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Quantum sensors for HEP:
DRD-5: Detector R&D
Collaboration for quantum
sensors at CERN

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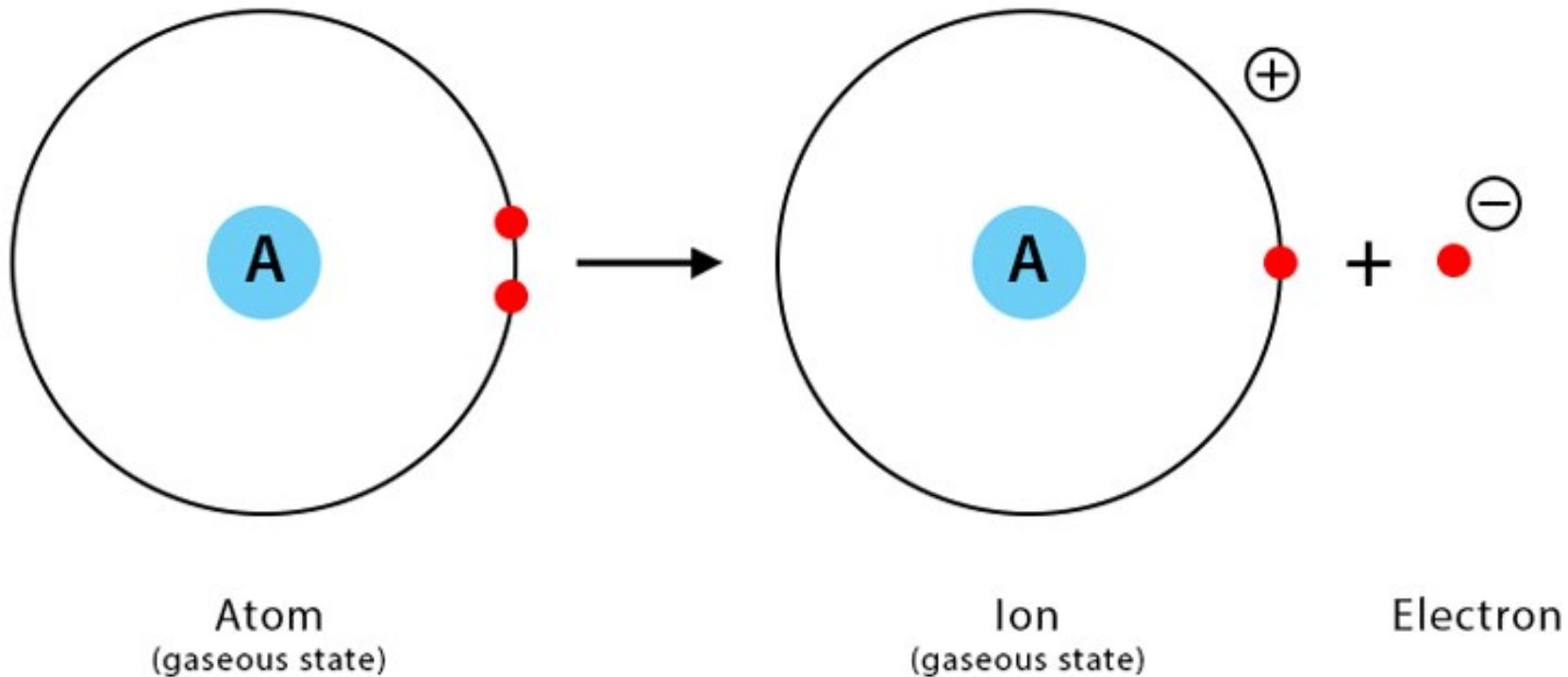
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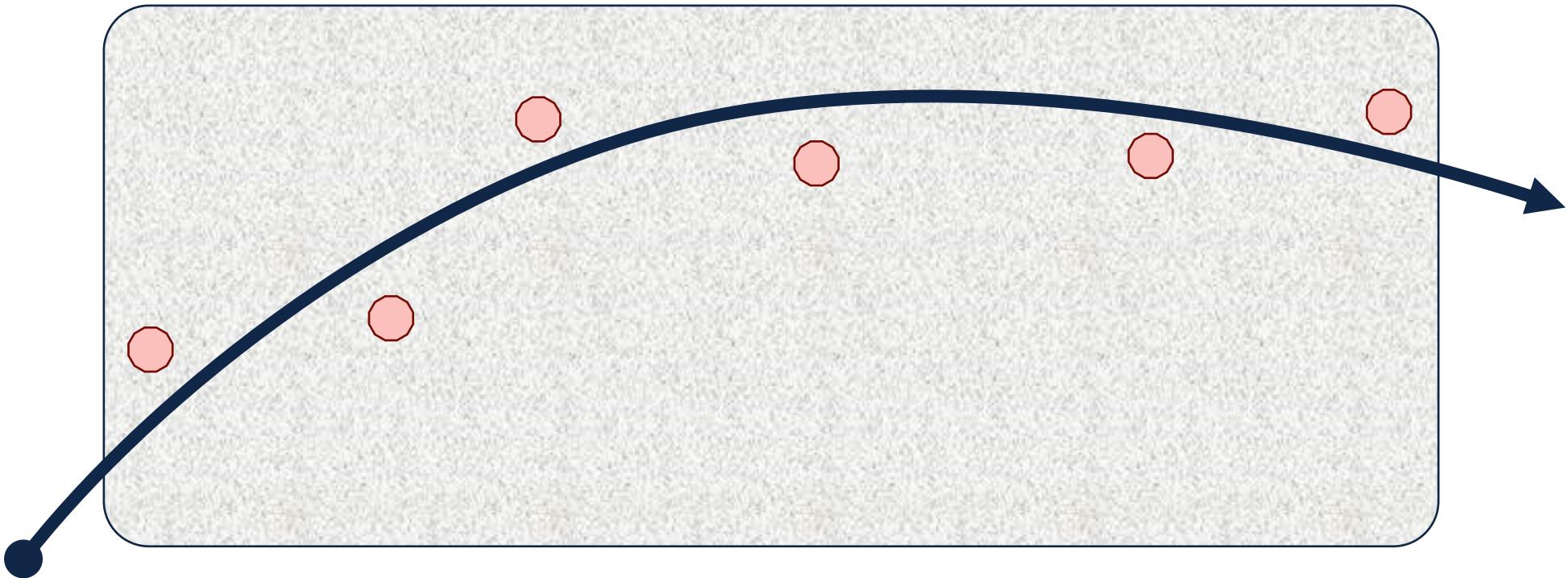
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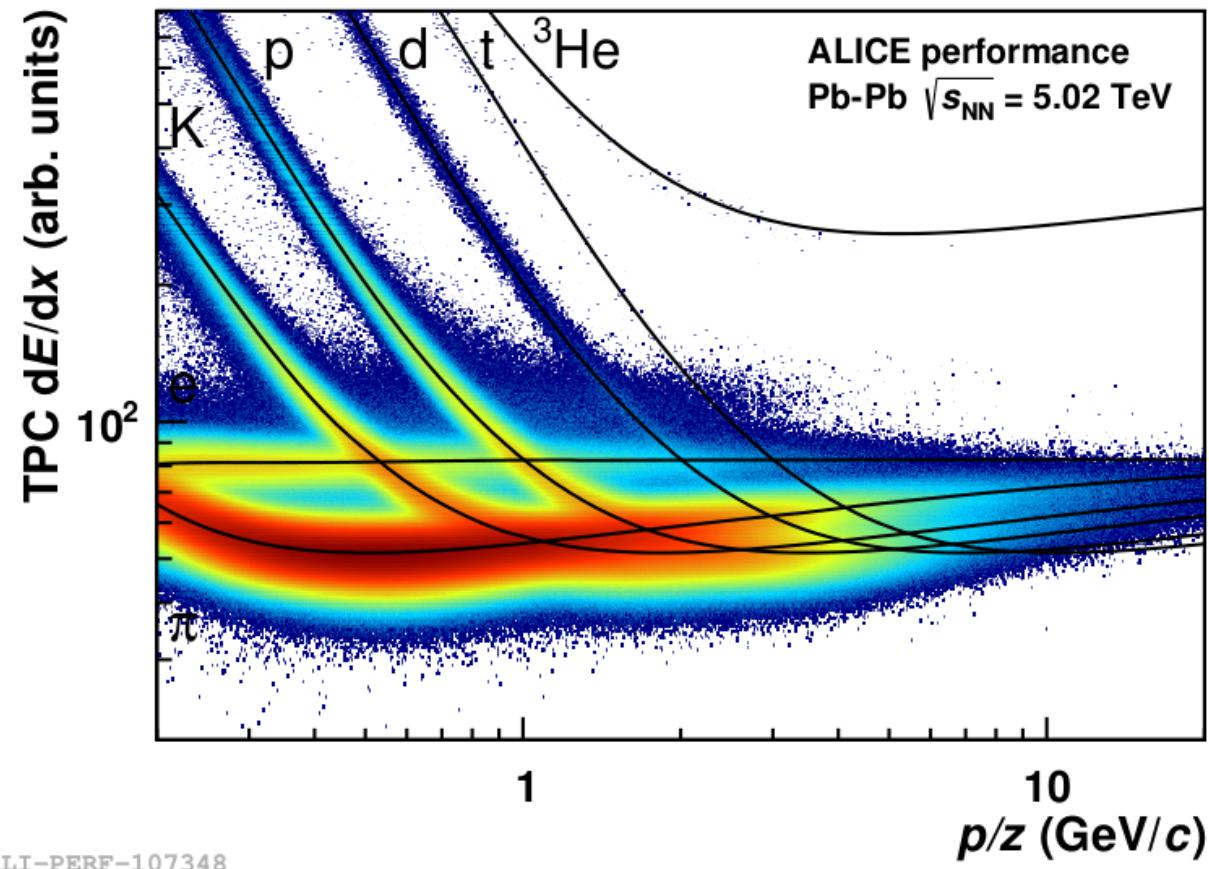
Ionization



Ionization



ionization



Very non-trivial way from ionization to particle identification...

European Particle Physics Strategy 2020 Update

C. The success of particle physics experiments relies on innovative instrumentation and state-of-the-art infrastructures. To prepare and realise future experimental research programmes, the community must maintain a strong focus on instrumentation. ***Detector R&D programmes and associated infrastructures should be supported at CERN, national institutes, laboratories and universities. Synergies between the needs of different scientific fields and industry should be identified and exploited to boost efficiency in the development process and increase opportunities for more technology transfer benefiting society at large. Collaborative platforms and consortia must be adequately supported to provide coherence in these R&D activities. The community should define a global detector R&D roadmap that should be used to support proposals at the European and national levels.***

(low energy) particle detectors:

quantum sensors register a change of quantum state caused by the interaction with an external system:

- transition between superconducting and normal-conducting
- transition of an atom from one state to another
- change of resonant frequency of a system (quantized)

highly sensitive and
highly specific sensors
for minute
perturbations of the
environment in which
they operate

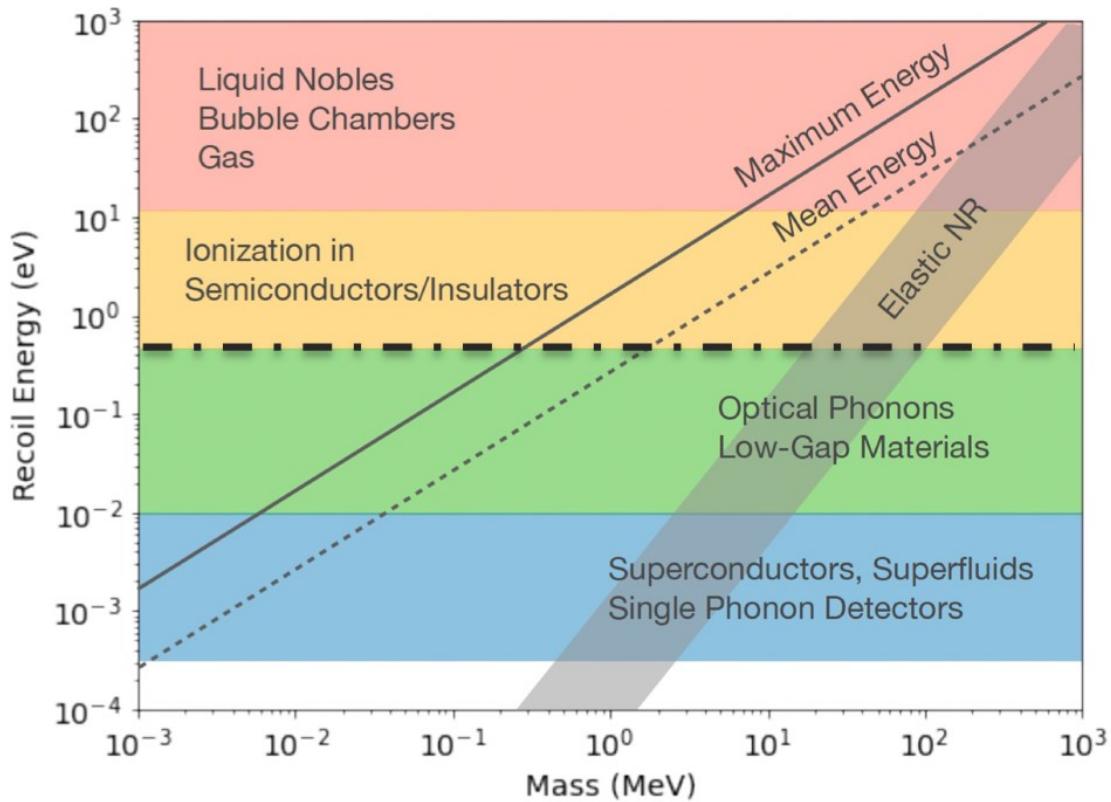
Then, a “quantum sensor” is a device, the measurement (sensing) capabilities of which are enabled by our ability to manipulate and/or read out its quantum states.

and because the commensurate energies are very low, unsurprisingly, quantum sensors are ideally matched to low energy (particle) physics; nevertheless, they can also form natural elements of HEP detectors

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

Start with an example: Energy deposited in detectors by particles

quantum sensing & particle physics



Daniel Baxter | IDM 2024

Essig et al, Snowmass CF1 WP2 (2022) [arXiv:2203.08297]

- What's the goal? MIP detection? or minute, sub-MIP energy deposits?
- Very low bandgap materials required to be sensitive to tiny energy deposits: milli-charged particles, nuclear recoil from very light DM, ...
- For much higher (or lower) particle masses (or better, very weak fields), other quantum sensing technologies are more appropriate: Rydberg atoms, Qubits

$\Delta E \sim 1$ eV

e.g. Si, Ge, GaAs, diamond, Quantum Dots, organic scintillators...

$\Delta E \sim 10 - 100$ meV

e.g. GaAs, sapphire, Dirac materials, doped s/c, ...

$\Delta E \sim 1$ meV

e.g. superfluids, superconductors

quantum sensors & particle physics: what are we talking about?

quantum technologies

- 1 superconducting devices (TES, SNSPD, ...) / cryo-electronics
- 2 spin-based, NV-diamonds
- 3 optical clocks
- 4 ionic / atomic / molecular
- 5 optomechanical sensors
- 6 metamaterials, 0/1/2-D materials

domains of physics

search for NP / BSM

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

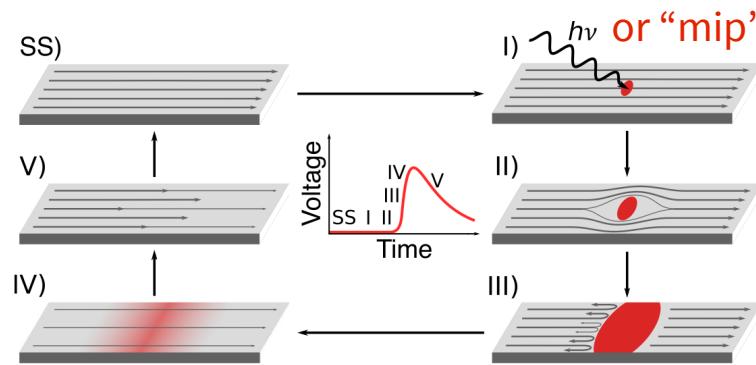
tests of QM wavefunction collapse,
 decoherence

EDM searches & tests of
fundamental symmetries

Development of new detectors

→ ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap Symposium of Task Force 5 Quantum and Emerging Technologies
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/999818/>

Extremely low energy threshold detectors: SNSPD



quantum pixel ultra-sensitive tracking

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

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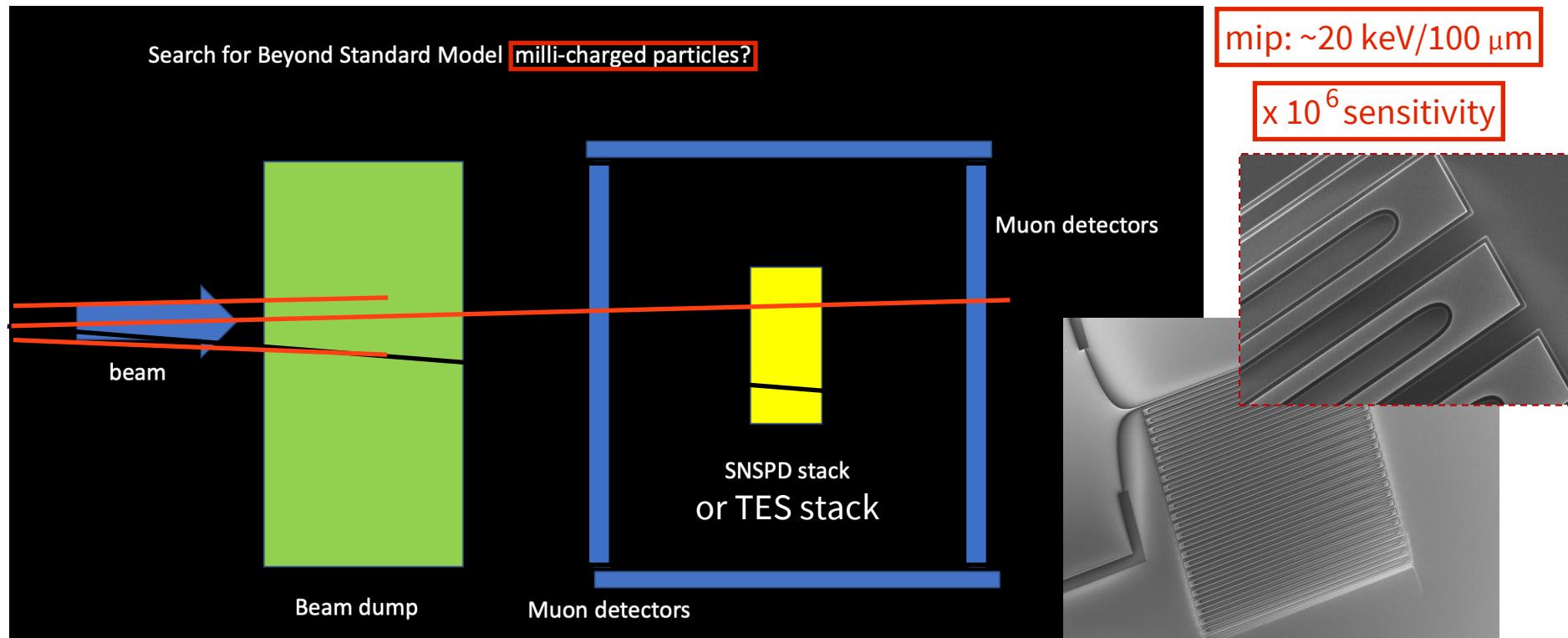
Superconducting Nanowire Single-Photon Detectors

Moving to SC strips conventional lithography → scale up
 Development towards SC SSPM

QT4HEP22-- I. Shipsey

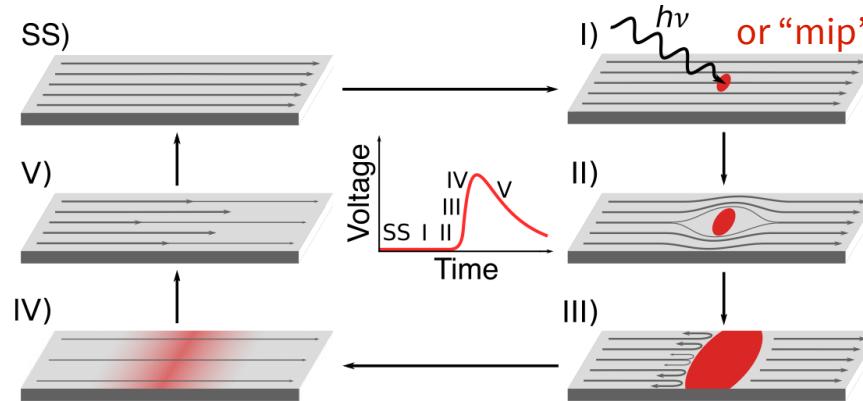
mip: ~20 keV/100 μ m

x 10⁶ sensitivity



Extremely fast detectors:

SNSPD



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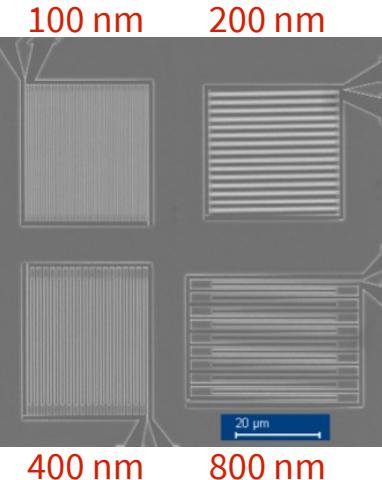
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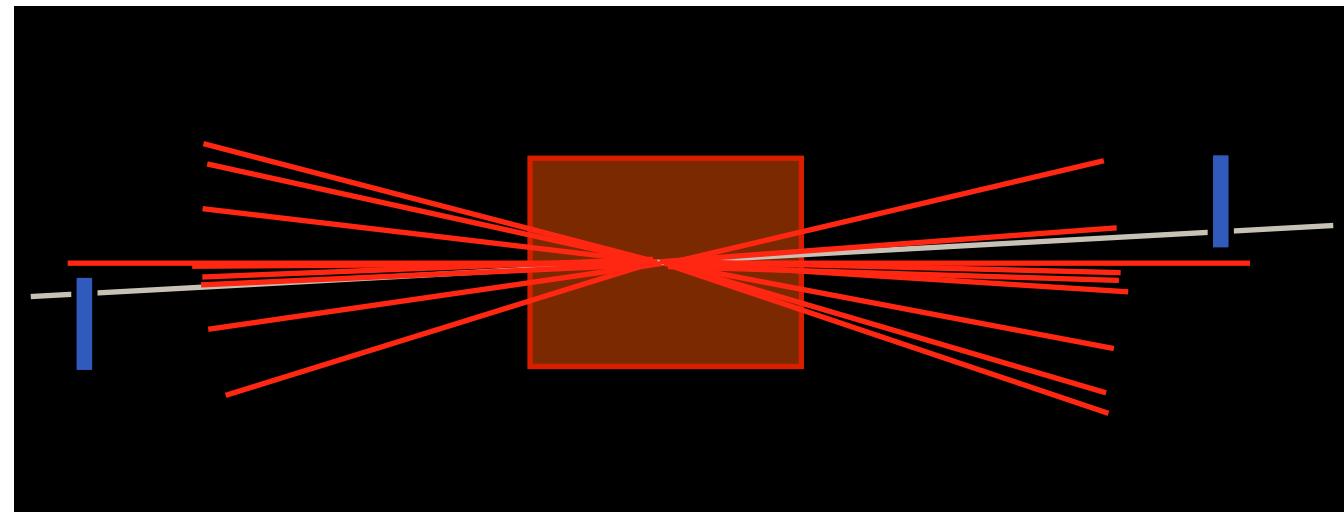
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@ 2.8 K



S. Lee et al., (2024)
 arXiv:2312.13405v2
 SNSPD w/ p@120 GeV
 for use e.g. at EIC

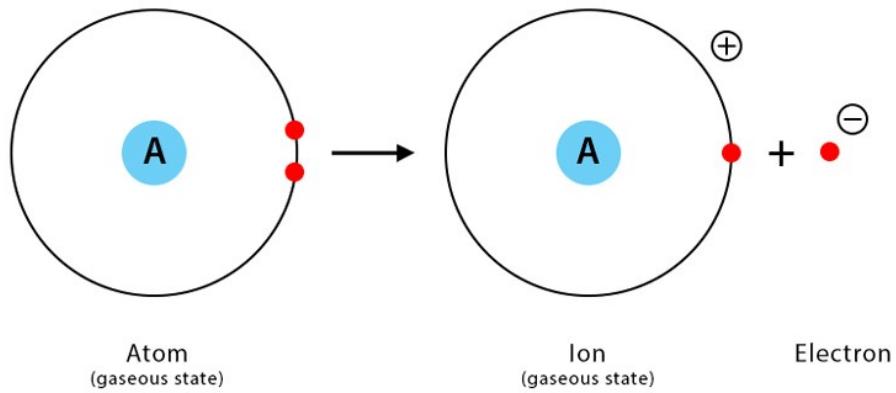
diffractive scattering via ps-resolution tracking in Roman pots



low energy particle physics: dark count rate is critical !

high energy particle physics: dark count rate is not a problem: high Tc is imaginable

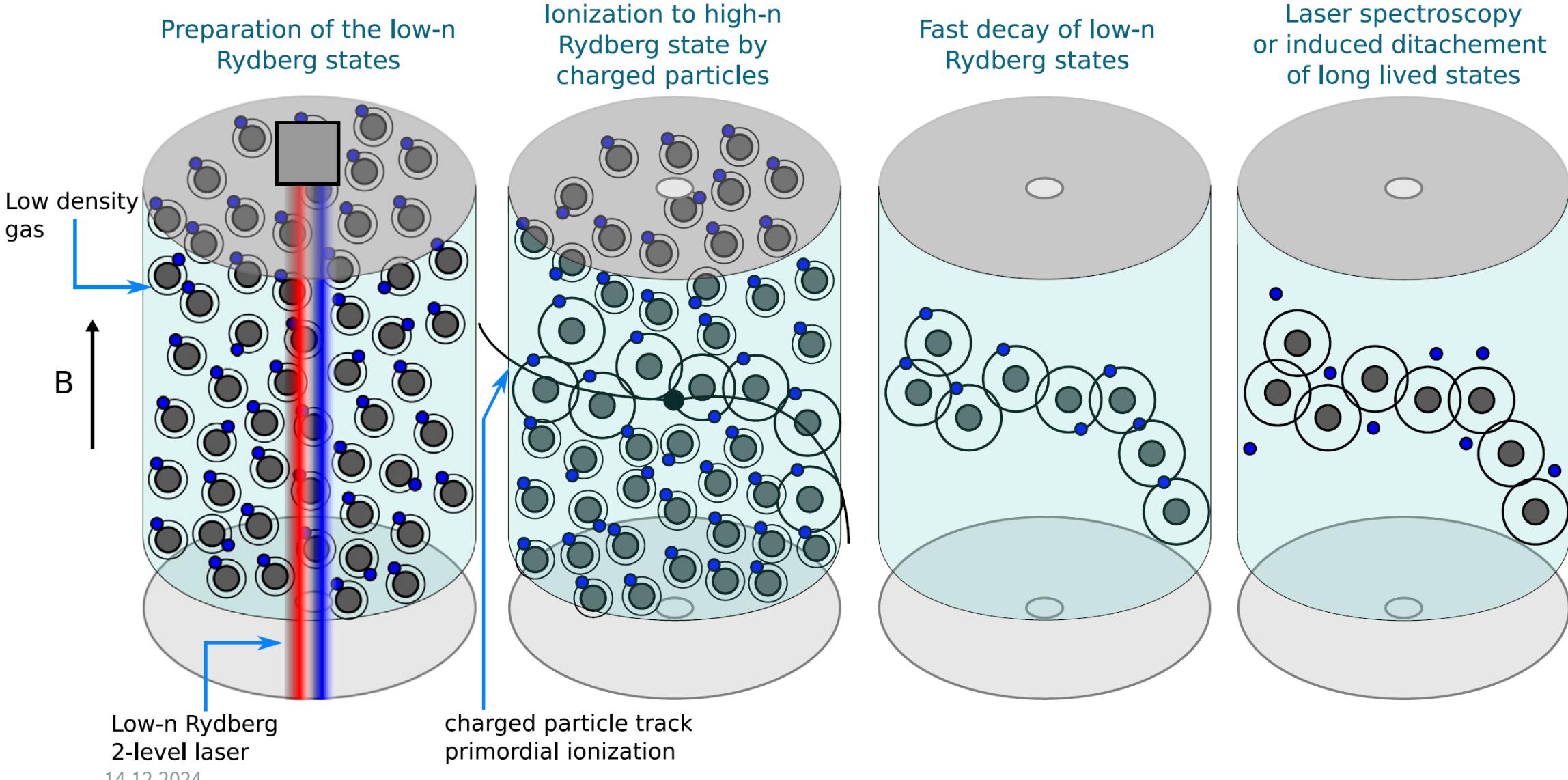
Rydberg Time projection Chamber



How we could:

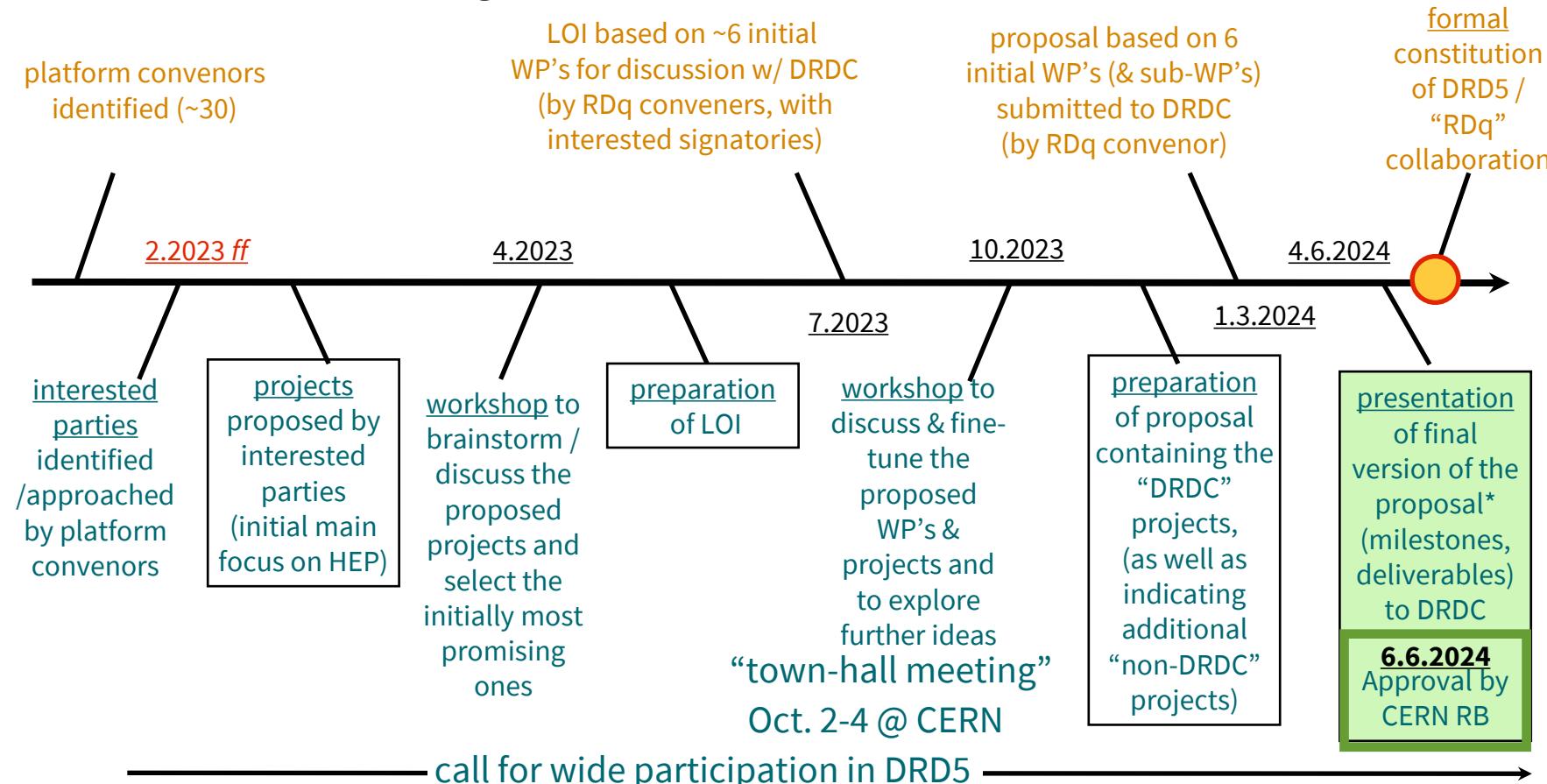
- reduce recoil
- increase energy sensitivity threshold
- reduce density of bulk
- increase read out speed
- increase locus accuracy...

Rydberg Time projection Chamber



Two goals for DRD5 (Detector R&D on Quantum Sensors) in 2023/2024 :

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



* <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2901426>

DRD5: WP's and structure

WP1

Exotic systems in traps & beams
(HCl's, molecules, Rydberg systems, clocks, interferometry, ...)

WP2

Quantum materials (0-, 1-, 2-D)
(Engineering at the atomic scale)

WP3

Quantum superconducting systems (4K electronics; MMC's, TES, SNSPD, KID's/...; integration challenges)

WP4

Scaling up to macroscopic ensembles
(spins; nano-structured materials; hybrid devices, opto-mechanical sensors,...)

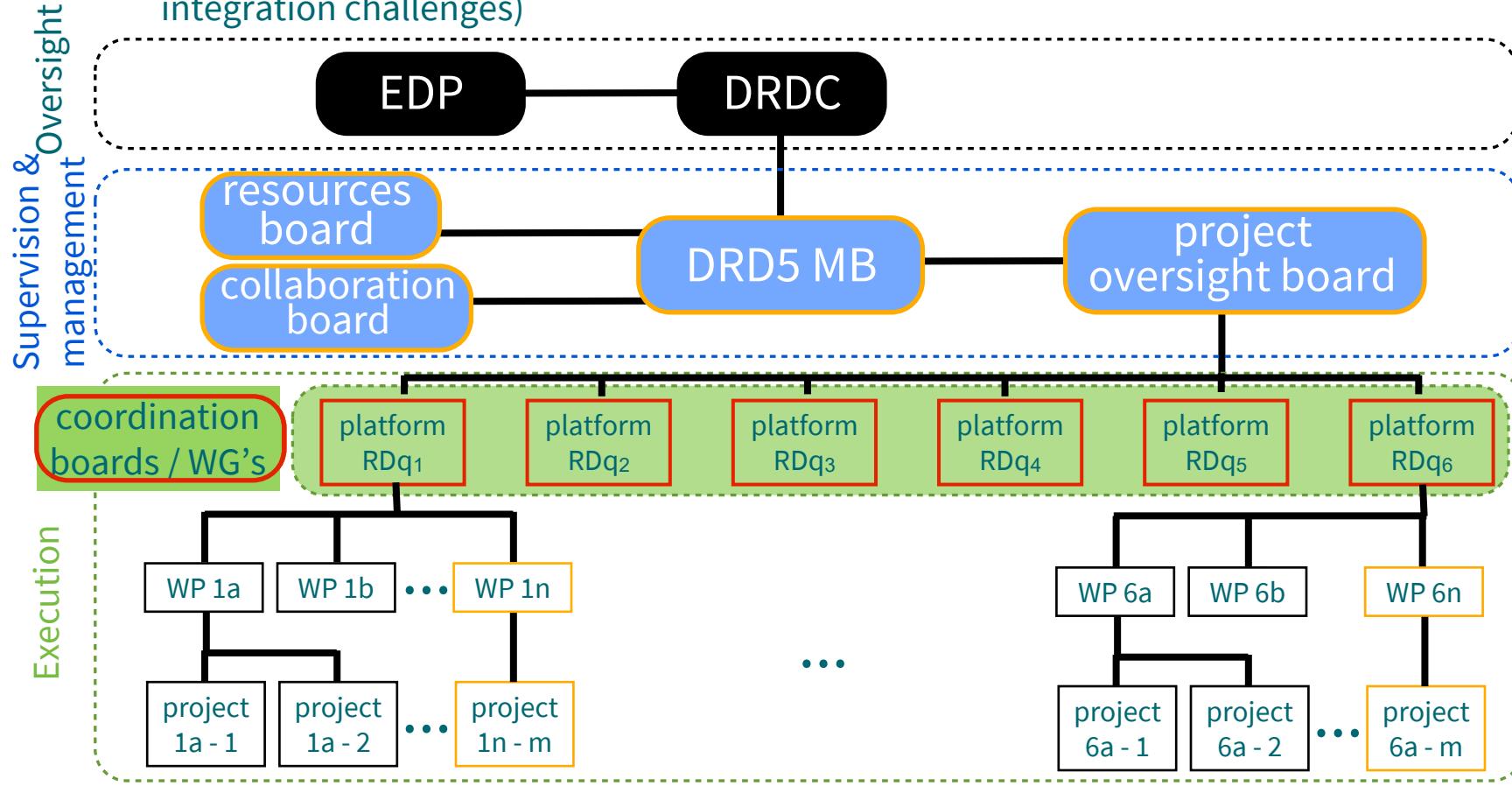
WP5

Quantum techniques for sensing (back action evasion, squeezing, entanglement, Heisenberg limit)

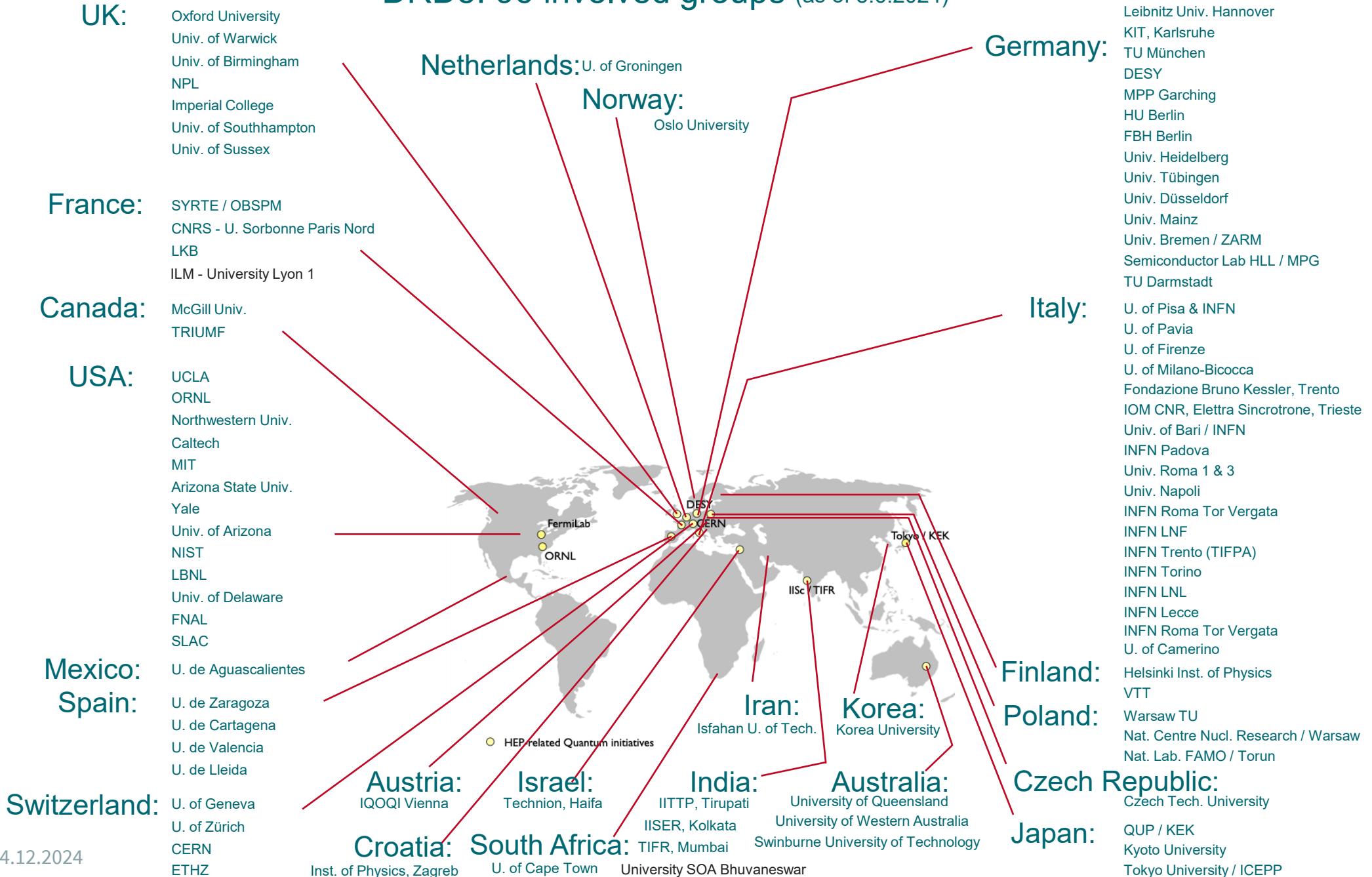
WP6

Capability expansion (cross-disciplinary exchanges; infrastructures; education)

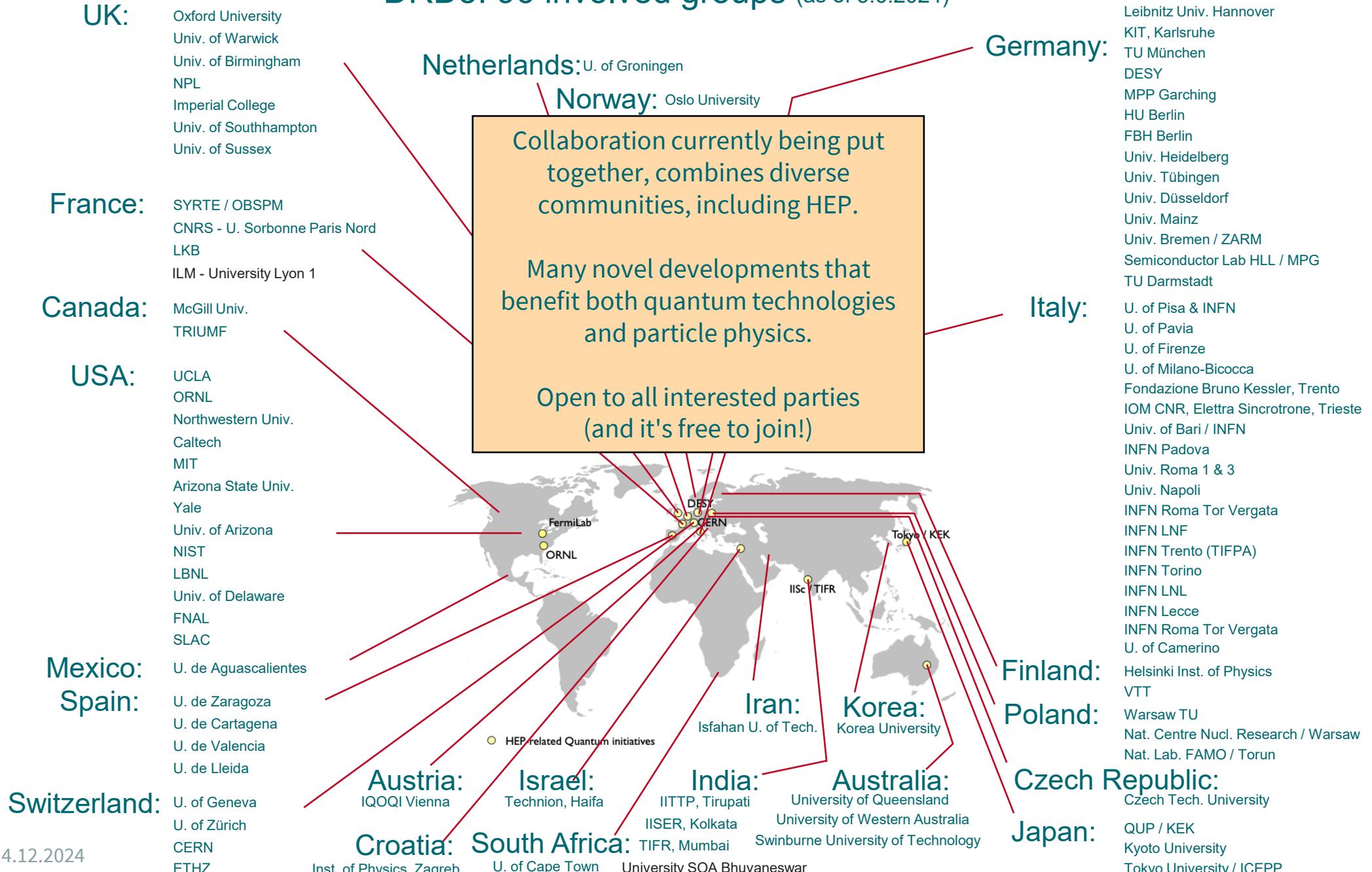
Quantum sensor R&D: outlook



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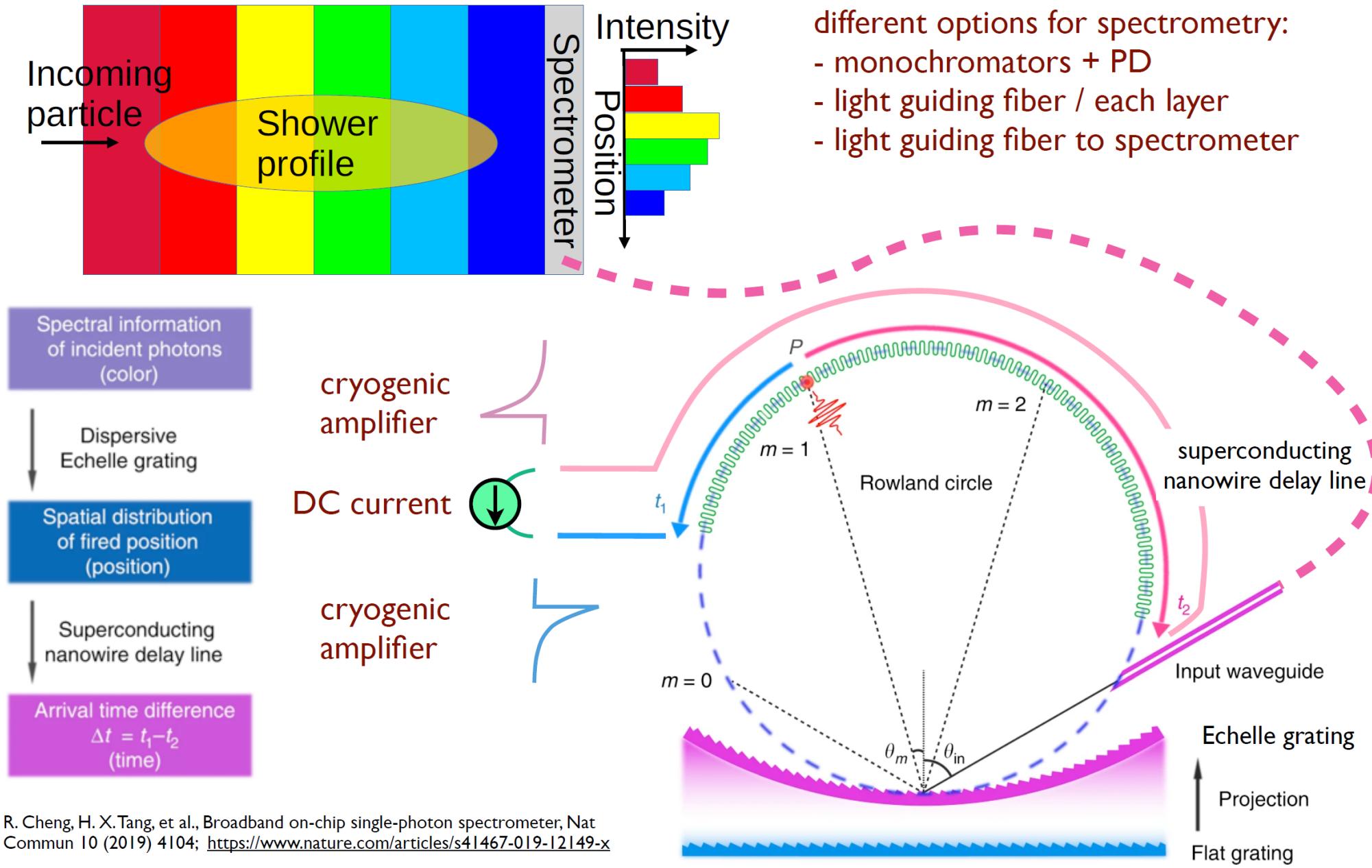


There is an ongoing revolution in the domain of quantum technologies and quantum sensing in particular.

The evolution from observation of phenomena to implementation of technological solution is now possible thanks to many enabling technologies which appeared in last decades.

The DRD-5 quantum sensing Collaboration at CERN is uniting researchers all over the world in a coherent effort to address some fundamental challenges in the development of quantum sensors and speed up their adoption by a broader communities.

Thank you for your attention!



Active scintillators (QWs, QDs, QWDs, QCLs)

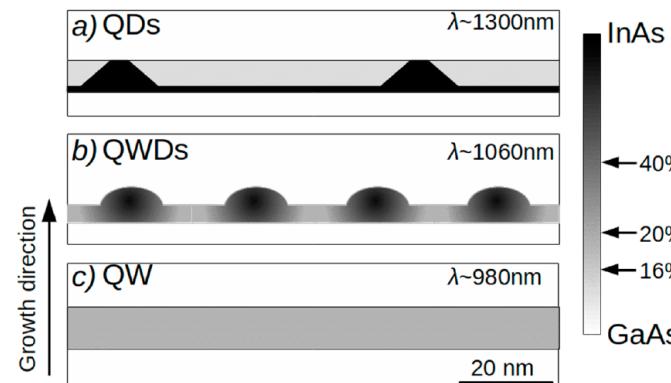
M. Doser, CERN

standard scintillating materials are **passive**

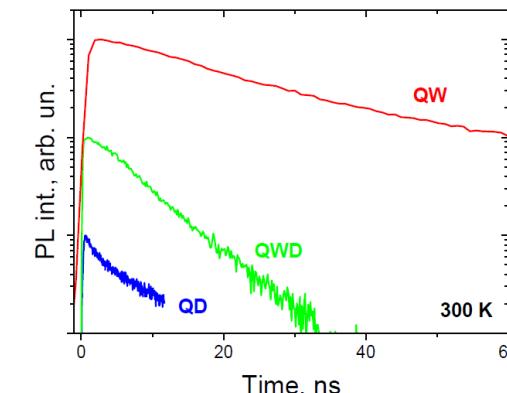
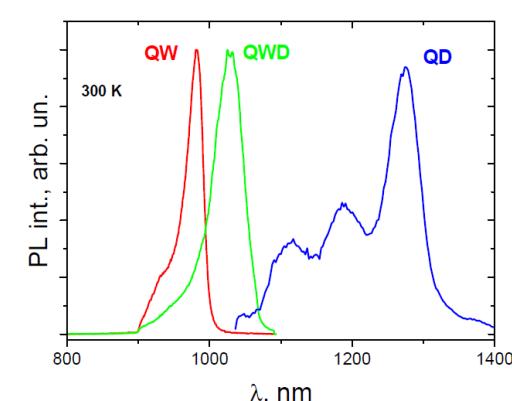
- can not be amplified
- can not be turned on/off
- can not be modified once they are in place

is it possible to produce **active** scintillating materials?

- electronically amplified / modulable
- pulsed / primed
- gain adapted in situ



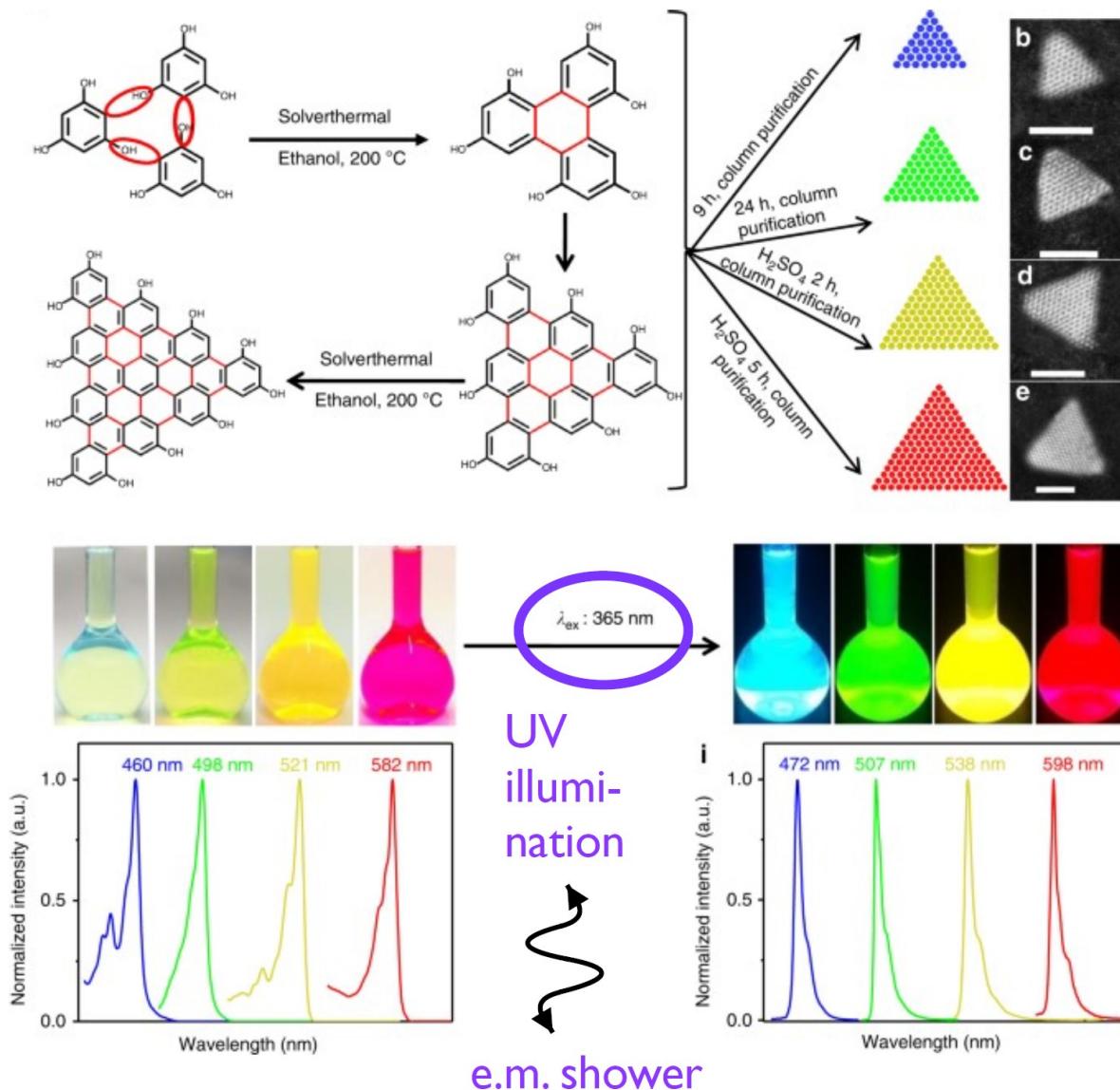
existing QD's, QWD's are elements of optoelectronic devices,
typically running at 10 GHz, quite insensitive to temperature



Light Emitting Devices Based on Quantum Well-Dots, Appl. Sci. 2020, 10, 1038; doi:10.3390/app10031038

Quantum dots: chromatic calorimetry

M. Doser, CERN



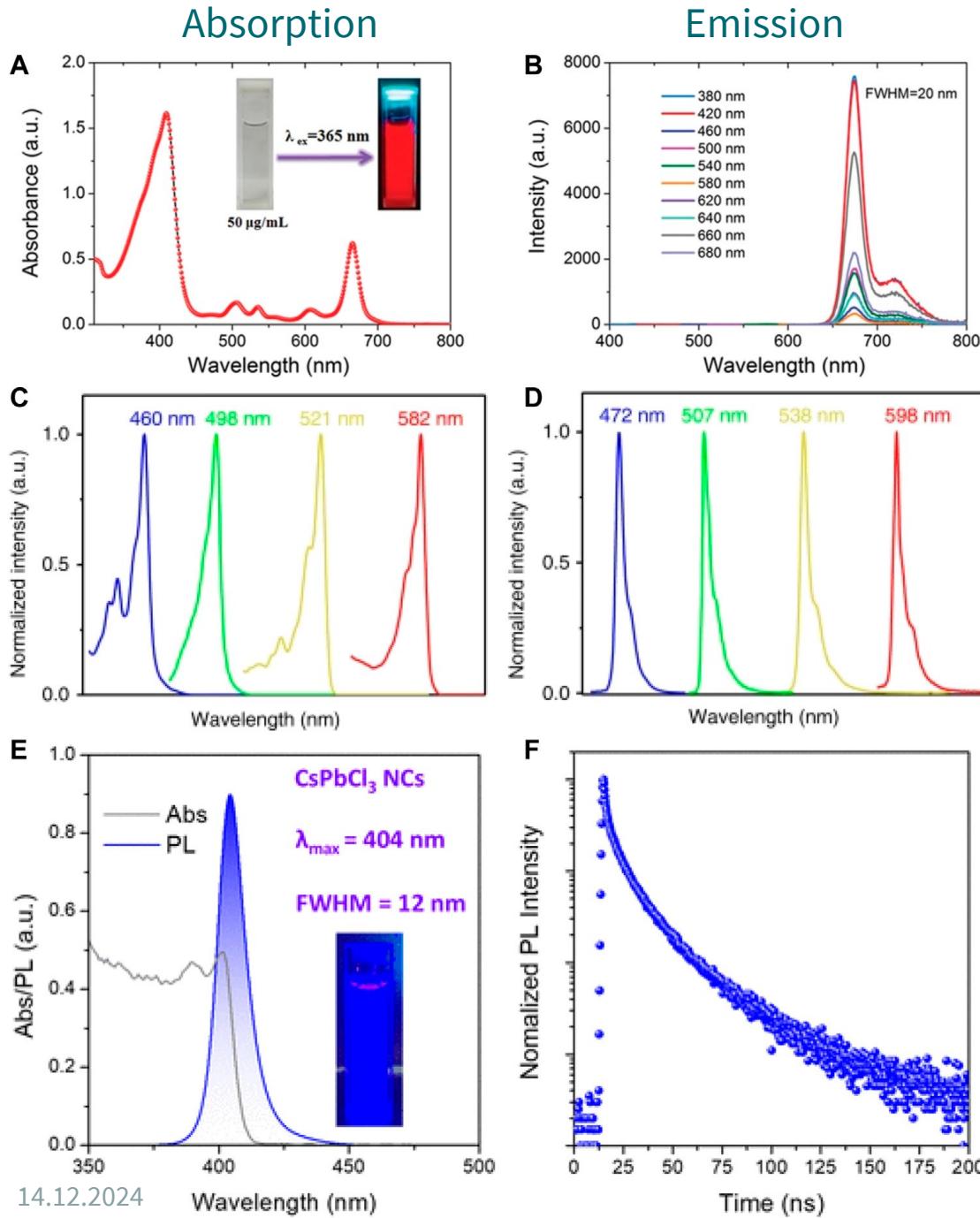
idea: seed different parts of a “crystal” with nanodots emitting at different wavelengths, such that the wavelength of a stimulated fluorescence photon is uniquely assignable to a specific nanodot position

requires:

- narrowband emission ($\sim 20\text{nm}$)
- only absorption at longer wavelengths
- short rise / decay times

select appropriate nanodots

e.g. triangular carbon nanodots



M. Doser, CERN

carbonized polymer dots

J. Liu, B. Yang, et al., Advanced Materials
32 (2020) 1906641

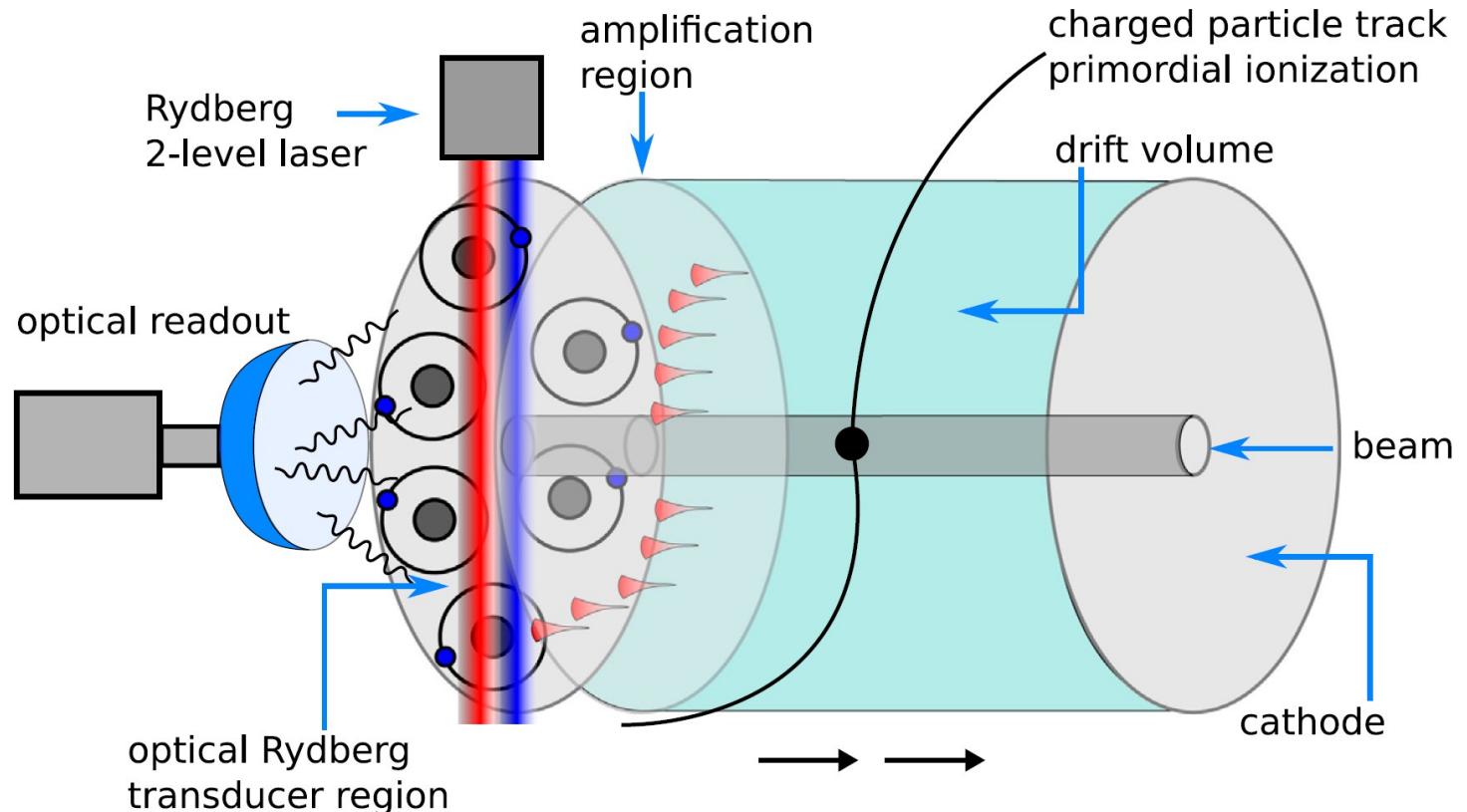
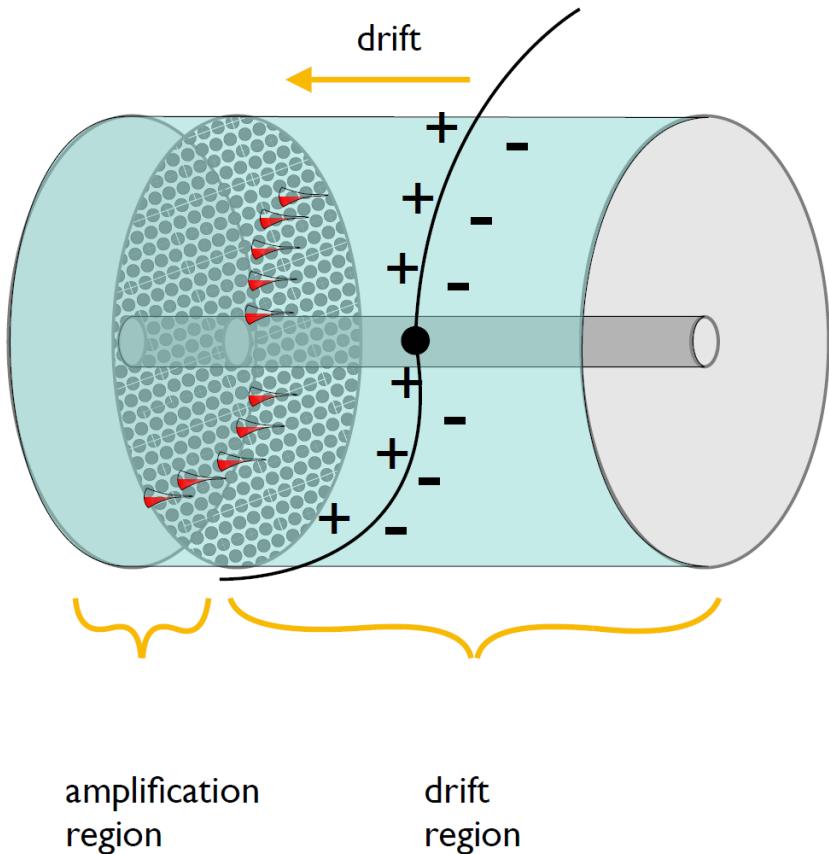
triangular carbon nanodots

F. Yuan, S. Yang, et al., Nature Communications 9 (2018) 2249

CsPbCl₃ nanocrystals

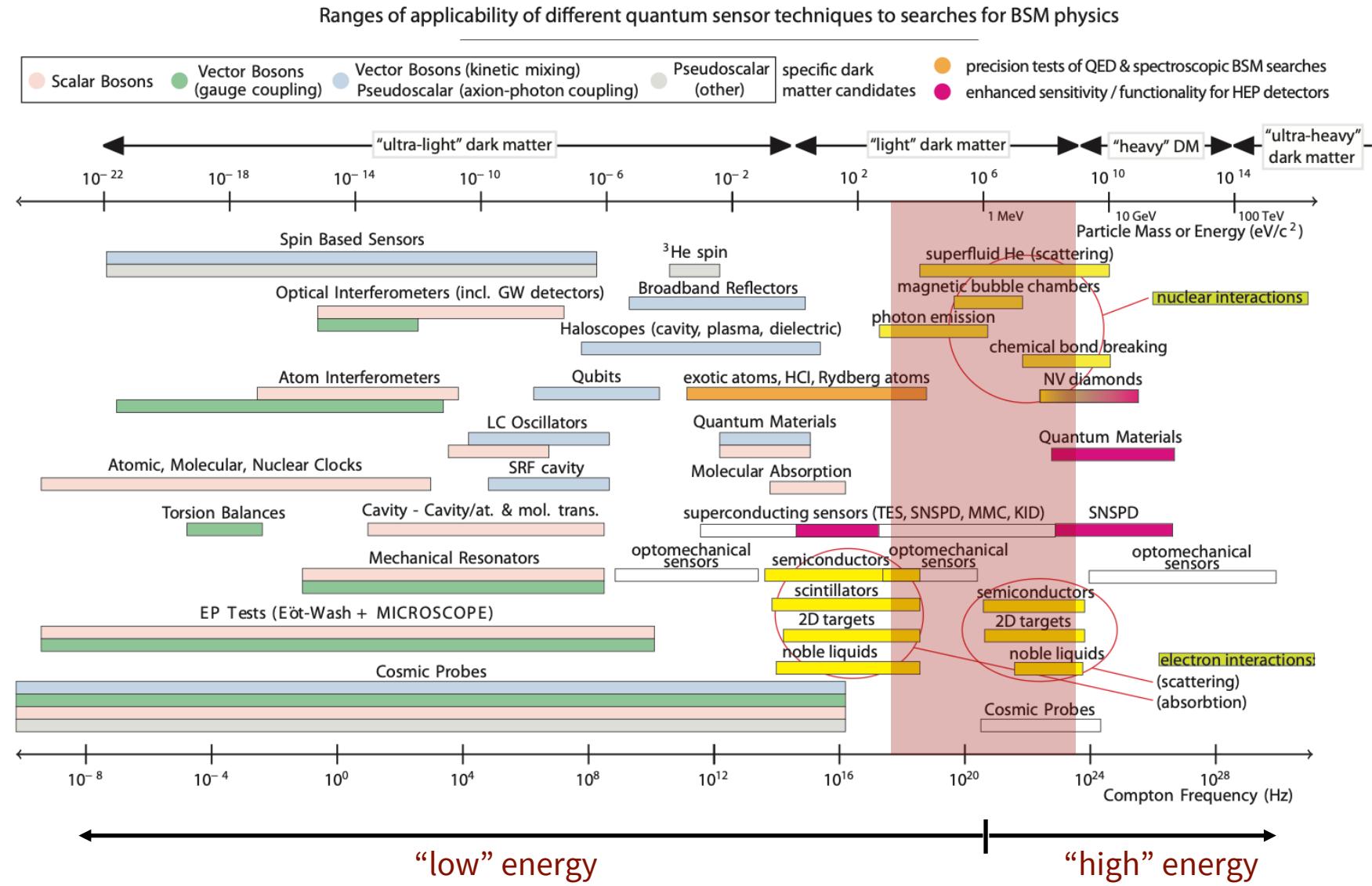
C. Zhang, L. Li, Y. Qi, et al., ACS Energy Lett.
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Rydberg-enhanced Time projection Chambers



quantum sensing & particle physics

S. Bass, M. Doser Nature Rev.
Phys. 6 (2024) 5, 329-339

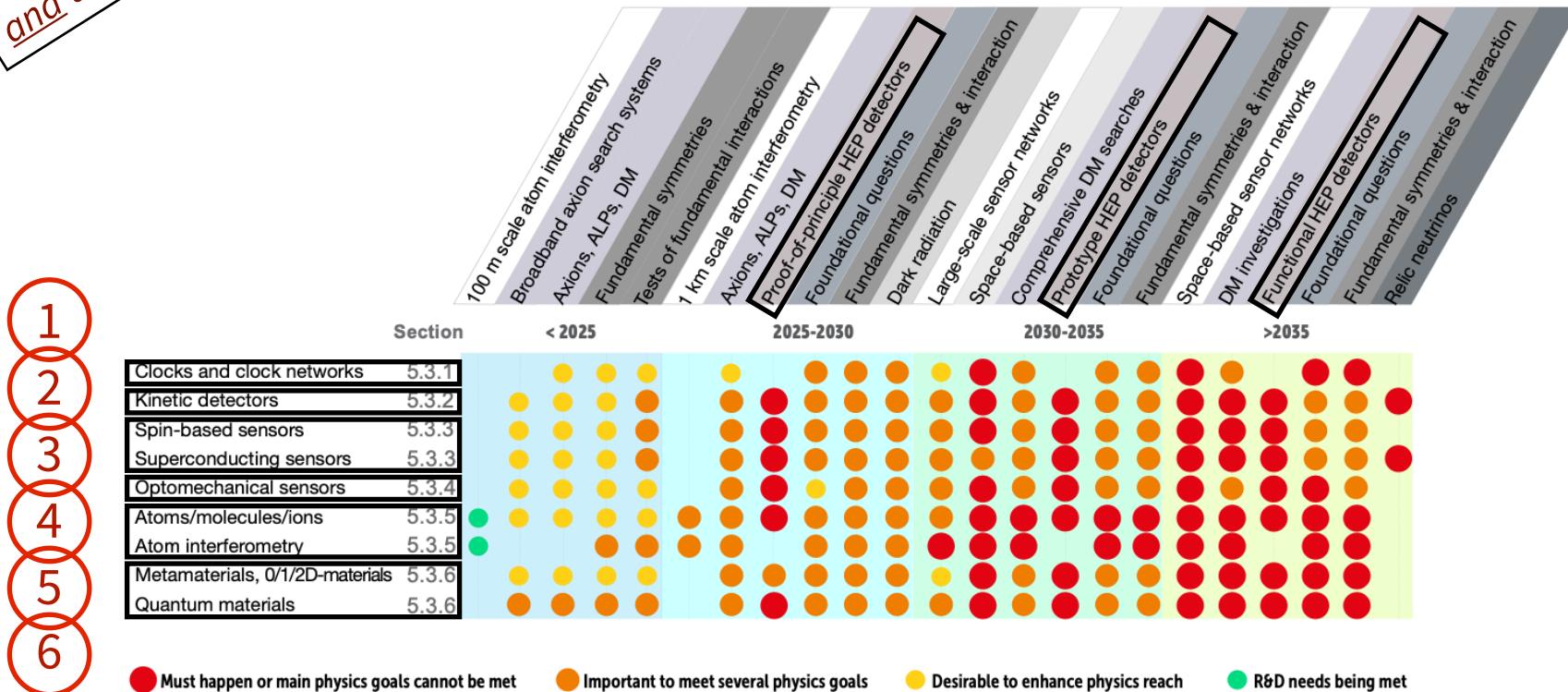


RECFA Detector R&D roadmap 2021

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

focus on physics
and technology

Chapter 5: Quantum and Emerging Technologies Detectors



Proposal for DRD5: R&D on quantum sensors

ECFA Roadmap topics → Proposal themes → Proposal WP's

ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap Symposium of Task
Force 5 Quantum and Emerging Technologies

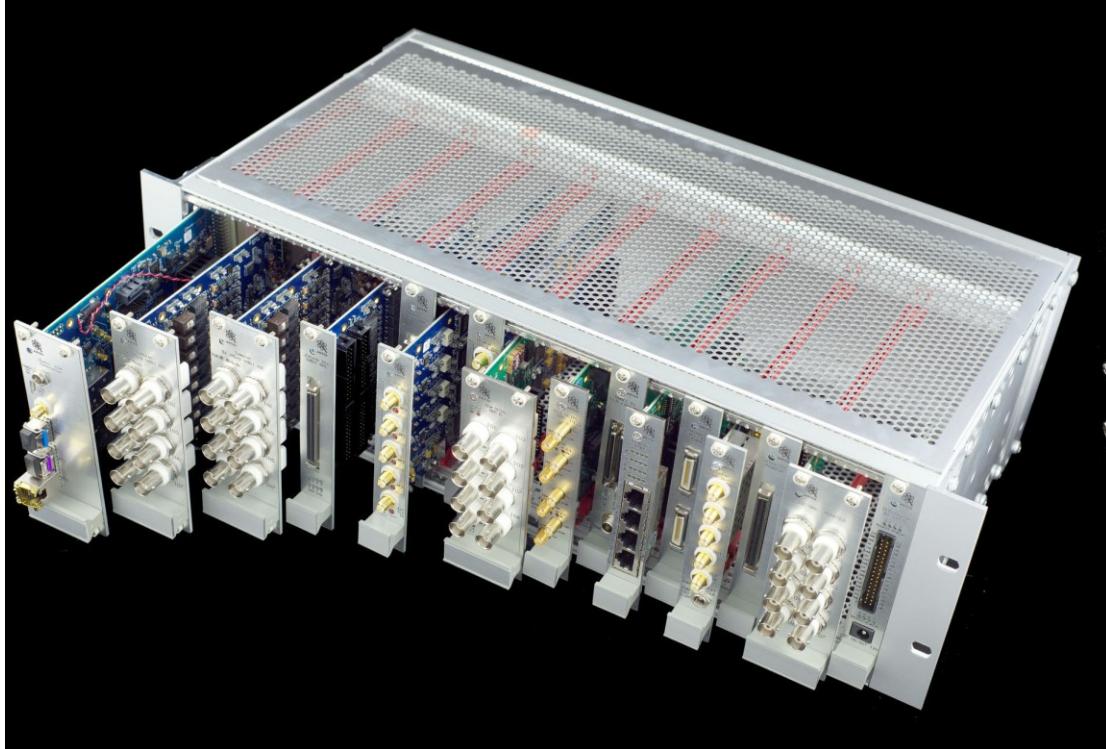
Roadmap topics

Sensor family → Work Package ↓	clocks & clock networks	superconduct- ing & spin- based sensors	kinetic detectors	atoms / ions / molecules & atom interferometry	opto- mechanical sensors	nano-engineered / low-dimensional / materials
WP1 Atomic, Nuclear and Molecular Systems in traps & beams	X			X	(X)	
WP2 Quantum Materials (0-, 1-, 2-D)		(X)	(X)		X	X
WP3 Quantum super- conducting devices		X				(X)
WP4 Scaled-up massive ensembles (spin-sensitive devices, hybrid devices, mechanical sensors)		X	(X)	X	(X)	X
WP5 Quantum Techniques for Sensing	X	X	X	X	X	
WP6 Capacity expansion	X	X	X	X	X	X

Proposal WP's

Ensure that all sensor families that were identified in the roadmap
as relevant to future advances in particle physics are included

<https://github.com/sinara-hw/meta/wiki> and <https://m-labs.hk/artiq/>



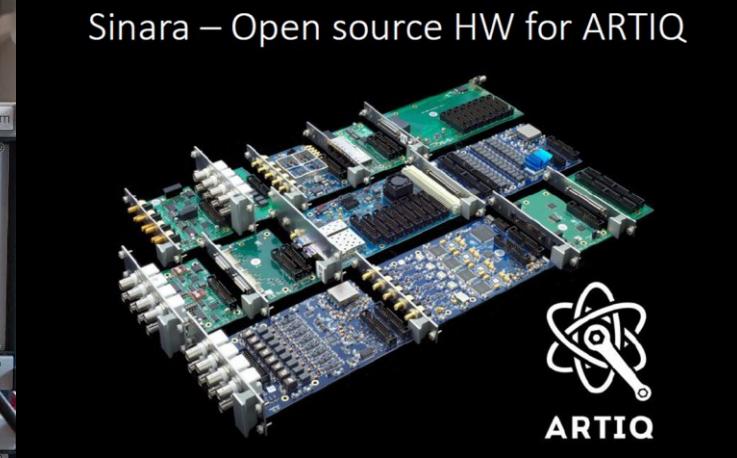
Sinara, an **open-source hardware ecosystem**,

- Designed for quantum experiments
- CERN Open Hardware License,
- over 50 modules (commercially available).
- Integration with the Advanced Real-Time Infrastructure for Quantum physics (ARTIQ) control system.
 - 1 ns timing resolution.
 - management of experiment scheduling,
 - versioning,
 - results storage,
 - and hardware management.

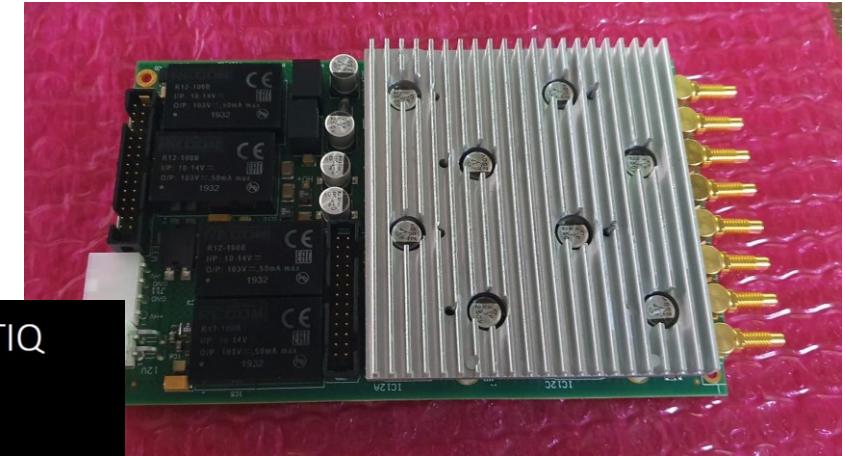
A new control system: Sinara



<https://github.com/sinara-hw/meta/wiki> and <https://mlabs.hk/artiq/>



In 2022 the AEgIS experiment finalized the upgrade of the main control system. **Now it is based on SINARA** and it has been the key for successful operation in 2022.

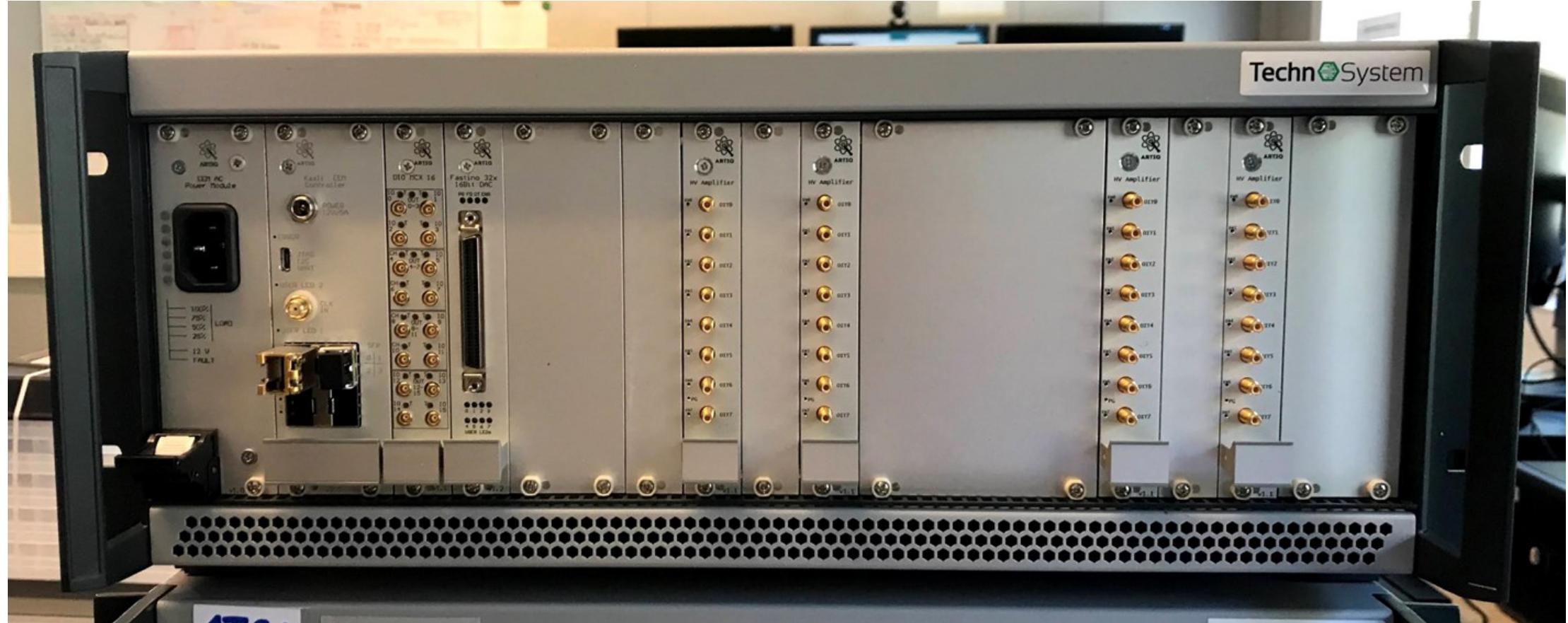


https://github.com/sinara-hw/HV_AMP_8CH/wiki

Fast HV amplification for the trap electrodes

Characteristics:

- 8 channels
- +-200 V range
- 1 MHz
- 50R output impedance
- Overtemp protection
- quick output disconnect controlled via EEM using OptoMos to limit the noise



• Kasli controller

- Artix-7 FPGA
- PSU connector
- JTAG port
- External clock input (SMA)
- 4 SFP ports (DRTIO receiver/distributor, allowing for master/satellite use)
- Can control up to 12 extension modules



• DIO units

- Individual in/out configuration
- 16 channels (MCX)

• Fastino DAC

- 16-bit resolution
- Maximum voltage: ± 10 V
- 32 channels

• Amplifiers

- 20-fold amplification (± 10 V to ± 200 V)
- Custom design
- Individual OptoMOS isolation
- 8 channels per board (SMC)

DM formation within Penning traps; starting from trapped \bar{p} and trapped ${}^3\text{He}^+$

G. Farrar, G. Kornakov, M. Doser, EPJC 83, 1149 (2023)

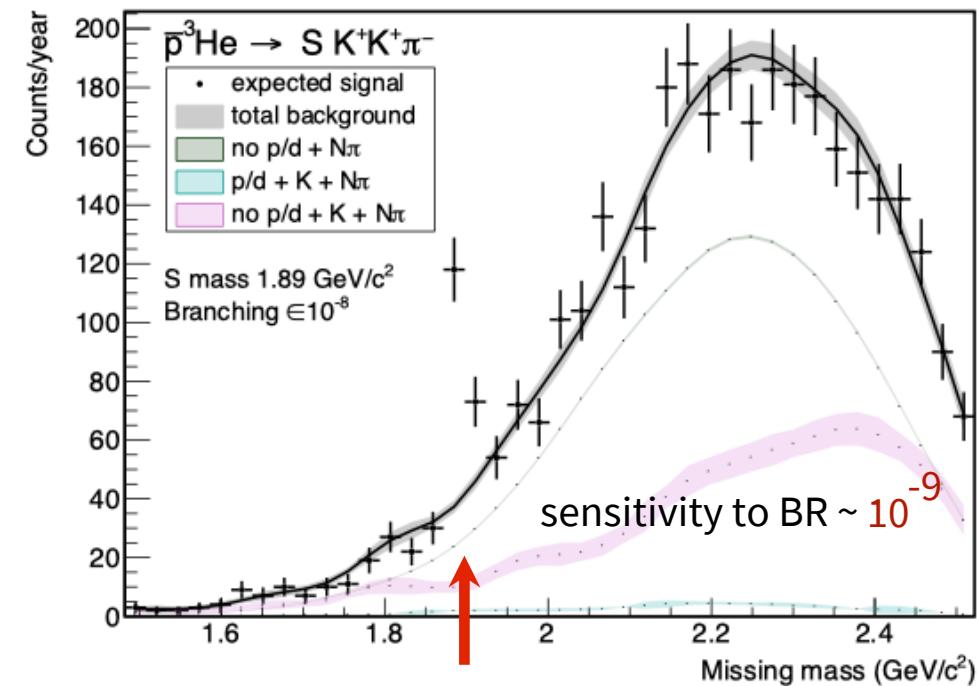
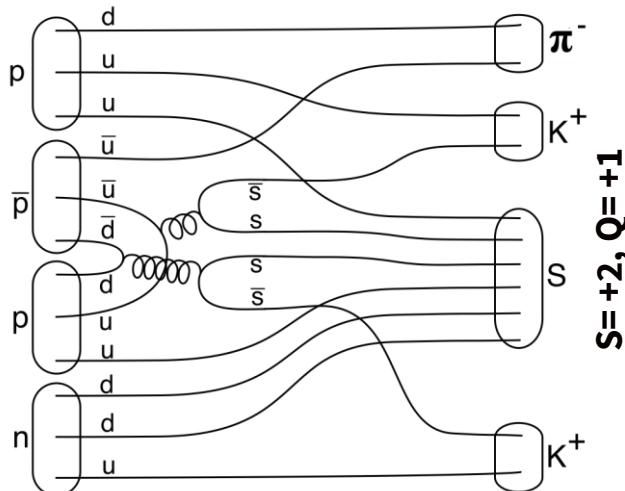
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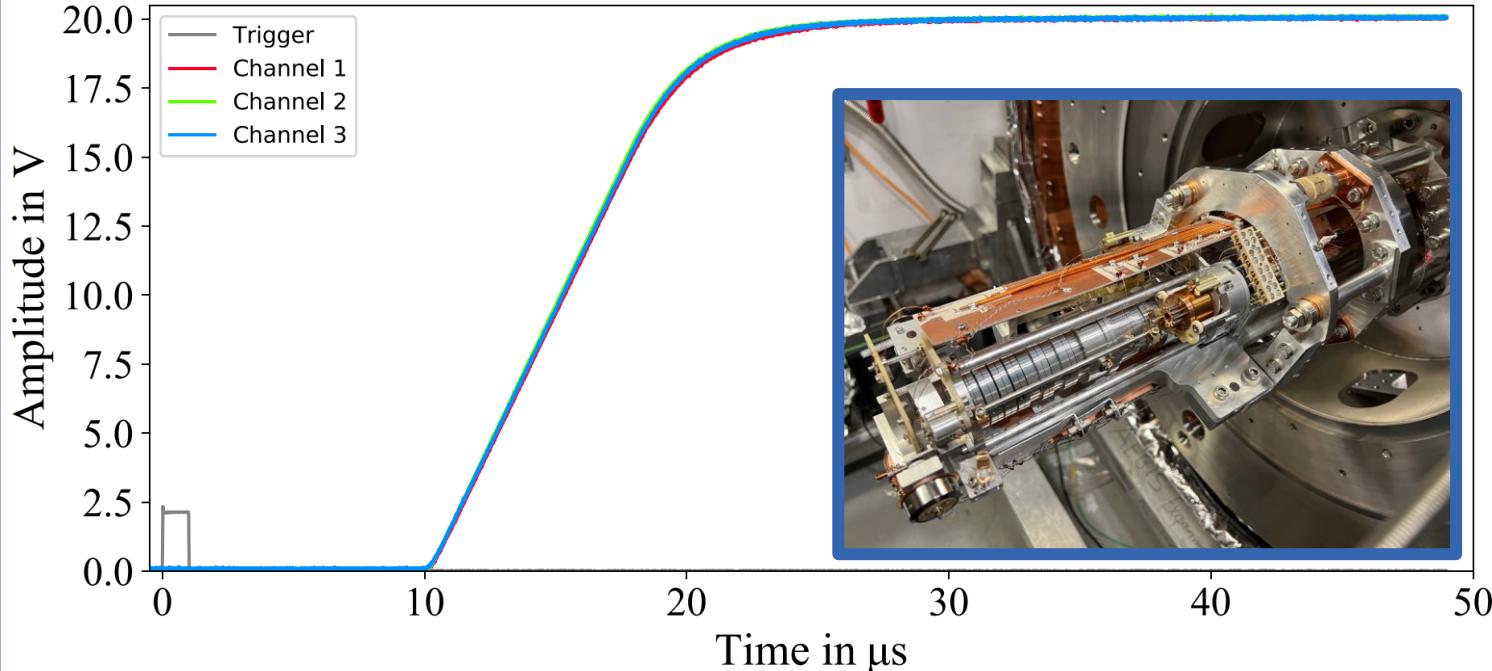
($m \sim 2m_n, < 2m_\Lambda$) Glennys Farrar, arxiv:1808.08951v2 (2017)

Tracking detector with good particle ID

- not excluded by prior searches
- compatible with astrophysical bounds
- standard model compatible

formation reaction:
 $(\bar{p} {}^3\text{He})^* \rightarrow S(uuddss) + \bar{\text{k}} \bar{\text{k}} \bar{\pi}$





**Synchronous application of a voltage on 3 electrodes using
Fastino + 3 amplifier channels
10 μ s after an incoming trigger pulse**



- **Amplifiers**
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