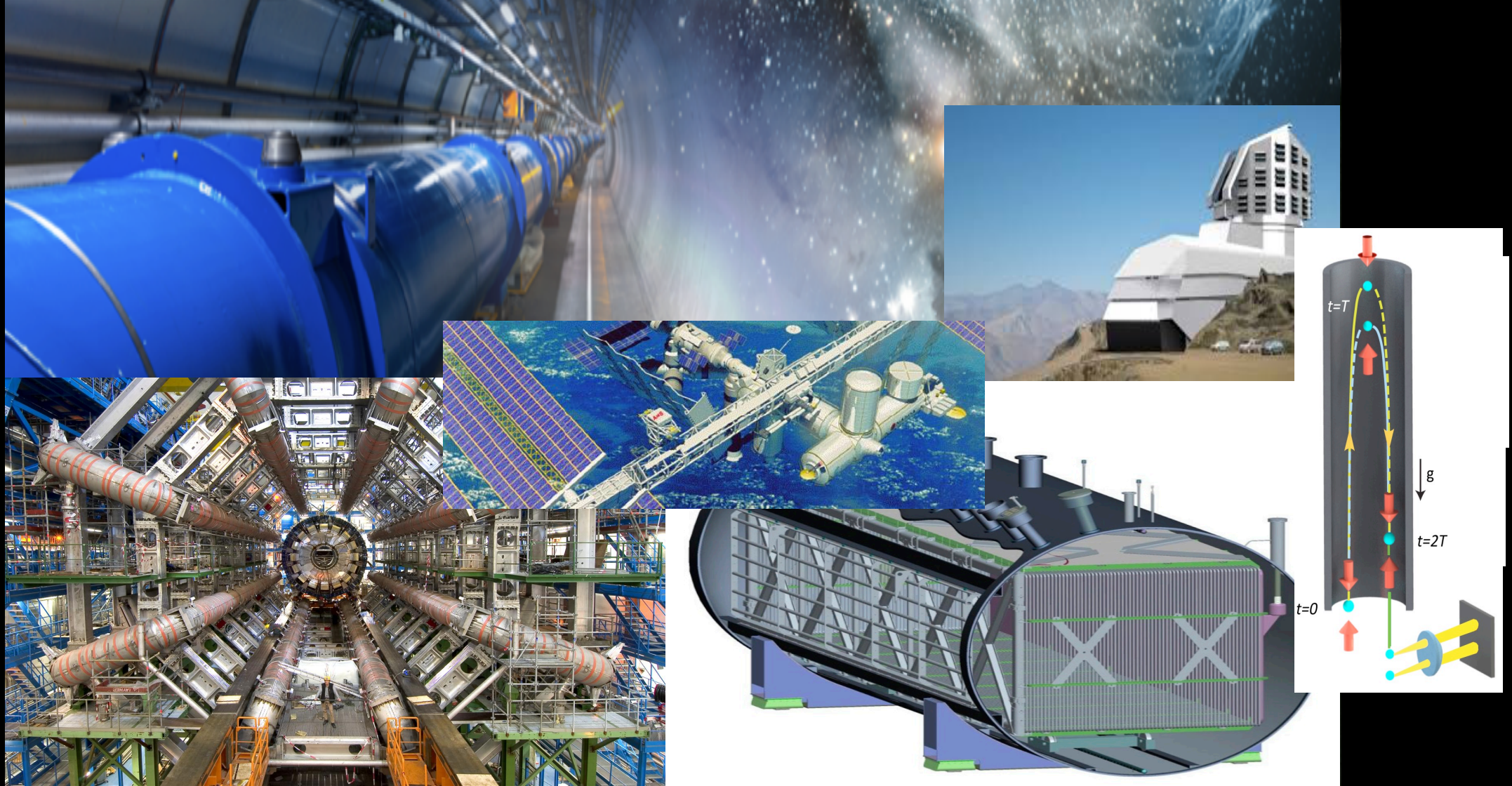
## Cosmology Standard Model



$\Lambda_{\text{CDM}}$

.....enabled by instrumentation

APPEC  
ECFA  
NuPECC



Our scope is broad and we deploy many tools; accelerator, non-accelerator, astrophysical & cosmological observations all have a critical role to play



# BUILDING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNIVERSE: A WORK A CENTURY IN THE MAKING

- The potential exists now to revolutionize our knowledge again.
- Despite the huge successes, there are deep and fundamental mysteries that are unanswered and for which following traditional methods of exploration and new quantum sensing methods combine to form the optimal approach.





# Opportunities for Discovery

Many mysteries to date go unanswered including:

The mystery of the Higgs boson

The mystery of Neutrinos

The mystery of Dark Matter

The mystery of Dark Energy

The mystery of quarks and charged leptons

The mystery of Matter – anti-Matter asymmetry

The mystery of the Hierarchy Problem

The mystery of the Families of Particles

The mystery of Inflation

The mystery of Gravity

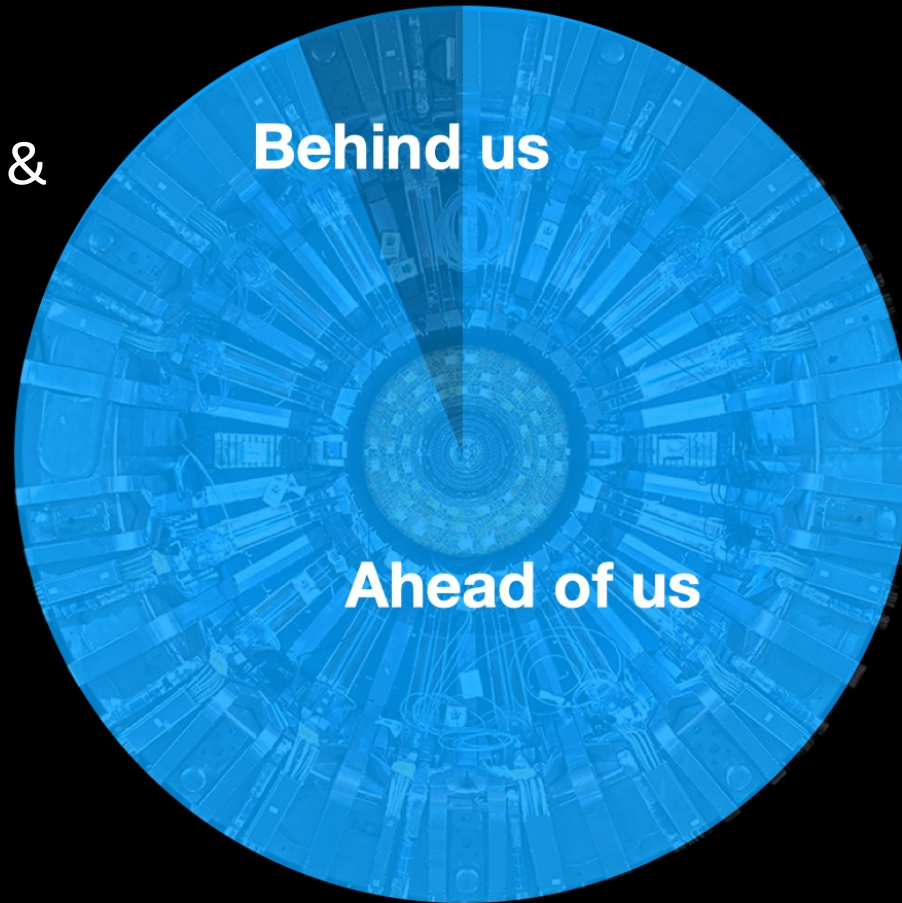
How do quarks and gluons give rise to the properties of nuclei

The mystery of the origin and engine of high energy cosmic particles

Multiple theoretical solutions – experiment must guide the way

**We are very much in a data driven era for which we need new tools!**

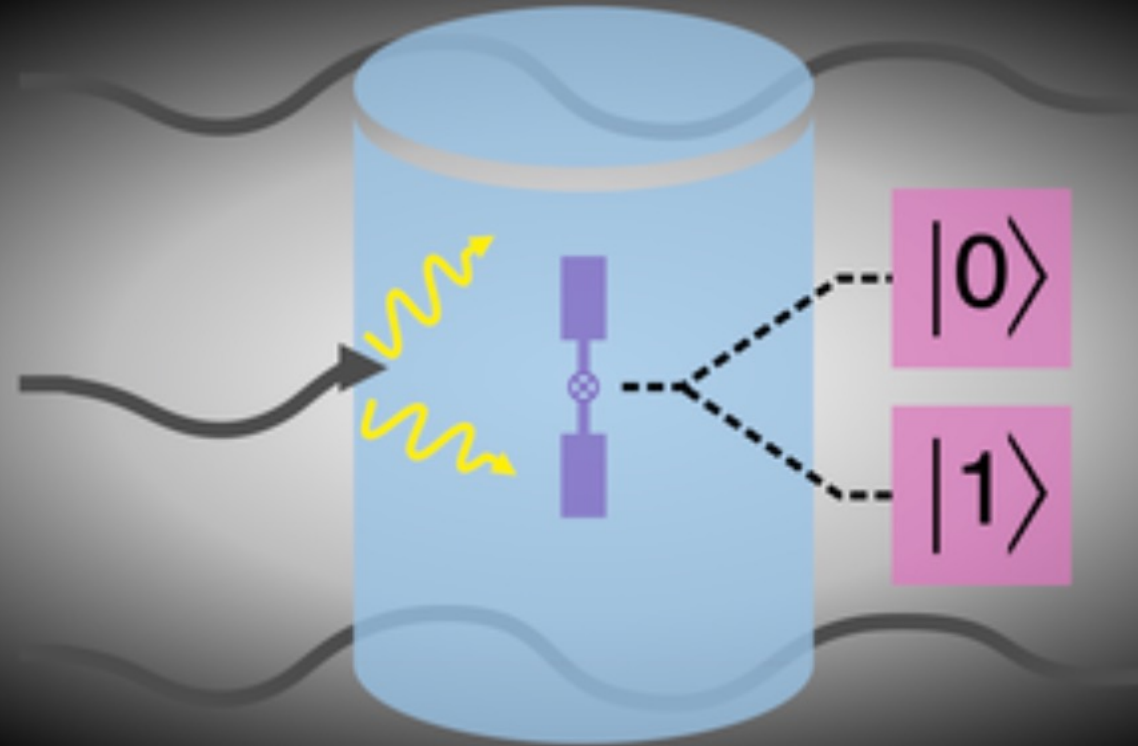
New tools:  
e.g. the HL-LHC upgrades &  
later FCC-ee/hh etc.



Only ~4% of the complete LHC/ HL-LHC data set  
has been delivered to date

There is every reason to be optimistic that  
an important discovery could come at any time

# New tools e.g. Qubits as cameras







**“New directions in science are launched by new tools  
much more often than by new concepts.**

**The effect of a concept-driven revolution is to explain old things in new  
ways. The effect of a tool-driven revolution is to discover new things that  
have to be explained” (Freeman Dyson)**





**“Measure what is measurable, and  
make measurable what is not so” (Galileo Galilei)**



# Discoveries in particle physics

Based on an original  
slide by S.C.C. Ting

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**precision instruments are key to discovery  
when exploring new territory**

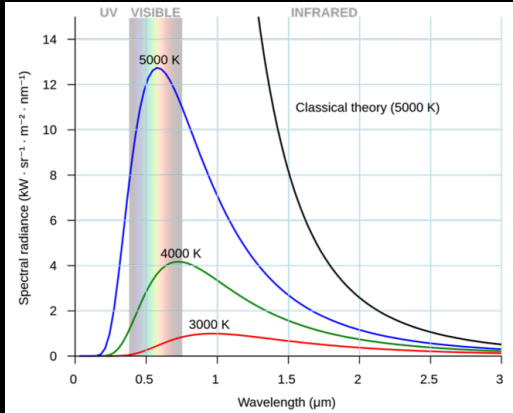
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While quantum sensors are not new they have suddenly become prominent and this is due both to technological advances & to greater appreciation in the world for quantum mechanics leading to national quantum technology programs which have provided the necessary preconditions for the application of quantum technologies to fundamental physics



# Quantum 1.0



Blackbody Radiation

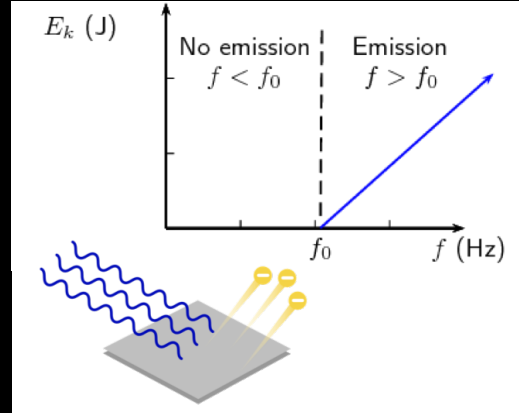
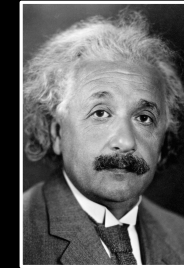
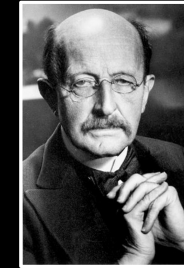


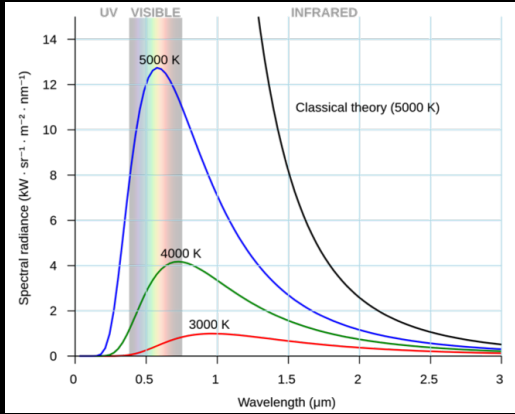
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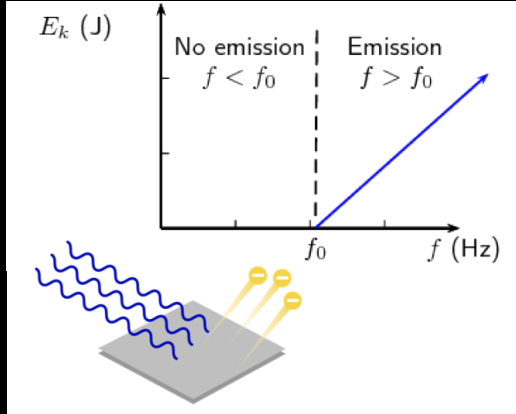
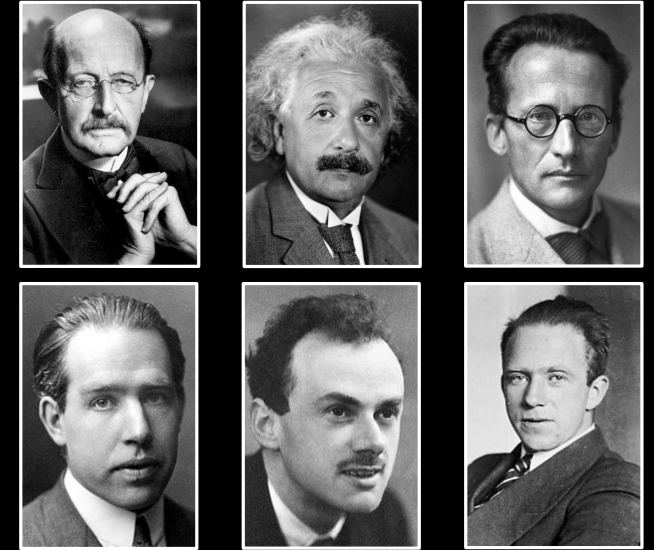


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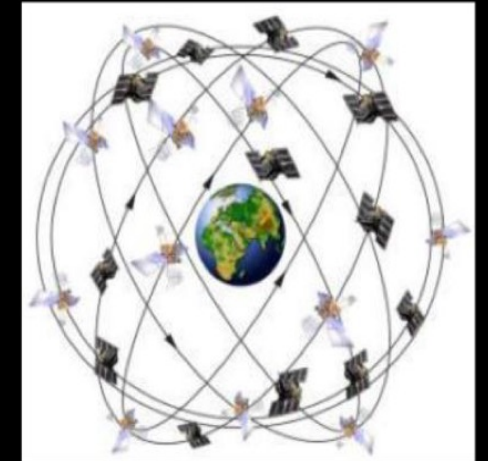
Exascale Computing



Laser Technology



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Global Positioning System



# Quantum 1.0



# Quantum 2.0

The First Quantum Revolution: exploitation of quantum matter to build devices

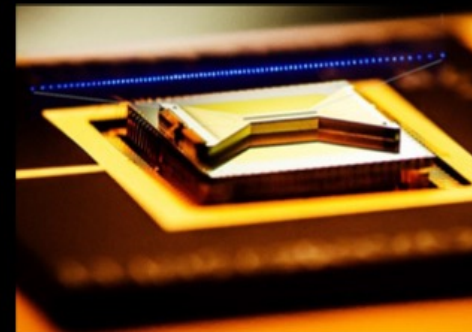
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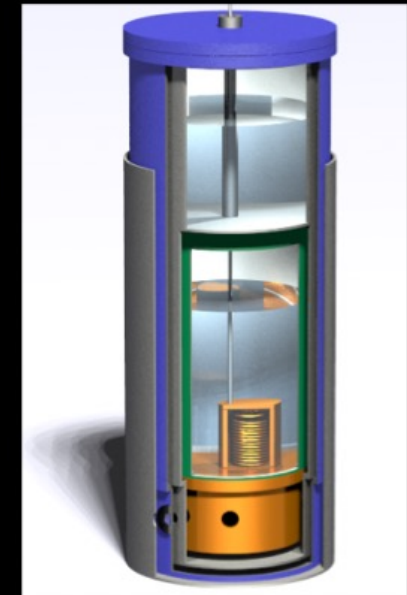
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Atomic clocks



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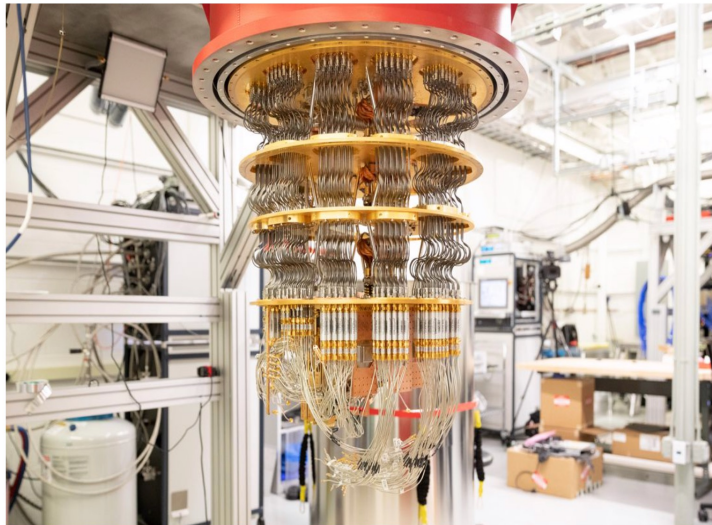
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## Google's quantum supremacy is only a first taste of a computing revolution

"Quantum supremacy" is nice, but more broadly useful quantum computers are probably still a decade away.



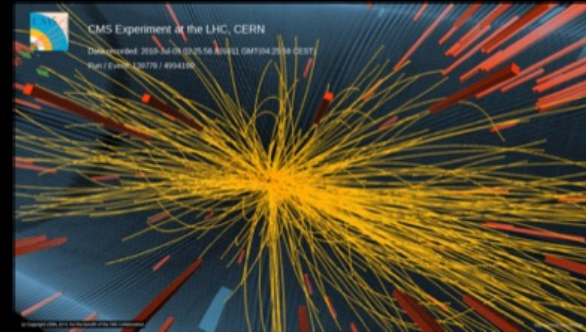
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One of five Google quantum computers at a lab near Santa Barbara, California.

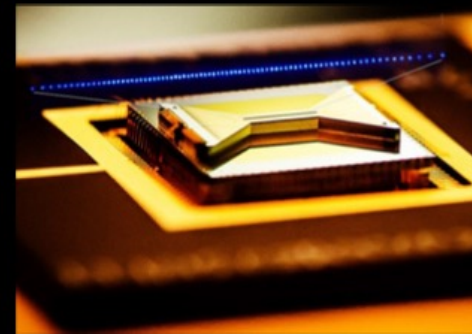
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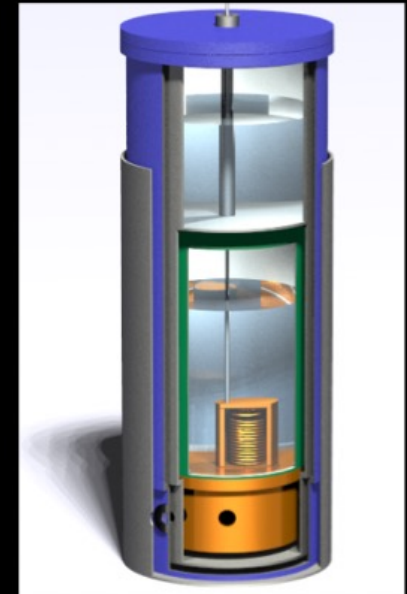
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# What if?

Quantum Internet

Quantum Artificial Neural Network

Quantum Liquid Crystals

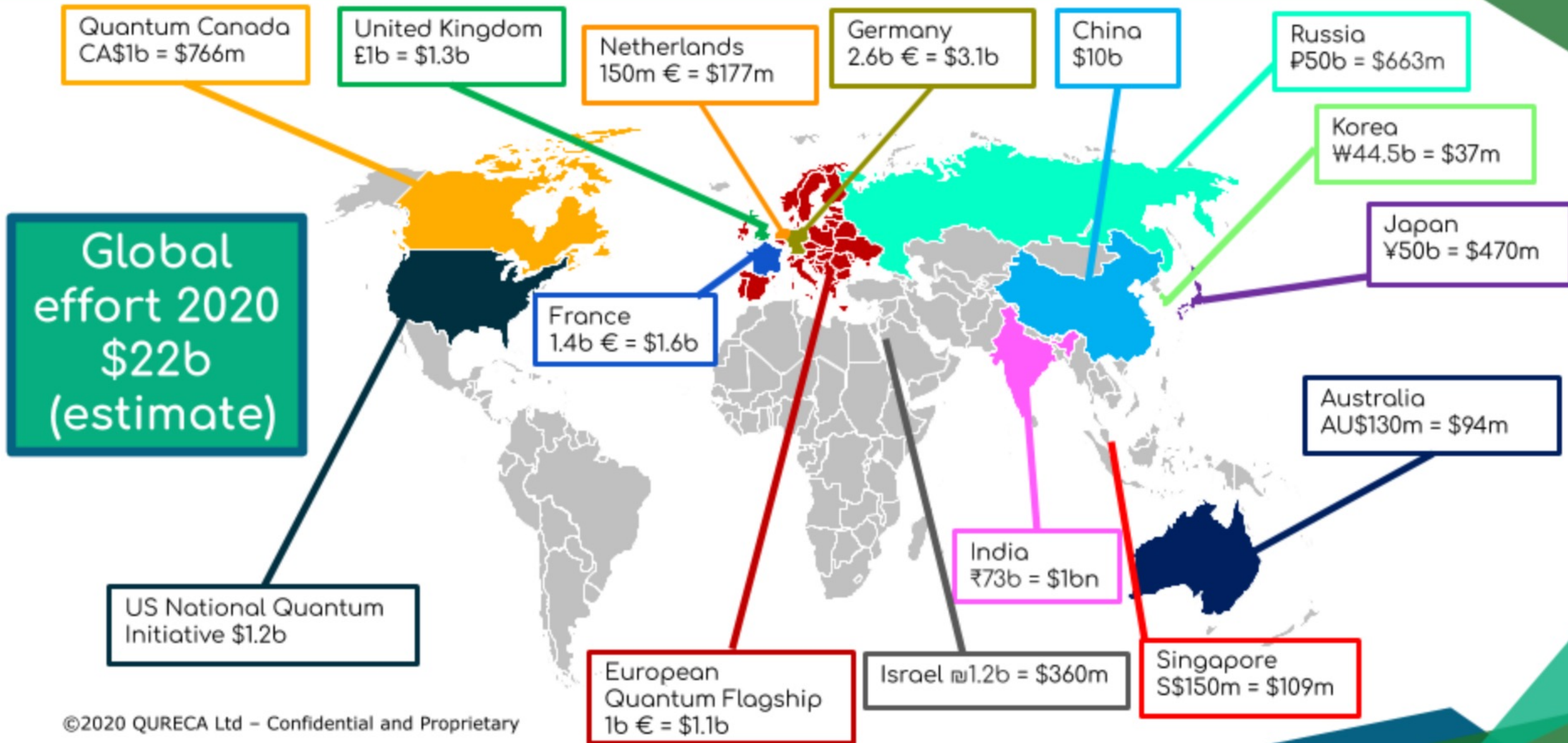
Quantum Mind Interface

Quantum enabled searches for dark matter

Quantum Gravity



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# Transforming the world with quantum technology





# Building a community: essential for creation of UK program



Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics Community Workshop October 2018 Oxford  
>140 from EPSRC & STFC in attendance



# £1bn UK National Quantum Technology Programme Pillars

2019



Engineering and  
Physical Sciences  
Research Council



Innovate  
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£360M

Translating research into applications

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Prototypes

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Department for  
Business, Energy  
& Industrial Strategy



National Physical Laboratory

**Quantum Metrology Institute**  
£30M

Standards

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Ministry  
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# £1bn UK National Quantum Technology Programme Pillars

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## Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics (QTFP)

£40M

New Ideas

Attracting worldwide talent

Internationally leading science across 7 projects

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QTFP is a strategic initiative within the National Quantum Technology Programme created with £40M from the UKRI Strategic Priorities Fund in 2019 awarded to EPSRC and STFC with STFC administering the programme.

The primary purpose of QTFP is to enable advanced quantum technologies, innovated and demonstrated during the last 5-10 years **to be developed, customised and refined** to enable major advances in understanding of some of the greatest scientific mysteries in particle physics, particle astrophysics, cosmology and other areas of fundamental physics



There are seven QTFP projects. **Inherently interdisciplinary AMO, CMP, QIS Particle, Astro. A magnet of ECRs and students.** Funding commenced in February, 2021 for up to 41 months. QTFP currently comprises 101 faculty and scientists, 66 post docs, 11 Engineers and technicians, 5 administrative staff and 32 PhD students (the students are funded from other sources) – **220 people, 15 UK universities & national labs.** Each project has built its own collaboration, including formal working agreements with some of the best overseas scientific teams

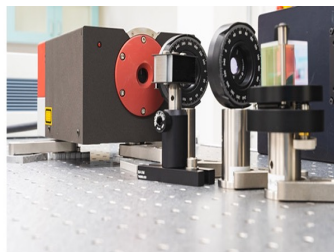
The logo for QTNM, consisting of the letters 'QTNM' in white on a black rectangular background.

## QI

### Quantum-enhanced Interferometry for new physics

Principal investigator: Harmut Grote

Using quantum technologies we can now explore new fields of physics, seeking answers to long-standing questions like “what is dark matter?” and “is space-time quantised?”



## QSHS

### Quantum sensors for the hidden sector

Principal investigator: Ed Daw

Amplifiers operating at the quantum limit are essential for probing the astrophysics of the hidden sector. With this technology, we could solve the dark matter problem.

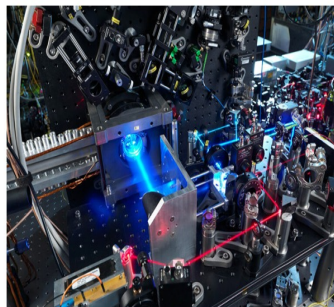


## QSNET

### A network of clocks for measuring the stability of fundamental constants

Principal investigator: Giovanni Barontoni

Using quantum technology we can now network ultra-advanced atomic clocks to investigate the origin of dark matter and dark energy, which constitute 95% of the universe, but have so far eluded any detection.



Strontium optical lattice clock experiment

## AION

### A UK atom interferometer observatory and network

Principal investigator: Oliver Buchmuller

Using ultracold strontium atom interferometers as quantum sensors to tackle open questions in fundamental physics, such as the nature of dark matter, the existence of new fundamental interactions, and novel sources of gravitational waves.

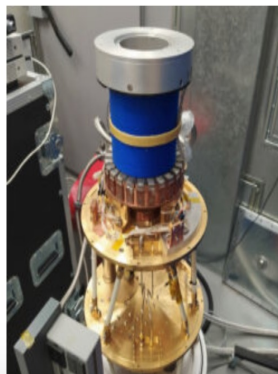


## QTNM

### Determination of absolute neutrino mass using quantum technologies

Principal investigator: Ruben Saaykan

The QTNM project aims to harness recent breakthroughs in quantum technologies to solve one of the most important outstanding challenges in particle physics – determining the absolute mass of neutrinos.



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## QUEST DMC

### Quantum enhanced superfluid technologies for dark matter and cosmology

Principal investigator: Andrew Casey

Combining Quantum Technology with ultralow temperatures we can now search for dark matter in a mass regime that is strongly motivated by theory, but inaccessible using current techniques.



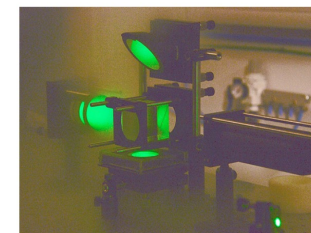
Nuclear demagnetisation experiment

## QSimFP

### Quantum simulators for fundamental physics

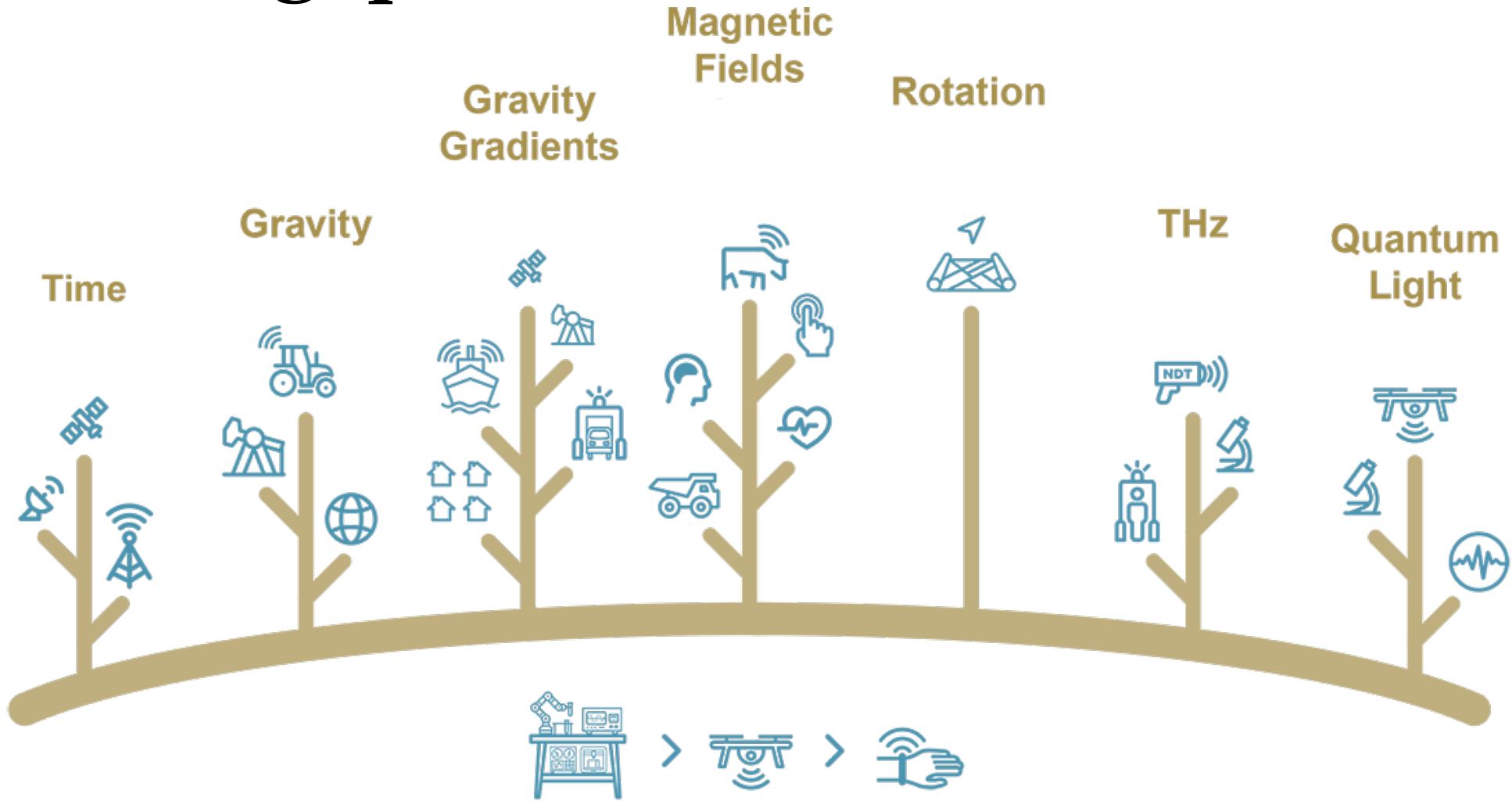
Principal investigator: Silke Weinfurter

Using a novel high-precision interferometric scheme to observe the surface dynamics of quantum fluids, we will elucidate unifying features of quantum phenomena around rotating black holes and rotating fluid flows.

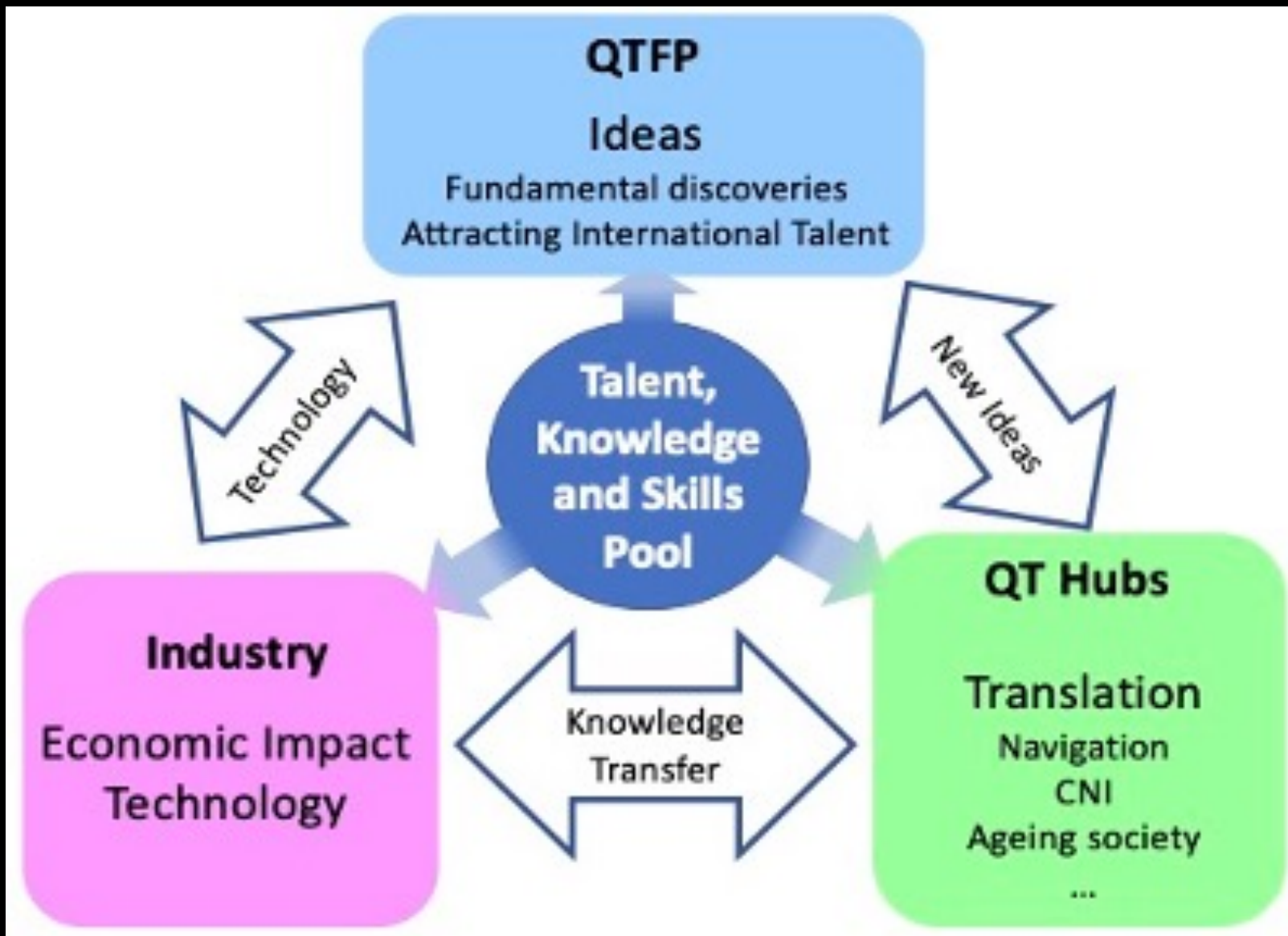




# Translating quantum sensors



The World Economic Forum recognised Quantum Sensing as one of the top 10 emerging technologies for 2020



•76 partnerships between QTFP institutions and international institutions, 4 UK-US QTFP consortia level agreements and many institution-to-institution collaborations.



**Fig. 2** – International groups collaborating with QTFP: UK Organizations (yellow), and International Partners of QSimFP (orange), QI (red), QSNET (purple), QSHS (green), QTNM (turquoise), AION (brown) and QUEST-DMC (gray).



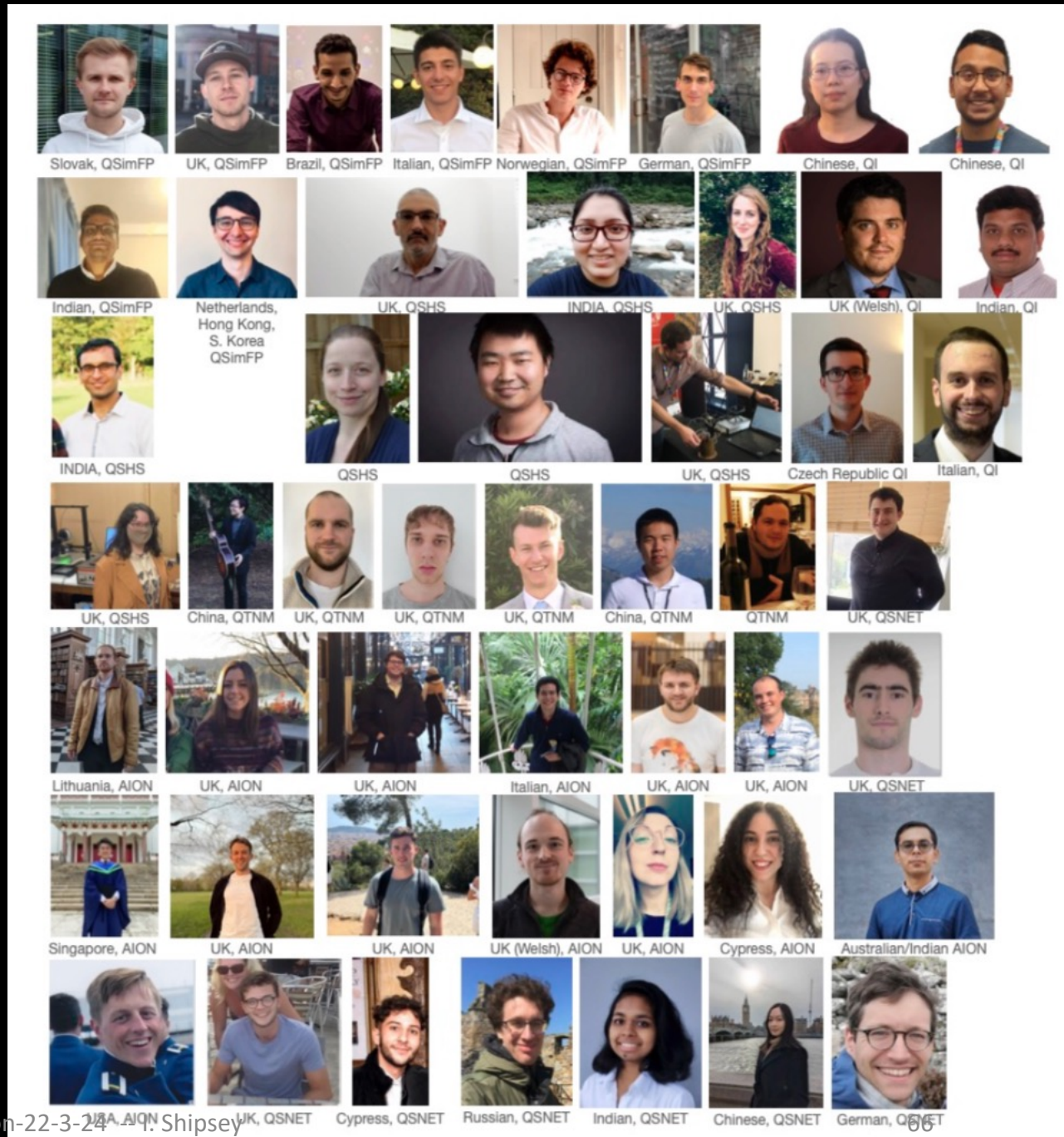
**Education and Upskilling:** QTFP has generated immense excitement amongst some of the brightest undergraduate and graduate students, postdocs and other early career researchers in the UK and abroad.

The young talent attracted is diverse. 50/ 98 early career researchers and PhD students, including 27 from overseas, are picture

Attracting school leavers into science and engineering, both at undergraduate and technician level, is often motivated by the thrill of being involved in big science projects and delivering seemingly impossible technology.

The importance of having as much thrilling science and thrilling engineering out in the public domain as possible is crucial.

QTFP will continue to develop and train talent for the UK helping to address the skills shortage and thereby help to build the quantum economy and sustain it.



# Quantum Sciences – Opportunities

Emerging QT to revolutionise life: computing, cryptography, imaging, [measurement](#), sensors and [simulations](#)



- **UK National Quantum Strategy (2023)**
  - Doubling investment (£1B + £2.5B)
  - 10-year vision plan:
    - Growing knowledge & skills
    - Attract companies & investors
    - Adoption and Use of QT
    - Develop regulatory framework
- **Investment in QT for Fundamental Physics**
  - Quantum a tool for wider research
  - International partnerships
  - Secure development and employment

# Quantum Technology for Fundamental Physics

Vortices in  
Superfluid Helium 4

Precision tabletop  
optical interferometry

Ultra-low-noise  
microwave sensing

Qubit detectors

Photon counting,  
sub-standard  
-quantum-limit  
detection

## Multi-Messenger Particle Physics!

**QSimFP** - PI Silke Weinfurter - analog **Lab simulation of complex systems** e.g. Black Holes with vortices in liquid helium.

**QI** - PI Hartmut Grote - Laser interferometry for **UL dark matter, GW, spacetime quantization, quantum gravity, semi-classical gravity & macroscopic quantum mechanics**.

**QSHS** - PI Ed Daw - Axion, **Hidden sector dark matter** search with quantum electronics. **(ADMX)**

**QTNM** - PI Ruben Saakyan - **Neutrino mass** measurement with cyclotron radiation **(Project 8)**

**AION** - PI Oliver Buchmueller - Ultra-sensitive interferometry with atomic beams for **GW, ULDM (MAGIS)**

**QSNET** - PI Giovanni Barontini - Network of ultra-precise clocks **probing fundamental constants & UL dark matter**

**QUEST-DMC** - PI Andrew Casey - **Phase Transitions in the Early Universe & Particle dark matter search with liquid helium 3**

PLUS, 17 other smaller scale funded research projects

Atom interferometry

Neutrino mass  
direct measurements  
using cyclotron  
radiation

Precision atomic  
clocks, new clock  
technology

Liquid Helium 3  
Universe in a lab

Theory of low-energy states adjacent to the vacuum

Slide from Ed Daw



# Quantum Sensors

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 read out its quantum states.***

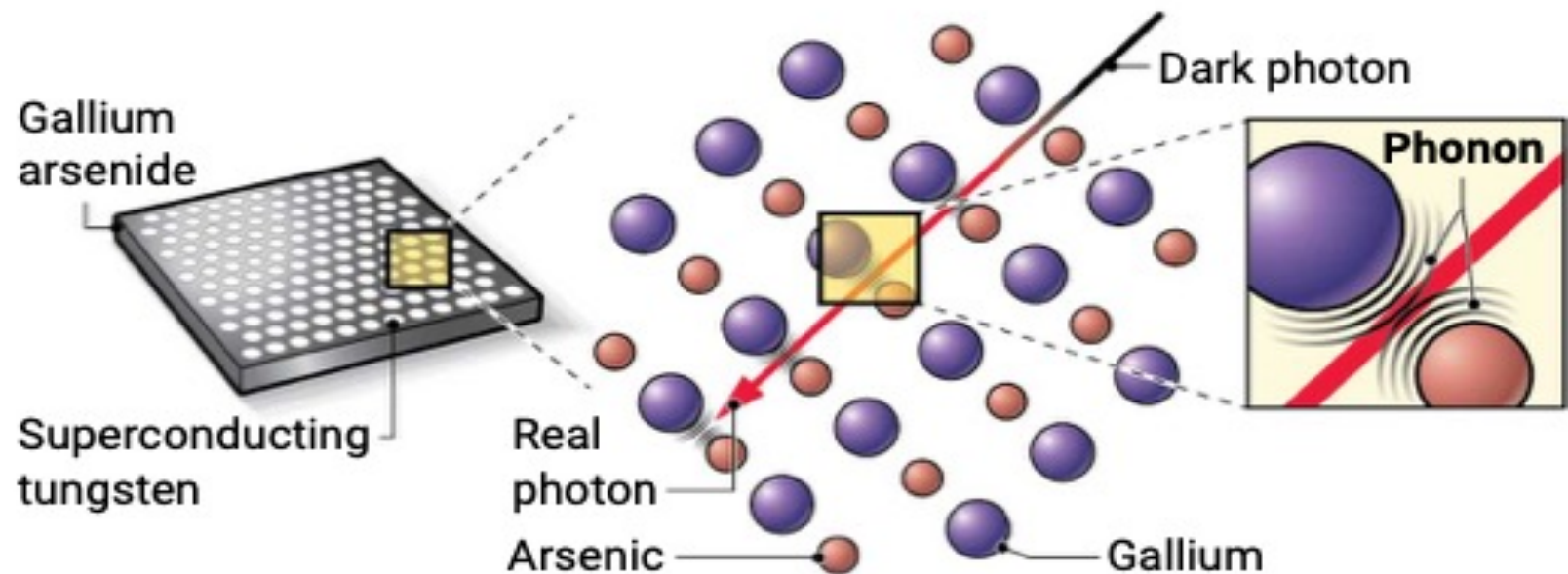
and because the commensurate energies are very low, unsurprisingly, quantum sensors are ideally matched to low energy (particle) physics;

# Particles & waves

Quantum detectors include devices that can detect a single quantum e.g. a photon

## Just one click

A dark matter candidate called a dark photon could morph into an ordinary photon that would trigger a quantized vibration in a crystal. The vibration, or phonon, would warm superconducting heat sensors on the crystal.



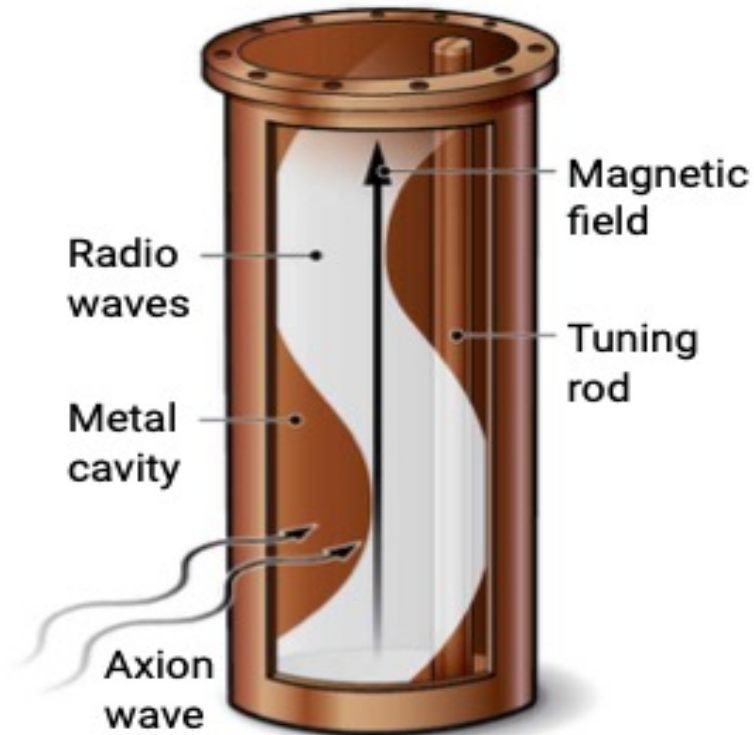
# Particles & waves

& devices that exploit a quantum trade-off to measure one variable more precisely at the cost of greater uncertainty in another

Science

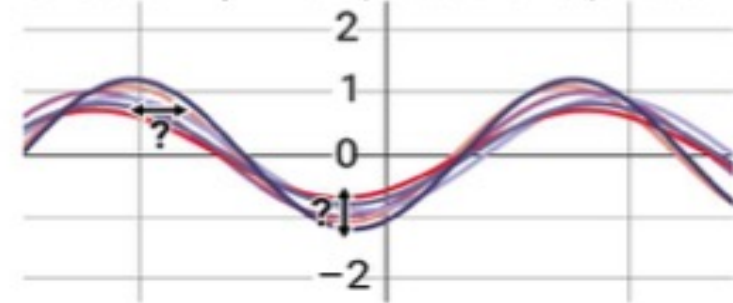
## Quantum trade-off

Within a resonating cavity, a wave of hypothetical axions could transform into faint radio waves, uncertain in both amplitude and phase. Quantum techniques could reduce the uncertainty in the amplitude while increasing that in the wave's irrelevant phase.

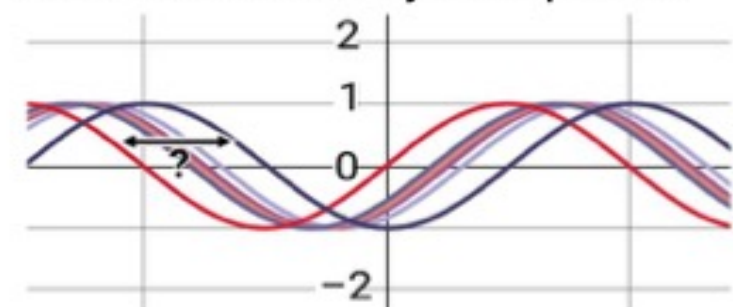


## Radio signals

Uncertainty in amplitude and phase



Increase phase uncertainty to decrease uncertainty in amplitude





# Quantum and emerging technologies

- **Quantum Technologies are a rapidly emerging area** of technology development to study fundamental physics
- The ability to engineer quantum systems to improve on the measurement sensitivity holds great promise
- **Many different sensor and technologies being investigated:** clocks and clock networks, spin-based, superconducting, optomechanical sensors, atoms/molecules/ions, atom interferometry, ...
- Several initiatives started at CERN, DESY, FNAL, US, UK, Japan,...

# Quantum Technologies and Fundamental Physics

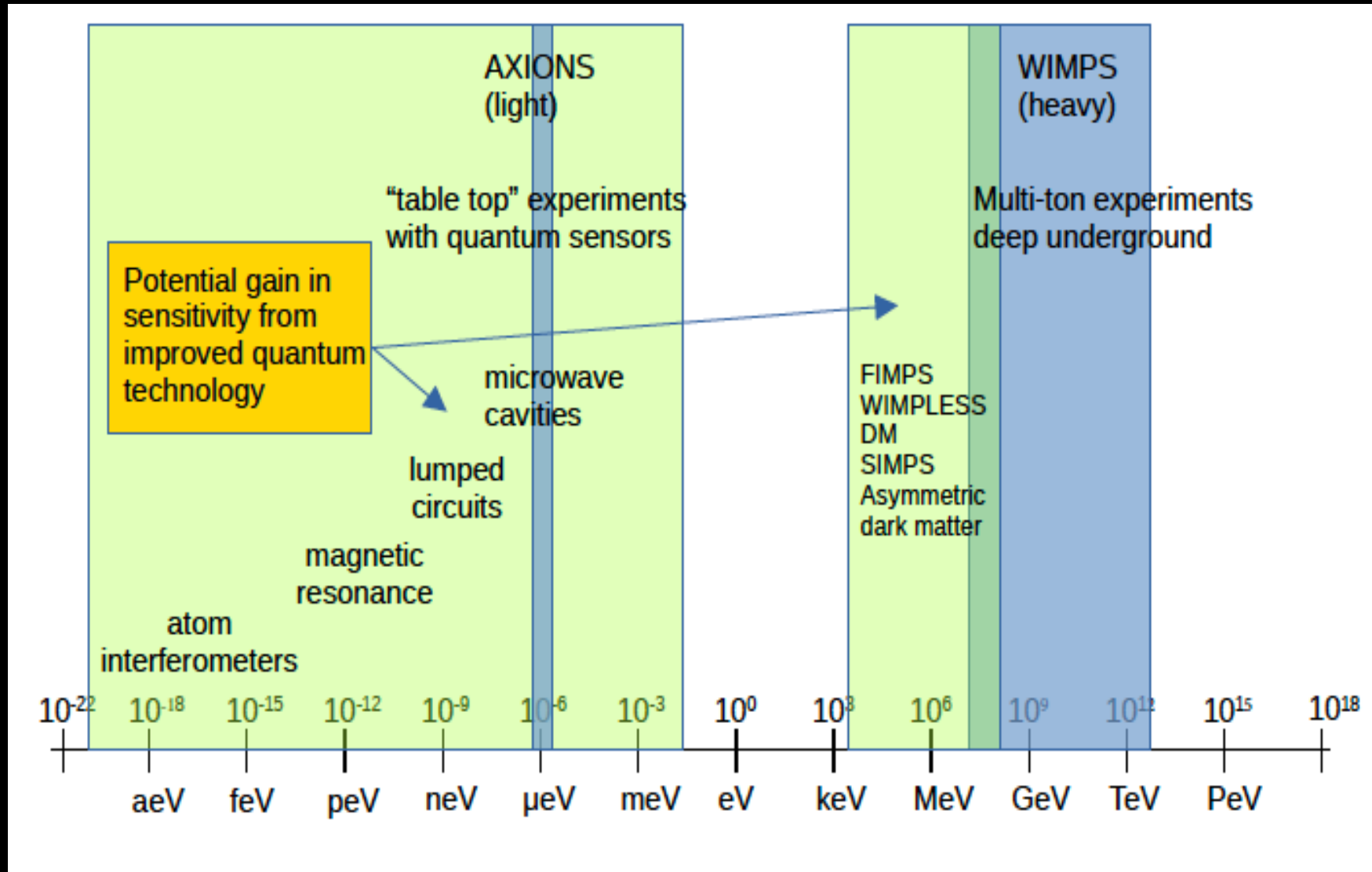
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- The existence of new forces
- The violation of fundamental symmetries
- The possible existence of dark radiation and the cosmic neutrino background
- The possible dynamics of dark energy
- The measurement of neutrino mass
- Tests of the equivalence principle
- Tests of quantum mechanics
- A new gravitational wave window to the Universe:
  - LIGO sources before they reach LIGO band
  - Multi-messenger astronomy: optimal band for sky localization
  - Cosmological sources

# Quantum Technologies and Fundamental Physics

- **The nature of dark matter**
- The earliest epochs of the universe at temperatures  $\gg 1\text{TeV}$
- The existence of new forces
- The violation of fundamental symmetries
- The possible existence of dark radiation and the cosmic neutrino background
- The possible dynamics of dark energy
- The measurement of neutrino mass
- Tests of the equivalence principle
- Tests of quantum mechanics
- A new gravitational wave window to the Universe:
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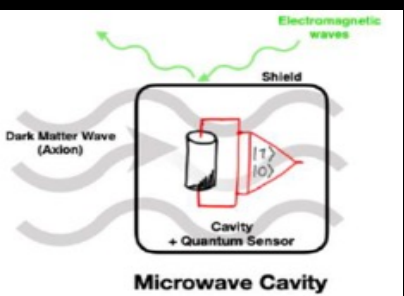


# Example: potential mass ranges that quantum sensing approaches open up for DM searches >20 orders of magnitude



TODAY

+  
Quantum  
Sensors



An oscillator (resonance) detector can accumulate the weak interactions of light dark matter over many “swings”

Detection  
oscillator



Axion wave

Weak coupling -- takes many swings to fully transfer the wave amplitude.  
**In real life,  $Q$  = number of useful swings is limited by coherence time.**



# Axion Detectors and the Current Landscape

- SUPERCONDUCTING QUANTUM ELECTRONICS:**
- SQUIDs
  - Josephson Parametric Amplifiers
  - Travelling Wave Parametric Amplifiers
  - Bolometers
  - Qubits / QuBit arrays

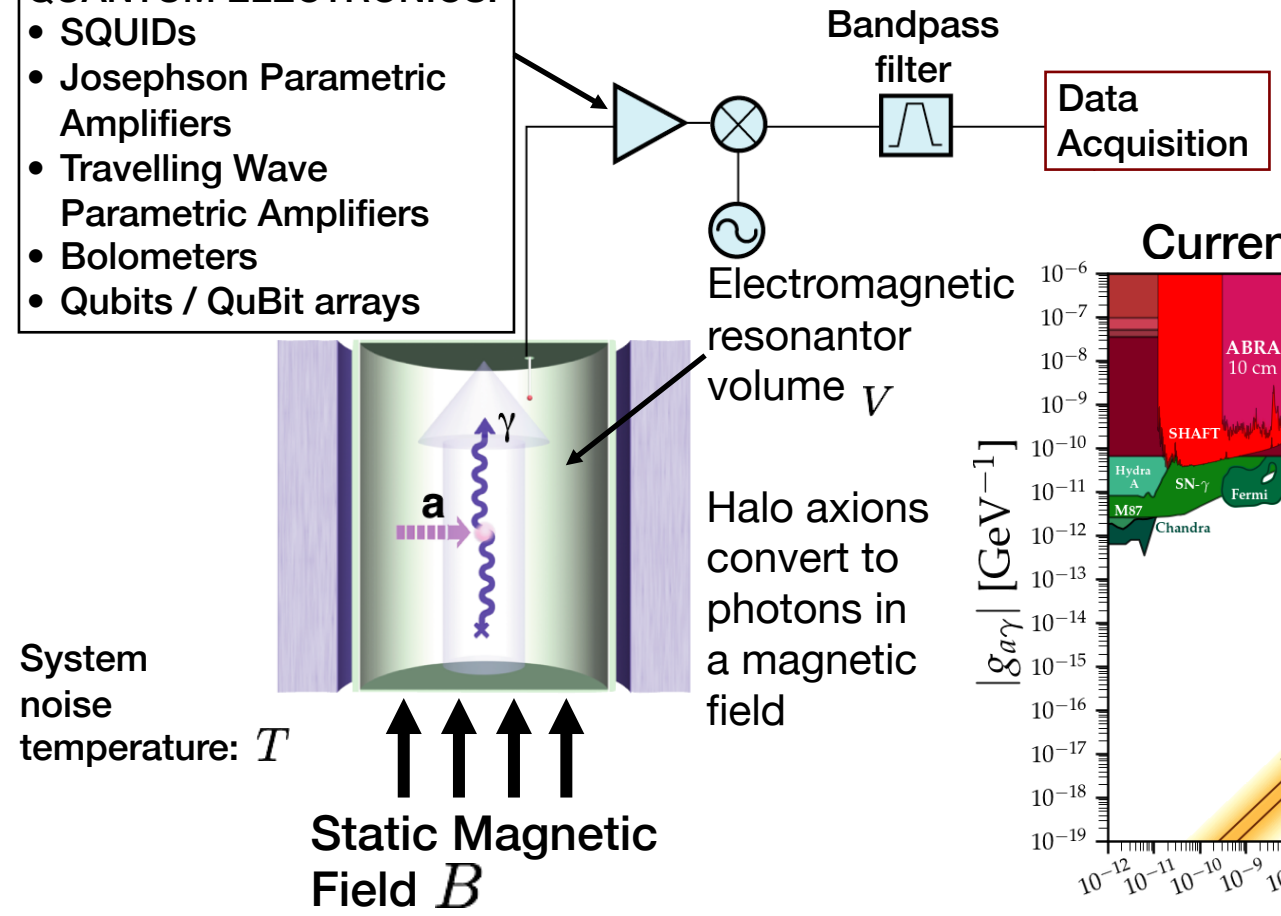
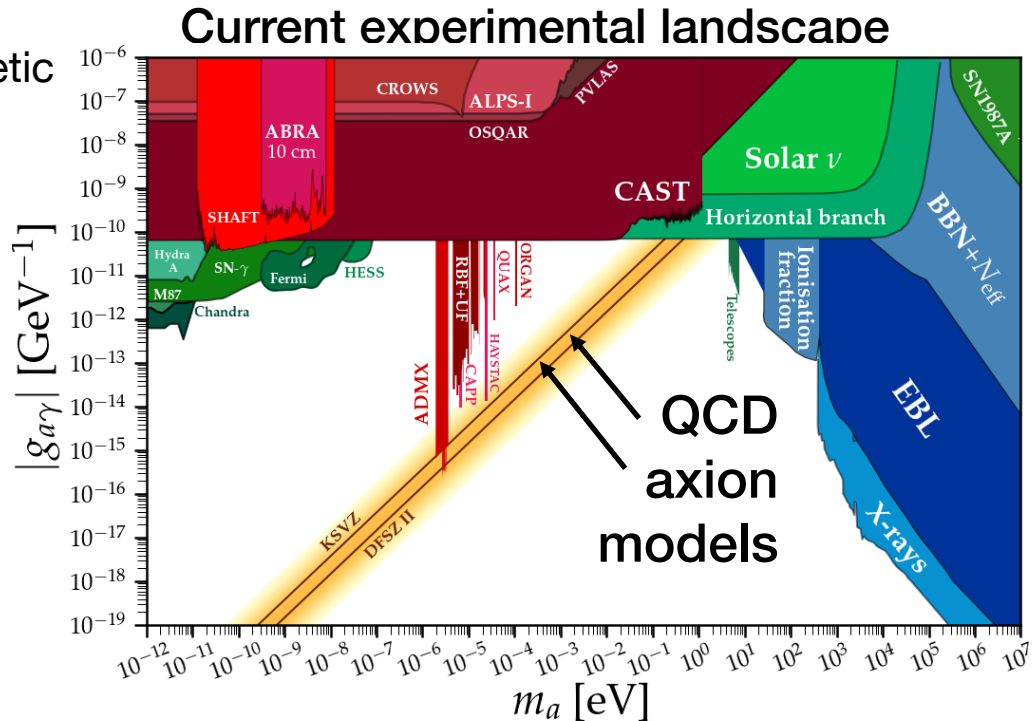


Figure of merit for detector sensitivity:

$$\frac{B^2 V}{T}$$



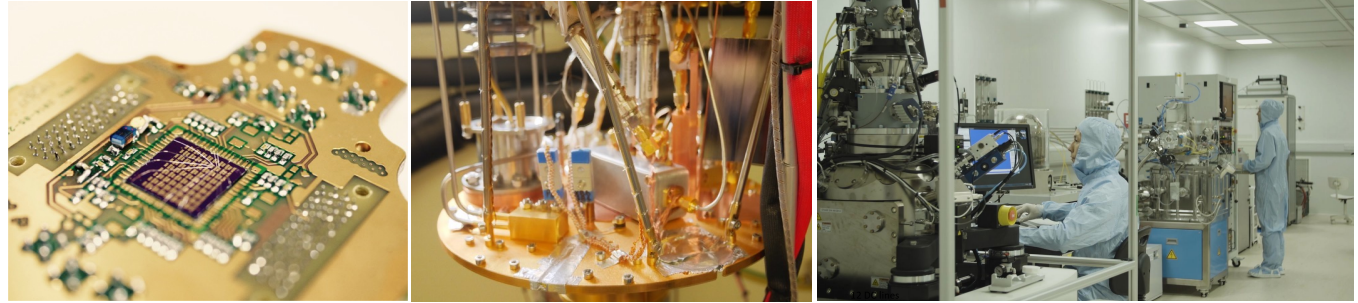
- Non resonant experiments have broad mass coverage, but insensitive to QCD axions
- Resonant experiments much more sensitive. ADMX is the only experiment to have probed a broad range of existing axion models. However, mass coverage too slow. Can speed up: 1. By using a new generation of quantum electronics; 2. By using a larger, higher field magnet; 3. A lower system temperature; 4. Using multiple resonators in parallel.



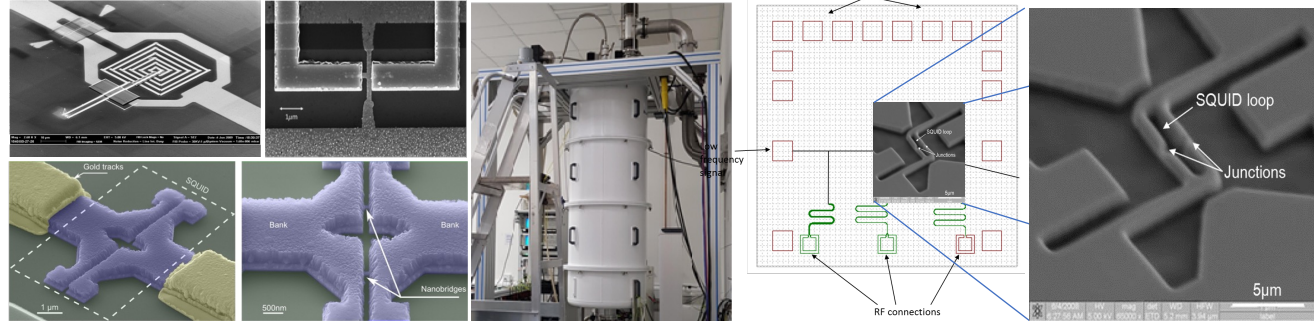


# Quantum Electronics for QSHS

Josephson parametric amplifiers (JPAs) / Travelling wave parametric amplifiers (TWPAs)



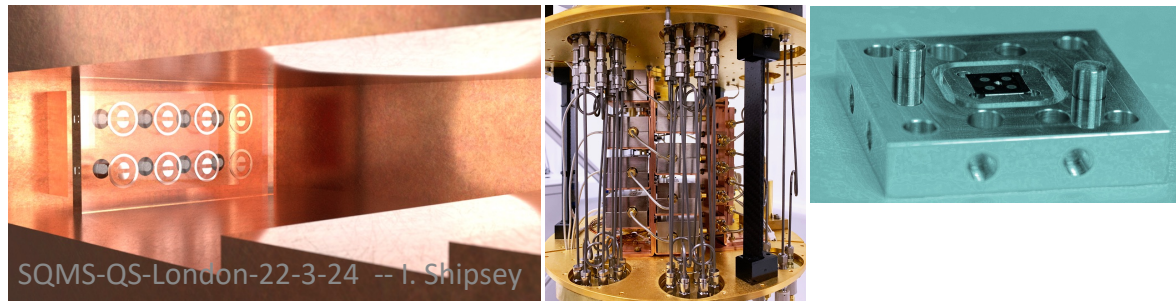
SLUG loaded SQUID amplifiers



Cryogenic bolometer arrays



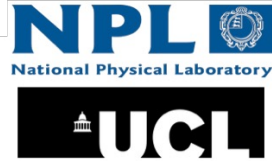
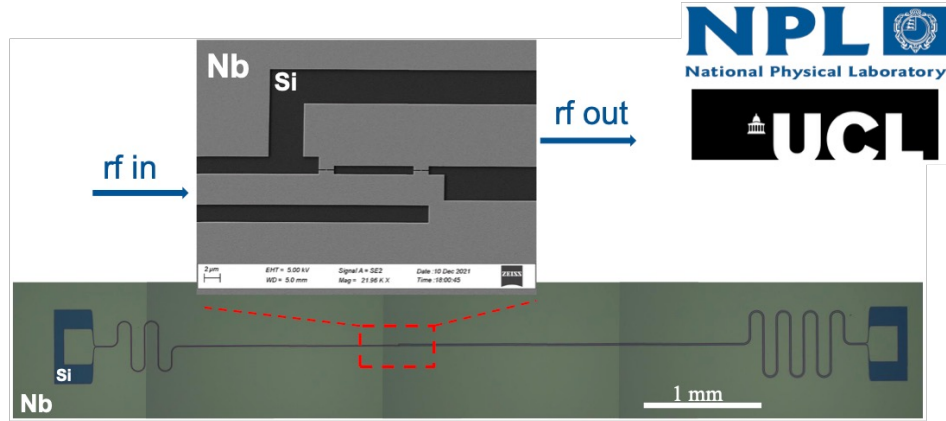
Qubit arrays



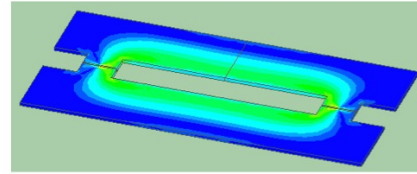


# Progress

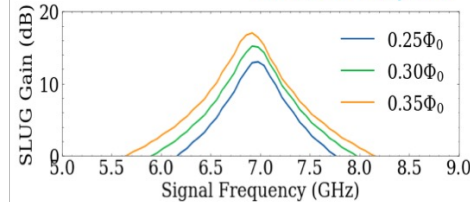
First SLUG loaded SQUID devices fabricated by the NPL/UCL group, Nov/Dec 2021. Currently under test.



Ansys Maxwell – simulated inductance / capacitance of SLUG loop



Python – simulated frequency-dependent gain of SLUG amplifier



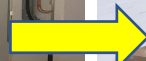
Claude Mostyn and Paul Smith (QSHS Ph.D. student, postdoc) with the dismantled fridge two days ago. Now re-assembled.



Lower heat exchanger



4m high lab space for the 20cm prototype at Sheffield



January 2022

September 2022

March 2024



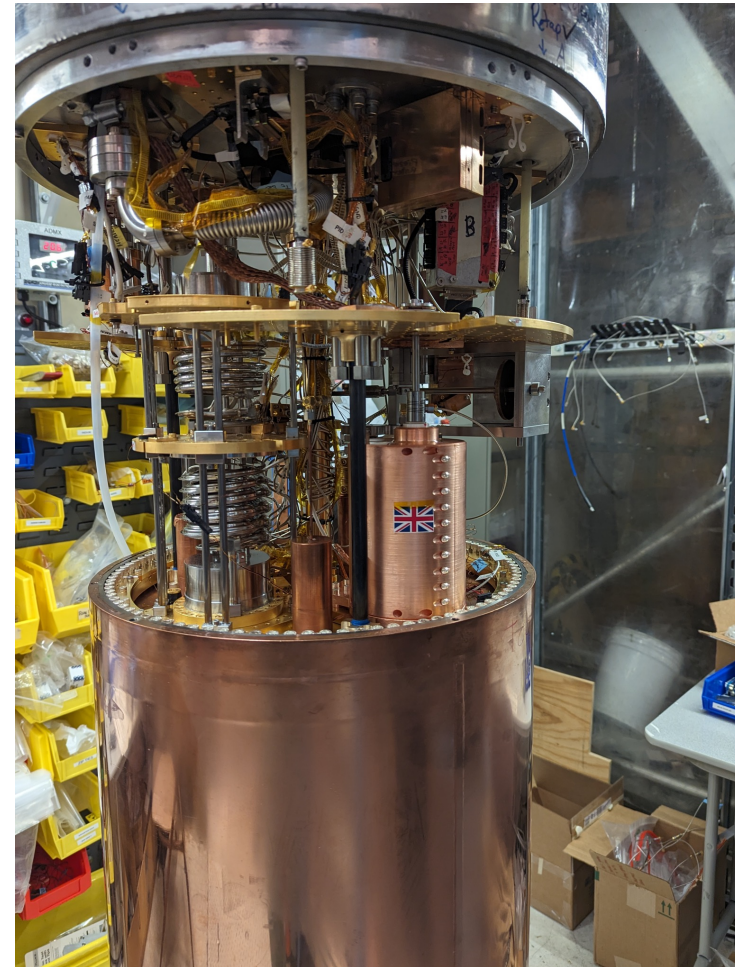
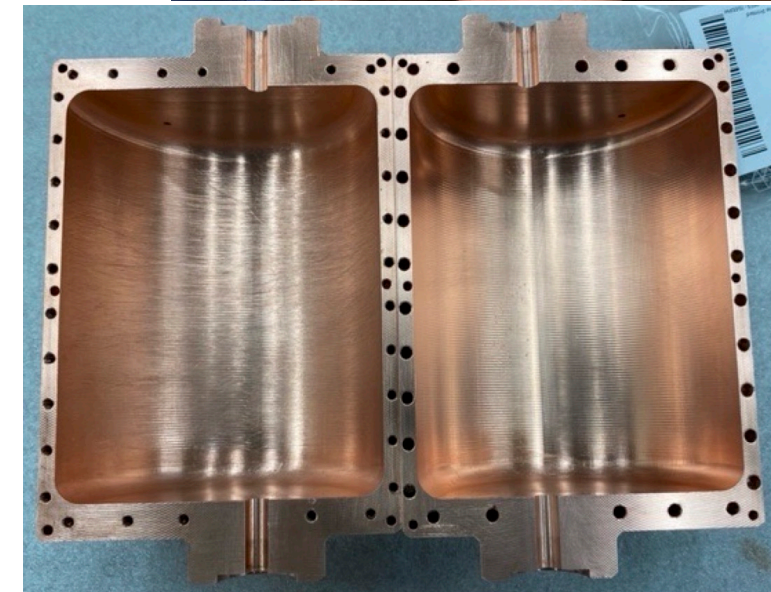


# QSHS-ADMX collaboration

Sheffield (Ed Daw PI), Oxford, UCL, NPL, RHUL, Lancaster, Cambridge

- ADMX and QSHS are both *direct searches for dark matter axions*.
- Daw member of ADMX since 1993 (first Ph.D. student on ADMX)
- QSHS/ADMX MoU signed in 2022.
- **Cavity research and development**
- **Resonant feedback research**
- **Data analysis** – UK access to ADMX analysis codes, playground data. Reciprocal arrangement on QSHS.
- UK Ph.D. student (Claude Mostyn) spent 3 months at ADMX on long term attachment in 2023.
- Daw, Perry (Ph.D. student) on the ADMX author list. More to follow and possible US authors on QSHS list as collaboration deepens.
- Future collaboration deepening into superconducting electronics.
- **Sheffield dilution fridge and magnet installed. See QSHS talk later today.**

Mitch Perry working on the ADMX insert.  
QSHS cavity for ADMX



*ADMX detector with UK sidecar cavity installed, ready for cooling. December 2023.*



QSHS  
Phase 1  
(current  
STFC  
Support  
Until 3/25)

- First tests of developed quantum electronics this summer
- Run 1 with a single cavity, first untuned, then with tuned.
- Evaluation of superconducting elements in field for ADMX
- Establish sensitivity to axion dark matter, extrapolate to projected sensitivity at lower noise, larger volume.
- Test resonant feedback at room temperature

maybe  
during  
phase 1

- Integrate Quantum Electronics with axion receiver
- Noise temperature determination, science data taking
- Cold tests of resonant feedback system in QSHS

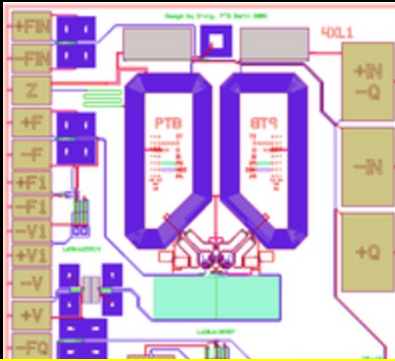
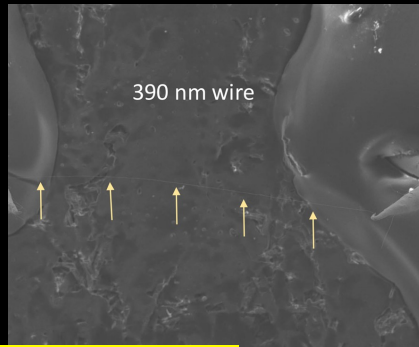
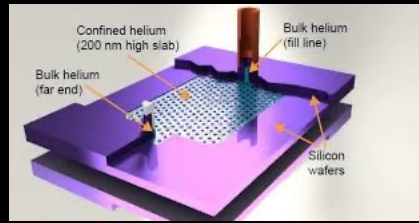
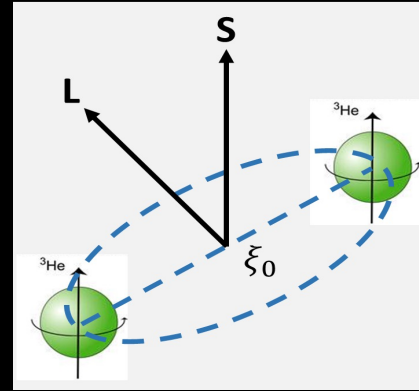
QSHS  
phase 2  
requires  
support.

- Further tests of quantum electronic readout schemes.
- Tests of non-cavity electromagnetic structures.
- Further cavity development in collaboration with ADMX.
- Continuing science runs, search for hidden sector new physics

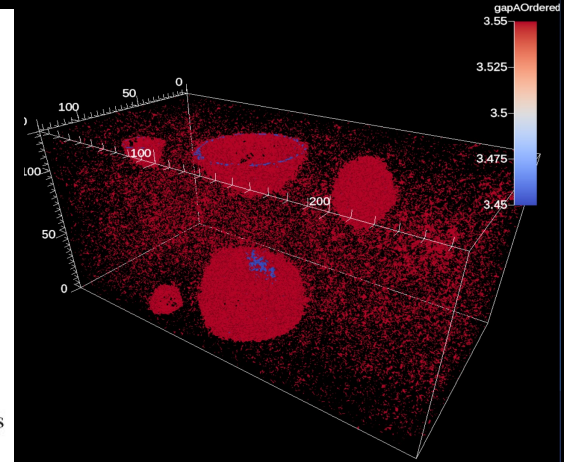
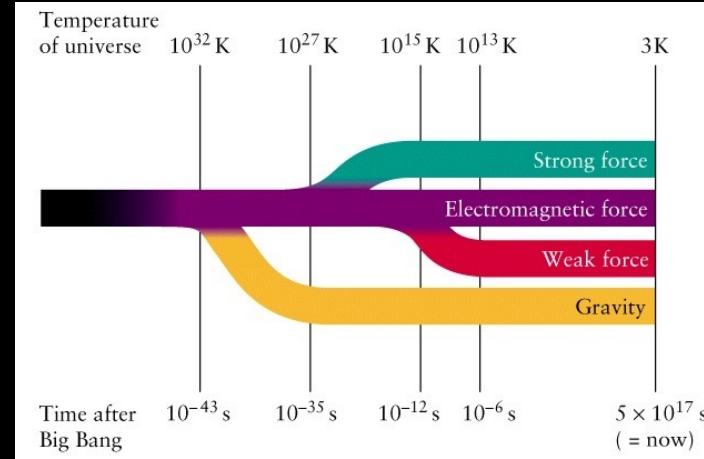
# Quantum Enhanced Superfluid Technologies for Dark Matter and Cosmology

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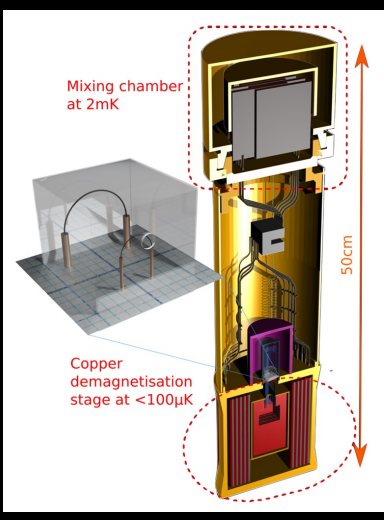
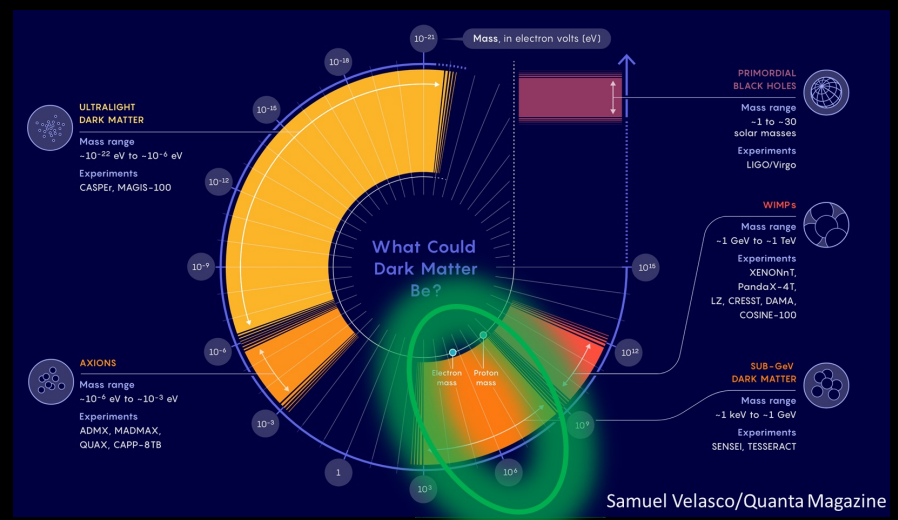
## ULT + Superfluid $^3\text{He}$ + Quantum Technologies



## Phase Transitions in the Early Universe



## Detection of sub-GeV dark matter

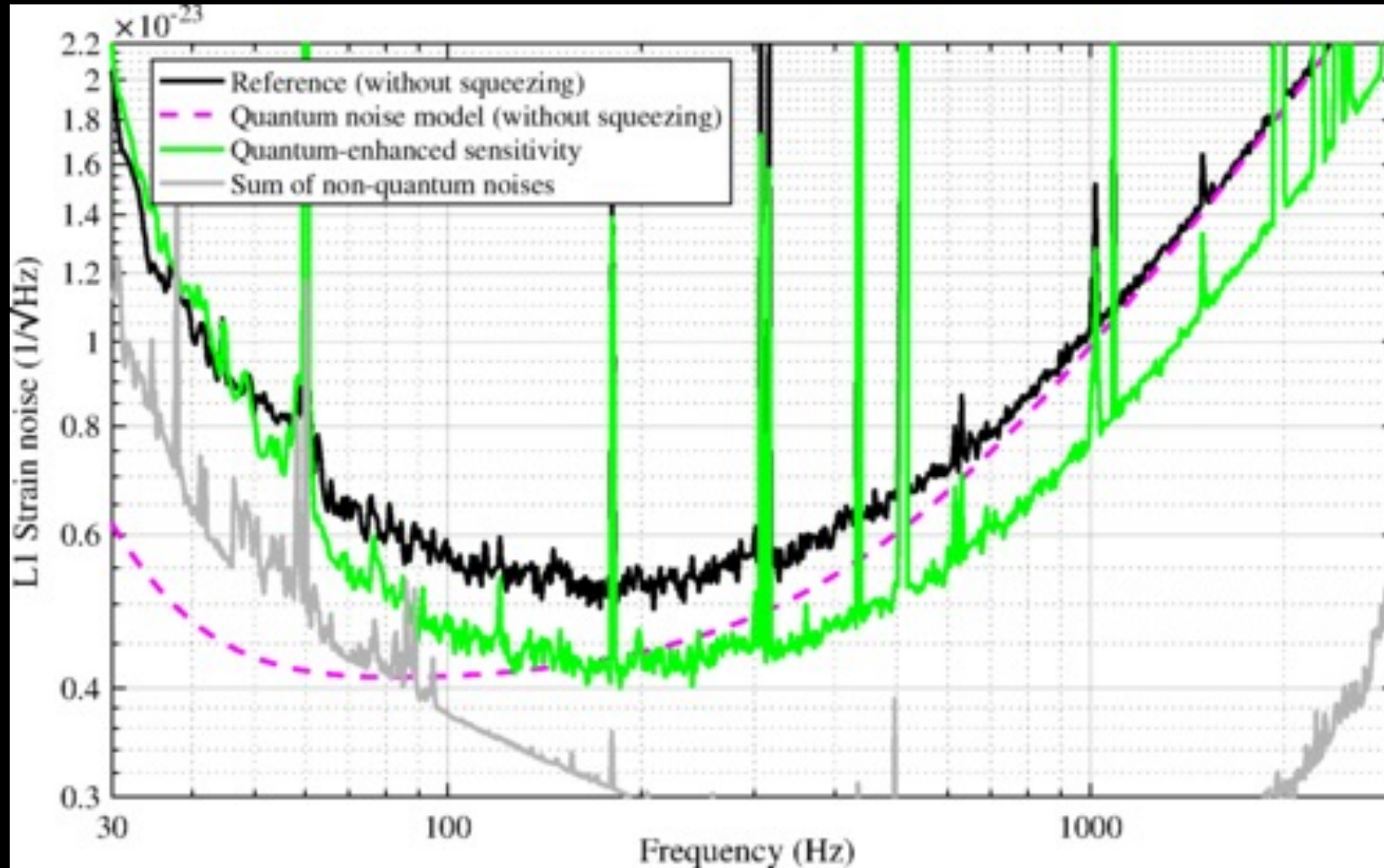


See QUEST-DMC talk by Andrew Casey

15.0kV LED SEM WD

Samuel Velasco/Quanta Magazine

# LIGO: Quantum enhanced sensing-Squeezed light for improved sensitivity



<https://journals.aps.org/prl/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevLett.123.231107>

SQMS-QS-London-22-3-24 -- I. Shipsey

<https://journals.aps.org/prl/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevLett.123.231108>



## WP 1: Axions in the galactic halo

- An 'interferometry haloscope' (PRD 101, 095034)
- Axions with masses from  $10^{-16}$  eV up to  $10^{-8}$  eV

## WP 2: Light-shining-through-wall (collab.)

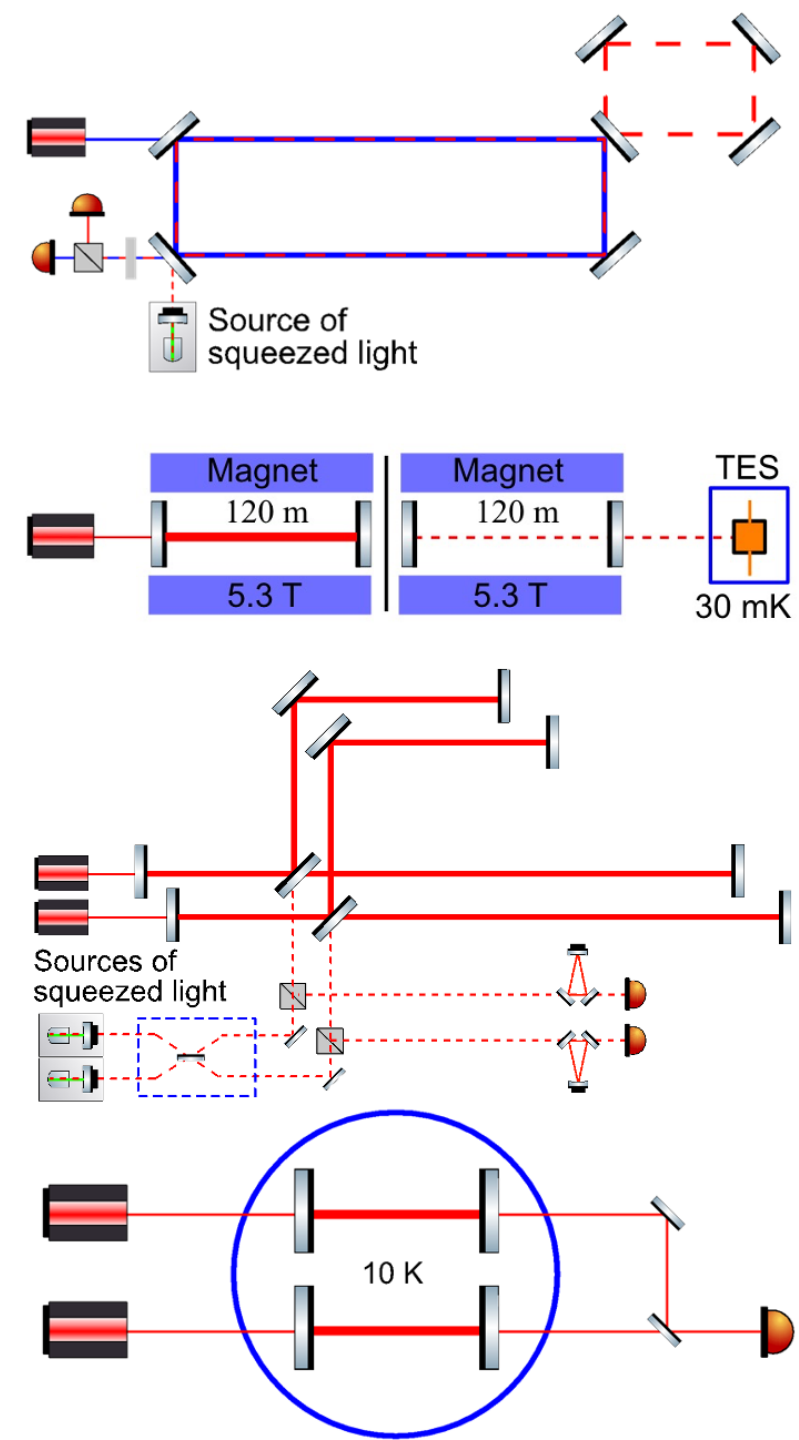
- Making and detecting axion-like particles
- Transition edge sensor with background  $<10^{-6}/s$

## WP 3: Quantisation of space-time

- Testing ideas on quantization of space-time
- Sensitivity of  $2 \times 10^{-19}$  m/rt(Hz) above 1 MHz

## WP 4: Semiclassical gravity

- Testing semiclassical gravity predictions
- Test-bed for other forms of possible quantum/gravity interaction experiments





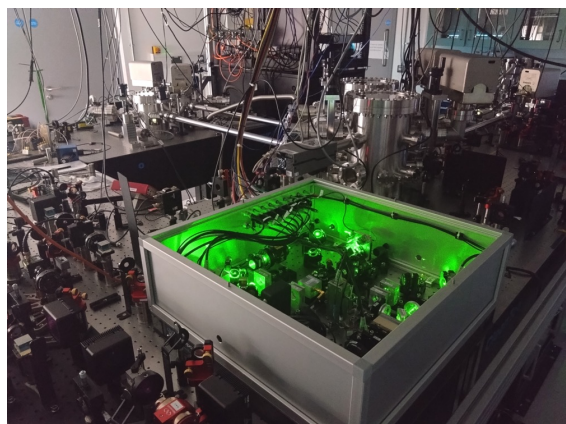
# Quantum-Enhanced Interferometry for New Physics

- Novel searches for dark matter and axion-like particles: LIDA, ALPS II
- Novel searches for signatures of quantum gravity: QUEST, CRYO-BEAT
- Quantum technologies: Squeezed light and TES single photon detection

- UK members: Birmingham, Cardiff, Glasgow, Strathclyde, Warwick
- International Partners: **Fermilab / U Chicago, NIST, MIT, Caltech (US)**, DESY, PTB, Max Planck (Germany), Vienna (Au), U Western Australia (A)

Status:

- Novel axion interferometer method established: 2307.01365; 2309.03394; 2401.11907
- TES detector is under commissioning and ALPS II design: 2009.14294
- Scalar field dark matter searches: Nature 600, 424 (2021); PRL 128, 121101 (2022); 2402.18076 (2024)
- QUEST Quantized space-time search: 1 engineering run completed. Theory work: 2306.17706



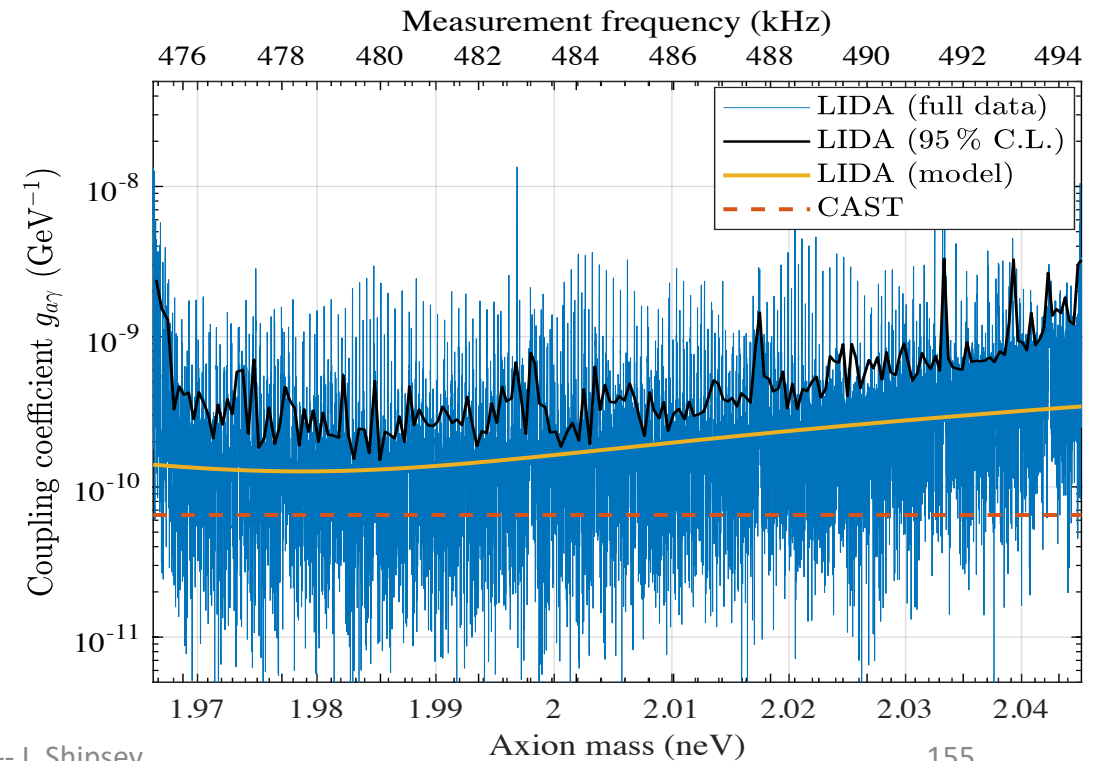
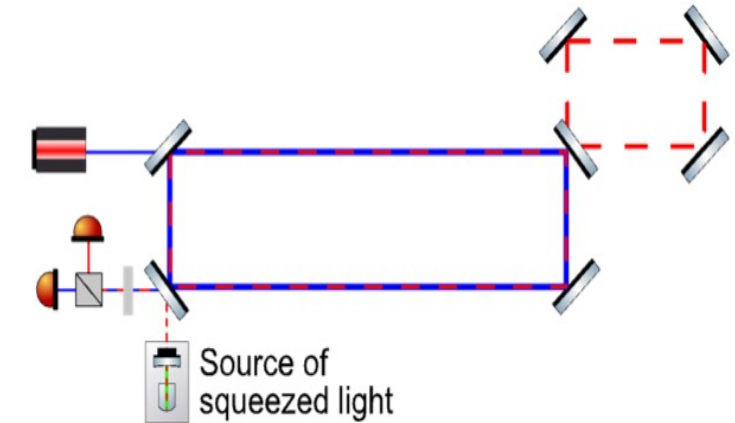
QUEST

# WP 1: Laser interferometric detector for axions (LIDA)

## WP 1: Axions in the galactic halo

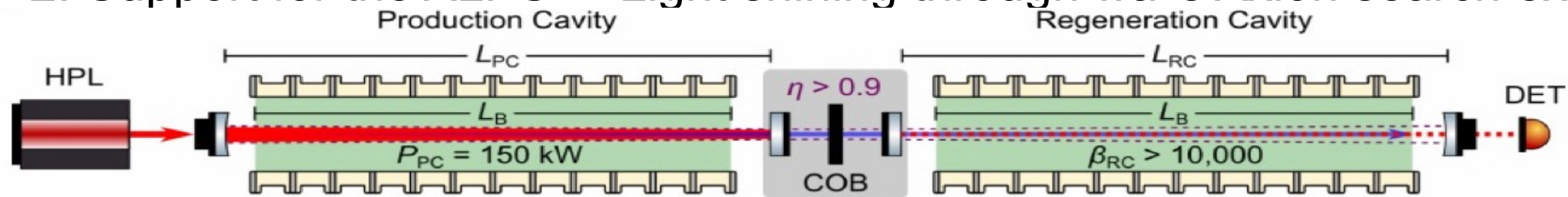
- An 'interferometry haloscope' (PRD 101, 095034)
- Axions with masses from  $10^{-16}$  eV up to  $10^{-8}$  eV

- Completed the first science run to search for axions with mass of 2 neV
- Leading observatory in its class (compared to the MIT's and U Tokyo's setups)
- Achieved the world record intensity in laser interferometers ( $4.5 \text{ MW} / \text{cm}^2$ )
- Proposed axion searches with photon counting

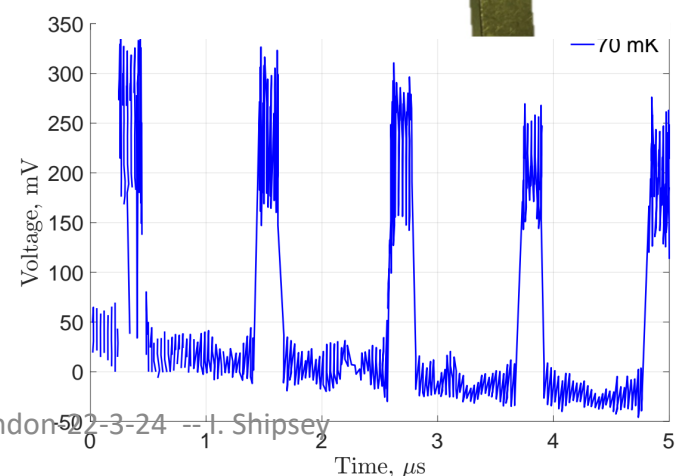
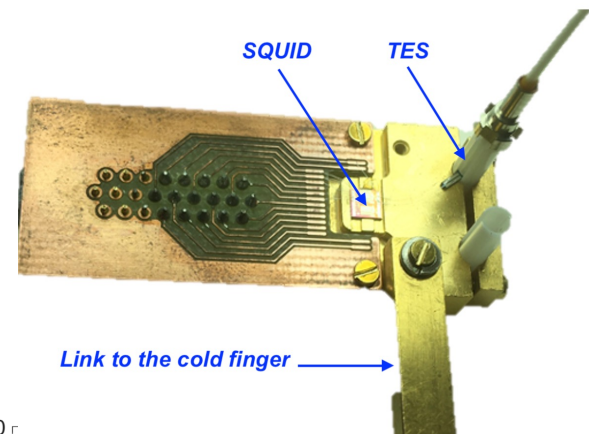




# WP 2: Support for the ALPS II Light shining through walls Axion search experiment

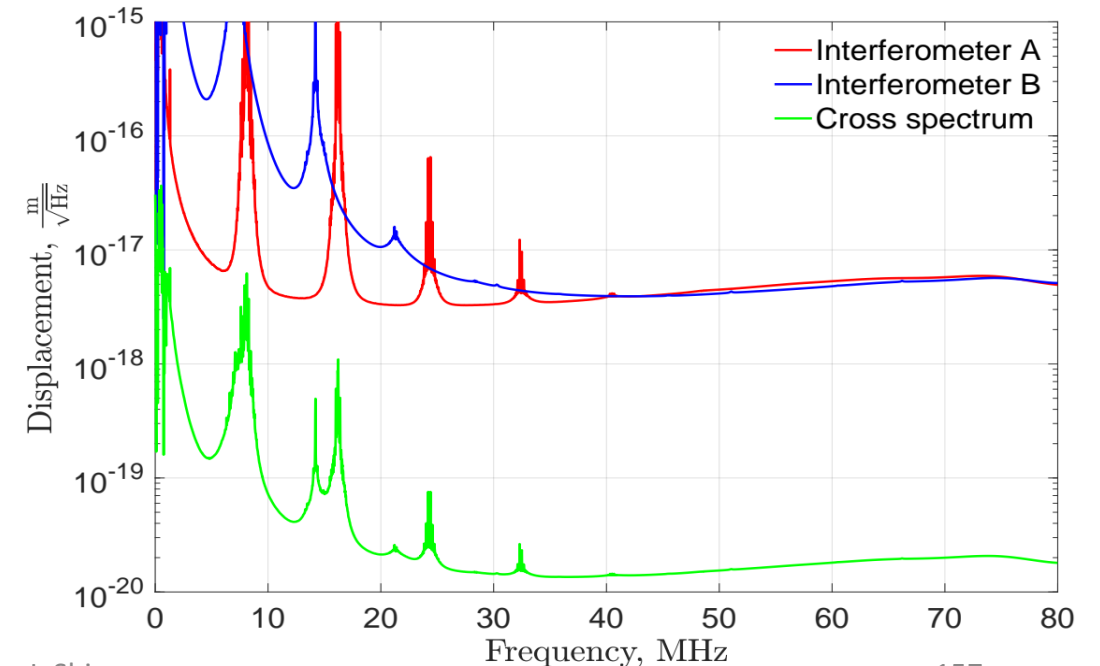
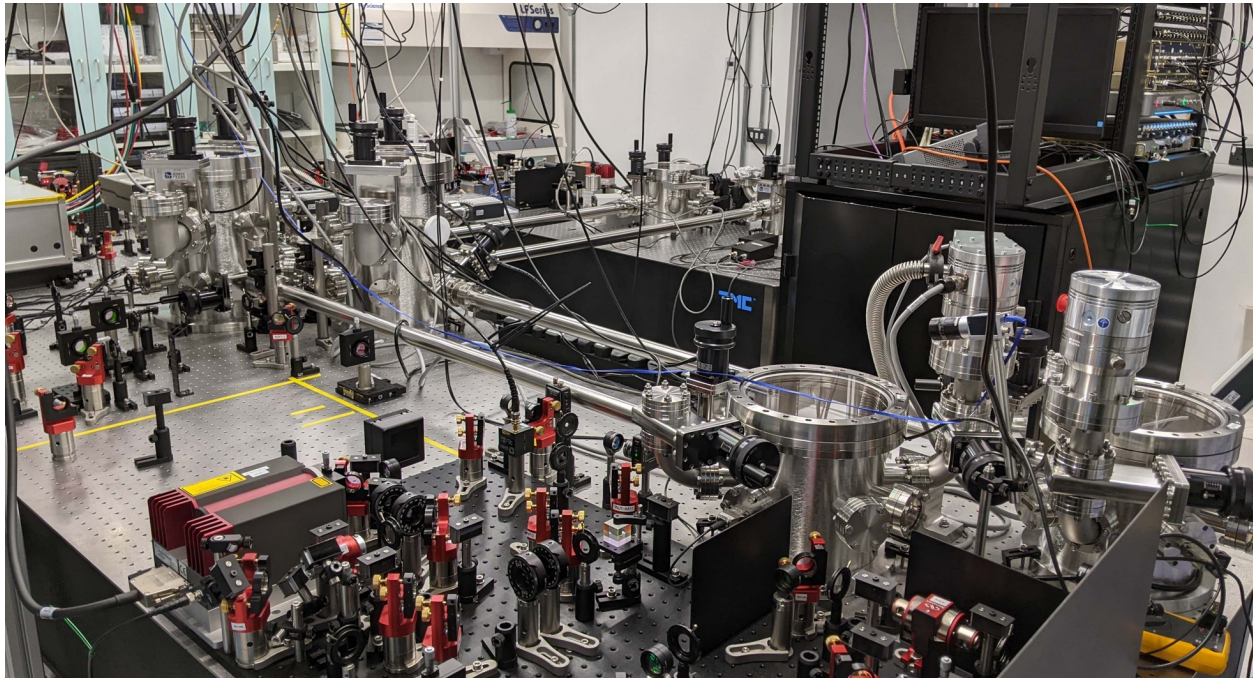
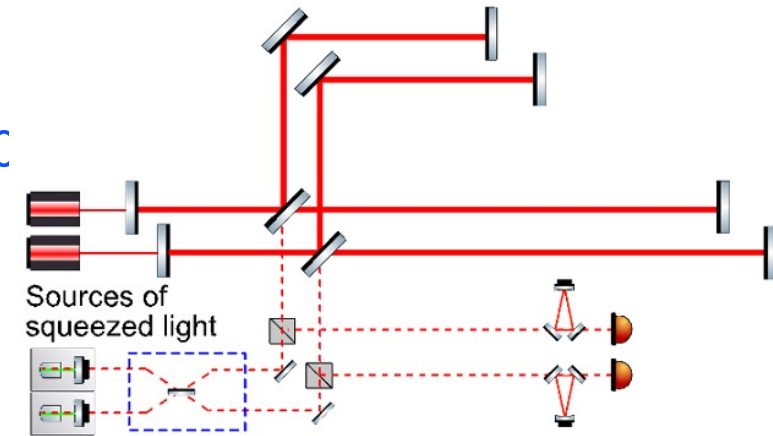


- ALPS II is a new particle search experiment at DESY in Hamburg
- QI support to commissioning: Milestone of current first science run reached world record for light storage time in 2-mirror cavity (67 ms)
- New TES detector under commissioning



# WP 3: QUantum-Enhanced Space-Time experiment (QUEST)

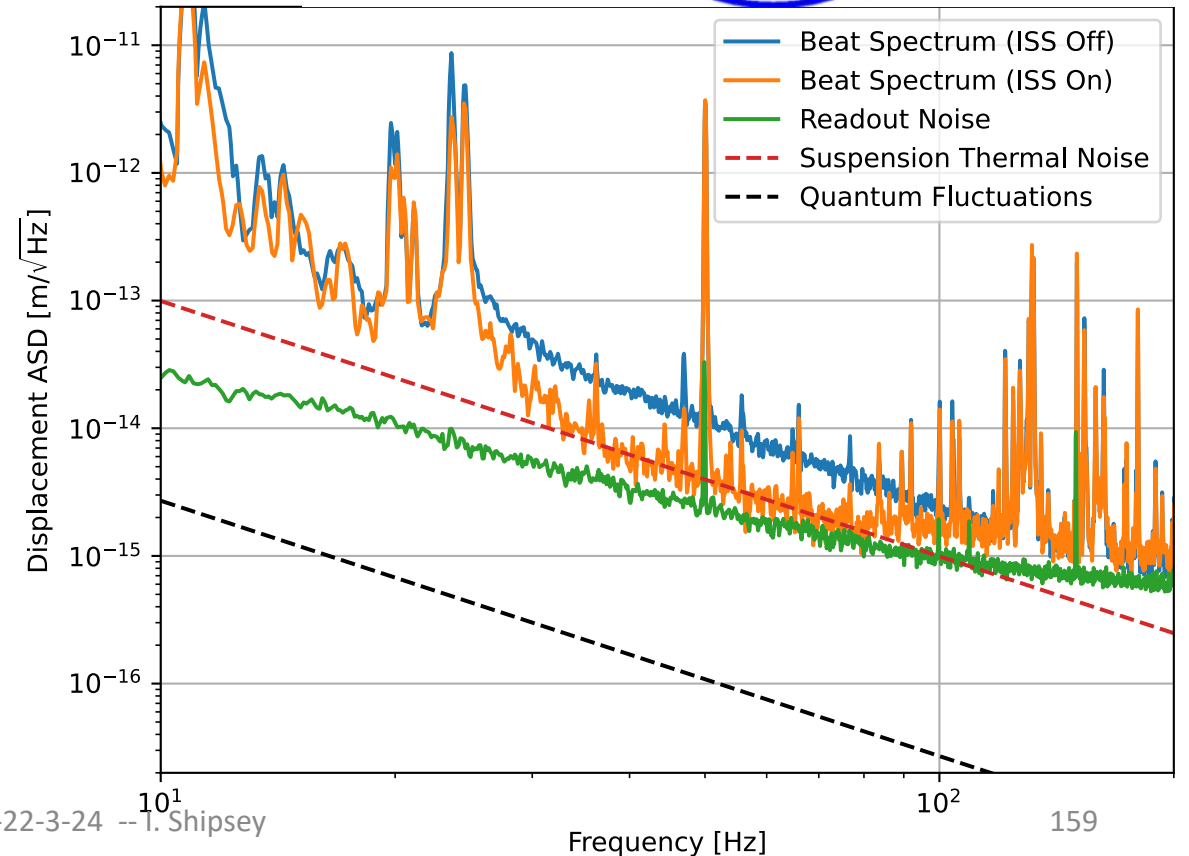
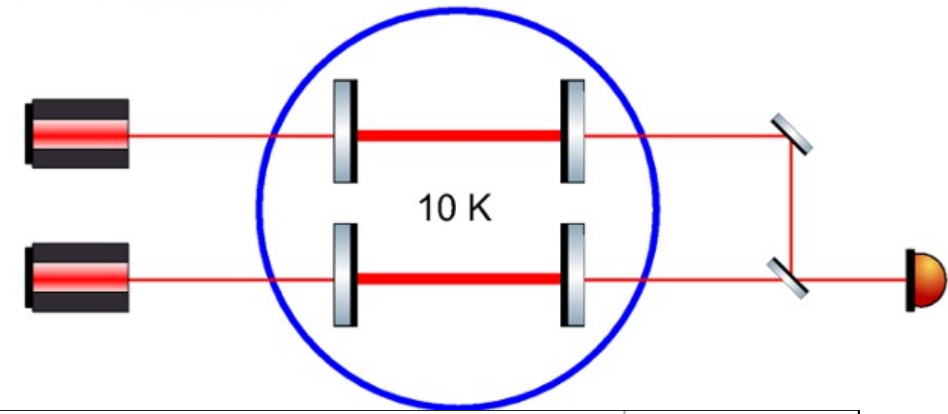
- World's most sensitive table-top interferometer
- First engineering run achieved with cross-correlated sensitivity near  $10^{-20}$  m/rt(Hz)
- Quantum / Squeezed light sources to enhance sensitivity
- Searching for signatures of quantum gravity / quantized space-time





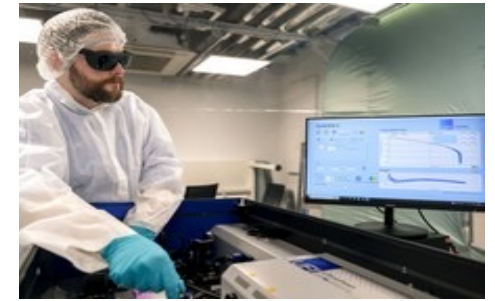
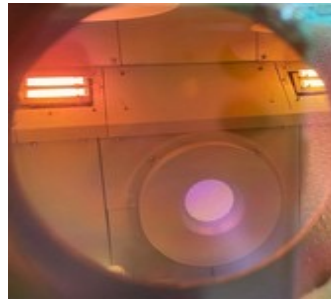
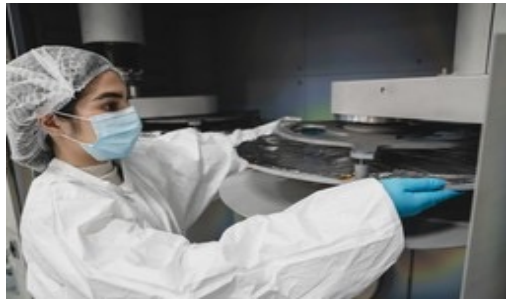
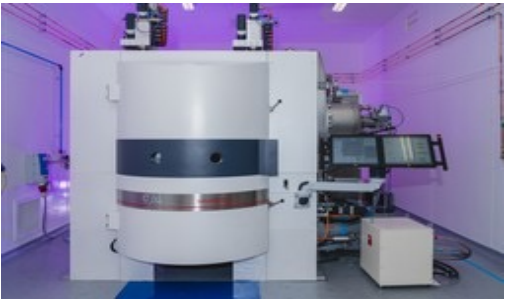
# WP 4: searches for semiclassical gravity

- State-of-the-art passive and active inertial isolation of optical cavities
- Reached the suspension thermal noise level (significant milestone)
- Tested the “pre-selection” model of semiclassical gravity (data analysis ongoing)



● [arXiv:2402.00821](https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.00821)





## Optical coatings manufacture at the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS)

- UK's first production site for ion beam deposited (IBD) optical coatings ([www.epoc.scot](http://www.epoc.scot)).
- Largest IBD system in world in terms of coating uniformity area ( $2 \times 620$  dia / 200kg substrates).
- Optical absorption @1064 nm < 1 ppm achieved.
- Reflectivity @1064 nm > 99.97% achieved for QI testbeds.
- Laser damage threshold  $58.3 \text{ J/cm}^2$  (1064nm, 11.6ns pulse, 100Hz rep rate).
- QI project the first to demonstrate precision optics (mirrors and antireflection coatings) in 2022/23 – requests from other academic and commercial projects increasing e.g. mirrors at 689 nm manufactured by QI consortium for quantum/atomic clocks for BT and MSquared for high-speed telecoms testbeds in December 2023 (already in optical cavities / under test)

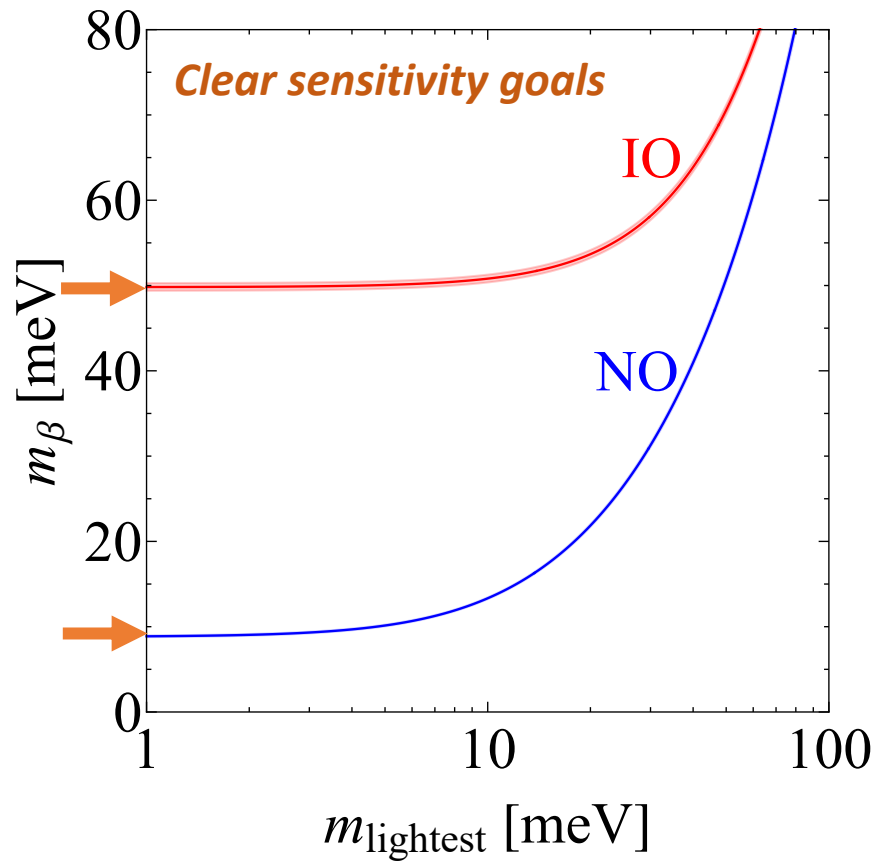


**Mirror for QI  
project with  
 $R=99.9738\%$**

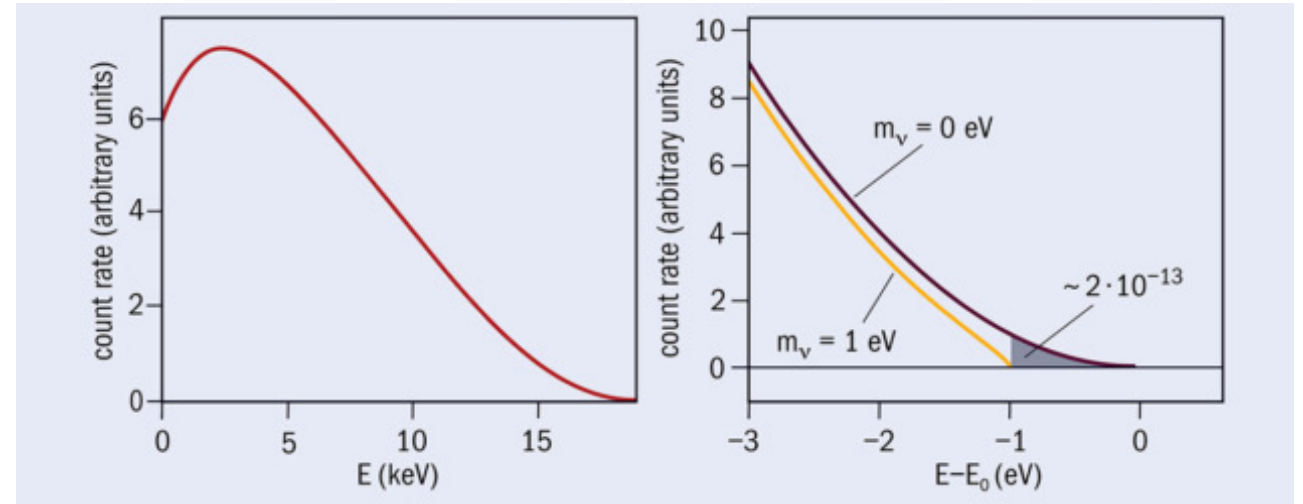
# Neutrinos

# Absolute neutrino mass

- Most tangible window to BSM physics
- Lab measurement → important input to cosmology

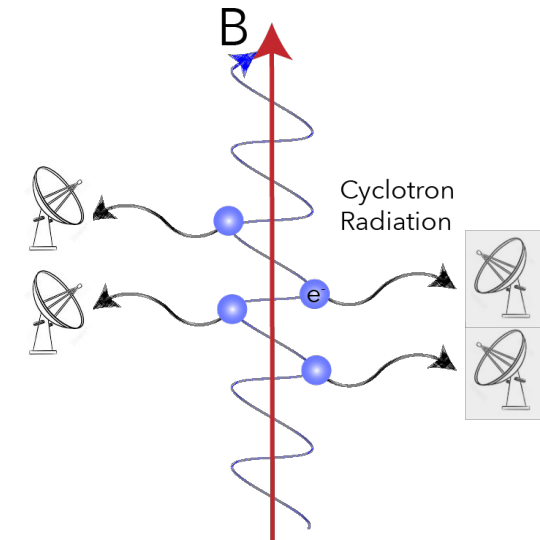


## Atomic $^3\text{H}$ $\beta$ -decay – model independent



**Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectroscopy CRES + Quantum Technologies** to overcome limitations of current state-of-art (KATRIN)

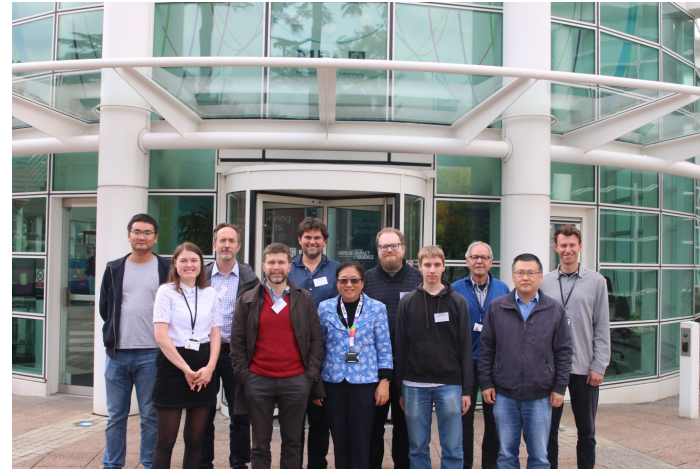
$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{eB}{m_e + E_{\text{kin}}/c^2}$$





## Goal

Neutrino mass measurement  
from atomic  ${}^3\text{H}$   $\beta$ -decay via  
**Cyclotron Radiation Emission  
Spectroscopy** using latest  
advances in **quantum  
technologies**.

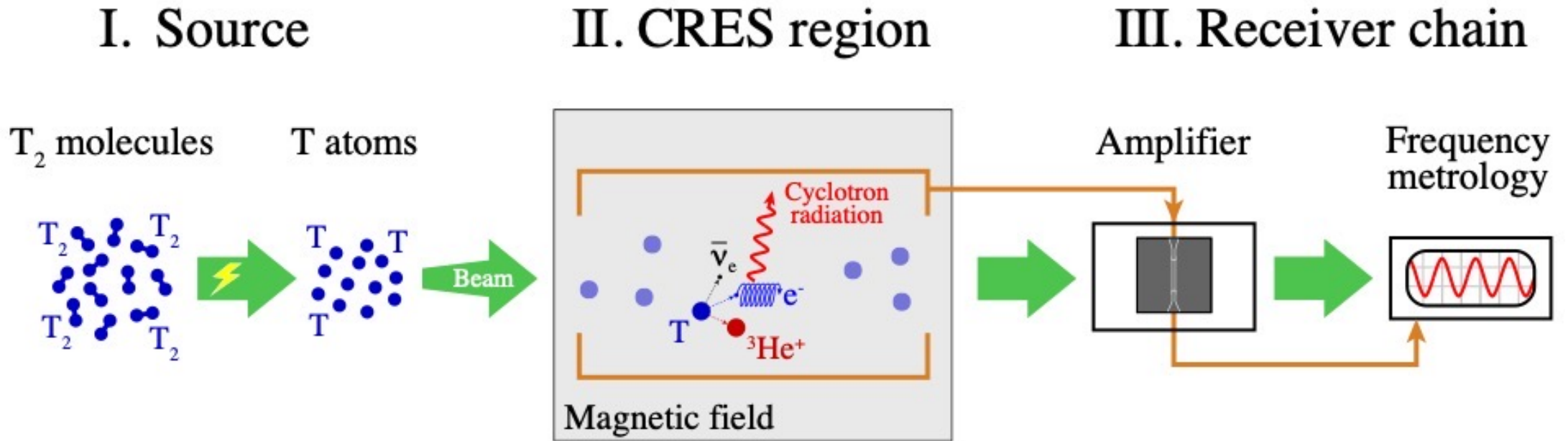


## Current project (QTFP Wave 1, 2021-2025)

### Technology Demonstration: CRESDA = CRES Demonstration Apparatus

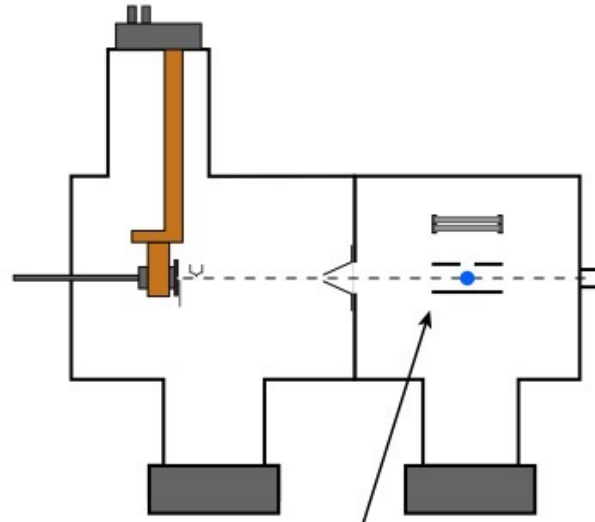
- **Quantum** noise limited microwave **sensors** at TRL7/8 for CRES at  $\sim 18\text{GHz}$  (corresponding to 0.7T field)
- 3D B-field mapping with  $\lesssim 1 \mu\text{T}$  precision, using H-atoms as **quantum sensors** (Rydberg Magnetometry)
- Production and confinement of H-atoms,  $\geq 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Modelling tools for CRES and neutrino mass

# CRESDA Scheme



# CRESDA Outline

Cryogenic atomic tritium source



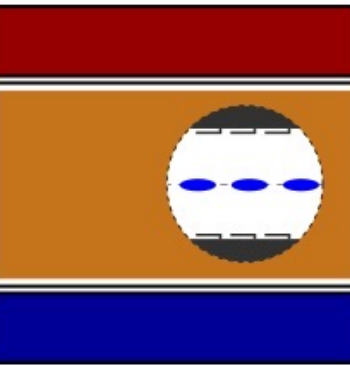
Atomic beam characterisation (laser spectroscopy)

Magnetic state selector

Injection region

Atomic beam characterisation

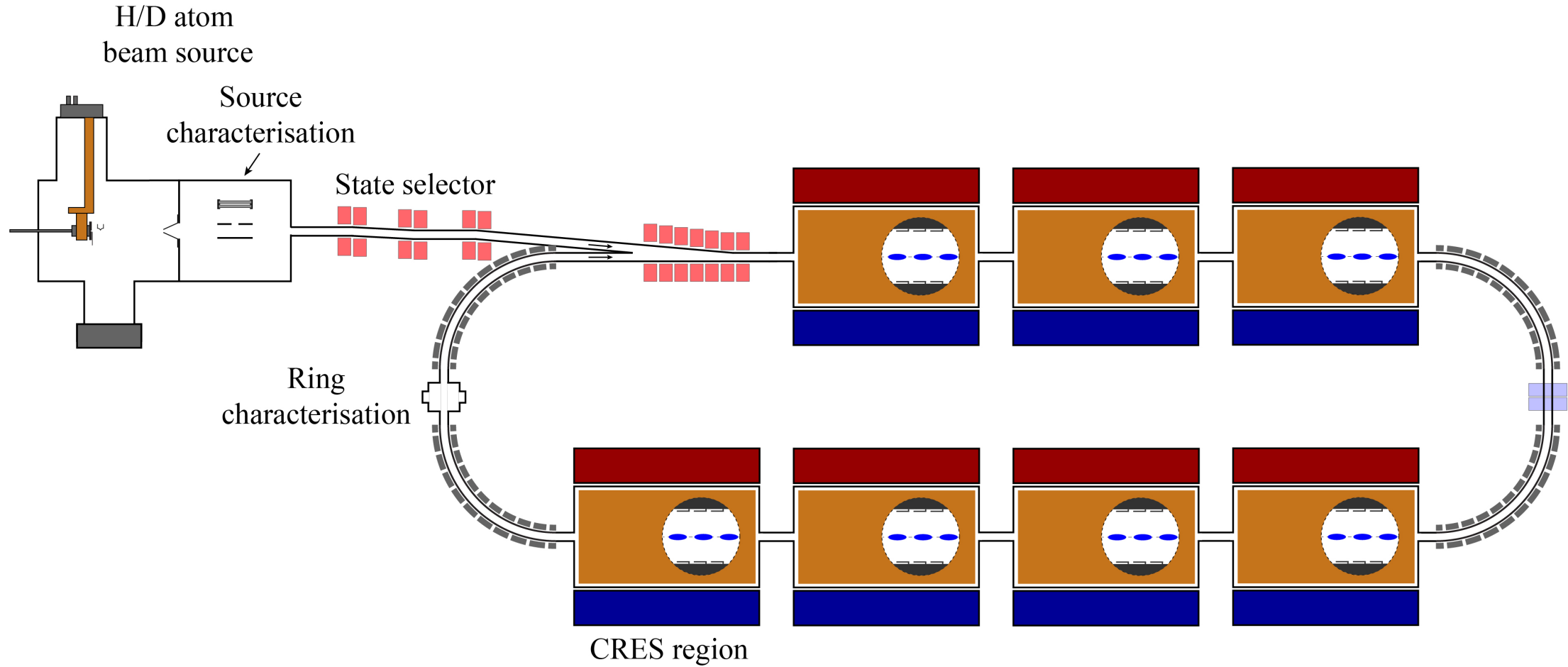
Magnetic storage ring



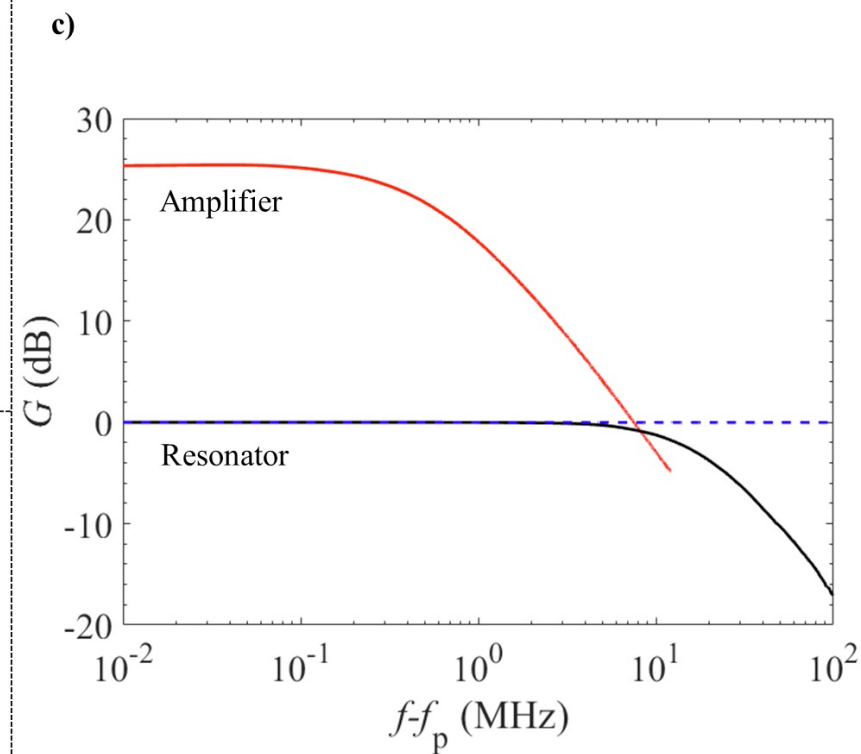
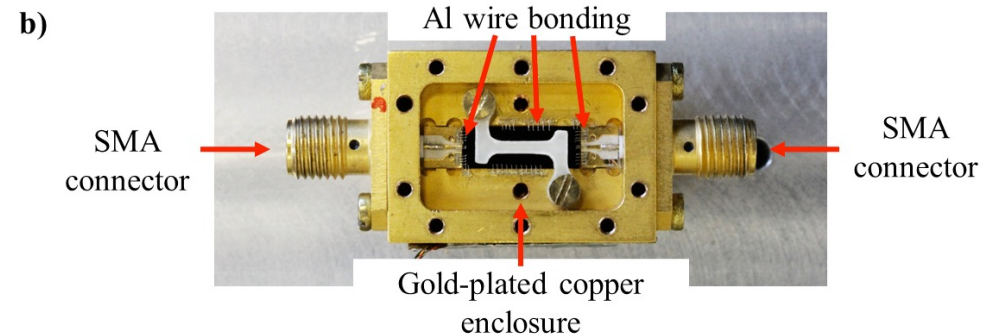
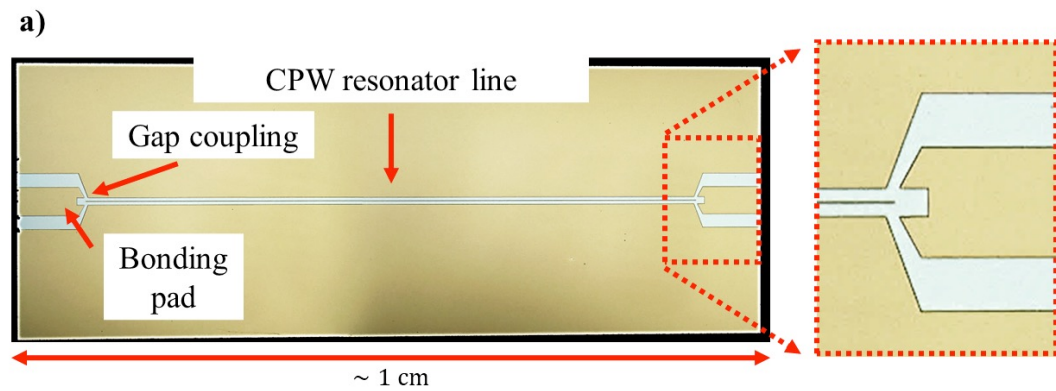
CRES region



# Scalability of Storage Ring Concept



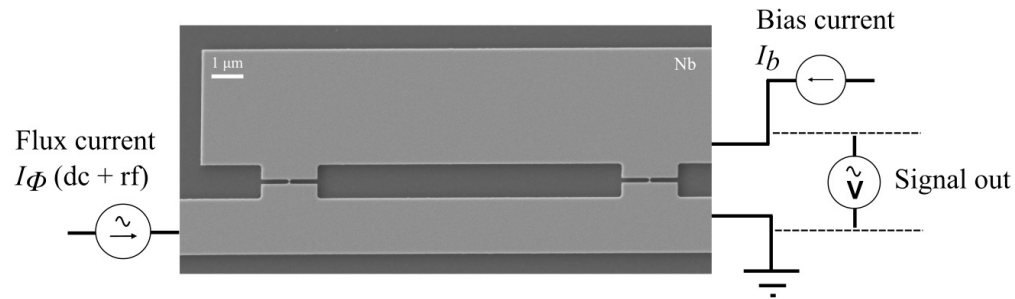
# Superconducting kinetic inductance parametric amplifiers



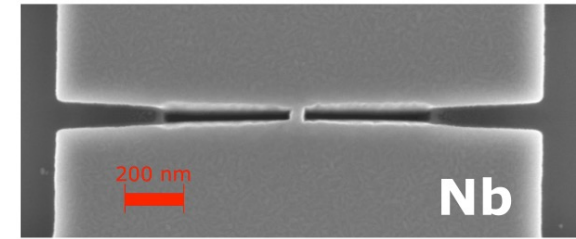
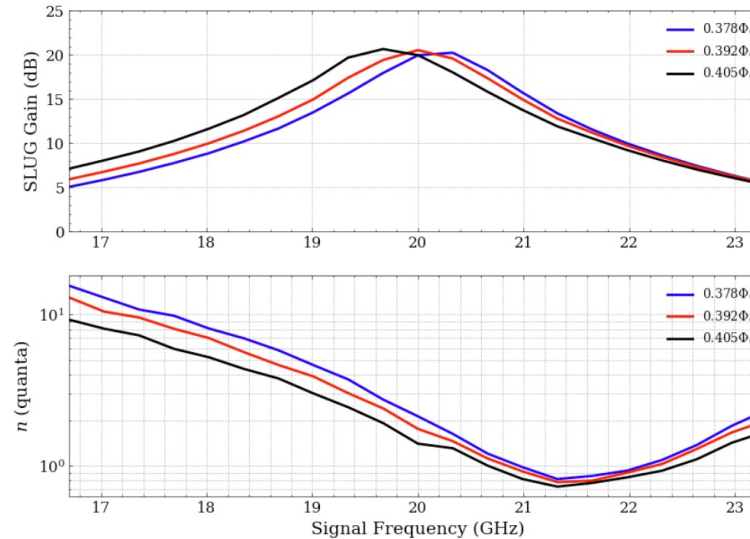
- NbN, Nb, Al, Ti paramps *fabricated* and *tested* at 18 GHz
- Robust and repeatable fabrication, *quantum-noise limited* performance
- Can be operated at 4K – potential for *two-stage* amplification
- Expect to reach *TRL7/8* by end of current phase (Mar-2025)

# SLUG Amplifiers

a)



b)



- Superconducting **L**ow-inductance **U**ndulatory **G**alvanometer
- Amplifiers based on nanobridge SLUGs comprehensively modelled, demonstrating *high gain* and *large bandwidths*
- SLUG elements with Nb nanobridges fabricated by several methods and characterised in detail

G. Chapman et al., IEEE Transactions on Applied Superconductivity 34 (2024).



# Precise B-field mapping using H-atoms as *quantum sensors* – Rydberg Magnetometry

H/D/T atoms are prepared in circular Rydberg states

Beam is expanded to fill the CRES region

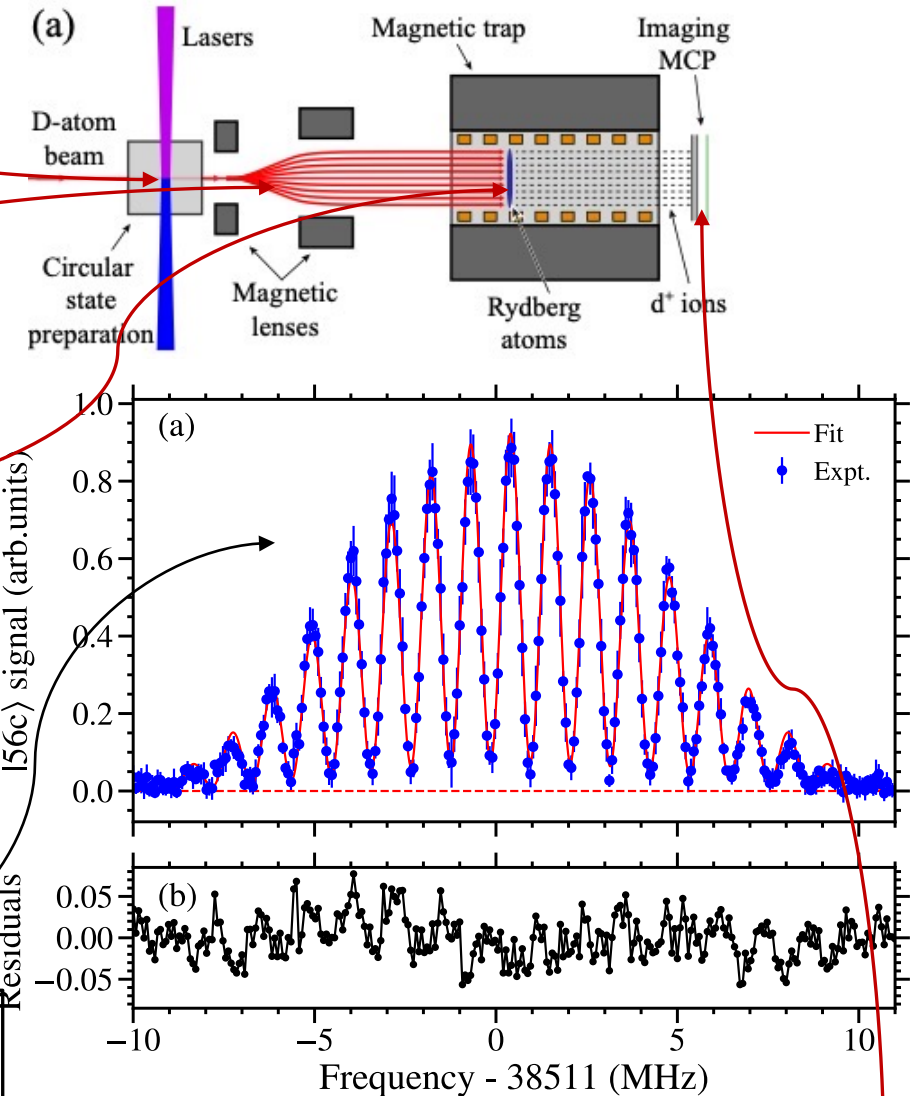
At selected time pulses of MW-radiation applied within CRES volume drive Rydberg-Rydberg transition. These transitions are sensitive to B-field variations at **<1 $\mu$ T level with a  $\sim$ 1mm spatial resolution**

**Current results (!)** Phys. Rev. A **107**, 062820

- **Absolute precision  $\pm 2 \mu\text{T}$ , relative  $\pm 900\text{nT}$**
- **Spatial resolution  $\pm 0.87\text{mm}$**
- **Electrometry abs precision  $\sim 85 \mu\text{V/cm}$**
- **Limited by control of stray electric fields. Will improve**

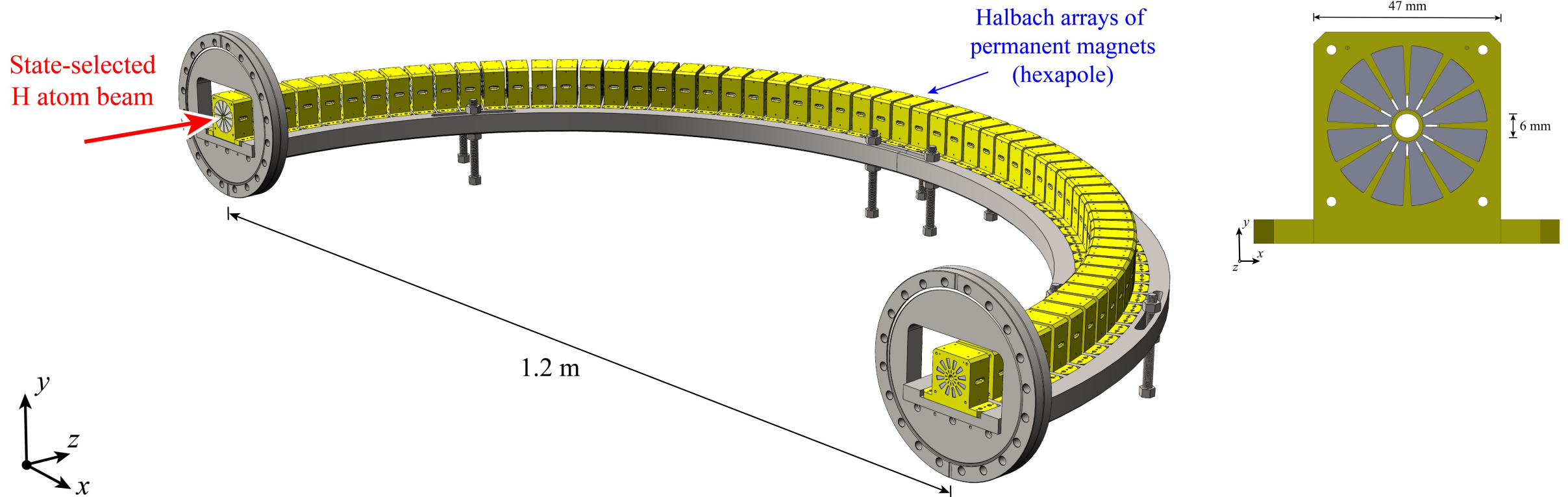
Transitions are detected by state-selective ionisation

Ramsey spectrum of MW-transition between circular Rydberg states (Helium example)



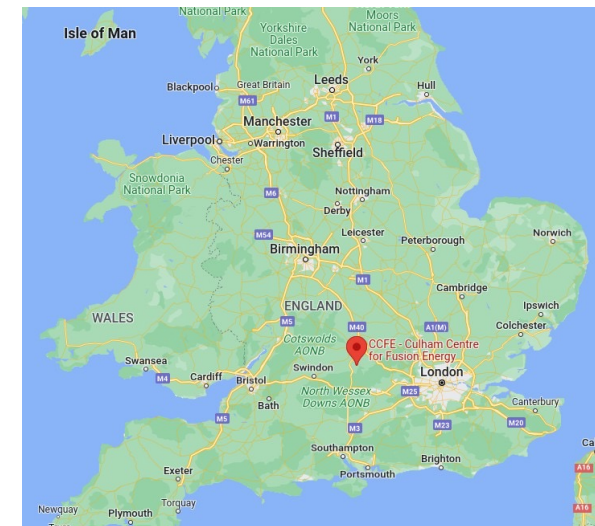
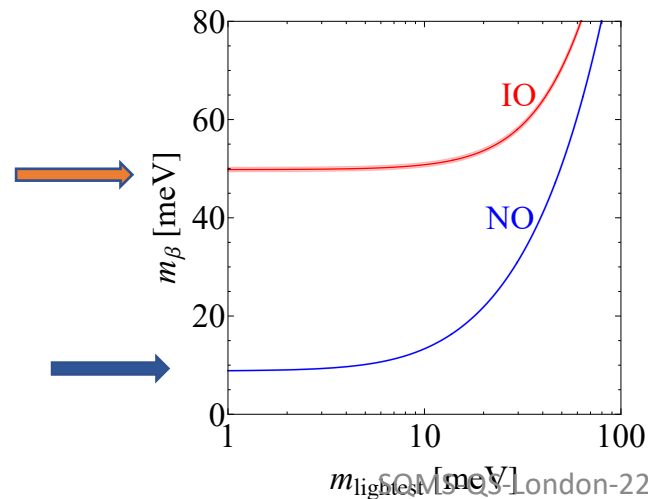
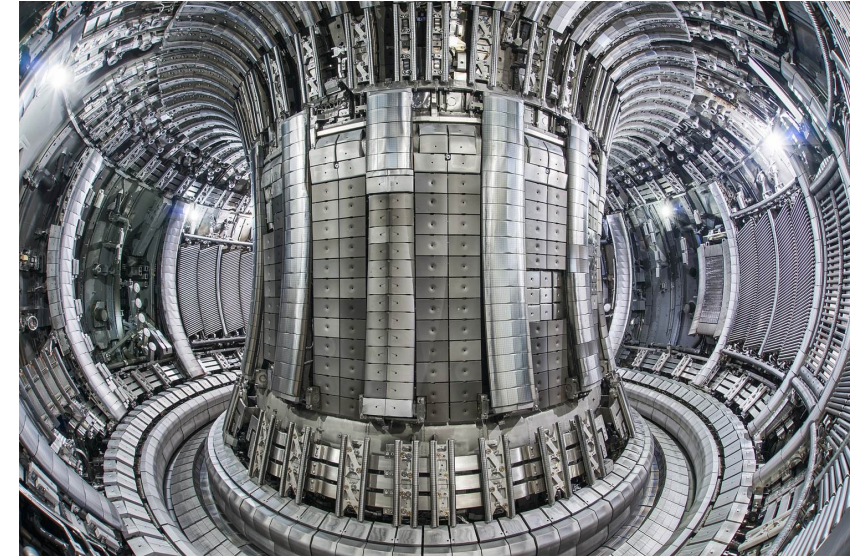
# H/D/T-atoms confinement with storage ring

- Confine and guide spin-polarised beams of H/D/T
- Separate confinement fields from CRES field
- Components manufactured and delivered
- Assembly underway



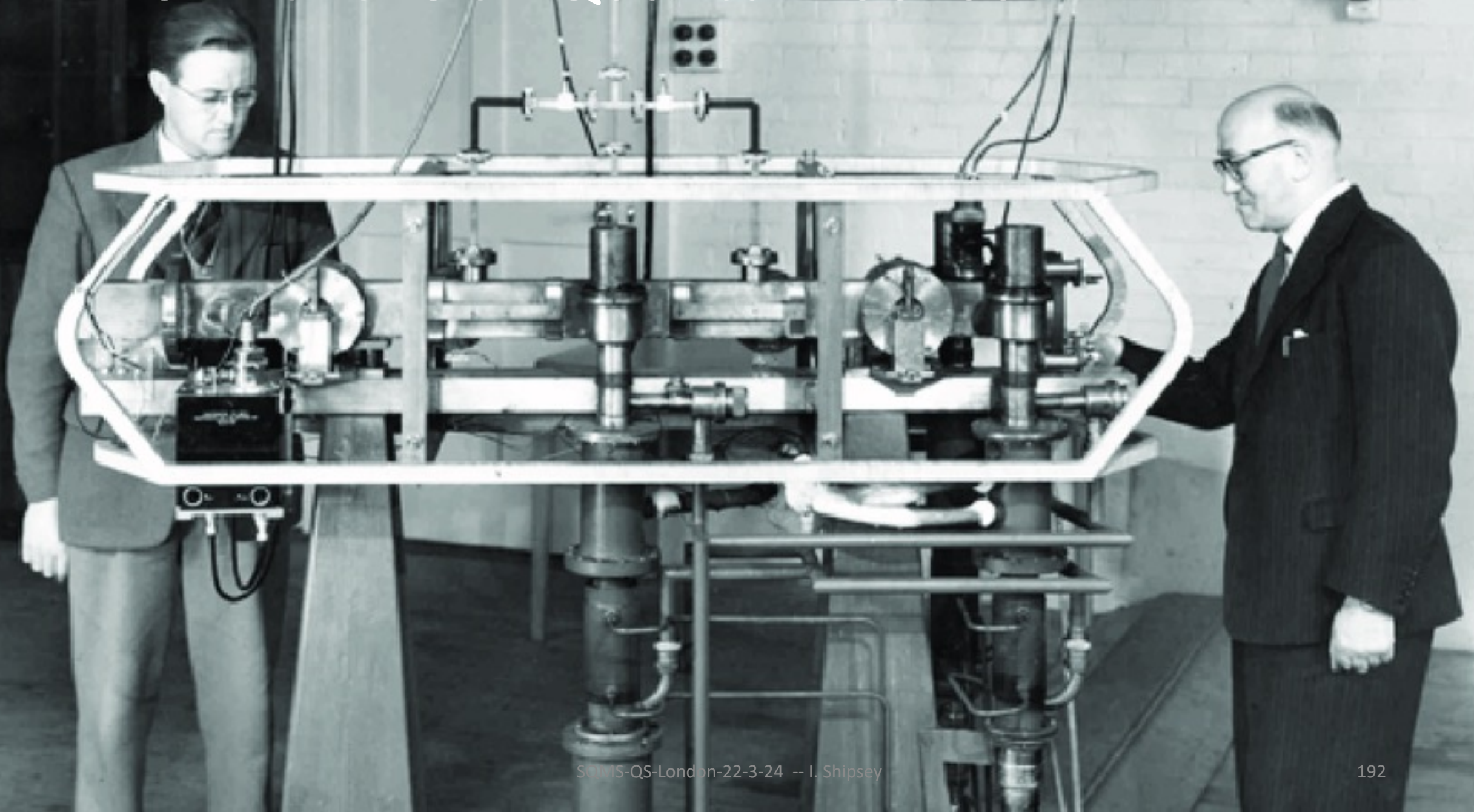
# Outlook

- Technology demonstration (2021-2025)
- Atomic tritium source development at Culham Centre for Fusion Energy  
Energy – TRITON proposal for UKRI IF (2025-2028)
- Tritium run with  $O(0.1\text{eV})$  sensitivity (2028-2031)
- Final neutrino mass experiment with 10-50 meV sensitivity at CCFE or similar facility (2030-2040)

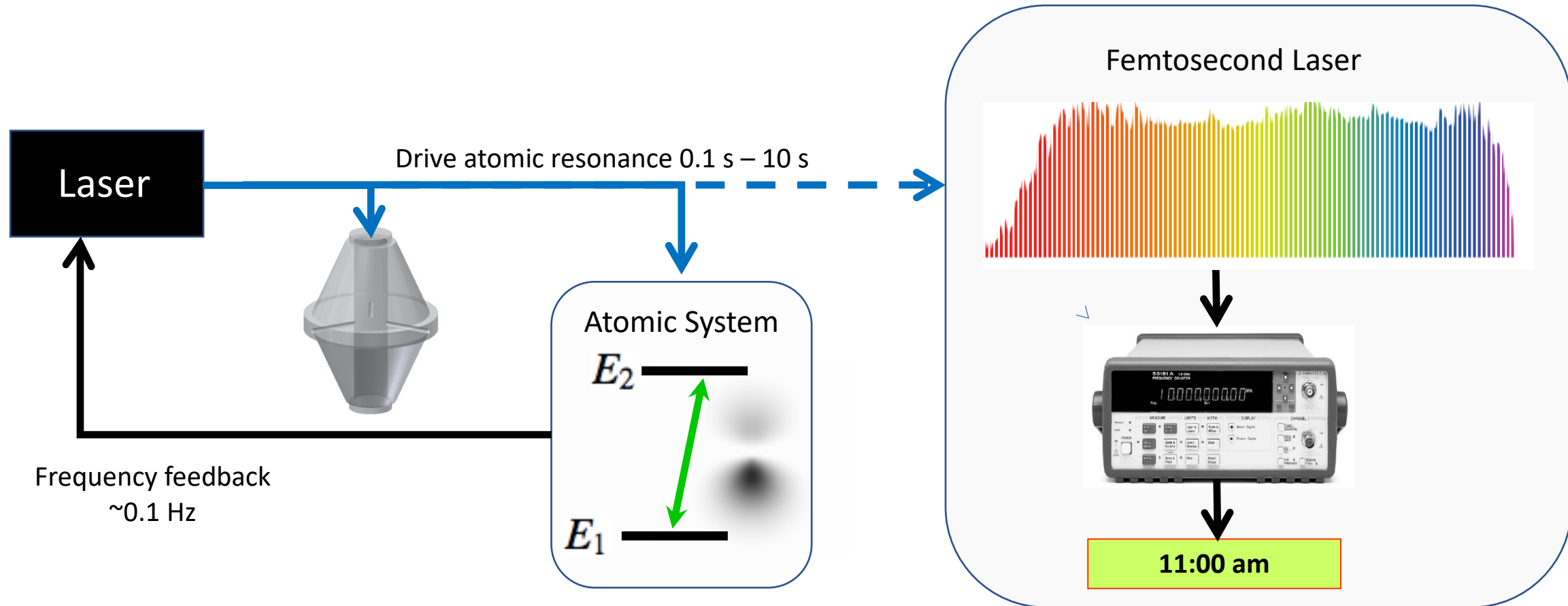




# ATOMIC CLOCK Quantum Sensor



# Principle of Optical Clocks



Clock frequency:  $f_0 = \frac{E_2 - E_1}{h} \approx 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$



# A network of clocks for measuring the stability of fundamental constants

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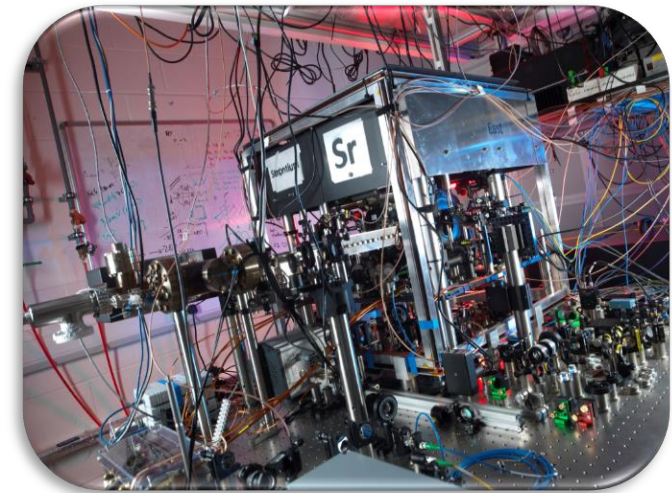
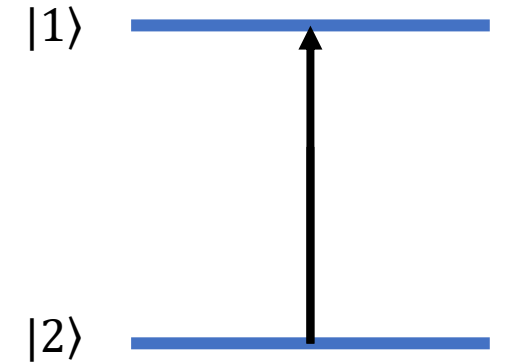
# Sensitive probes

- All atomic and molecular energy spectra depend on the fundamental constants of the Standard Model
- Spectroscopy lends itself to measure variations of:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\hbar c}$$

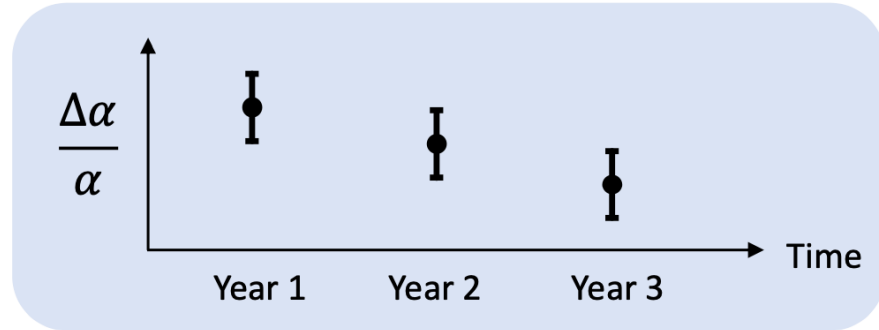
$$\mu = \frac{m_p}{m_e}$$

- Atomic and molecular spectra can be measured with extreme precision using **atomic clocks**
- Stability and accuracy at the  $10^{-18}$  level



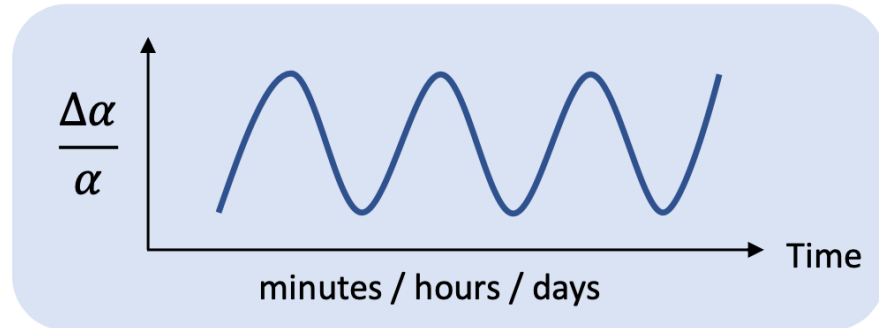
# Look for variation on different timescales

- Slow drifts



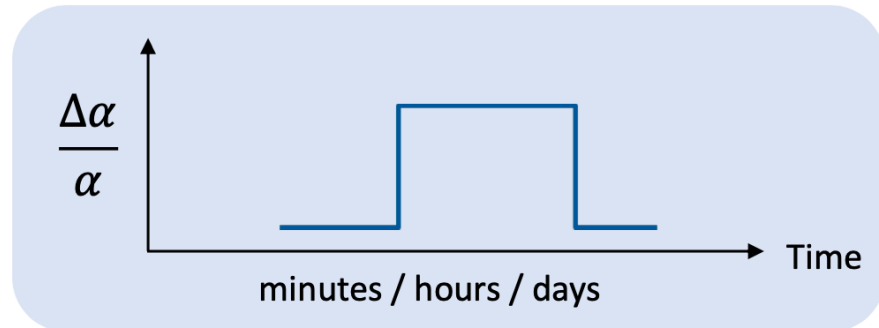
➔ New physics

- Oscillations



➔ Very light dark matter

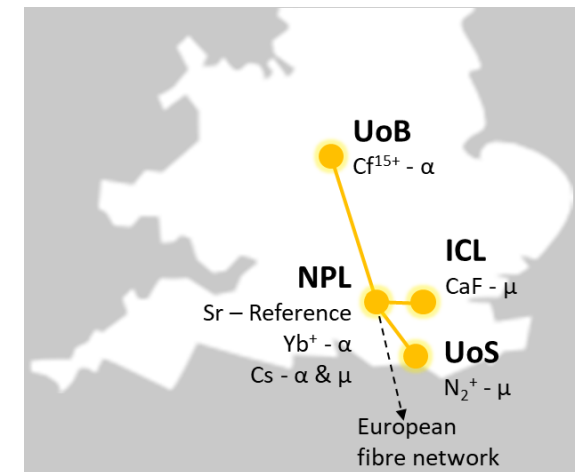
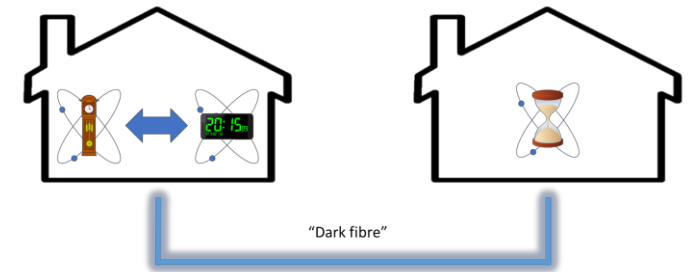
- Fast transients



➔ Dark matter - topological defects

# The network approach

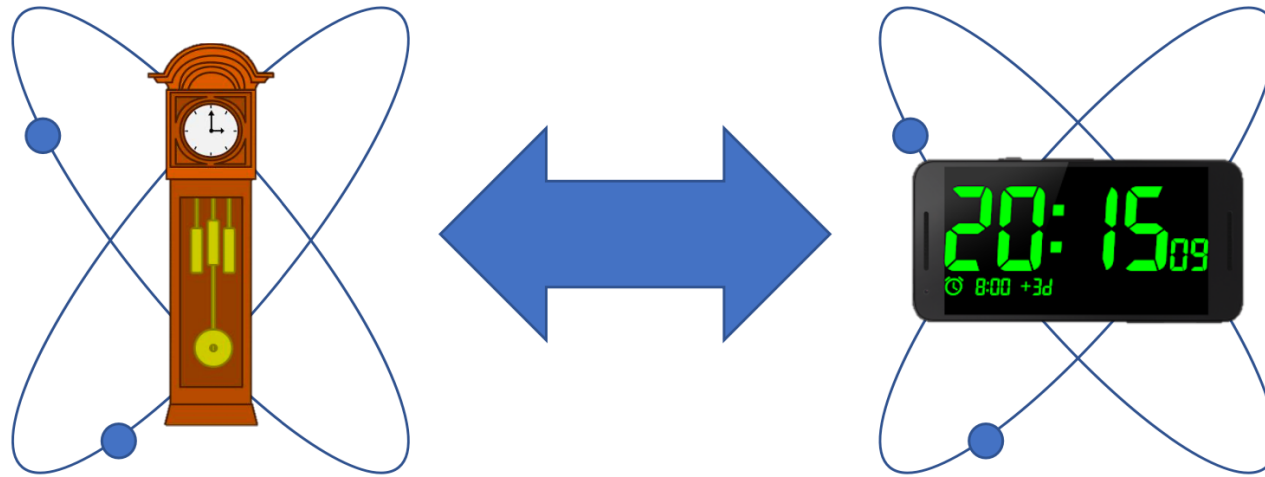
- **Optimally exploit existing expertise.** No single institution has the range of expertise required to run a sufficiently large and diverse set of clocks
- Sensors with **similar sensitivities and different systematics** are necessary to confirm any measurements and reject false positives
- Networks enable probing of **space-time correlations**
- The possibility of detecting transient events such as **topological defects in dark matter fields or oscillations of dark matter**
- A new versatile and expandable **national infrastructure** with possible further applications in and beyond fundamental physics.





# How to measure variations of fundamental constants

- Different clock transitions have different sensitivities to fundamental constants



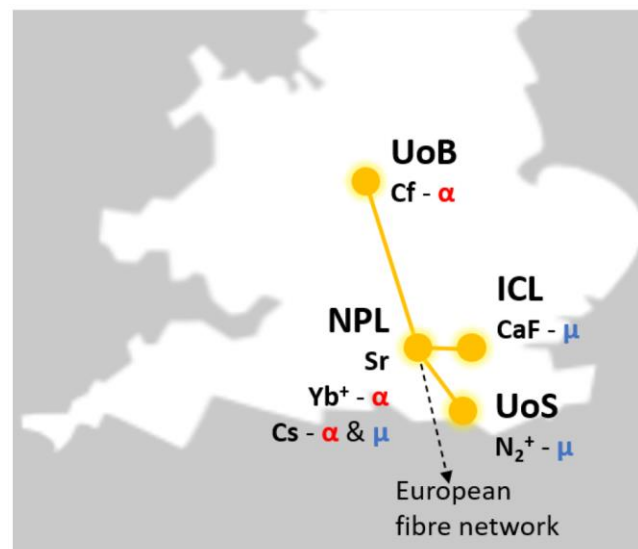
- Measure ratio  $f_1 / f_2$
- Look for changes over time

$$\frac{\Delta f_1}{\Delta f_2} = |K_{1x} - K_{2x}| \frac{\Delta x}{x} \quad x = \alpha, \mu$$

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# The QSNET project

- Search for variations of fundamental constants of the Standard Model, using a network of clocks
- A **unique** network of clocks chosen for their **different sensitivities** to variations of  $\alpha$  and  $\mu$



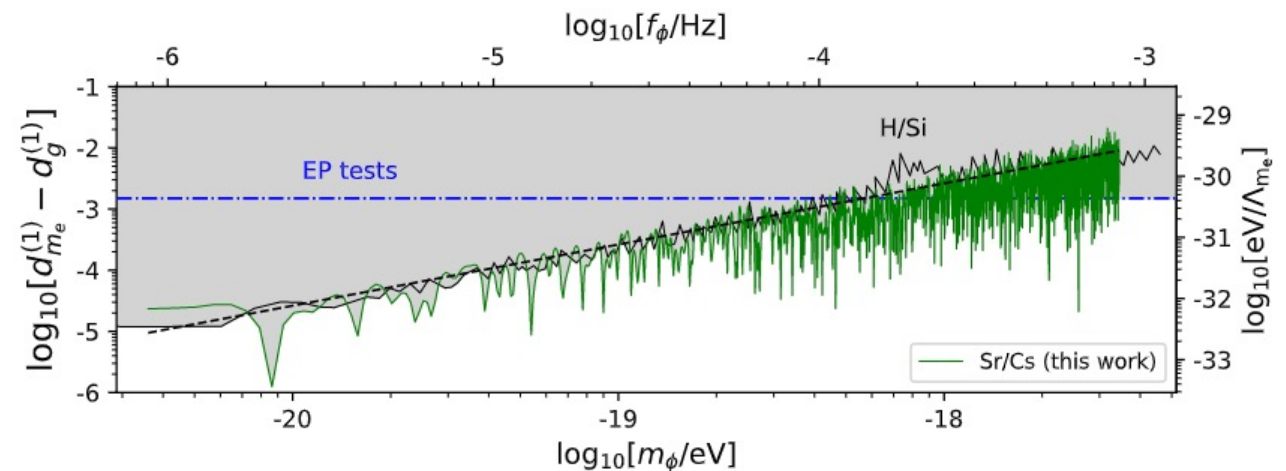
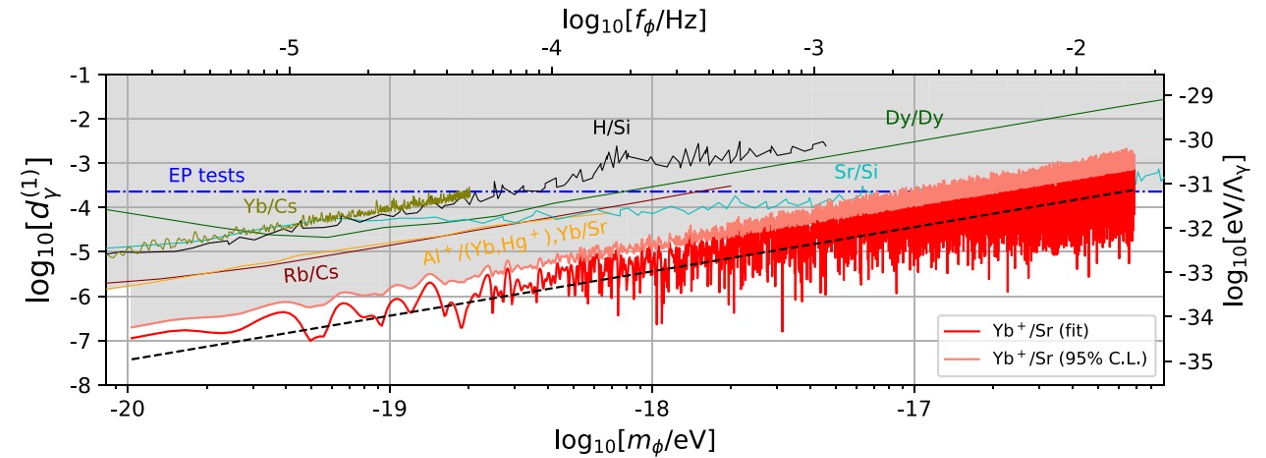
Clock	$K\alpha$	$K\mu$
Yb <sup>+</sup> (467 nm)	-5.95	0
Sr (698 nm)	0.06	0
Cs (32.6 mm)	2.83	1
CaF (17 $\mu$ m)	0	0.5
N <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> (2.31 $\mu$ m)	0	0.5
Cf <sup>15+</sup> (618 nm)	47	0
Cf <sup>17+</sup> (485 nm)	-43.5	0

- The clocks **will be linked**, essential to do clock-clock comparisons

# QSNET results (2023)

[World-leading results \[New J. Phys. 25 \(2023\) 9, 093012\] \[arXiv:2302.04565\]](#)

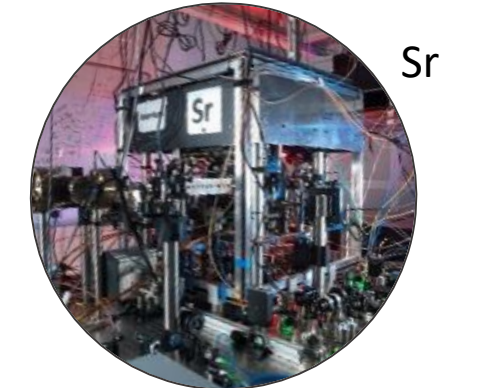
- $\text{Yb}^+/\text{Sr}$  ratios have revealed that **slow-drift variation in  $\alpha$**  is consistent with zero, with a fractional uncertainty of  $1.9 \times 10^{-18}$  per year.
- Frequency ratios between  $\text{Yb}^+$ , Sr and Cs have placed constraints on **oscillations in  $\alpha$  and  $\mu$**  beyond the previous state-of-the-art.





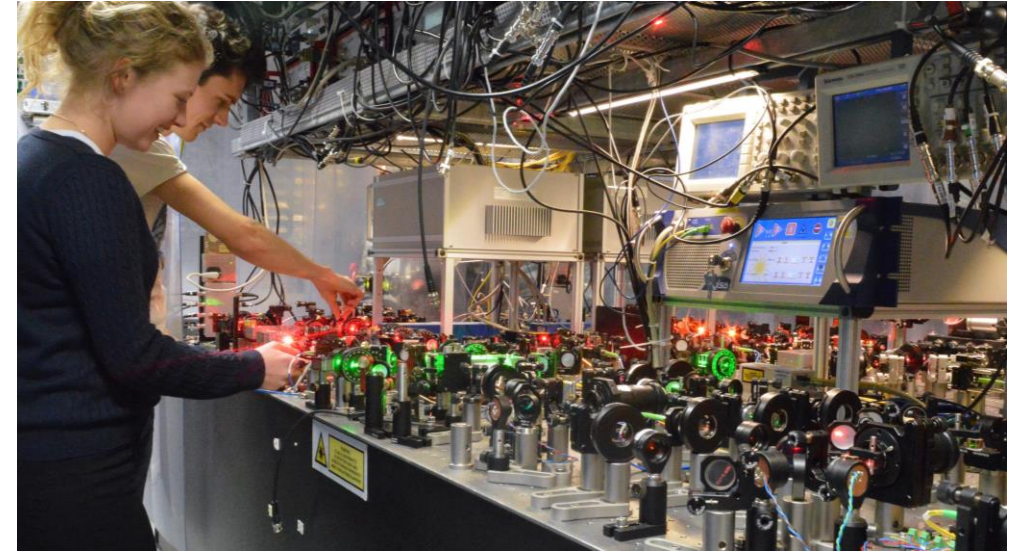
# Progress, NPL

- Improved **robustness and automation** of optical clock operation, to record longer time series of frequency data
- Expect constraints on  $\alpha$  and  $\mu$  to **exceed the current state-of-the-art** before the end of Phase 1
- $\mu$ -sensitive ratio (Sr / H-maser) has revealed **better stability and wider frequency range** than previously published results

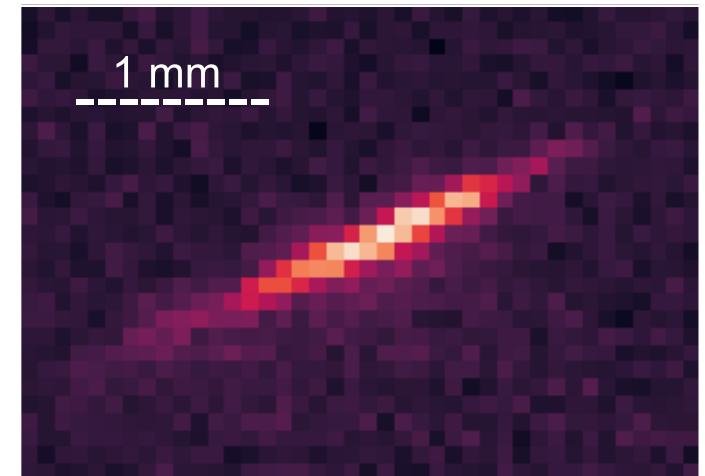


# Progress, Imperial

- Idea: clock based on vibrational transition in a molecule, sensitive to  $m_e/m_p$
- Recent breakthrough: **have trapped CaF molecules in a 1D optical lattice**
- Laser systems for the clock are currently being developed

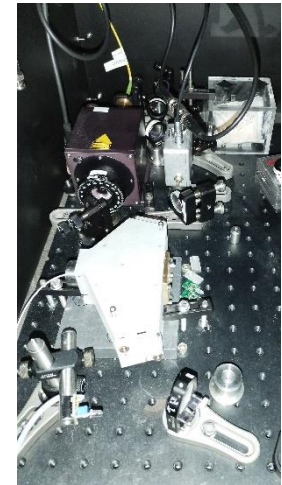
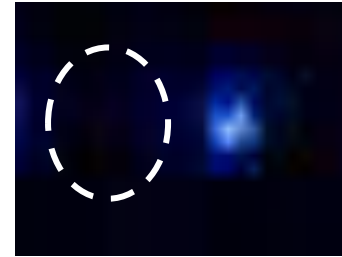


Ultracold CaF in a 1D lattice



# Progress, Sussex

- Spectroscopy lasers setup finished
- Successful loading of nitrogen in to ion trap by REMPI
- Development of novel ionisation laser in progress
- Development of novel quantum logic spectroscopy in progress



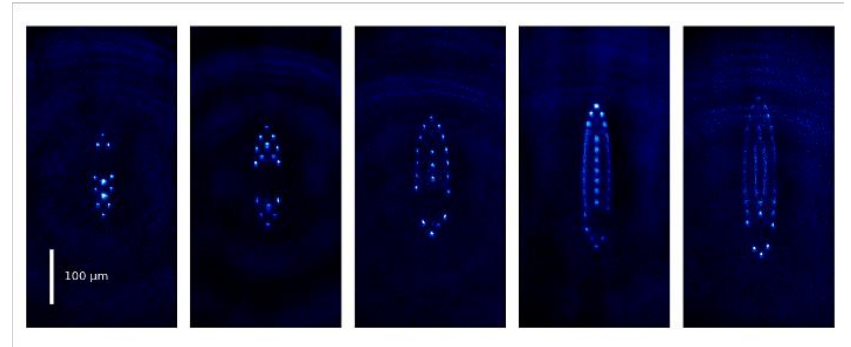
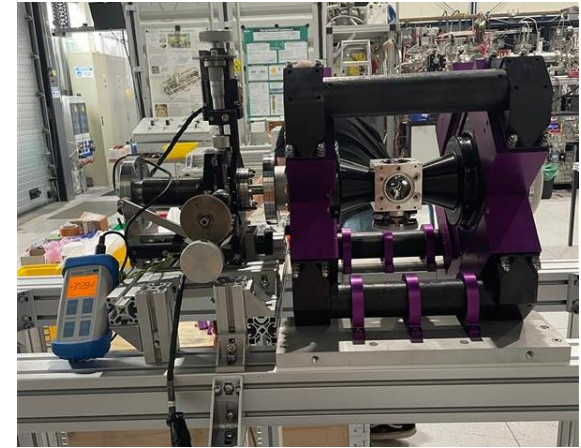


# Progress, Birmingham



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- Realisation of a compact Electron Beam Ion Trap (cEBIT) for highly charged ions of Cf
- Characterisation of a superconducting Paul trap for singly charged and highly charged ions
- Realisation of an ultra-low vibration cryogenic vacuum system for trapping of highly charged ions

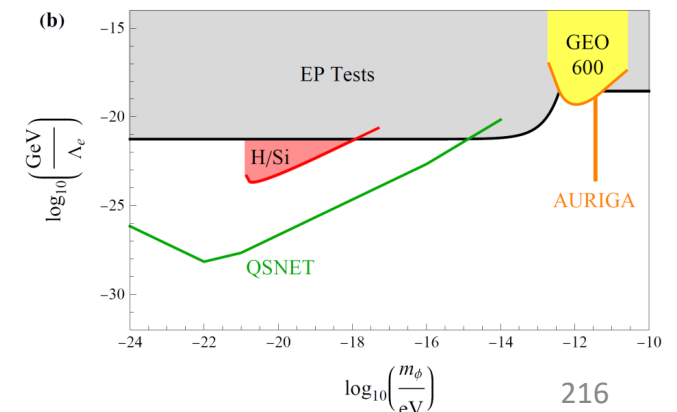
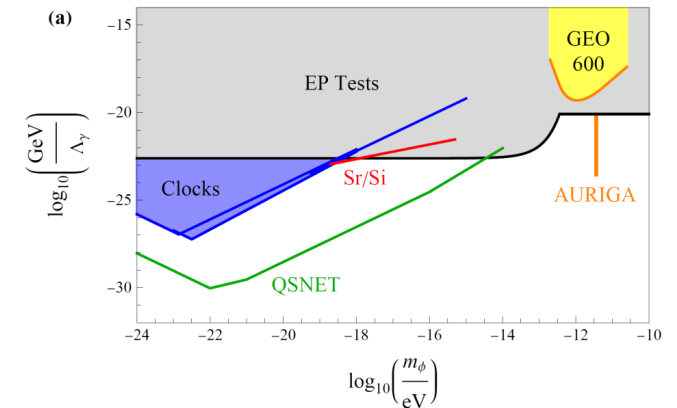
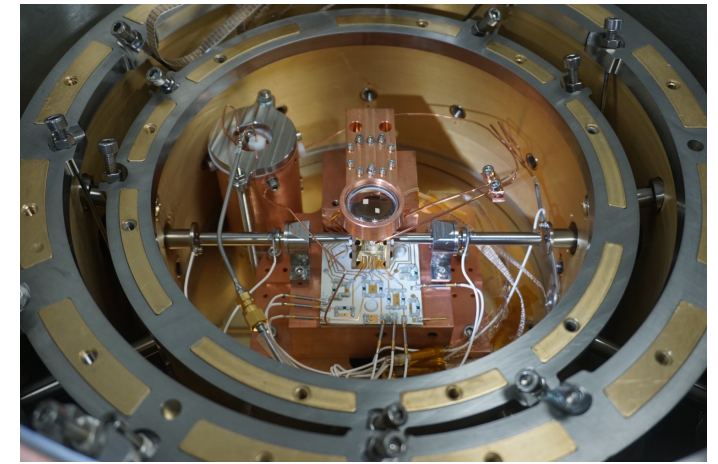


# Goals for Phase 1

- ✓ 1. New constraints on  $\Delta\mu/\mu$  on timescales from 10-1000 s, targeting  $4 \times 10^{-15}$  at 1000 s
- ✓ 2. Measure  $\Delta\alpha/\alpha$  on fast timescales targeting  $1 \times 10^{-17}$  at 1000 s, exceeding current state of-the-art sensitivity
- ✓ 3. Realization of a  $\text{Cf}^{15+}$  and  $\text{Cf}^{17+}$  cEBIT
4. Measure the  $\text{N}_2^+$  clock transition
- ✓ 5. Quantify the impact of the new limits on unified models and dark matter models
- ✓ 6. Load CaF molecules in optical lattices and identify the clock transition
- ✓ 7. Using available data, provide first tests of model-independent parametrization for variations of fundamental constants and theoretical bounds on dark matter masses.

# Beyond phase 1

- Complete the low TRL clocks that will enable orders of magnitude improvements in sensitivity
- Connect the clocks with fibre links to run clock/clock comparisons campaigns
- Run increasingly longer measurement campaigns
- Development of quantum correlations between the nodes
- Constantly improve the performance to probe variations of fundamental constants. If no variation is detected, evaluate the impact on theories beyond the standard model





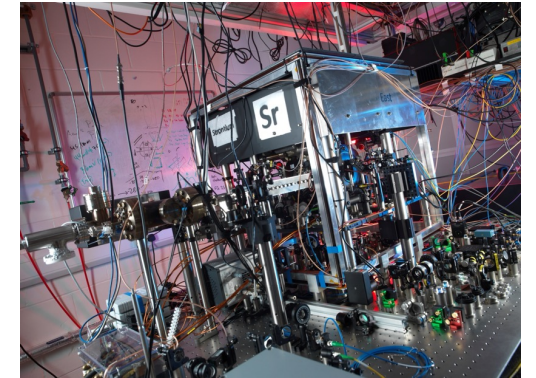
# Economic Impact of QSNET



- QSNET is accelerating the economic impact of atomic clocks in two key ways:

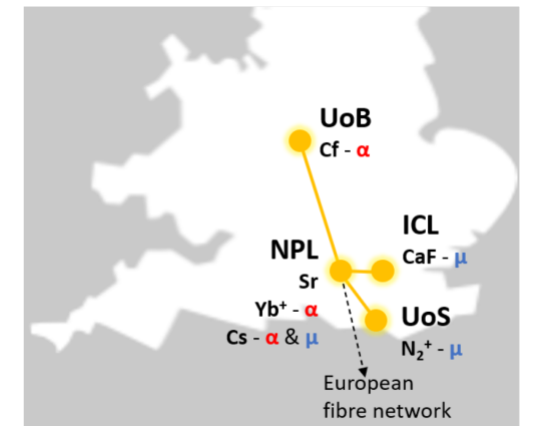
## 1. QSNET is developing a range of clocks with different TRLs

- We are pushing the performance of **atomic clocks** beyond the state-of-the-art
- We are pioneering the development of **highly charged ion clocks**, that will allow us to realise clocks in the UV and XUV frequency range
- We are leading the development of **molecular clocks**, that will provide us with ultra-precise references in the THz range



## 2. QSNET is developing an **optical fibre network** linking the different clocks

- A high-resolution frequency comparison between QSNET nodes will mark a crucial **technological milestone** for the UK
- This **infrastructure** will enable interaction between different quantum technologies including quantum communications and remote quantum computing

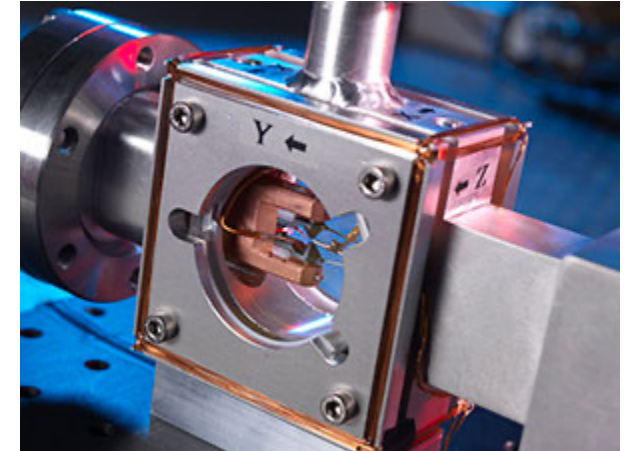


# Applications of clocks and clock networks



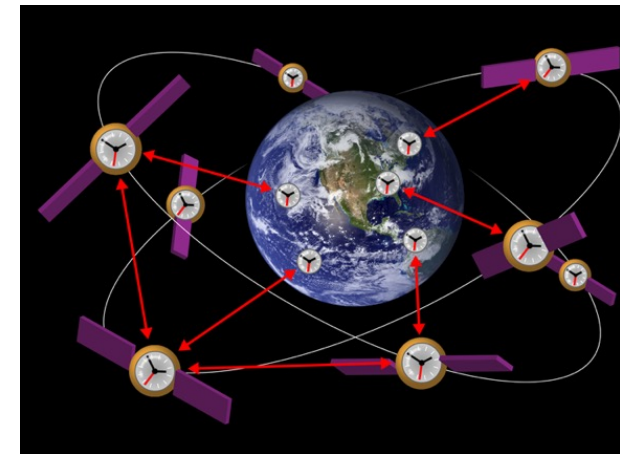
## Applications of **ultra-precise clocks** include:

- Global navigation satellite systems (GNSS)
- Telecommunications (including mobile phones, internet)
- Energy networks and financial trading
- Security and defence transactions.
- Geodesy, inertial navigation
- Define the SI unit of time, the second

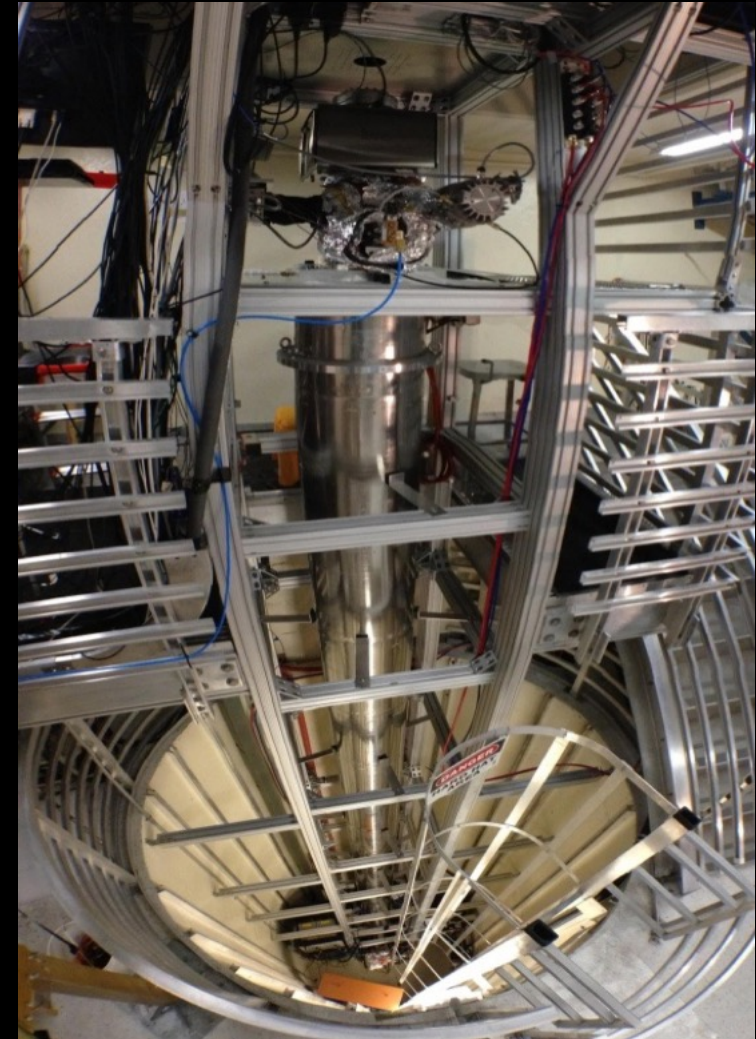


## Applications of **networks of clocks** include:

- geodetic measurements (e.g. time-varying gravity potentials)
- seismic effects
- environment monitoring
- synchronisation and timing signals for radio astronomy
- radar technology

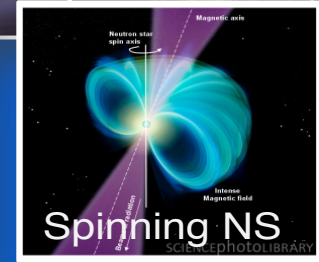
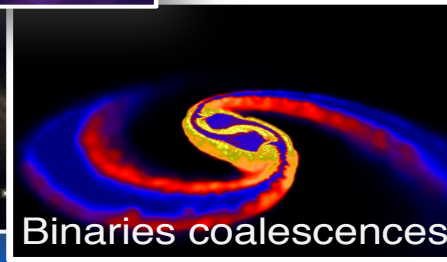
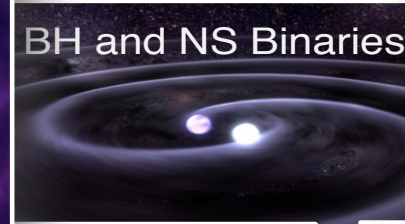
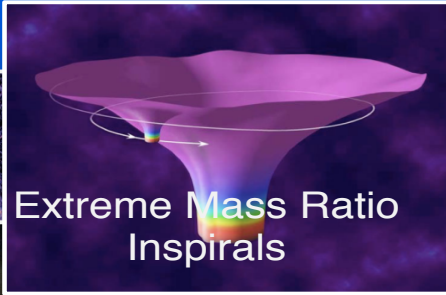
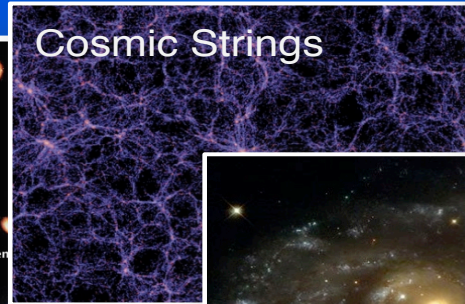
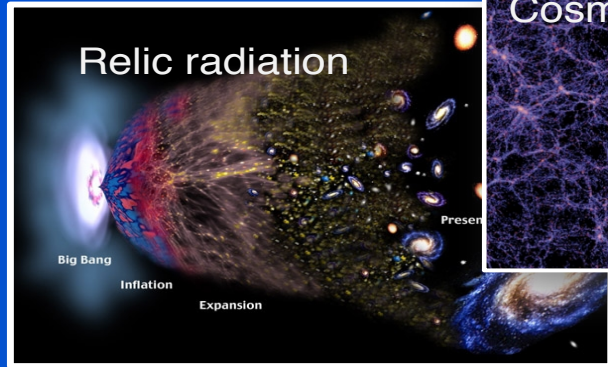


# Atom Interferometry





# Gravitational Waves: Cosmology and Astrophysics



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$10^{-9}$  Hz

$10^{-4}$  Hz

$10^0$  Hz

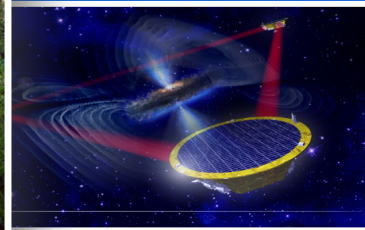
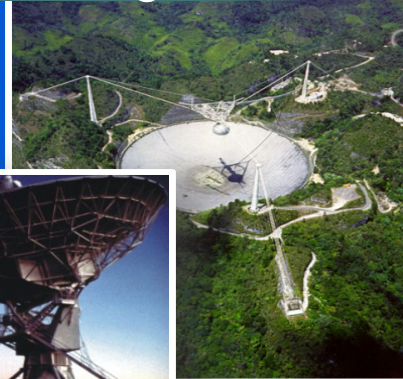
$10^3$  Hz

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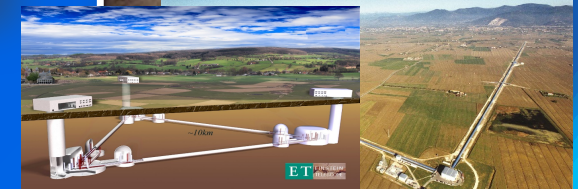
Pulsar timing

Space detectors

Ground interferometers



Laser Interferometer  
Gravitational Wave

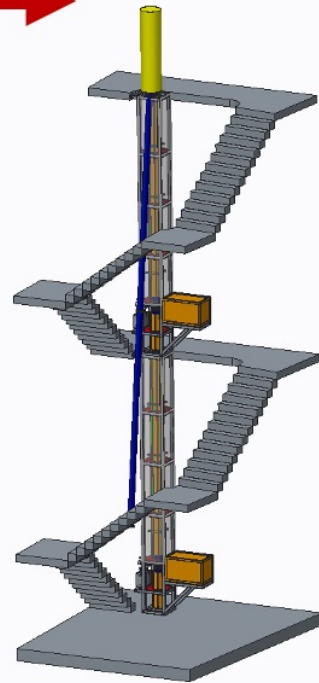
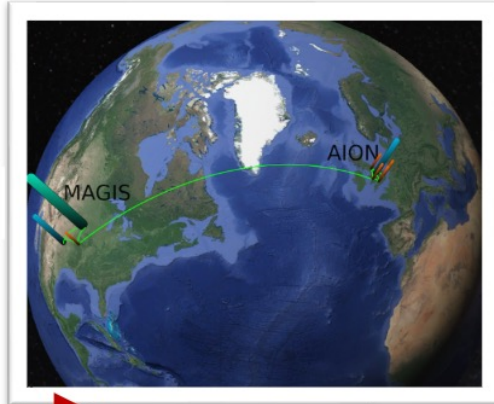
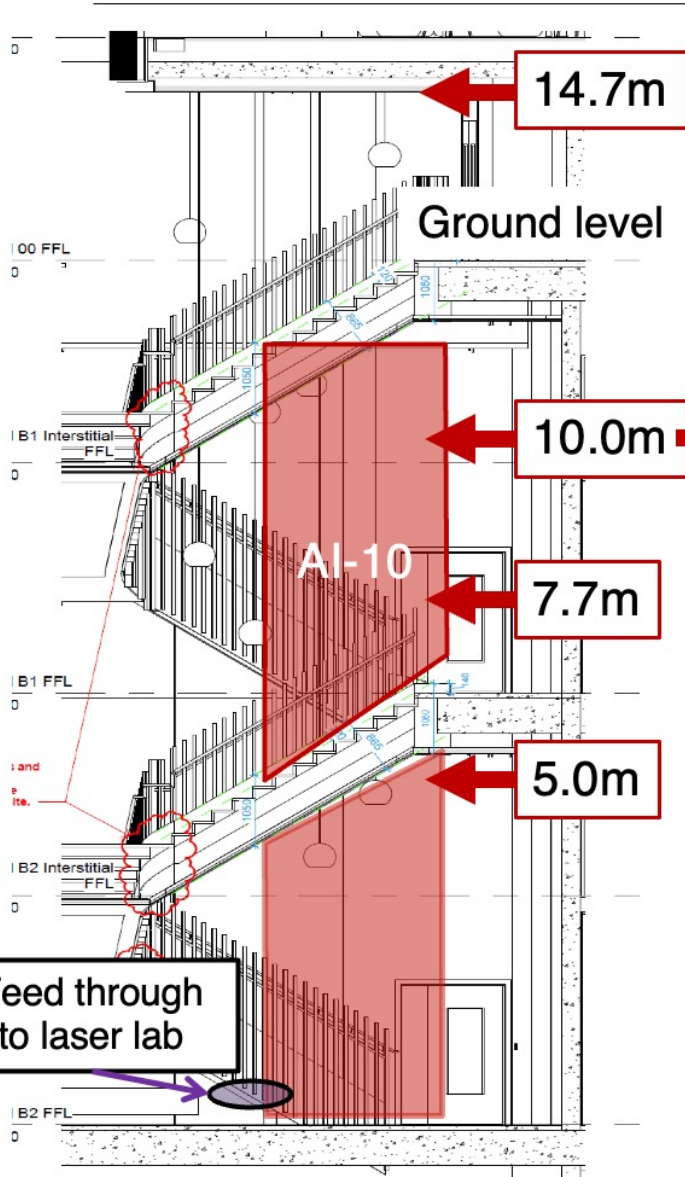


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# AION Project in the UK

UK QTFP Overview



Project executed in national partnership with **UK National Quantum Technology Hub in Sensors and Timing, Birmingham, UK**, and international partnership with **The MAGIS Collaboration and The Fermi National Laboratory, US**

To push the state-of-the-art single photon Sr Atom Interferometry, the AION project builds dedicated Ultra-Cold Strontium Laboratories in: **Birmingham, Cambridge, Imperial College, Oxford, and RAL**  
*The laboratories are expected to be fully operational in summer 2023.*



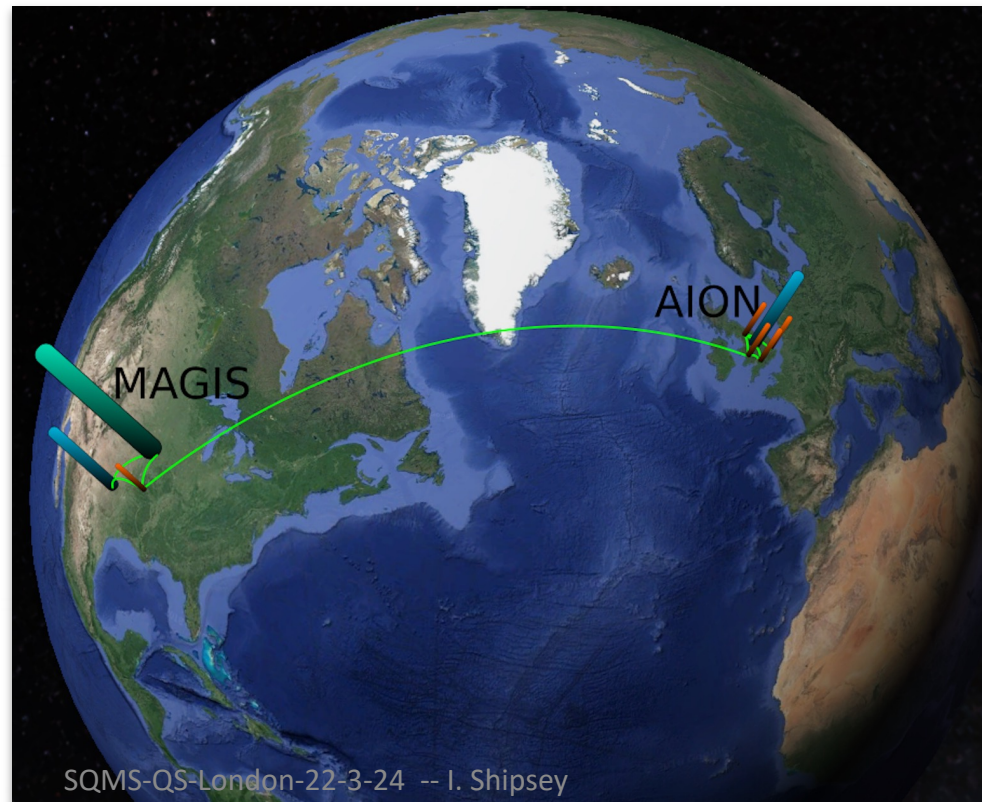
# Ongoing Atom Interferometry Projects in US & UK

AION Collaboration arXiv:1911.11755

## MAGIS-100

MAGIS Collaboration : arXiv:2104.02835

# AION



AION (UK) and MAGIS (US) work in equal partnership to form a “LIGO/Virgo-style” network & collaboration, providing a pathway for international leadership in this exciting new field.



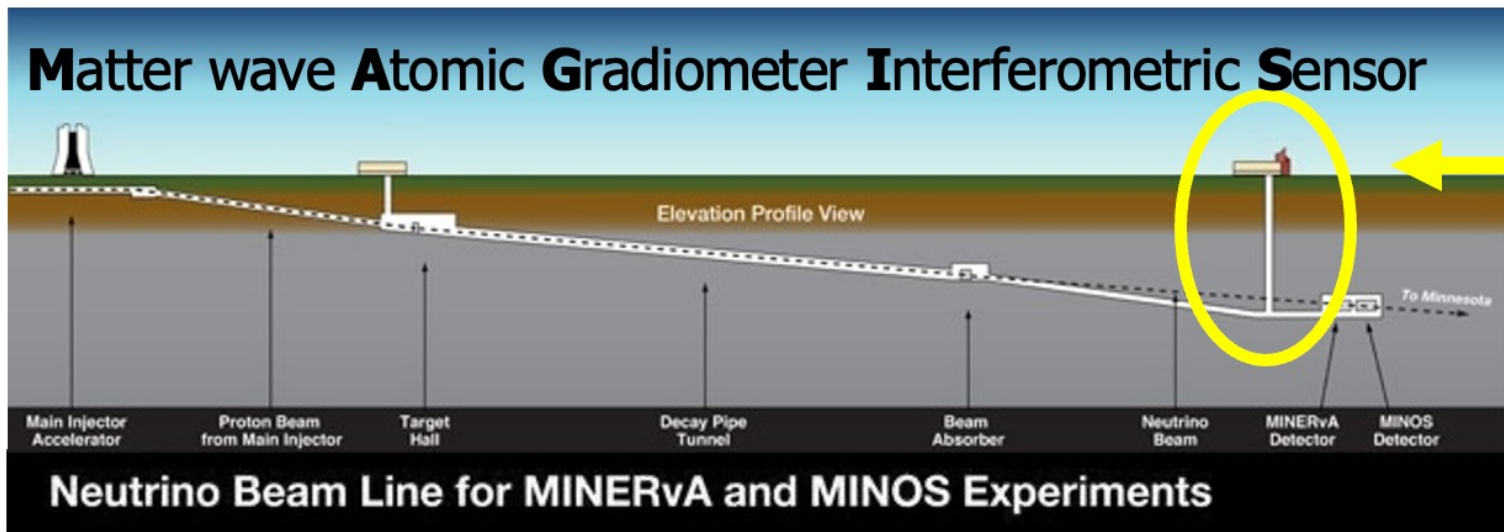
## MAGIS-100 ICRADA Ceremony at Fermilab on Nov 16, 2023



Formalising the long-standing UK-US partnership between MAGIS and AION, in conjunction with the participating UK institutions.

This stands as a successful instance of UK-US cooperation in the fields of science and quantum technology development, with the potential to unlock additional synergies and opportunities.

# MAGIS-100 at Fermilab



MINOS access shaft

Atom source

Atom source

100m

Atom source

- 100-meter baseline atom interferometry in MINOS shaft at Fermilab
- Gravitational wave detector pathfinder, ultralight dark matter search, extreme quantum superposition states (> metre wavepacket separation)
- Design and construction underway; commissioning early 2025
- ~ \$15M scope (Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation + DOE funding)
- 2024: commitment of ~ \$20M from DOE to finalise construction of 100m
- Collaboration of 9 institutions, > 50 people

M. Abe et al., *Matter-wave Atomic Gradiometer Interferometric Sensor (MAGIS-100)*, *Quantum Sci. Technol.* 6 (2021) 4, 044003, [arXiv:2104.02835].



Atom source



# AION UK Contribution to MAGIS-100

## Detection system is UK contribution

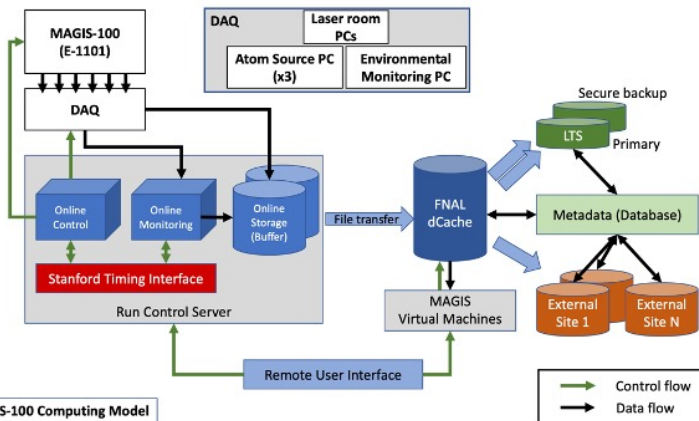
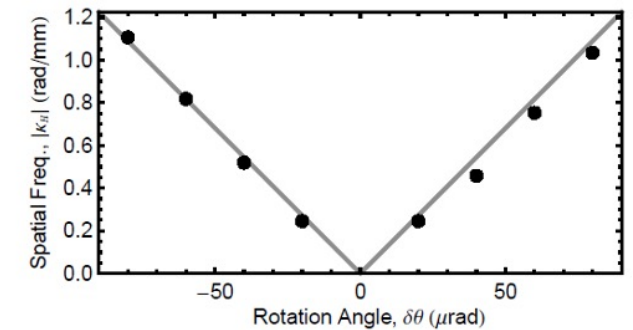
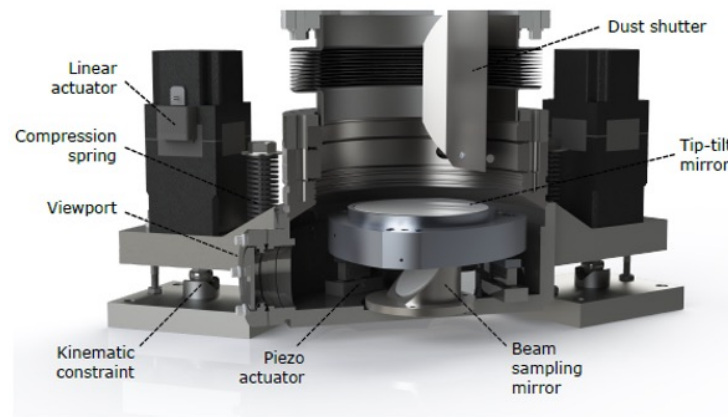
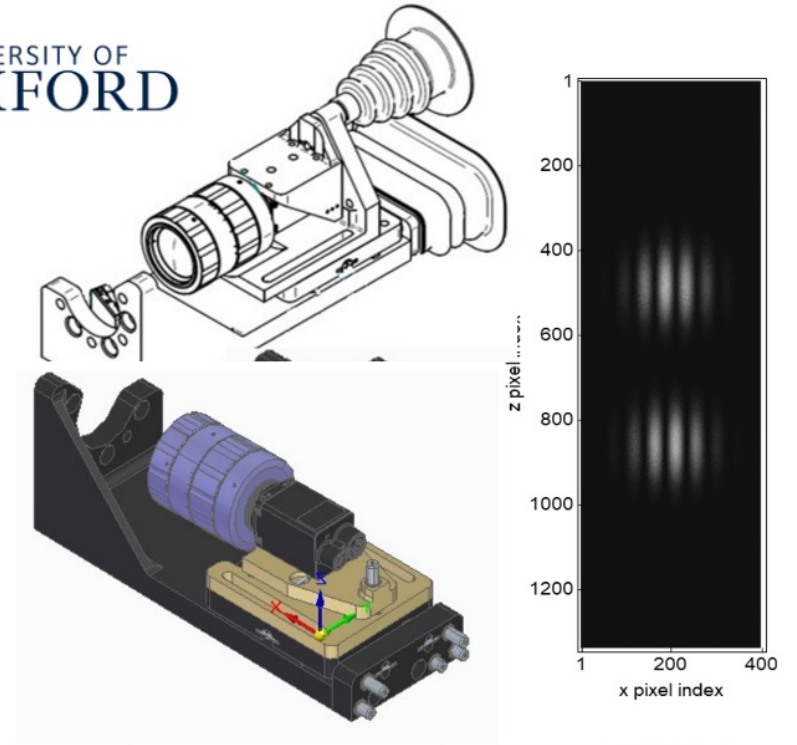
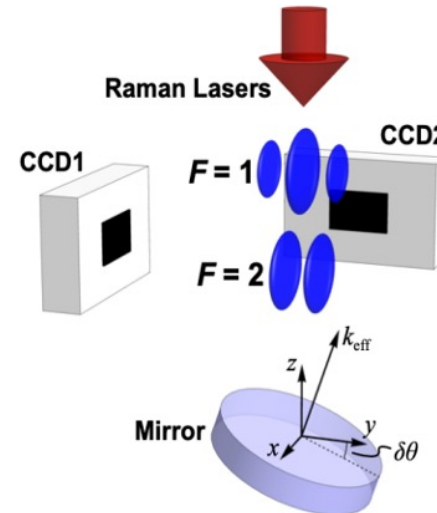
- Enable single-shot phase extraction
- In-vacuum optics and mechanical support systems for piezo-driven phase-shear readout and optical lattice-launch
  - Includes control and monitoring
- Low-noise calibrated imaging systems from LSST expertise
- Experimental FPGA control and precision timing systems
- Computing infrastructure, simulations, and networking for AION-MAGIS-100 correlation



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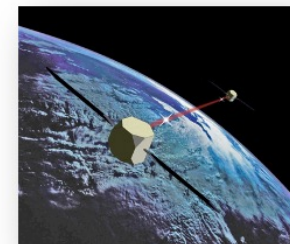
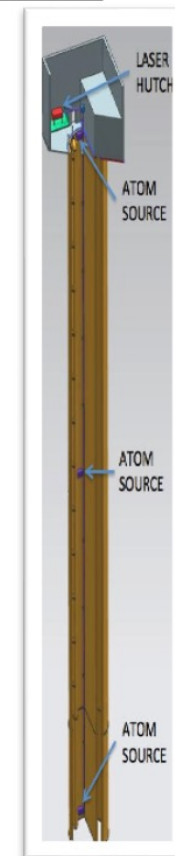
# The AION Programme consists of 4 Stages

- ❑ **Stage 1:** to build and commission the 10 m detector, develop existing technology and the infrastructure for the 100 m. L ~ 10m
- ❑ **Stage 2:** to build, commission and exploit the 100 m detector and carry out a design study for the km-scale detector. L ~ 100m
  - AION was selected in 2018 by STFC as a high-priority medium-scale project.
  - AION will work in equal partnership with MAGIS in the US to form a “LIGO/Virgo-style” network & collaboration, providing a pathway for UK leadership.

***Stage 1 is now funded with about £10M by the QTFP Programme and other sources and Stage 2 could be placed at national facility in Boulby or Daresbury (UK), possibly also at CERN (France/Switzerland).***

- ❑ **Stage 3:** to build a kilometre-scale terrestrial detector. L ~ 1km
- ❑ **Stage 4:** long-term objective a pair of satellite detectors (thousands of kilometres scale) [AEDGE proposal to ESA Voyage2050 call]
  - AION has established science leadership in AEDGE, bringing together collaborators from European and Chinese groups (e.g. MIGA, MAGIA, ELGAR, ZAIGA).

***Stage 3 and 4 will likely require funding on international level (ESA, EU, etc) and AION has already started to build the foundation for it.***





# AION Collaboration Days in Oxford: Fall 2021



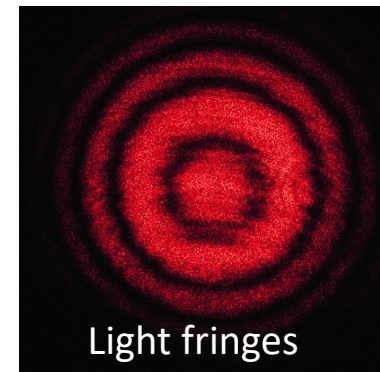
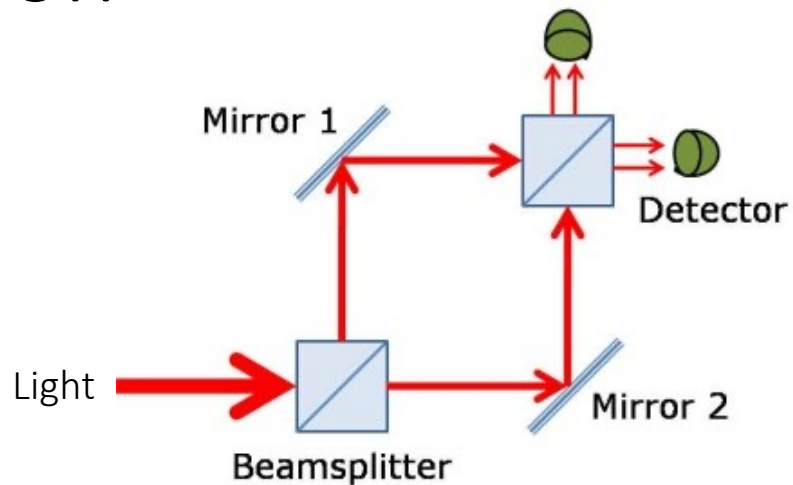
UK QI/FP Overview

**Ratio of Cold Atom : Particle/Fundamental Physics people is 1:1**

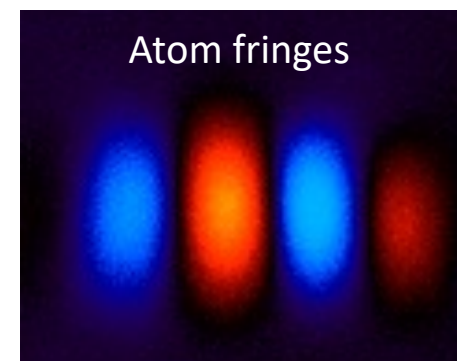
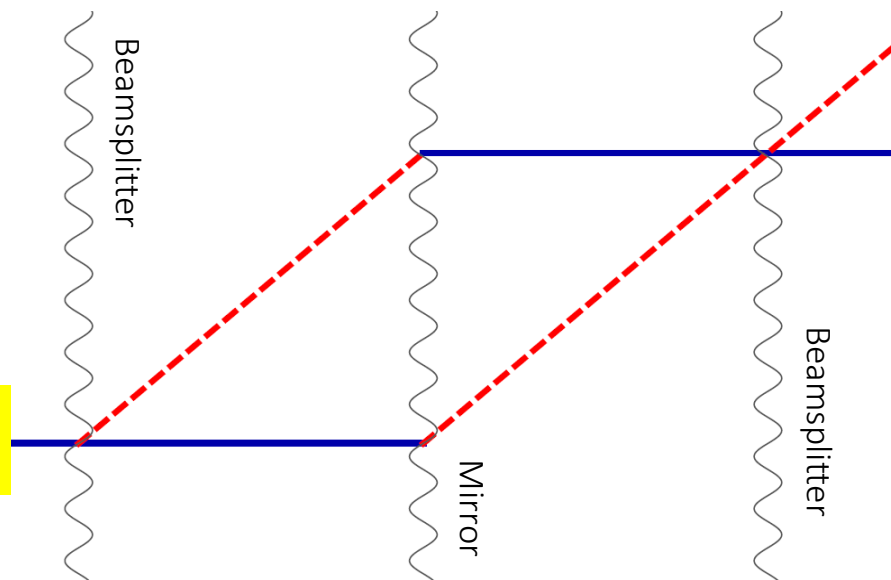


# Light vs. Cold Atoms: Atom Interferometry

Light interferometer



Atom interferometer



See talk of Tim Kovachy



# Long baseline atom interferometry science

## Mid-band gravitational wave detection

- LIGO sources before they reach LIGO band
- Multi-messenger astronomy: optimal band for sky localization
- Cosmological sources

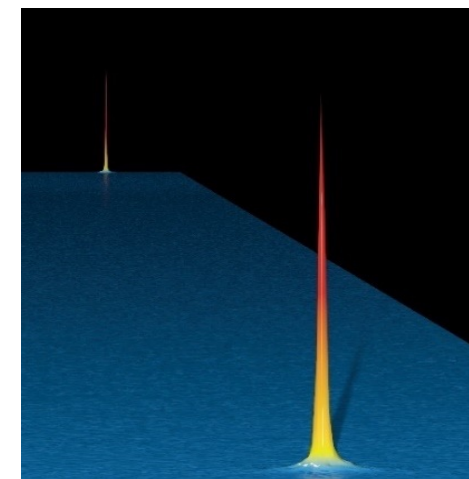
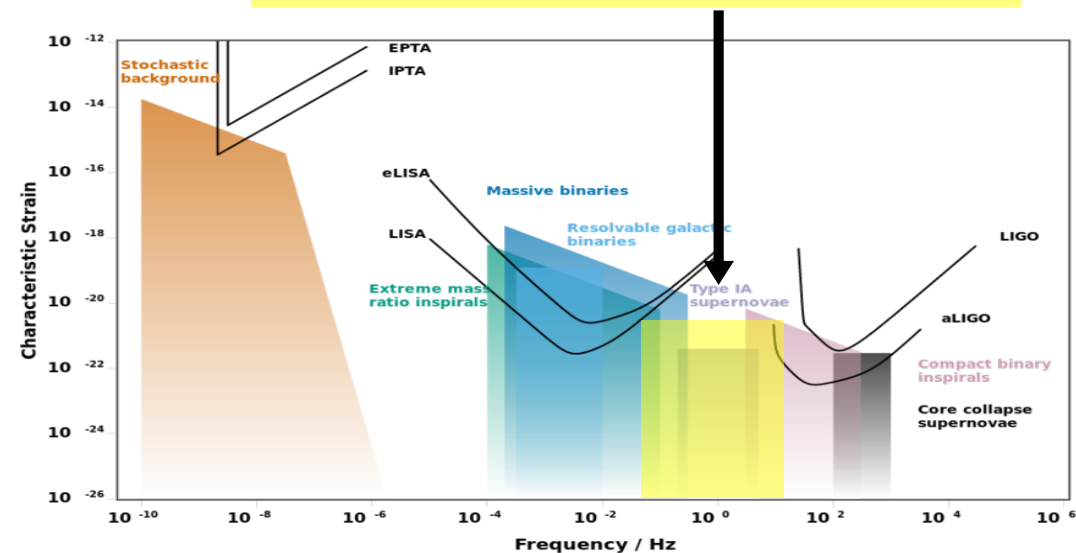
## Ultralight wave-like dark matter probe

- Mass  $< 10^{-14}$  eV (Compton frequency in  $\sim$ Hz range)
- Scalar- and vector-coupled DM candidates
- Time-varying energy shifts, EP-violating new forces, spin-coupled effects

## Tests of quantum mechanics at macroscopic scales

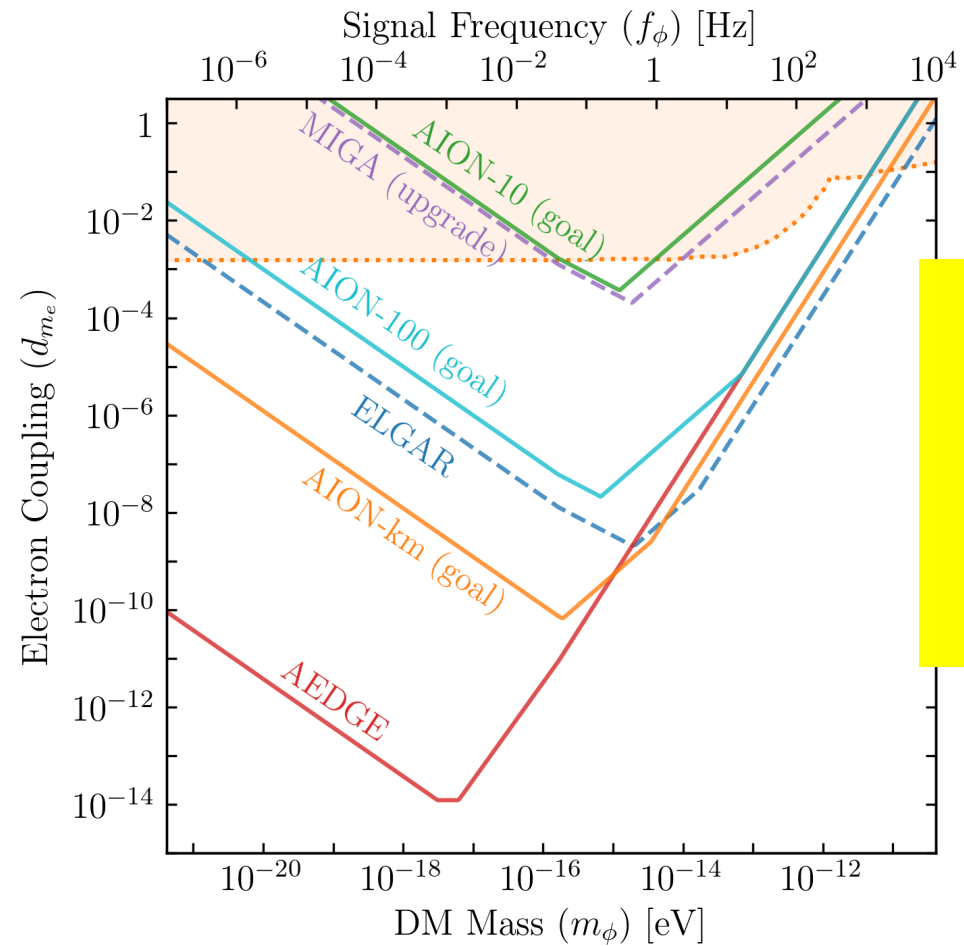
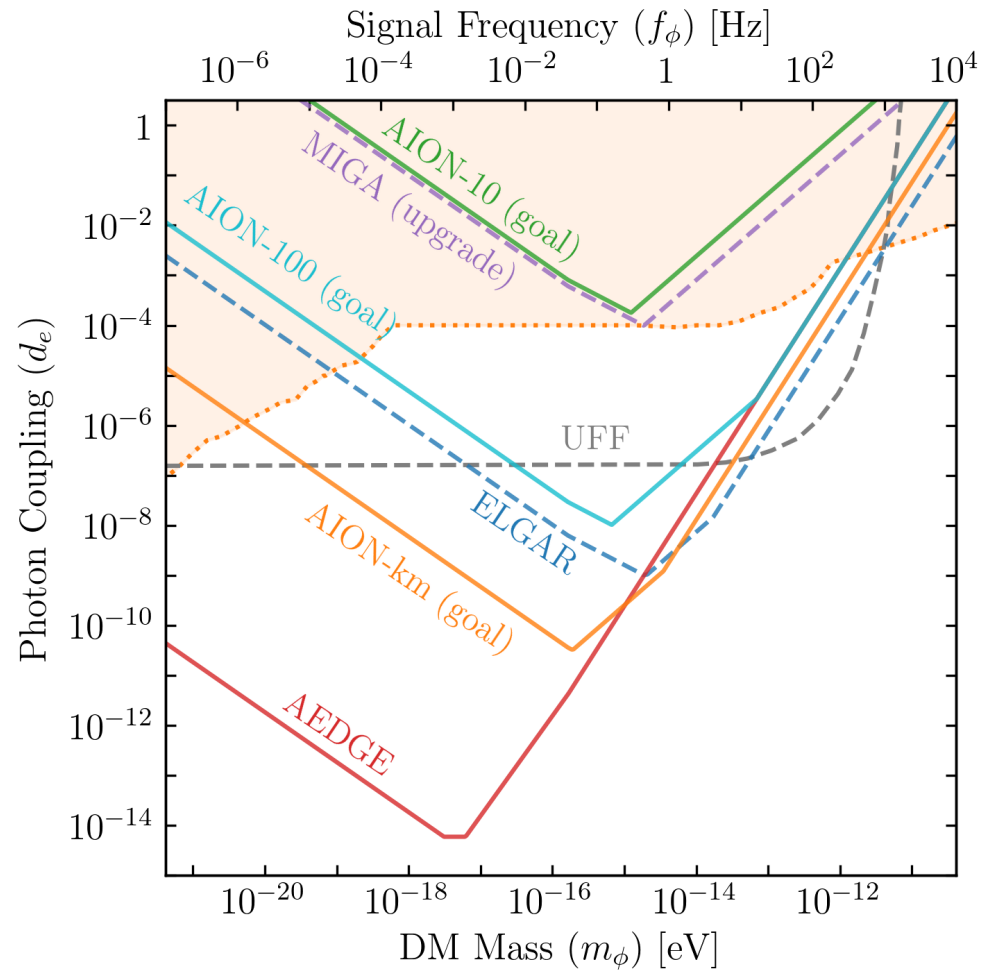
- Meter-scale wavepacket separation, duration of seconds
- Decoherence, spontaneous localization, non-linear QM, ...

Mid-band: 0.03 Hz to 3 Hz



*Rb wavepackets  
separated by 54 cm*

# Search for Ultra-Light Dark Matter

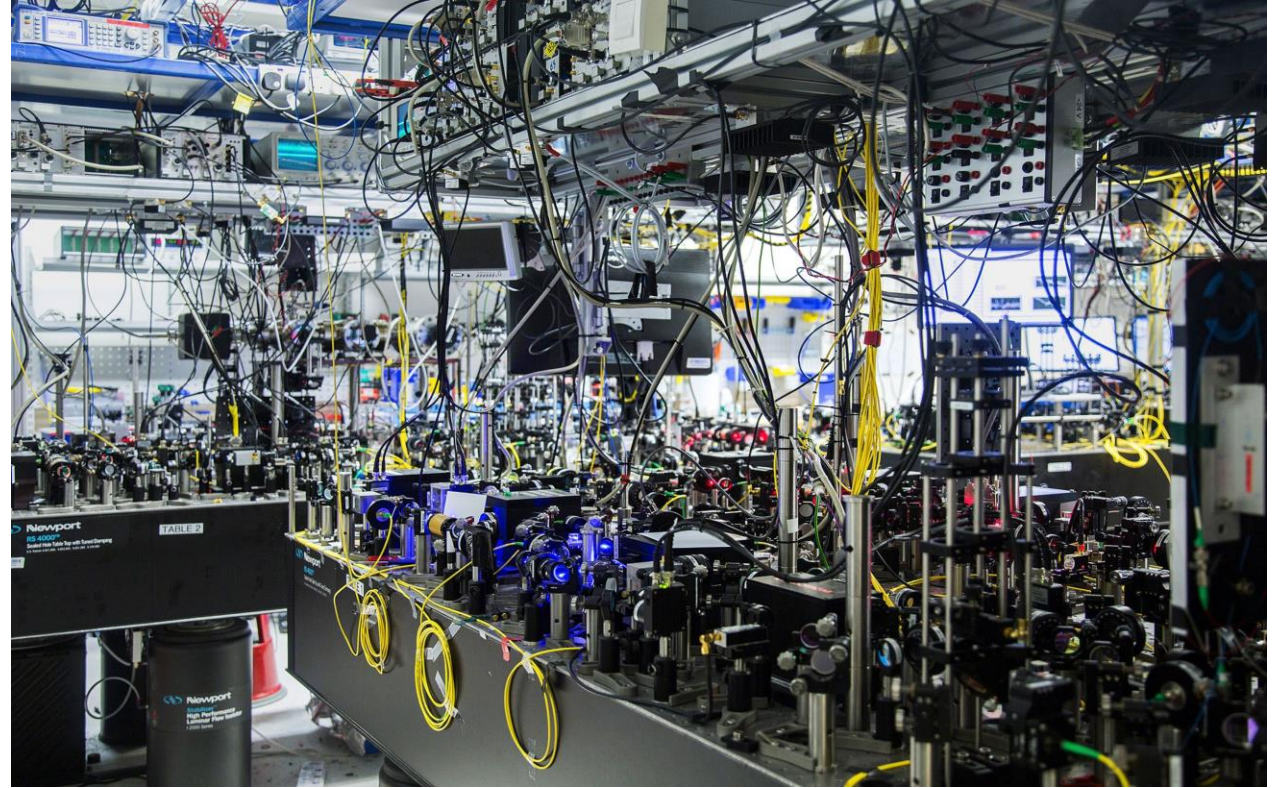
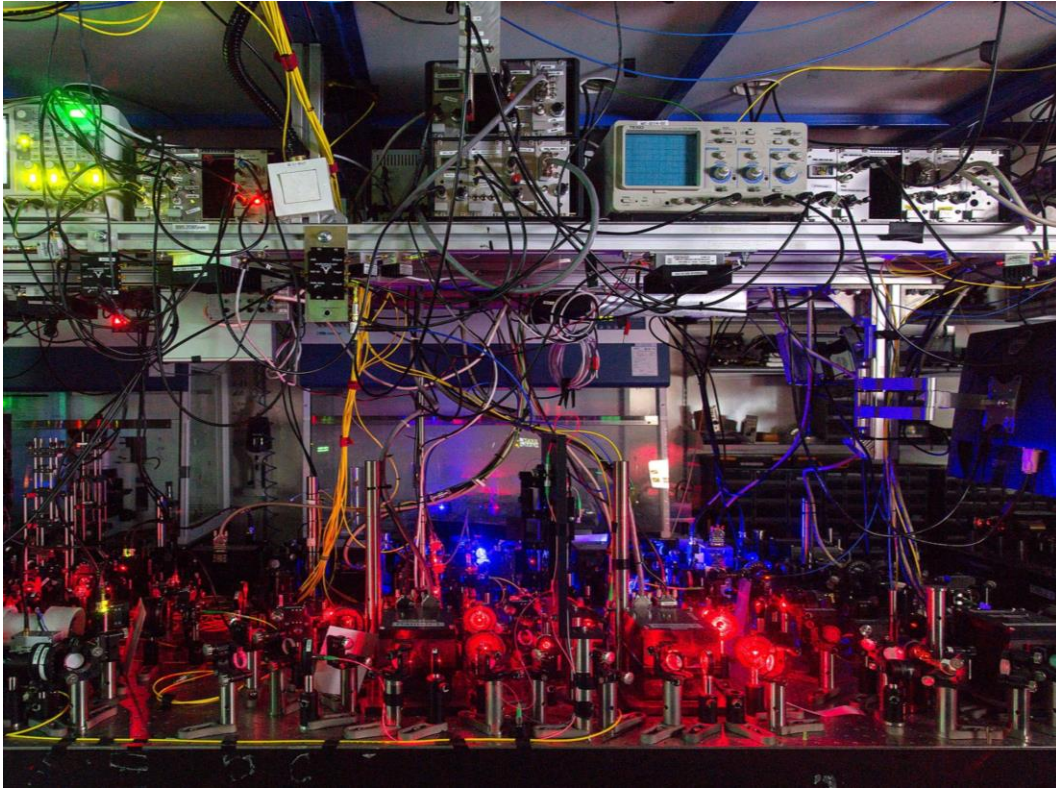


Orders of magnitude improvement over current sensitivity



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AION Update Q1FP Meeting in Oxford



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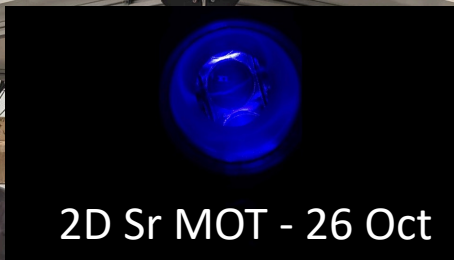
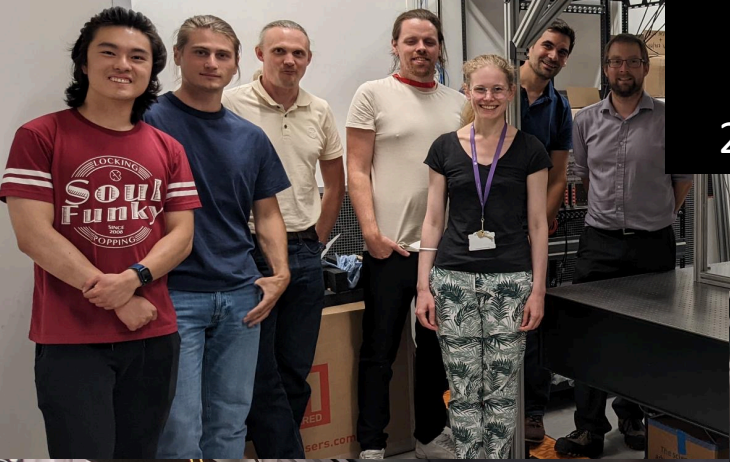
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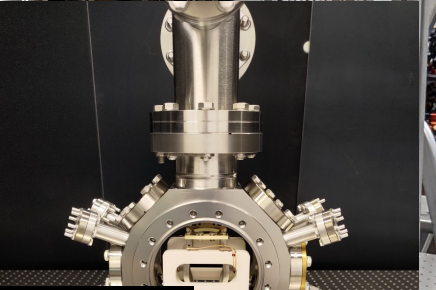
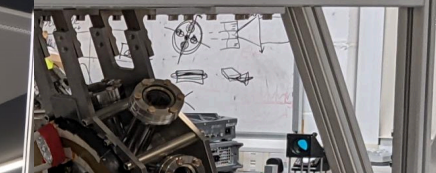
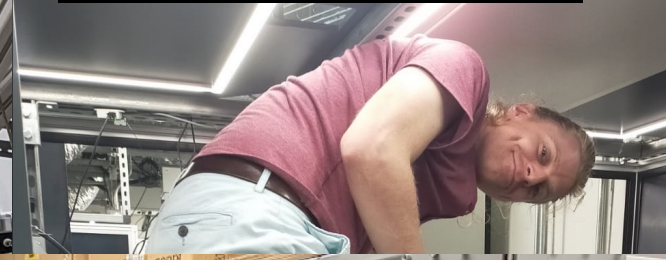


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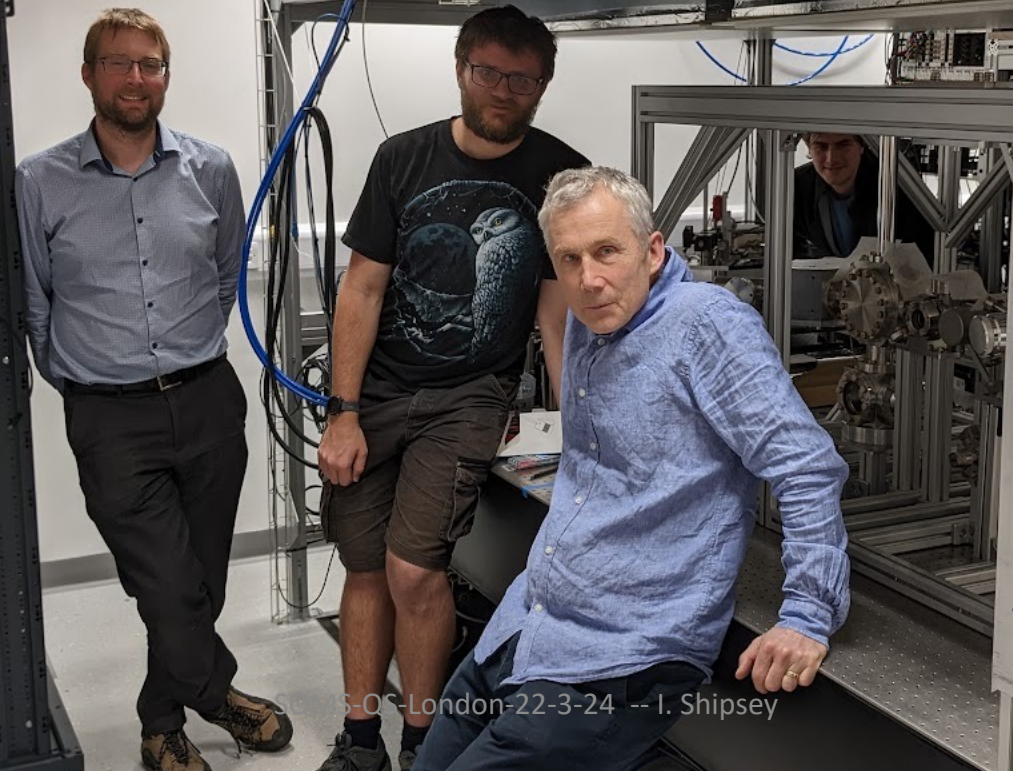


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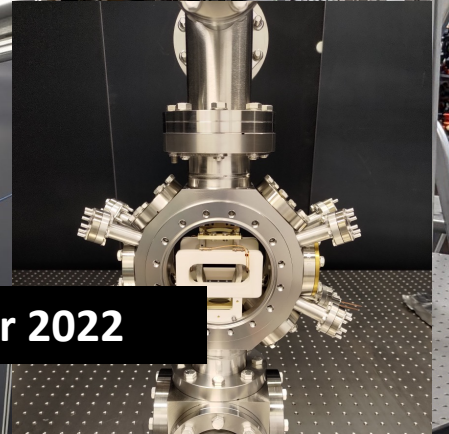


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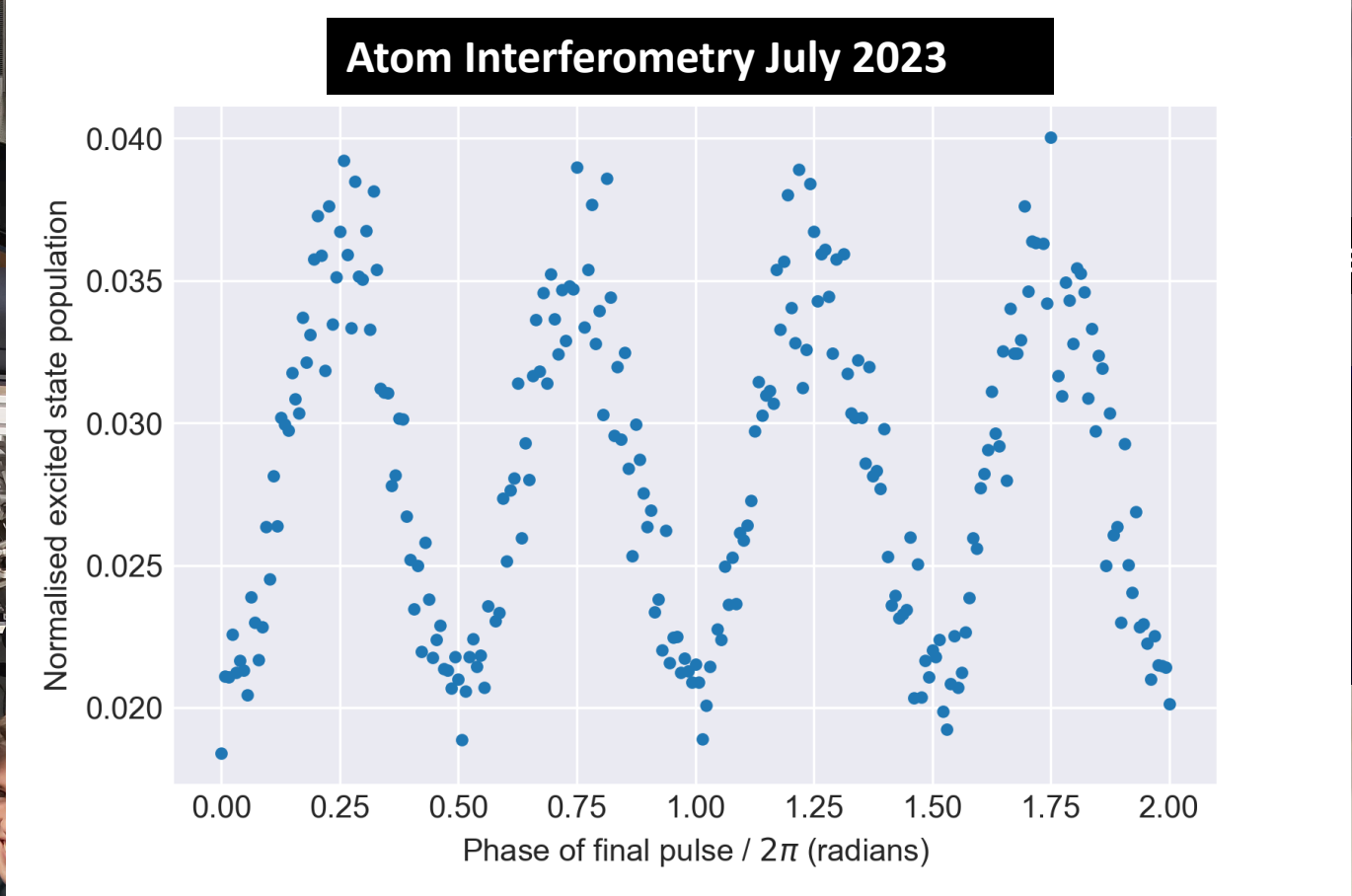
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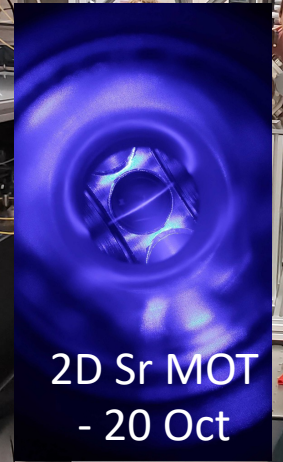
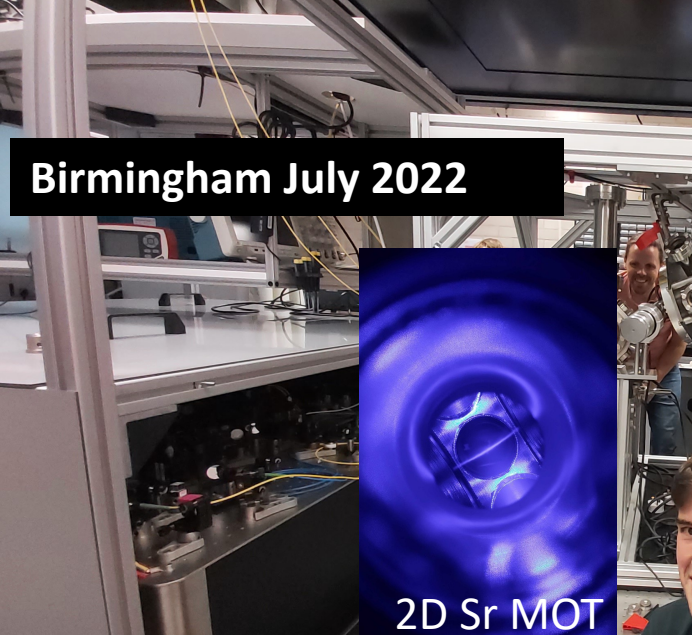


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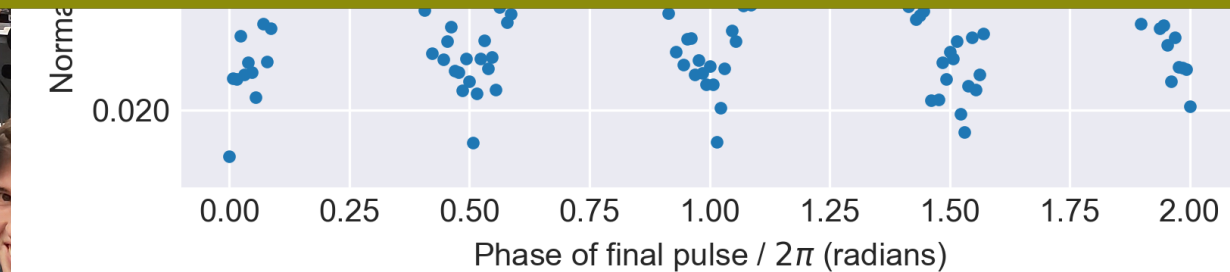


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5 Ultra Cold Sr Labs built in less than 18 months using large scale Particle Physics production methods to significantly accelerate the turnaround – this will be critical for future success!

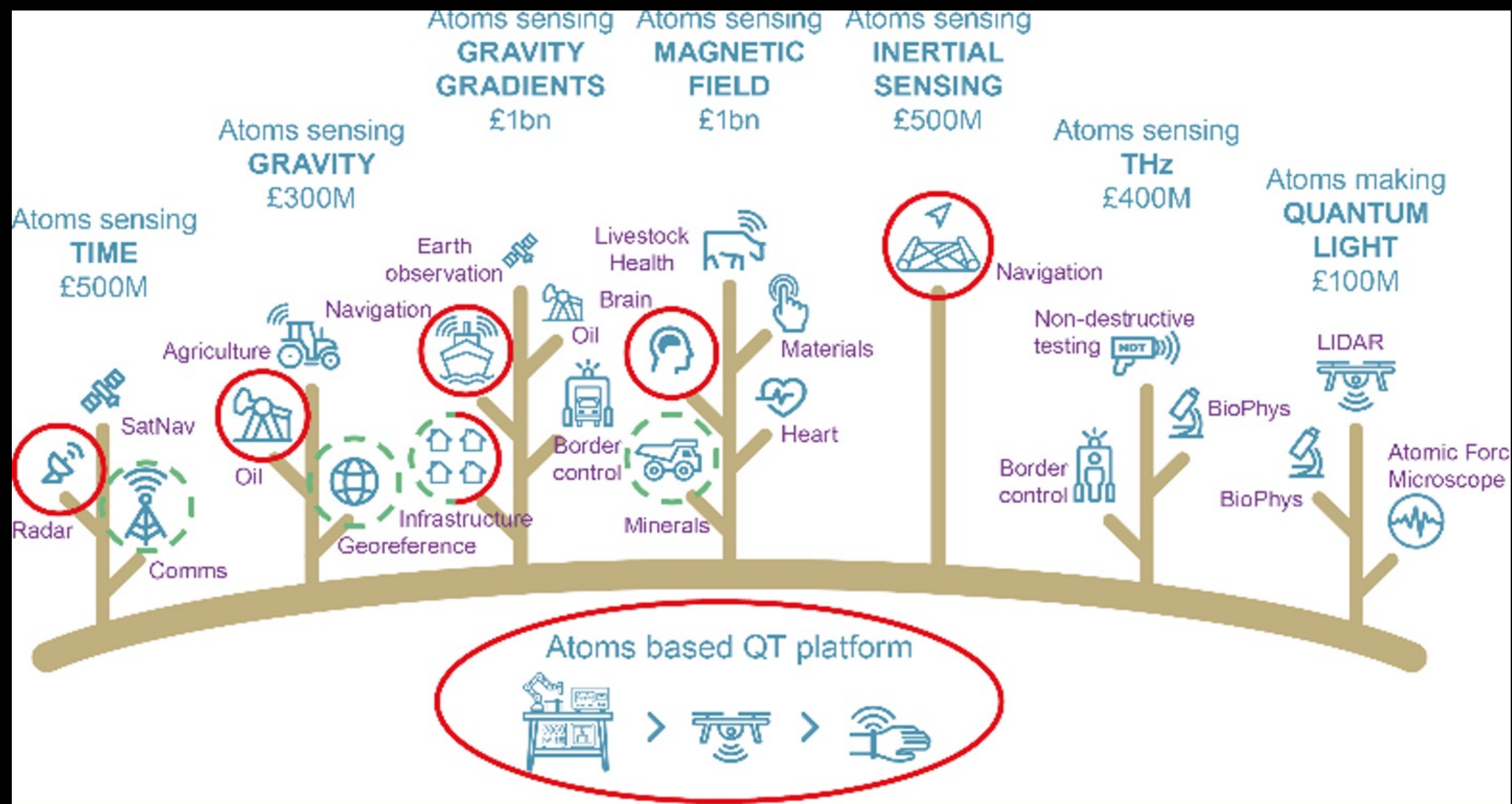
[https://arxiv.org/abs/20060](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.20060)

Discussing with established UK companies Torr Scientific and Kurt J. Lesker potential for spin-off.



2D Sr MOT - 31 Oct





## AION Related Publications (so far)

- AtomECS: Simulate laser cooling and magneto-optical traps (X. Chen, M. Zeuner, U. Schneider, C.J. Foot, T. L. Harte, E. Bentine) [arXiv:2105.06447]
- High-fidelity atom optics with polychromatic light pulses (S. Lellouch, O. Ennis, R. Haditalab, M. Langlois, M. Holynski) [Patent pending]
- Refined Ultra-Light Scalar Dark Matter Searches with Compact Atom Gradiometers (L. Badurina, D. Blas, C. McCabe) [arXiv:2109.10965]
- Prospective Sensitivities of Atom Interferometers to Gravitational Waves and Ultralight Dark Matter (L. Badurina, O. Buchmueller, J. Ellis, M. Lewicki, C. McCabe, M. Lewicki) [arXiv:2108.02468]
- Cold Atoms in Space: Community Workshop Summary and Proposed Road-Map (I. Alonso, L. Badurina, O. Buchmueller, J. Coleman, G. Elertas, J. Ellis, C. McCabe, ...) [arXiv:2201.07789]
- Snowmass 2021: Quantum Sensors for HEP Science - Interferometers, Mechanics, Traps, and Clocks (D. Carney, ..., J. Ellis et al) [arXiv:2203.07250]





# Quantum Simulators for Fundamental Physics



## Scientific Goals

Quantum Simulations of Black Hole  
and Early Universe Processes

## Community

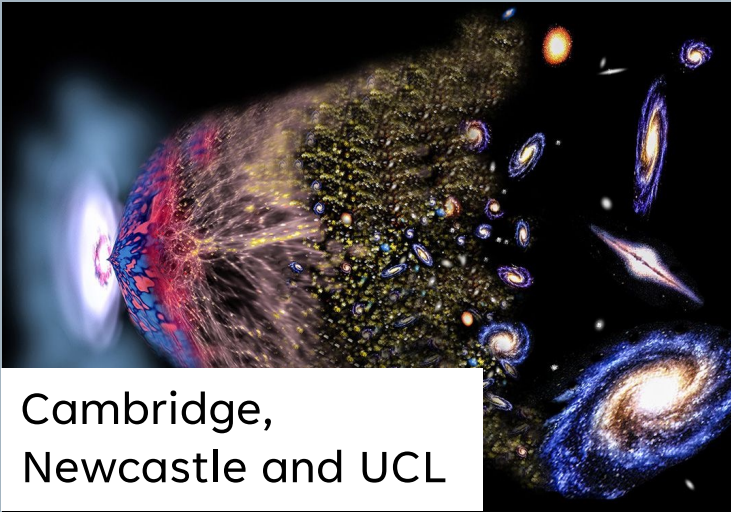
50-50 QT-FP researchers  
27 QTFP funded (48 Partners)

## Governance

Silke Weinfurter (PI, Nottingham)  
Zoran Hadzibabic (Cambridge)  
Ruth Gregory (KCL)



See talk of Silke Weinfurtner



Cambridge, Newcastle and UCL

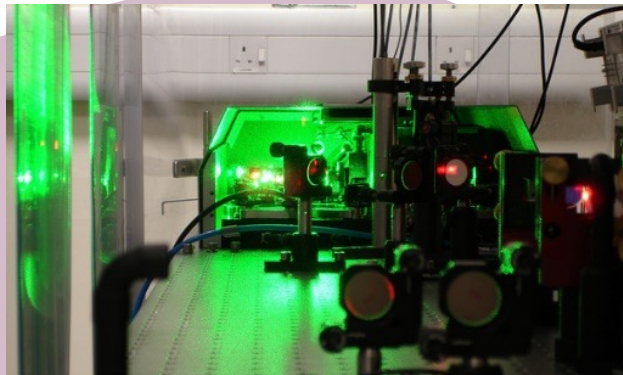


KCL and Newcastle

# QSimFP

**Quantum Vacuum:**  
- False Vacuum Decay

**Quantum Black Hole:**  
- Black hole ring-down



St Andrews



Cambridge

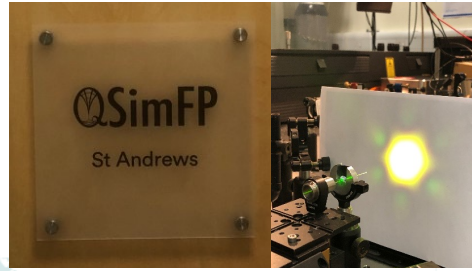


Nottingham and RHUL

# Facilities



QSimFP St. Andrews



## 1+1-Dimensional Black Hole Simulator

- Fibre-optical solitons
- Quantum Light Detectors
- **Black Hole Spectral Stability**

QSimFP Nottingham



## 2+1-Dimensional Black Hole Simulator

- Biggest Quantum Vortex Flows
- Off-axis Holography Detectors
- **Black Hole Bound states and Instabilities**

QSimFP Cambridge



## 2+1-Dim. False Vacuum Decay Simulator

- Ultracold-atoms in optical box traps
- Biggest Potassium Condensate
- **First-order Relativistic Phase-Transitions**

QSimFP Royal Holloway



## 2+1-Dimensional Black Hole Simulator

- State-of-the-art nanotechnology facilities
- Superconducting microwave micro-structures
- **Quantum Fields Dynamics & Quantised Rotation**



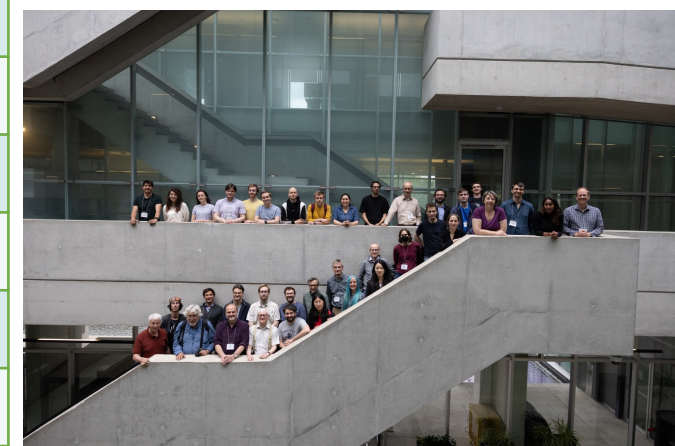
# Community



IOP, London, UK,  
QSimFP 2022

Location	STFC Funding	External Funding
University of St. Andrews	2	4
Newcastle University	4	5
Nottingham University	7	22
Cambridge University	2	8
Royal Holloway University London	3	4
University College London	4	4
King's College London	2	5
Sheffield University	3	3
UK (Southampton, Glasgow, York)	0	5
Canada/USA	0	7
Europe (Austria, Germany, Italy)	0	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>77</b>

Perimeter Institute, Waterloo,  
Canada, QSimFP 2022

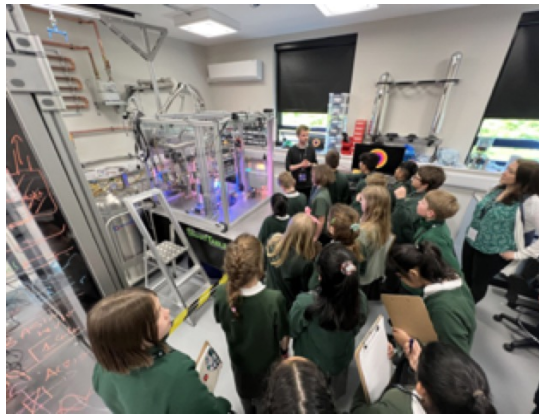


# Impact



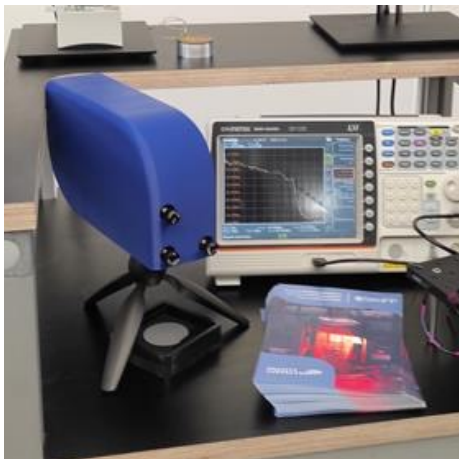
## Scientific Impact:

- 1 publication / month
- Phys Rev Editor's Suggestions
- Physical Review Letters
- 2 Nature Publications



## Widening Communities:

- School Kids Event
- Artist Residency
- APEX Grant: Philosophy-QSimFP
- Artlab Nottingham



## Patent Application 2214343.2 & Applied Optics, Vol. 62, pp. 7175-7184

- Optical Path Length Characterisation
- Compact and modular
- Applicable for fluids and gases
- EPSRC IAA Impact Exploration Grant



## Engagement Highlights

- Arte '42' TV Show: 1M+ views
- The Guardian Feature
- Quanta Magazine Feature
- New Scientist Cover Story (x2)
- The Sky at Night BBC
- Cheltenham Science Festival

**Primary objective:** Establish groundbreaking quantum field theory simulators using quantum gases, liquids, and optical systems.

**Enhanced Quantum Capabilities:** Leveraging techniques and facilities honed through the NQTP program to precisely control and discern quantum systems, pertinent to fundamental physics applications.

**Opportunity:**

- Validate advanced mathematical frameworks for fundamental physics.
- Explore genuine relativistic quantum process.
- Translate abstract concepts into reality.
- Simulate the uncalculatable.

## Immediate and long-term Fundamental Physics

- Black Hole Ringdown:
  - Spectral Stability
  - Black Hole Bound States (Axion Fields)
  - Non-linearities in Black Hole Bombs
- Holographic Superfluid:
  - Exploration of Strongly Dissipative FTs
- Mutual Information / Area Law:
  - Expansion beyond 1+1 Dim Systems
- 1st and 2nd Relativistic Phase Transitions:
  - False Vacuum Decay (1st Order)
  - Tachyonic Field Decay (2nd Order)
- Non-equilibrium (Open) Field Theory Simulator:
  - Investigation into Multi-mode Scattering Processes
  - Extraction of Scattering Amplitudes

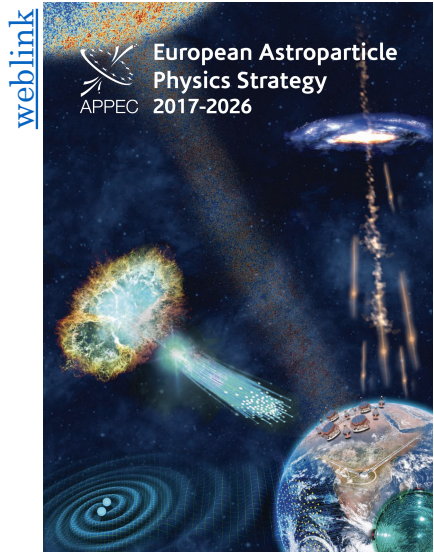


# Quantum Technologies and Particle Physics

- The nature of dark matter
- The earliest epochs of the universe at temperatures  $\gg 1\text{TeV}$
- The existence of new forces
- The violation of fundamental symmetries
- The possible existence of dark radiation and the cosmic neutrino background
- The possible dynamics of dark energy
- The measurement of neutrino mass
- Tests of the equivalence principle
- Tests of quantum mechanics
- A new gravitational wave window to the Universe:
  - LIGO sources before they reach LIGO band
  - Multi-messenger astronomy: optimal band for sky localization
  - Cosmological sources

# Most recent European Strategies

the large ...



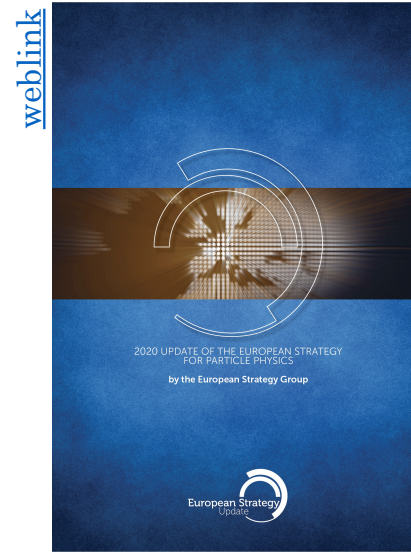
2017-2026 European  
Astroparticle Physics Strategy

... the connection ...



Long Range Plan 2017  
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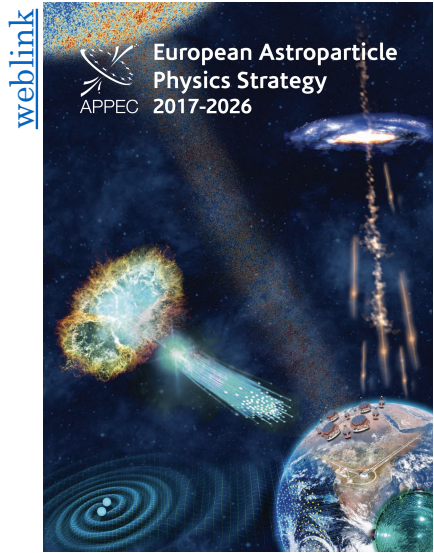
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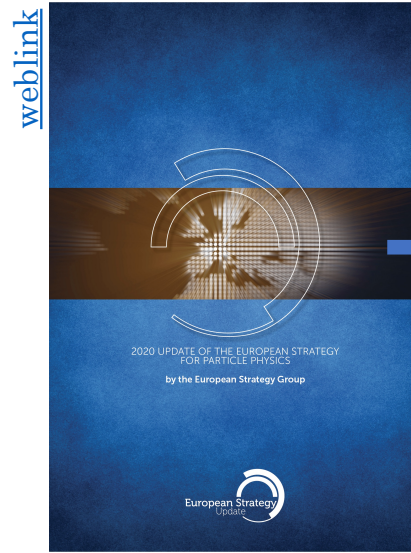
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2020 Update of the European Particle Physics Strategy



ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap



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

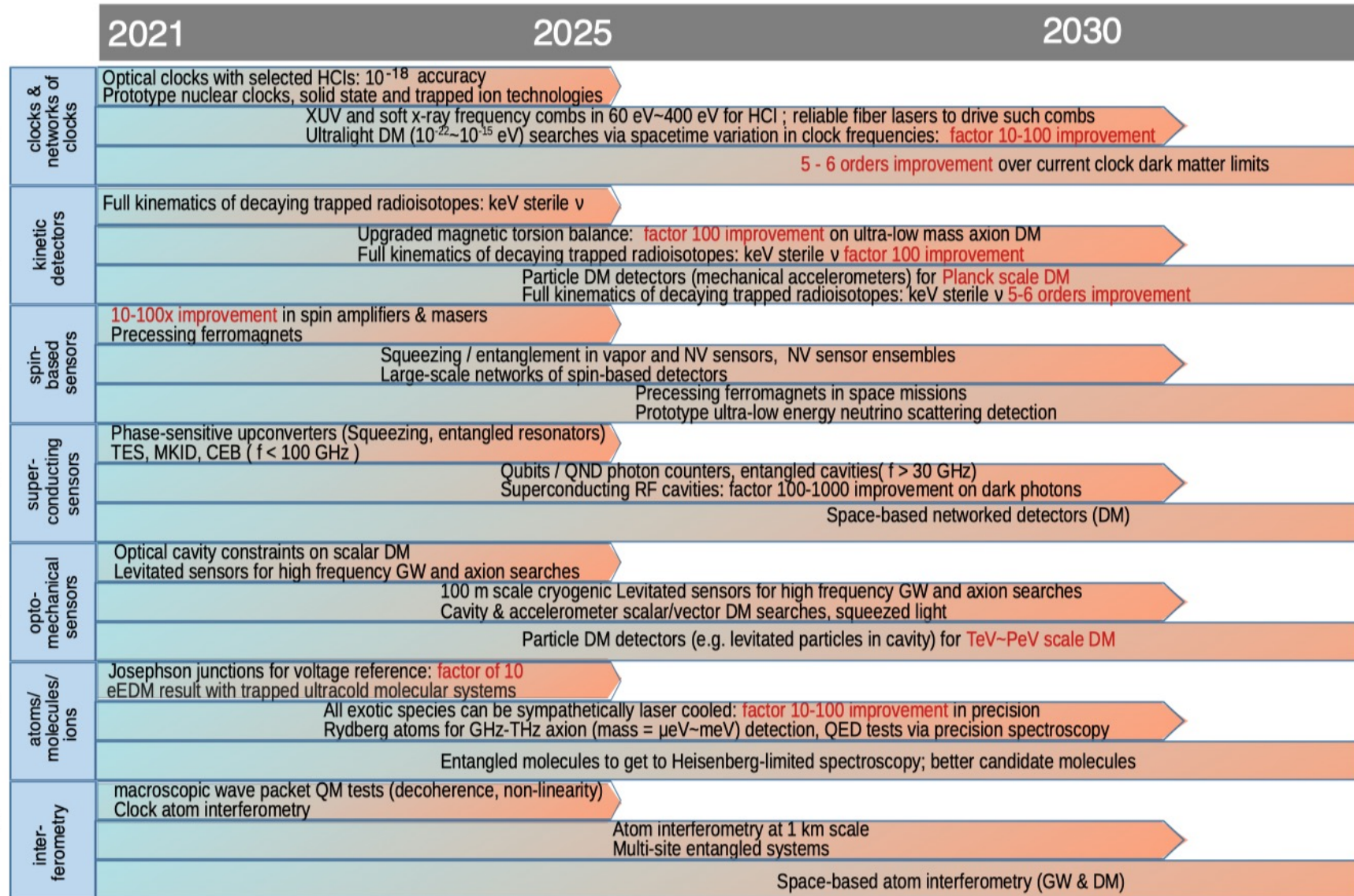
Spin-based sensors 5.3.3  
Superconducting sensors 5.3.3

Optomechanical sensors 5.3.4

Atoms/molecules/ions 5.3.5  
Atom interferometry 5.3.5

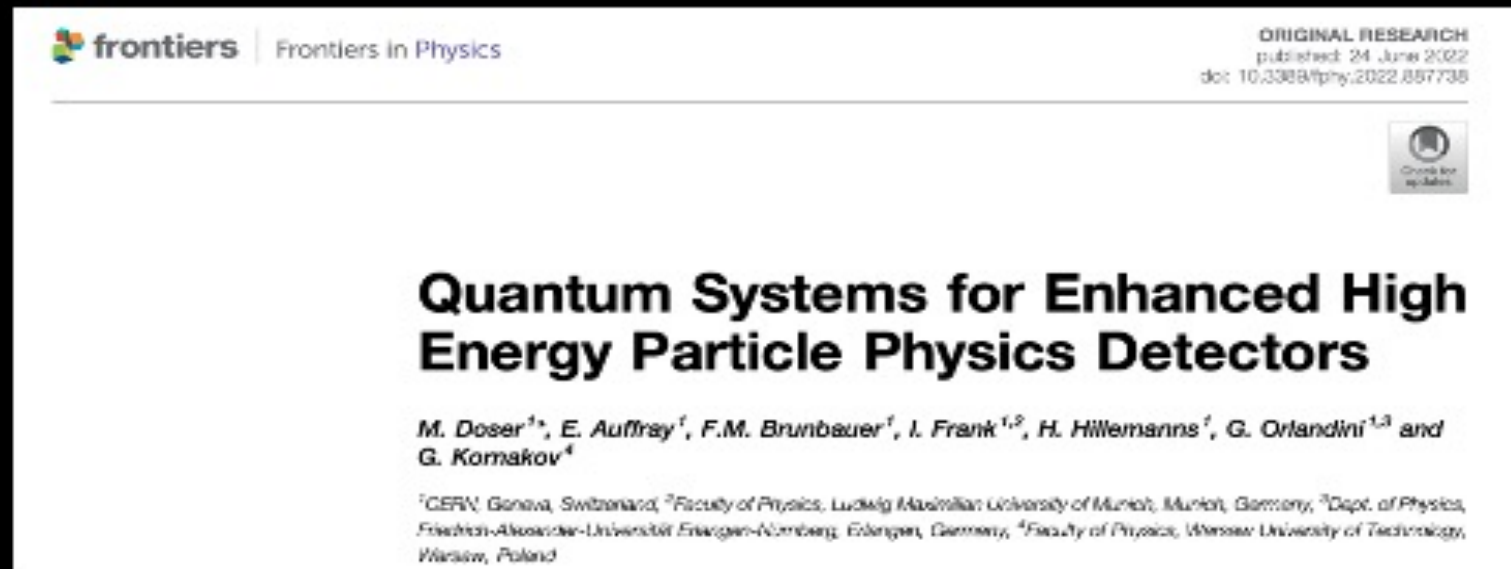
Metamaterials, 0/1/2D-materials  
Quantum materials 5.3.6

also for HEP!



# Quantum Sensors for high energy particle physics

## Reference work



+ talk by IS at

International Conference on Quantum Technologies for High-Energy Physics (QT4HEP22)

THE EUROPEAN STRATEGY UPDATE CALLED FOR A DETECTOR R&D ROADMAP – QUANTUM SENSORS IS A KEY AREA and an ECFA and a UK DRD collaboration have been formed and proposals written

CERN HAS A DEVELOPING QUANTUM PROGRAMME

FERMILAB IS A DOE QUANTUM SCIENCE CENTER

THE FIRST DOE REVIEW OF THE FUTURE OF THE US NATIONAL INSTRUMENTATION PARTICLE PHYSICS RESEARCH (September, 2020) IDENTIFIED AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME OF QUANTUM SENSOR RESEARCH, THIS HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY SNOWMASS (2022), P5 (12/23) & DOE INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARK PANEL 11/23  
DOE & CPAD HAVE CREATED RD COLLABORATIONS  
QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES FOR PARTICLE PHYSICS WILL BE A PROMINENT PLAYER FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL DECADES

THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS THAT HAVE MADE QTFP POSSIBLE ARE:

- COMPELLING SCIENCE
- QUANTUM REVOLUTION 2.0
- THE NATIONAL QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
- A STRONG COMMUNITY

THE NEW UK QUANTUM STRATEGY (15 MARCH 2023) PROVIDES AN ENVIRONMENT FOR QTFP TO CONTINUE TO THRIVE

**1+1 =3 A US + UK PARTNERSHIP CAN ACHIEVE MORE THAN EITHER NATION WORKING ALONE**  
THERE IS EXCITING SCIENCE AHEAD!



"The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark" *(Michelangelo)*

Aim high or we will not realize the potential of our field, discovery will be stalled and we betray ourselves and the next generation.



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