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Application of superconducting cavities as ultra-sensitive RF photon detectors

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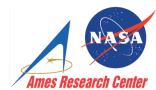
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30 Partner Institutions
>500 Collaborators

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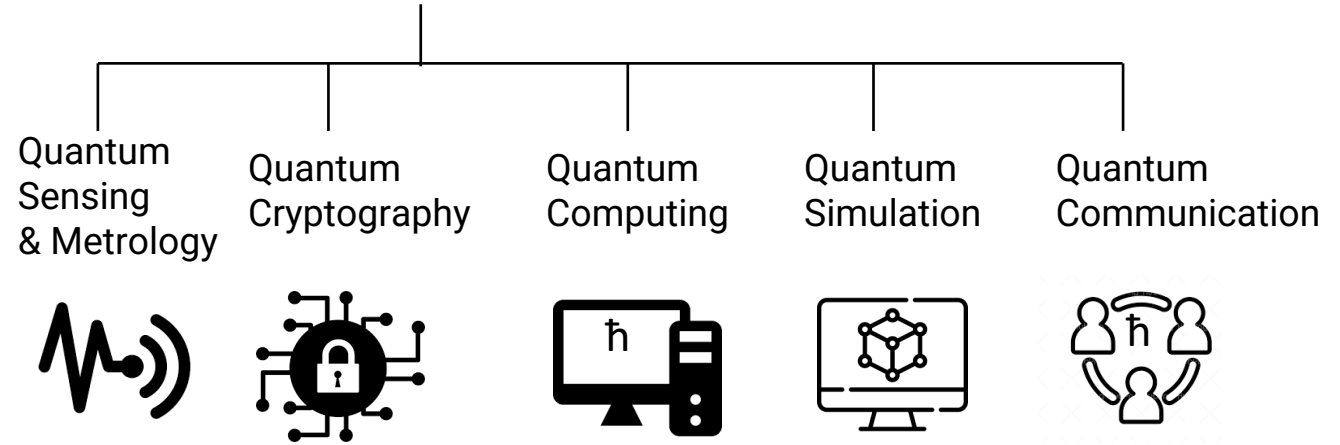


A rich **ecosystem**, multi-institutional and multidisciplinary collaboration **leveraging investments** at DOE national labs, academia, industry and several other federal and international entities

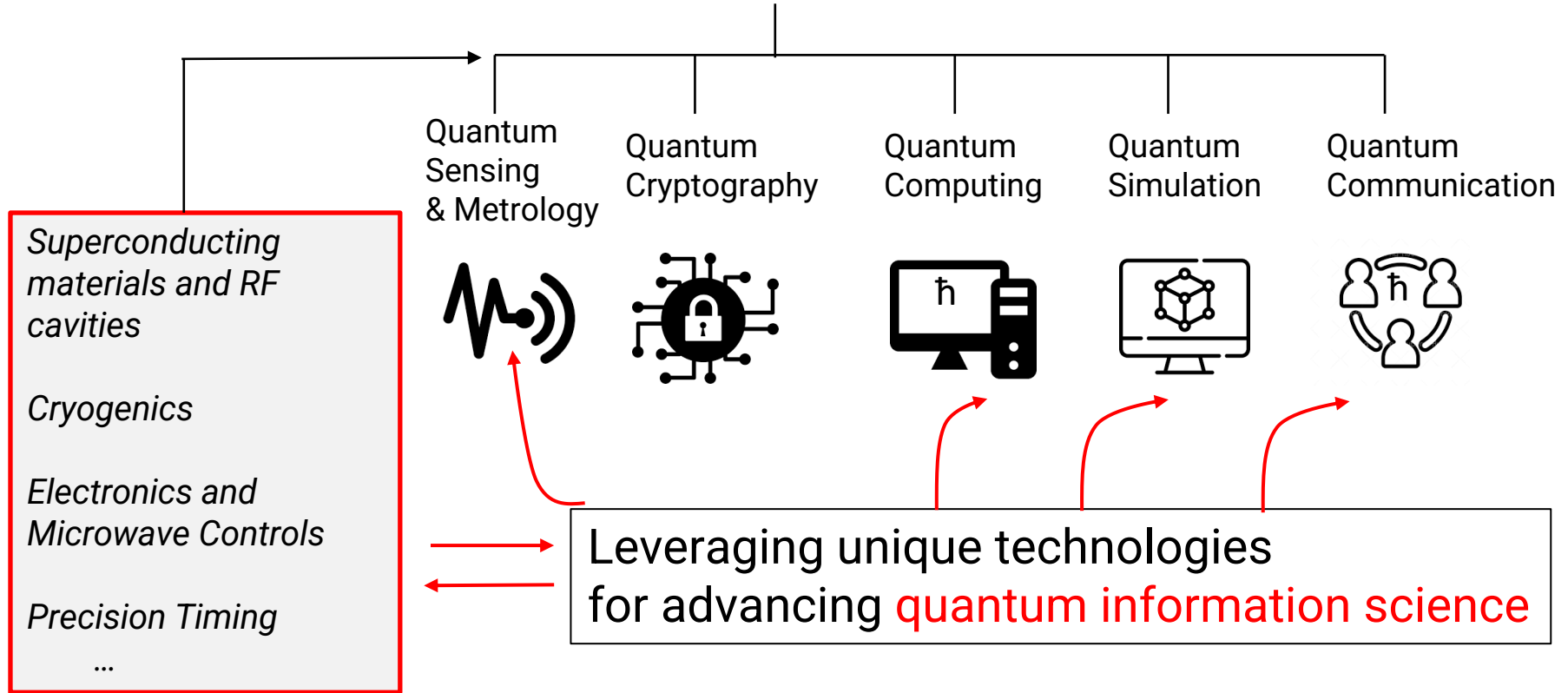
The 'Quantum Garage' @ the SQMS Center, Fermilab



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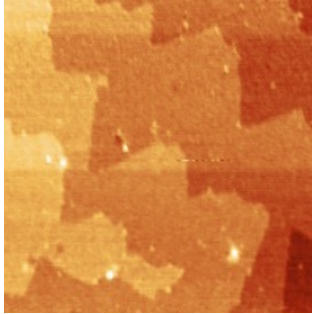


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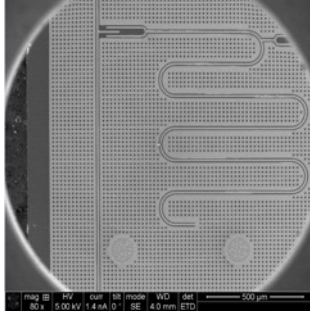
SQMS Science and Technology Innovation Chain

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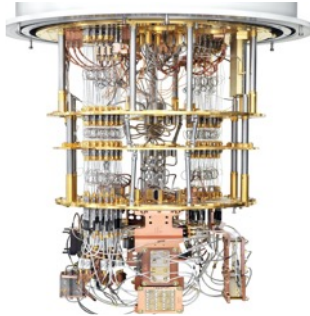
Developing a full understanding of sources of decoherence via a systematic, fundamental science approach

High-coherence devices



Demonstrating devices with systematically and consistently higher coherence at different SQMS partners

Systems integration



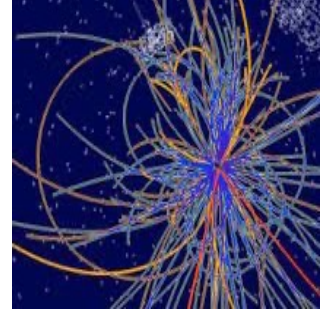
Preserving device high performance through the process of integrating into more complex systems

New platforms for quantum computing & sensing



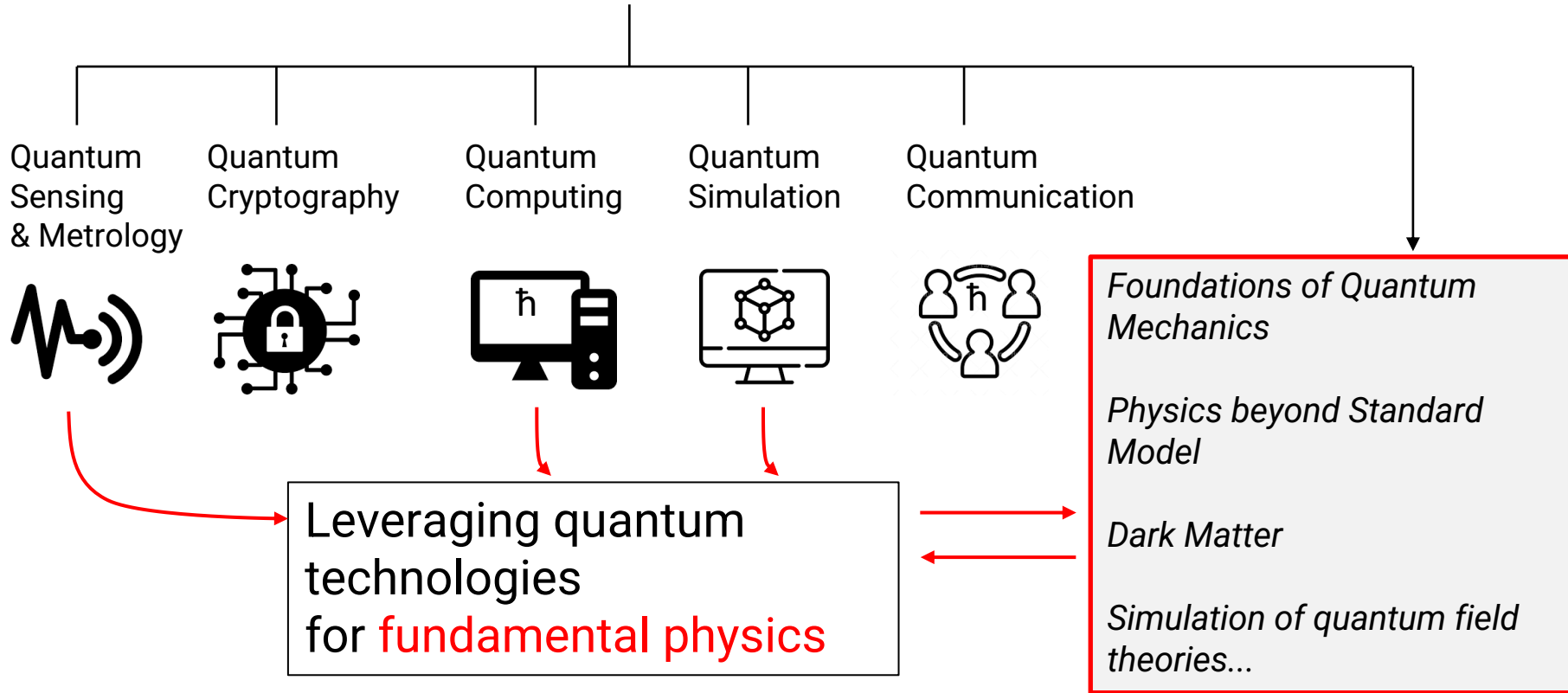
Deploying quantum platforms of innovative architectures and improved performance

Quantum advantage



Demonstrating quantum computing and sensing advantage for particle physics and other scientific applications

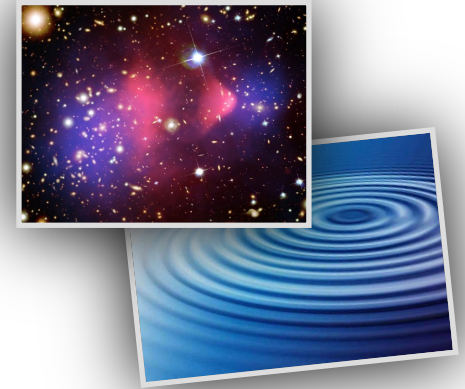
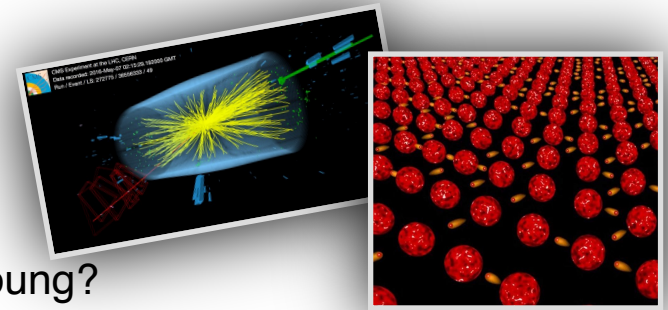
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SQMS Science Thrust

- The questions that keep us up:

- What was the viscosity of the Universe when it was young?
- How does the transition quarks \rightarrow hadrons (e.g. at LHC) happen in “real time”?
- What are the phases of complex quantum materials?
- What the non-equilibrium dynamics of highly entangled systems?
- What is the dark matter?
- Are there new particles that we have not yet discovered?
- Can we detect high frequency gravity waves?
- How well can we study the electron?



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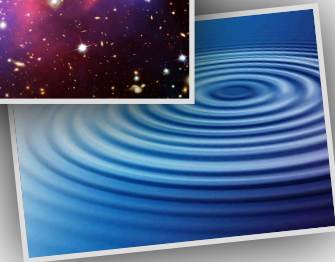
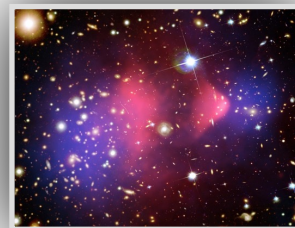
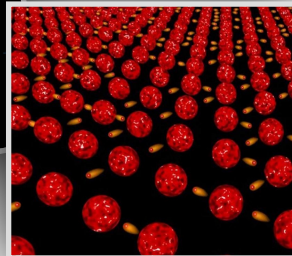
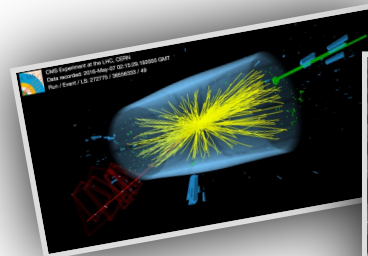
- What was the viscosity of the universe as young?
- How does the Higgs boson (discovered at LHC) happen in “real time”?
- What are the quantum effects in materials?
- What the non-trivial properties of highly entangled systems?
- What is the dark matter?
- Are there new particles that have yet to be discovered?
- Can we detect quantum effects in macroscopic systems?
- How well can we control quantum systems?

**Quantum Simulation
and Computation**

Quantum Sensing

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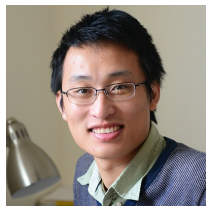
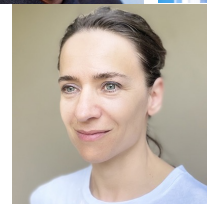
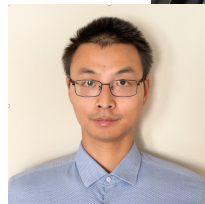
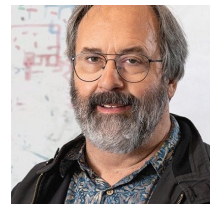
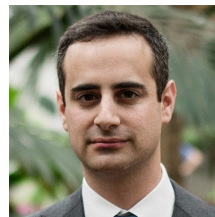
The People



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Theorists and experimentalists working closely. Experts in HEP, materials, SRF, sensing, QIS, RF engineering.

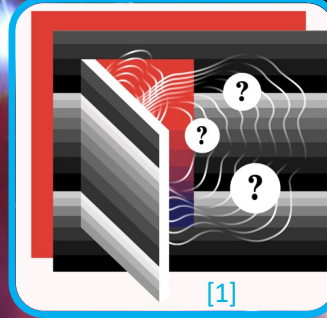
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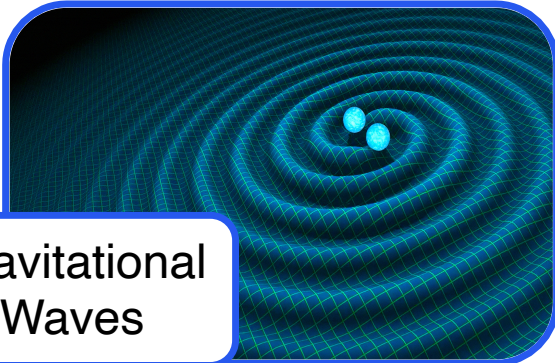
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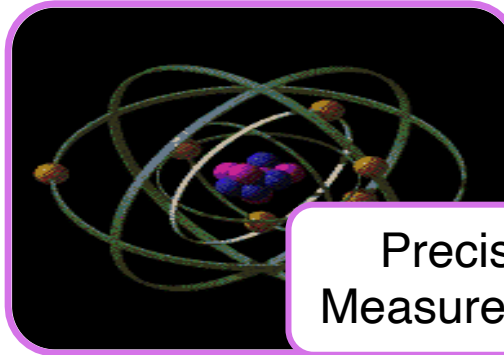
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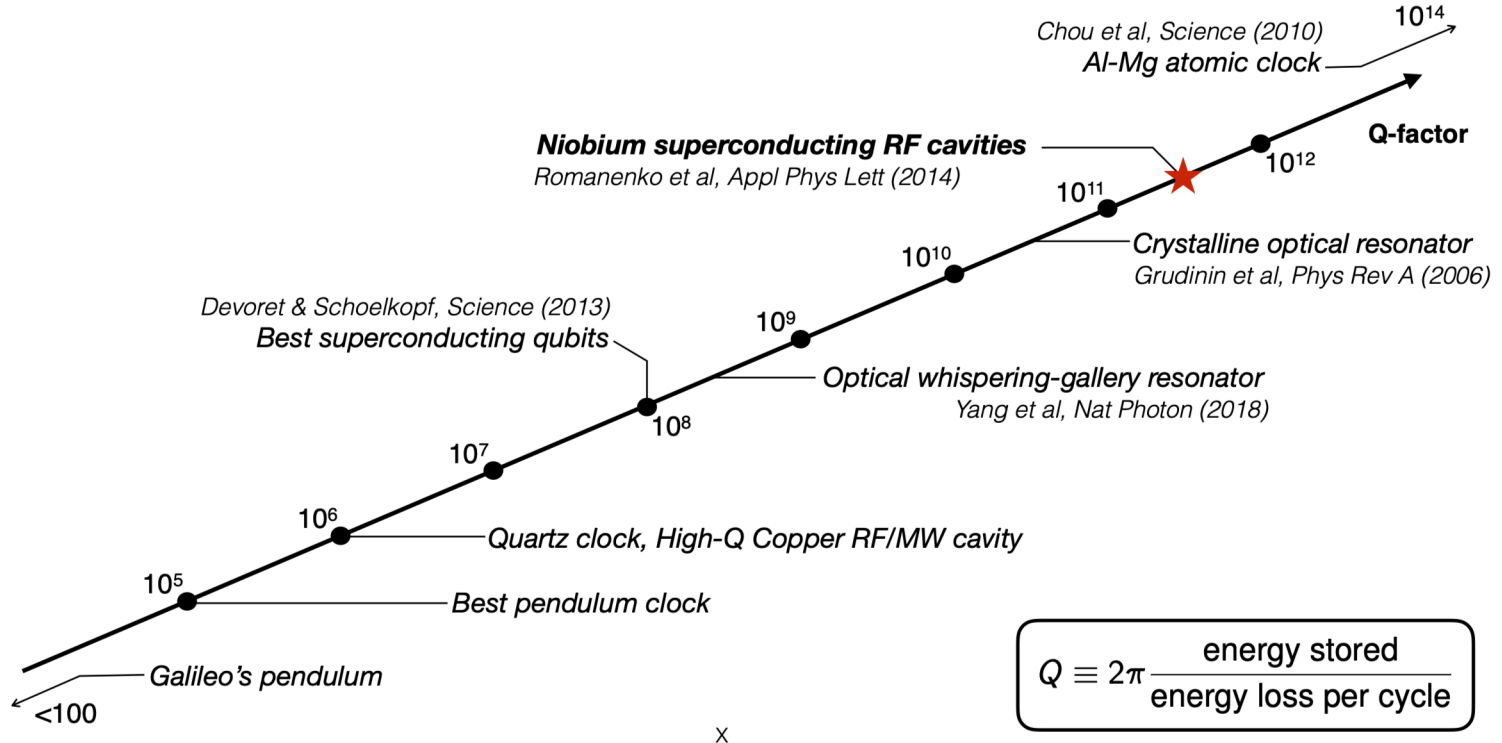
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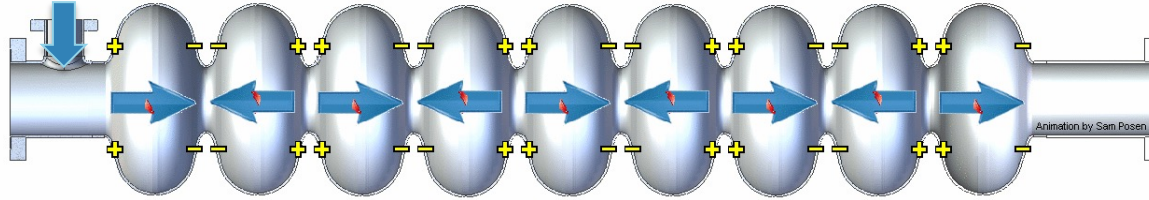
Why SRF cavities for quantum sensing?

SRF cavities are the most efficient engineered oscillators



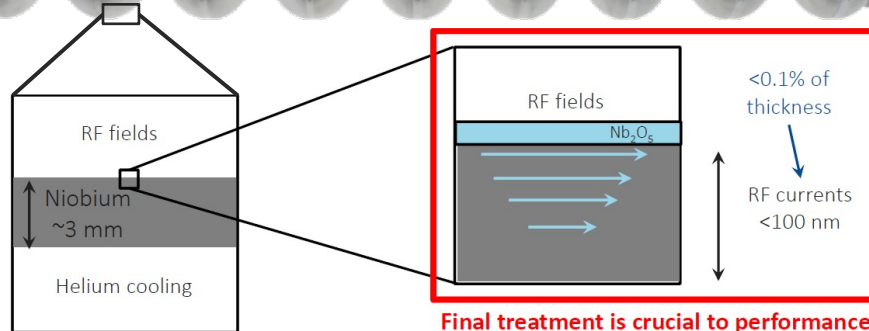
Superconducting Radio Frequency Cavities

Input RF power @ 1.3 GHz



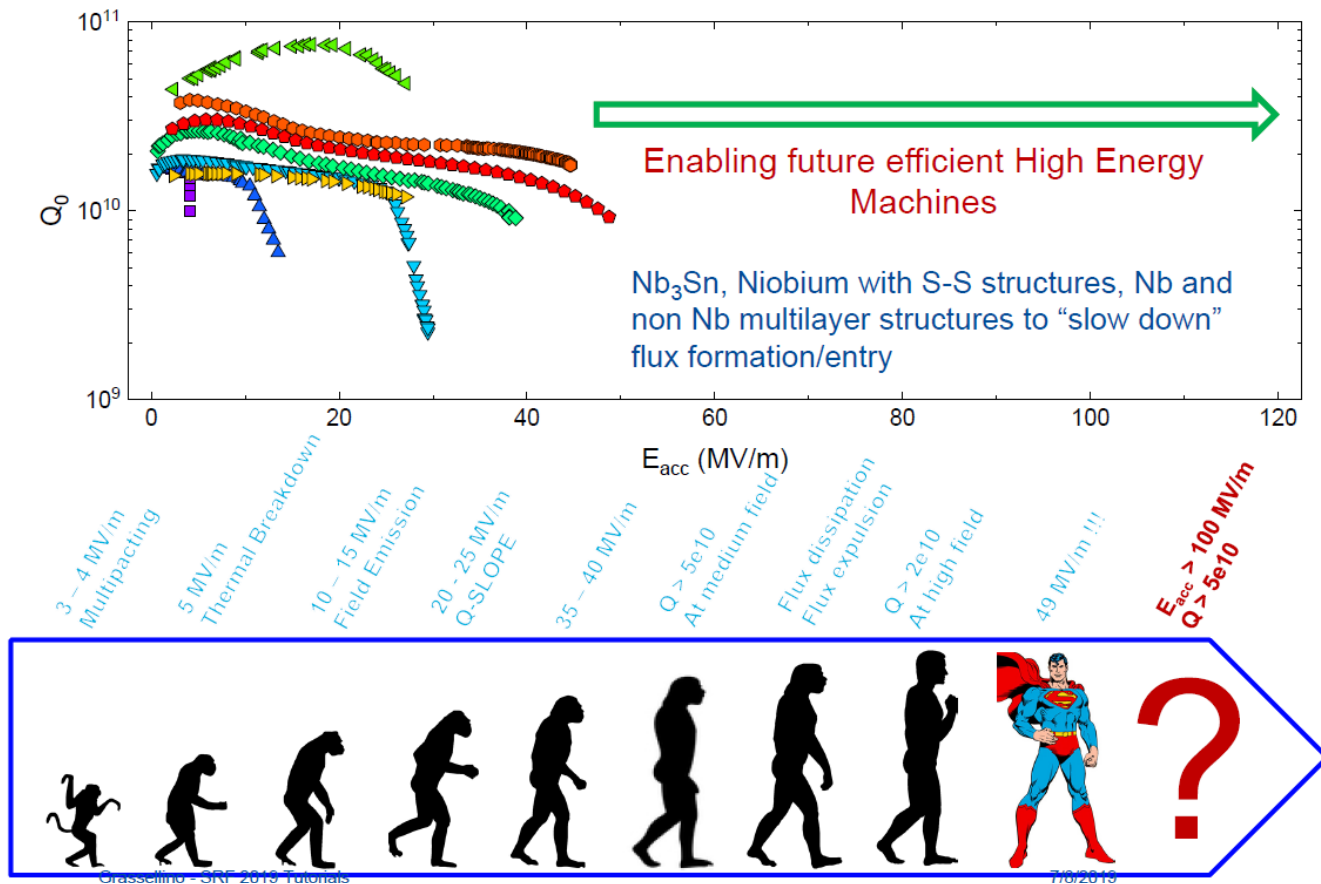
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Typically operated at $T = 2\text{K}$



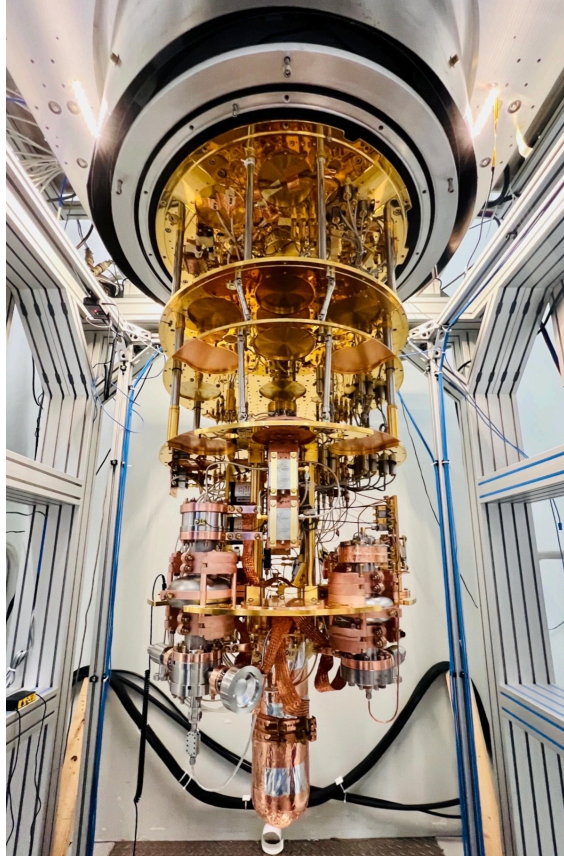
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SRF performance evolution

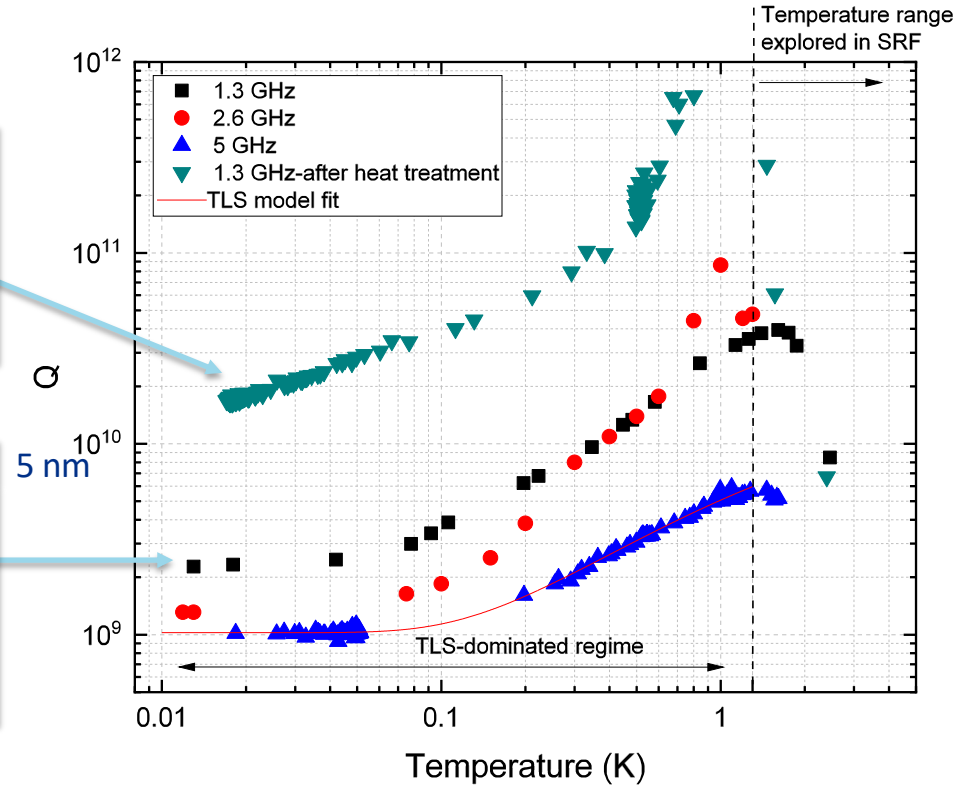
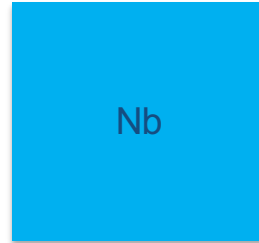


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SRF cavities in new regimes: low field and low T research



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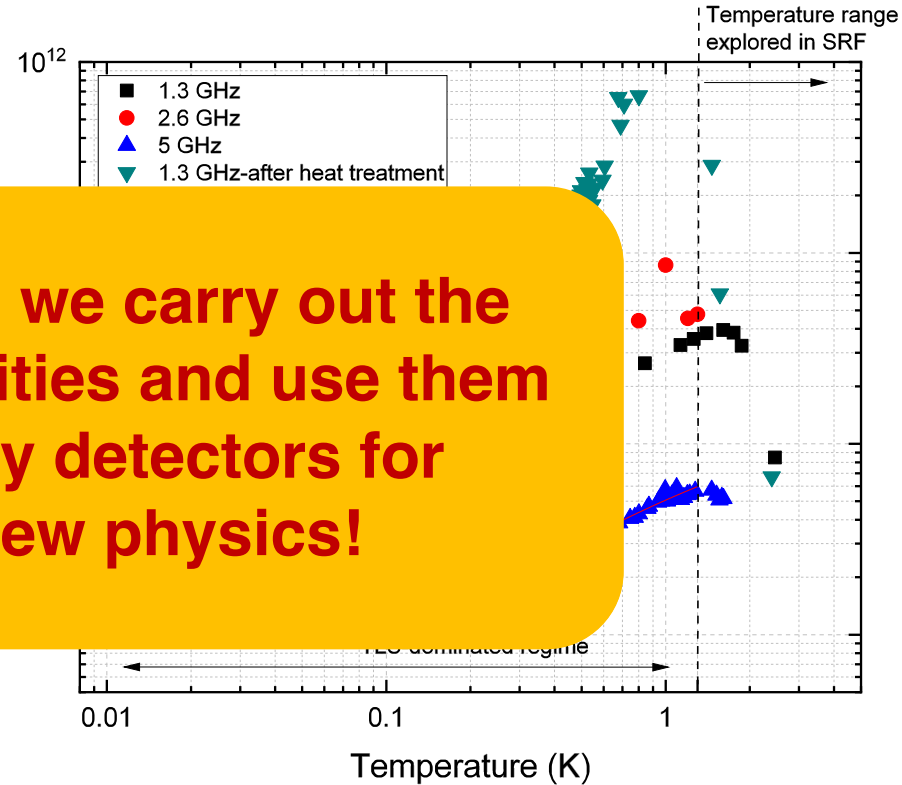
Romanenko et al., Phys. Rev. Applied 13, 034032 (2020)

SRF cavities in new regimes: low field and low T research



Dilution Refrigerator (DR)

New research field: we carry out the R&D on the SRF cavities and use them as high sensitivity detectors for searches for new physics!



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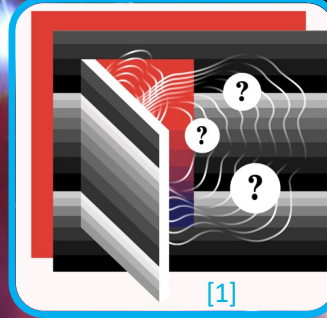
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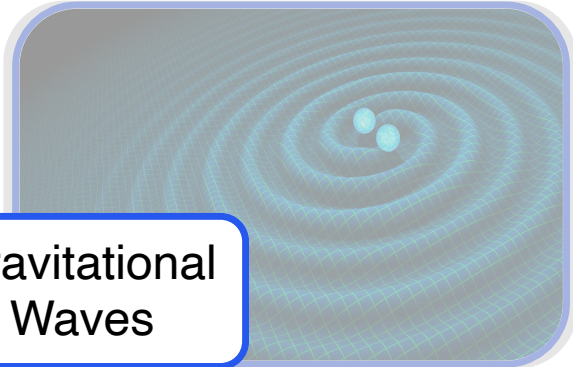
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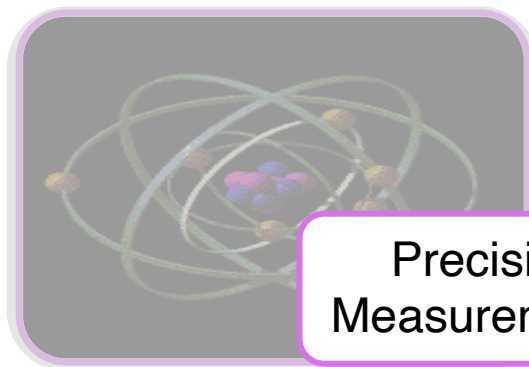
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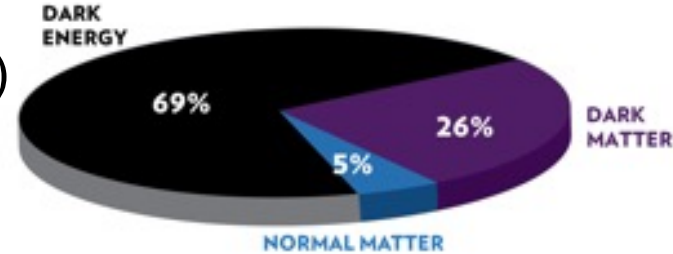


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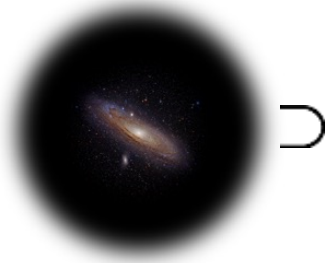
Dark Sector

- New light particles are theoretically well motivated.
e.g.
 - Axion like particles (including the QCD axion)
 - Dark photons
- For such light particles two hypotheses can be tested:

ENERGY DISTRIBUTION
OF THE UNIVERSE

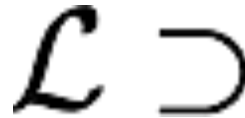


Dark matter (and new particle):



dark photons?
axions?

New particle:



dark photons?
axions?
long range force?

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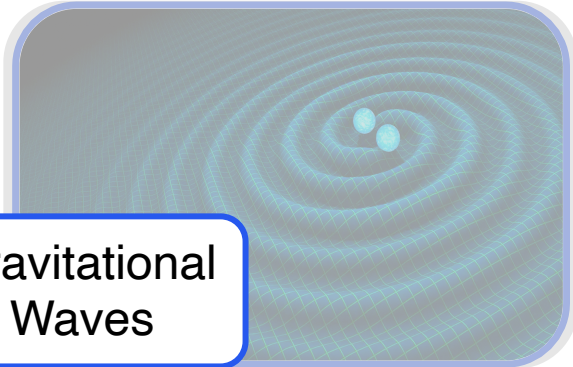
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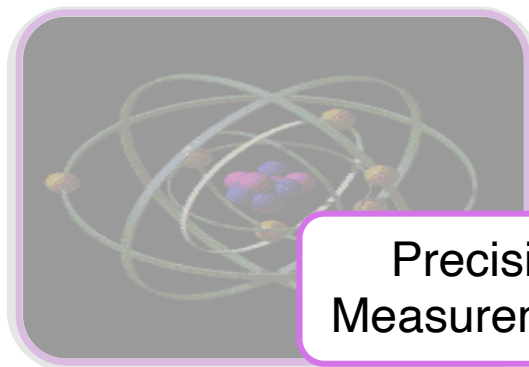
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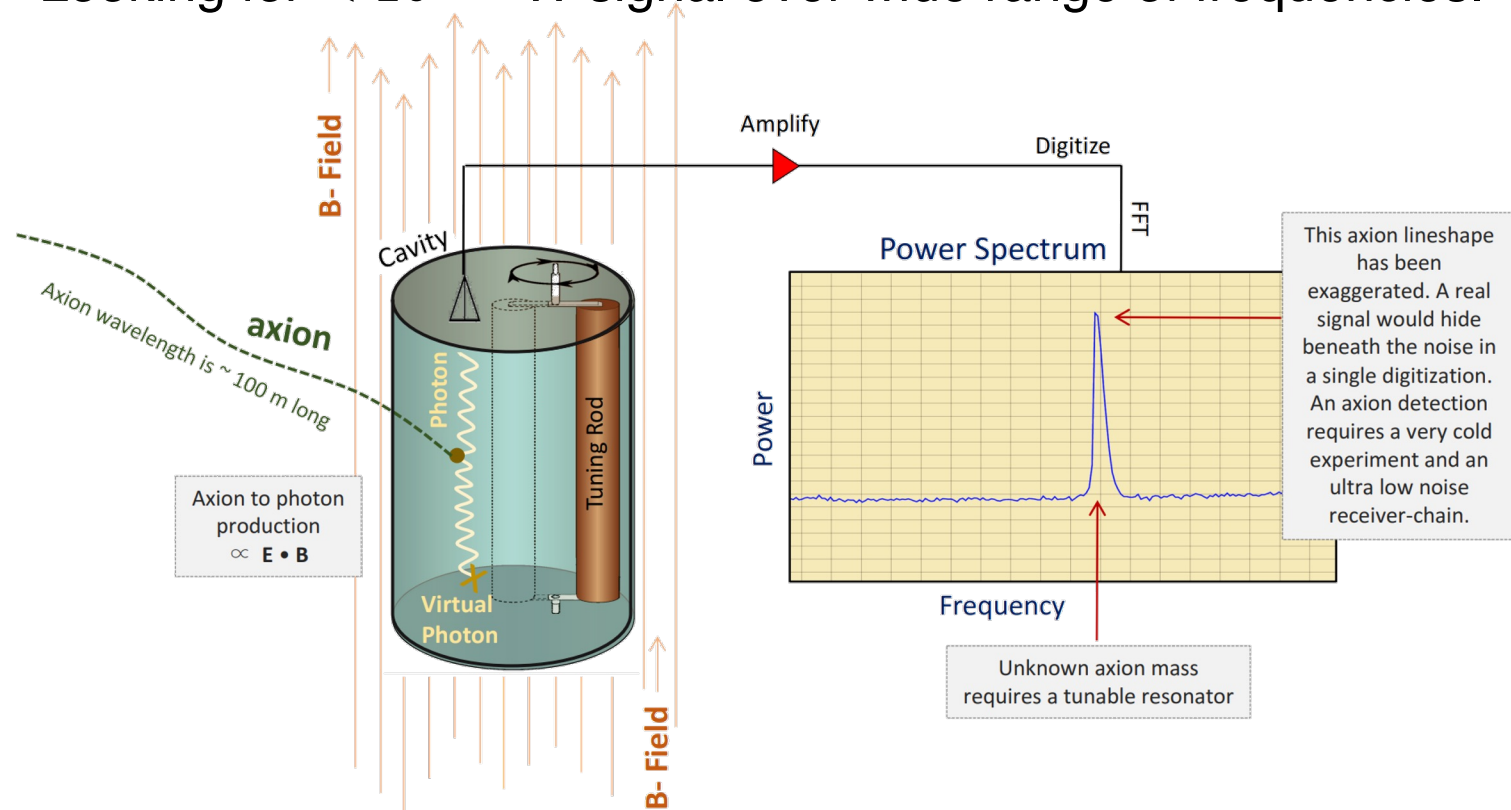
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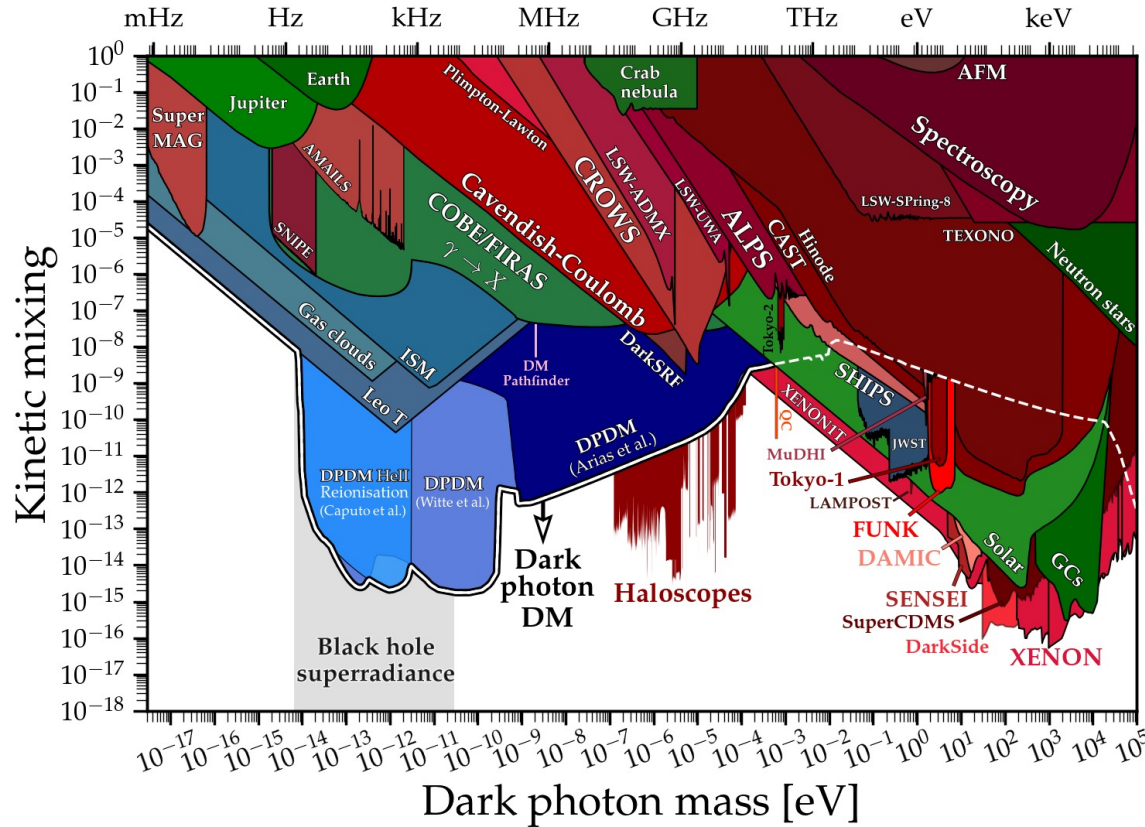
Haloscope Searches for Dark Matter

Looking for $< 10^{-24}$ W signal over wide range of frequencies.



Boutan, "A piezoelectrically tuned RF-cavity search for dark matter axions" (2017)

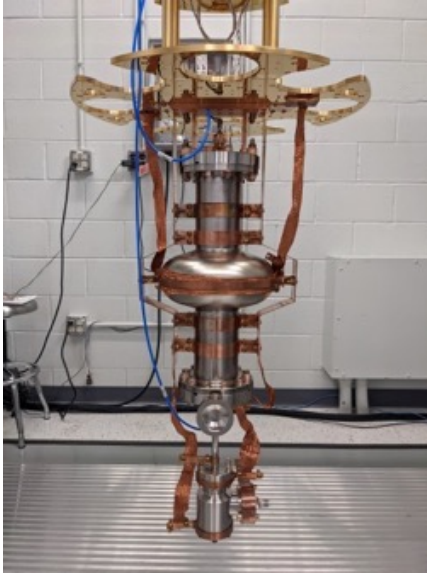
No dark photons (or axions) were found (yet).



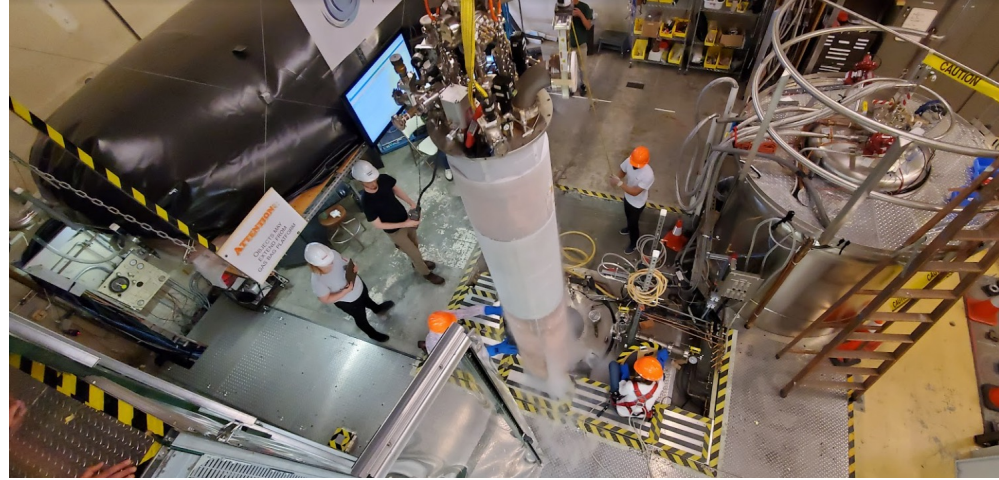
- No discovery, but still progress because of the excluded parameter space.
- But a lot more parameter space left to explore...
- “Mowing the lawn.”

Credit: O'Hare, <https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/docs/dp.html>

SRF Cavities for Dark Matter Searches



Compared
to state-
of-the-art



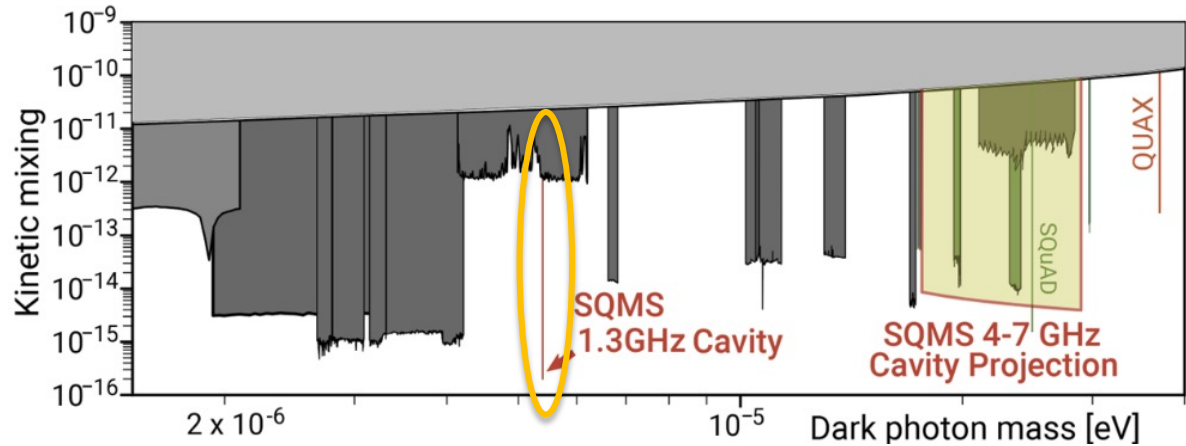
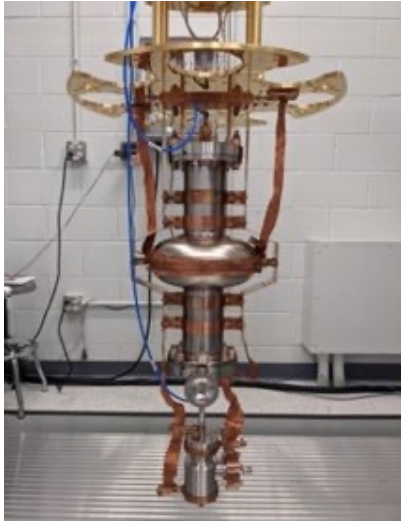
Credit: N. Du

$$\text{SQMS} \rightarrow Q \approx 10^{10}$$

$$\text{ADMX} \rightarrow Q \approx 8 \times 10^4$$

High Q allows for larger signal and lower noise floor.
Possibly factor 10^5 increase in instantaneous scan rate.

Deepest sensitivity: Ultrahigh Q for Dark photon DM



Cervantes et al., arXiv:2208.03183v3 (2022)

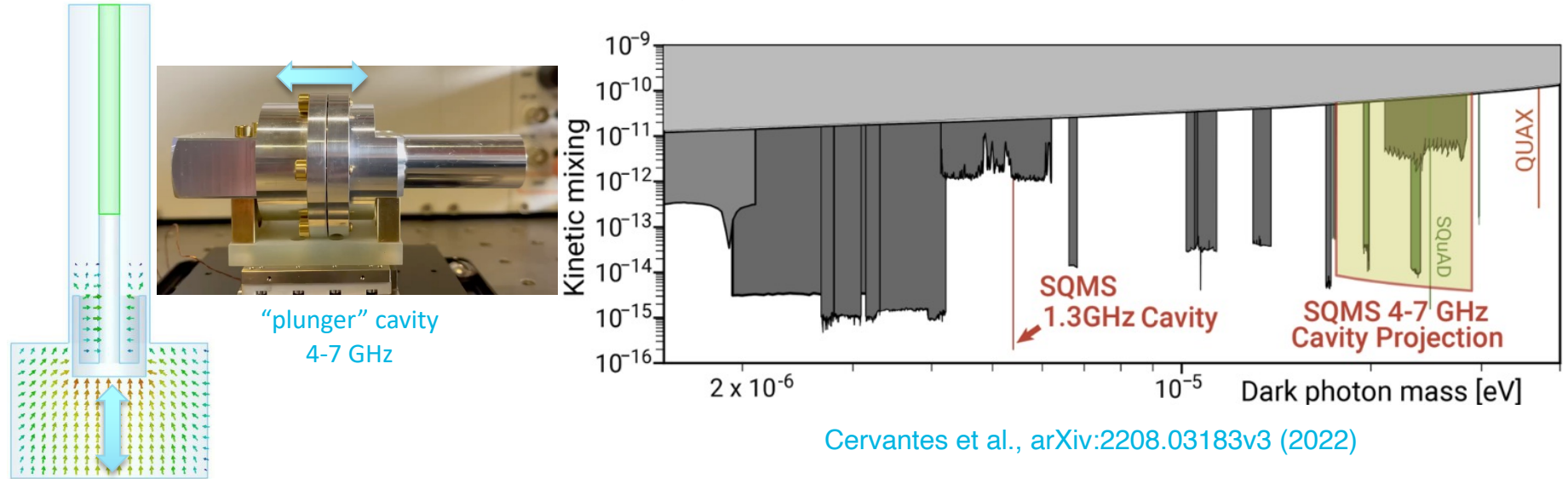
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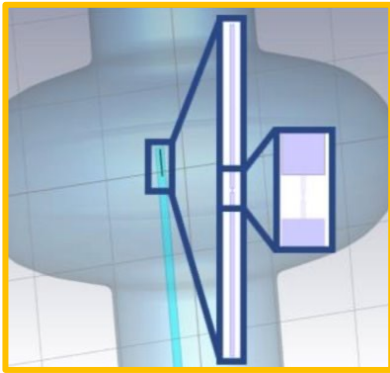
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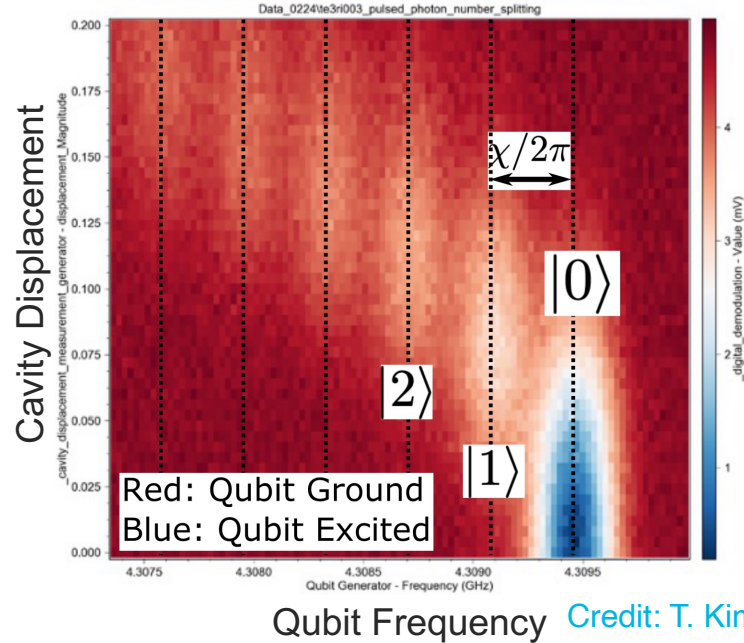
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Subverting SQL noise with qubit-based photon counting



Superconducting qubit in SRF cavity.



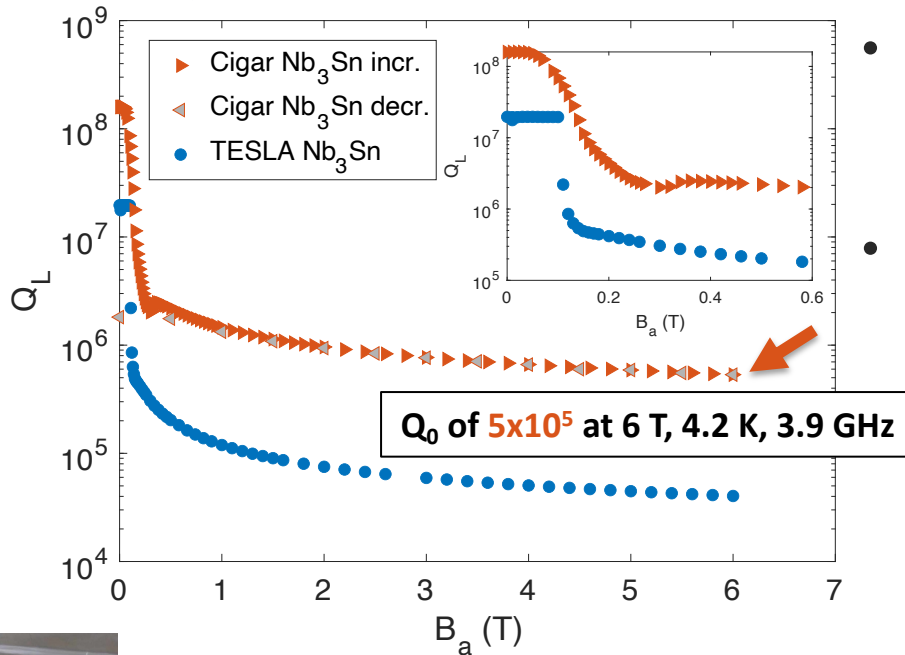
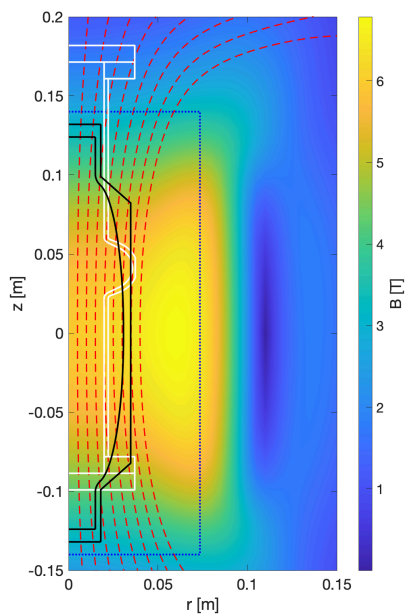
Quantum protocols counts photons non-destructively.

SQL noise: hf/k
240 mK @ 5 GHz

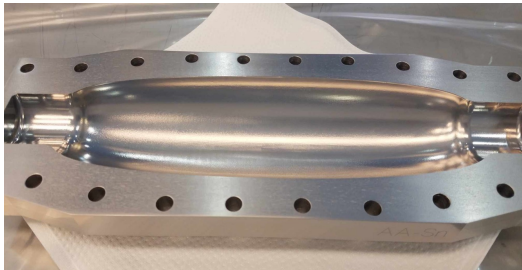
dominates
compared to 30 mK
thermal photons.

For computing, we
regularly perform
photon counting with
dispersive
measurements.

Progress towards high Q cavities for Axion Searches



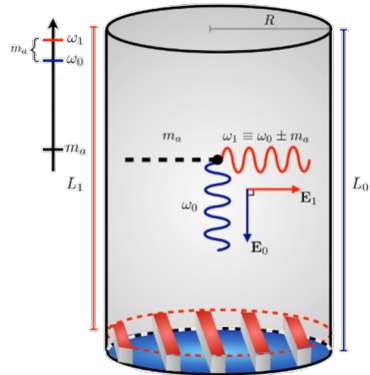
- First measurements of high Q cavity in tesla scale magnetic fields
- Further optimizations with cavity treatment, magnetic field alignment, and geometry optimization. Implement tuning.



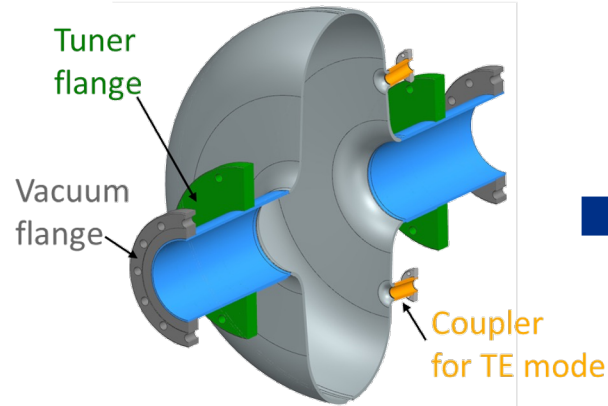
Posen et al., Phys. Rev. Applied 20, 034004 (2023)

- Explore other SC materials like commercial HTS tapes
See work by: D. Ahn et al., Phys. Rev. Applied 17, L061005 (2022)
And later reported Q_0 of 1.3×10^7 with HTS tapes, fixed frequency (PATRAS2023)

Heterodyne Axion DM search: toward first demonstration



Berlin, et al., Journal of High Energy Physics 2020.7 (2020)



Giaccone et al., arXiv:2207.11346 (2022)



- One SRF cavity, no applied \vec{B}
- Pump mode: TM_{020} , Signal mode: TE_{011}
 - By design: $\Delta f \approx 1 \text{ MHz} \rightarrow$ we can search for small axion masses
- Design completed, fabrication was just completed by vendor
 - Stay tuned for first results!

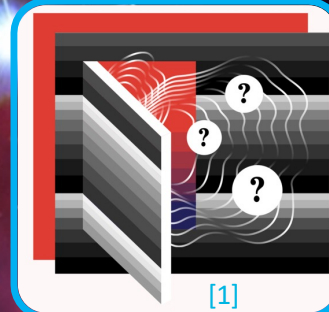
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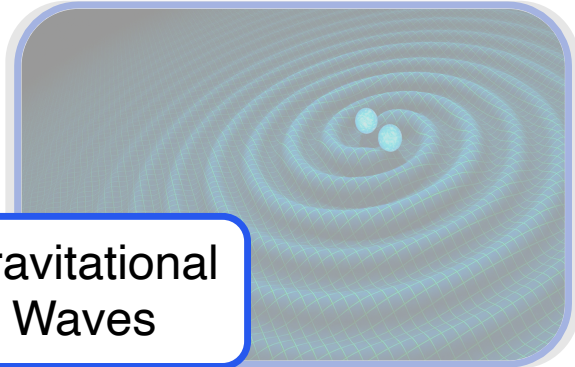
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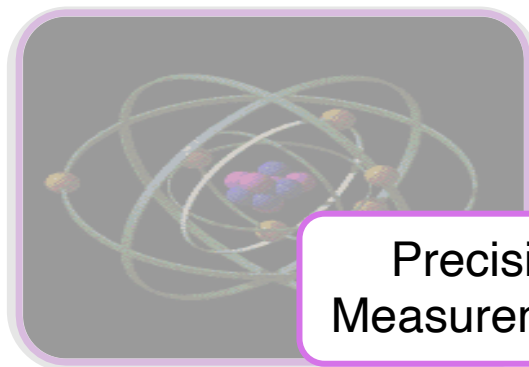
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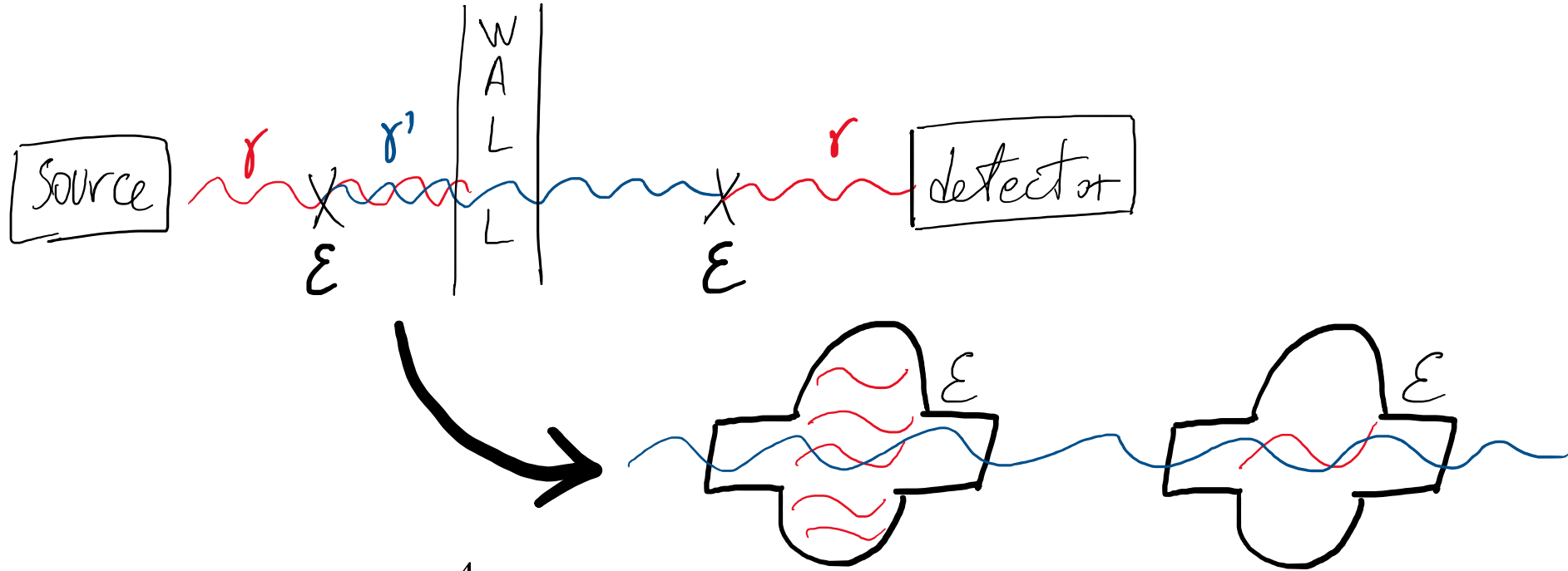


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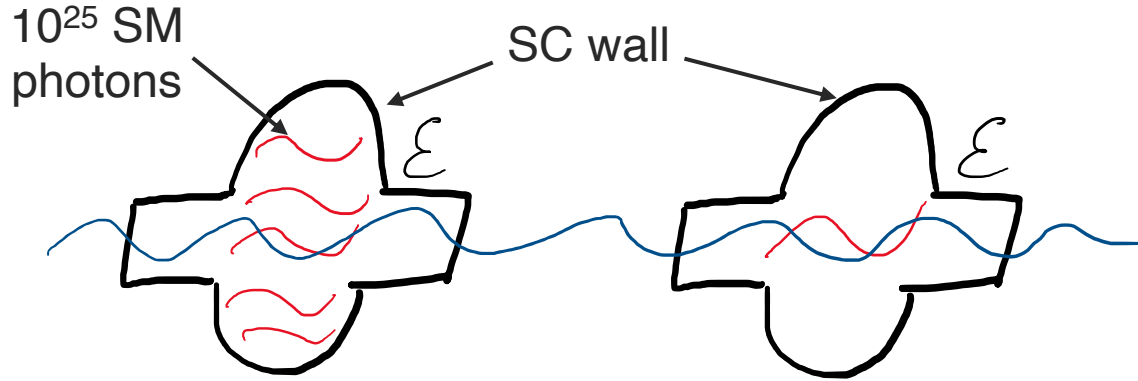
Dark SRF: Light-Shining-through-Wall search



$$P_{rec} = \epsilon^4 \left(\frac{m_{\gamma'}}{\omega} \right)^4 |G|^2 \omega Q_{rec} U_{em}$$

Graham et al., Phys Rev D90, 075017 (2014)
Romanenko et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 261801 (2023)

Advantage of using high Q cavities



Emitter cavity,
in the accelerator
regime, high field

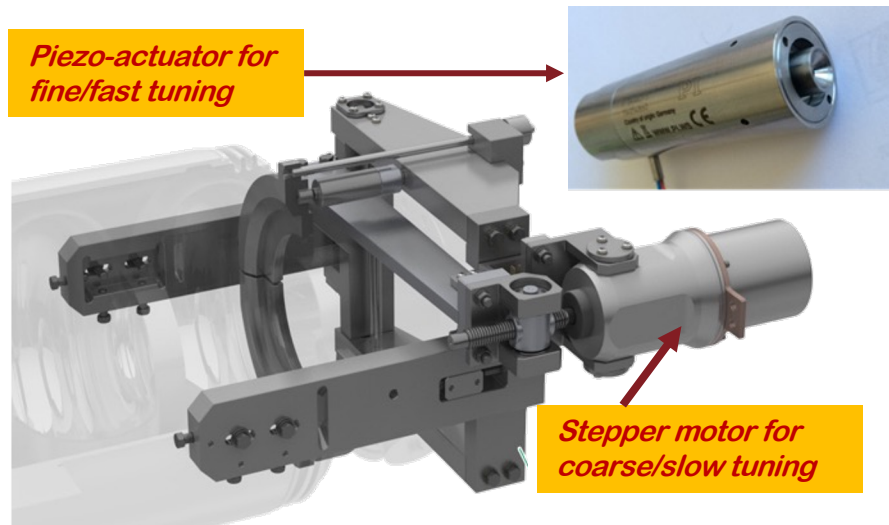
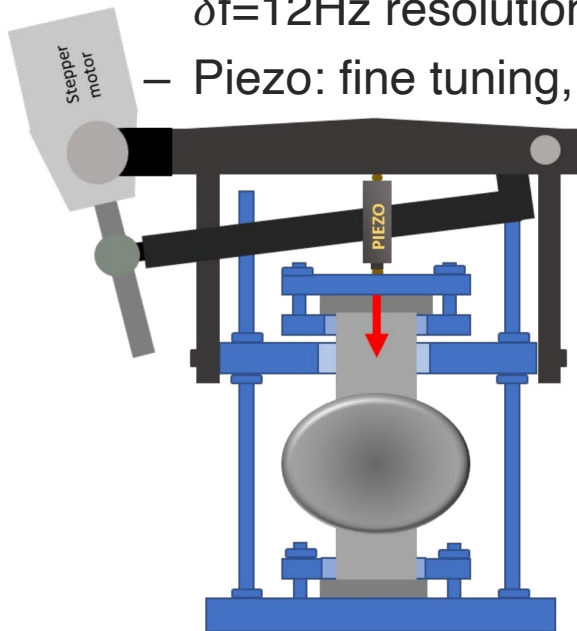
Receiver cavity,
in the low field regime

**Necessary to match cavities
frequency!**



Cavity tuning

- LCLS II double lever tuner to tune “transmitter” cavity
- Tuner mounted on emitter cavity and preloaded
 - Stepper motor: coarse tuning with $\Delta x=2\text{mm}$ or $\Delta f=5\text{MHz}$, and $\delta x=5\text{nm}$ or $\delta f=12\text{Hz}$ resolution
 - Piezo: fine tuning, $\Delta x=3\mu\text{m}$ or $\Delta f=8\text{KHz}$, and $\delta x=0.05\text{nm}$ or $\delta f=0.1\text{Hz}$ resolution

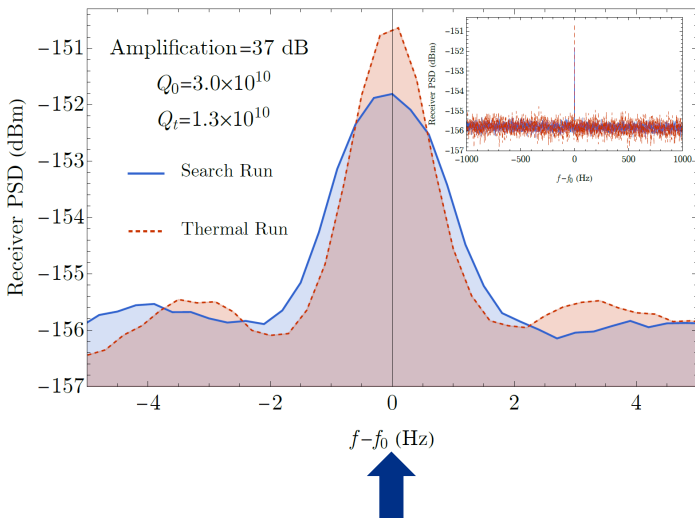


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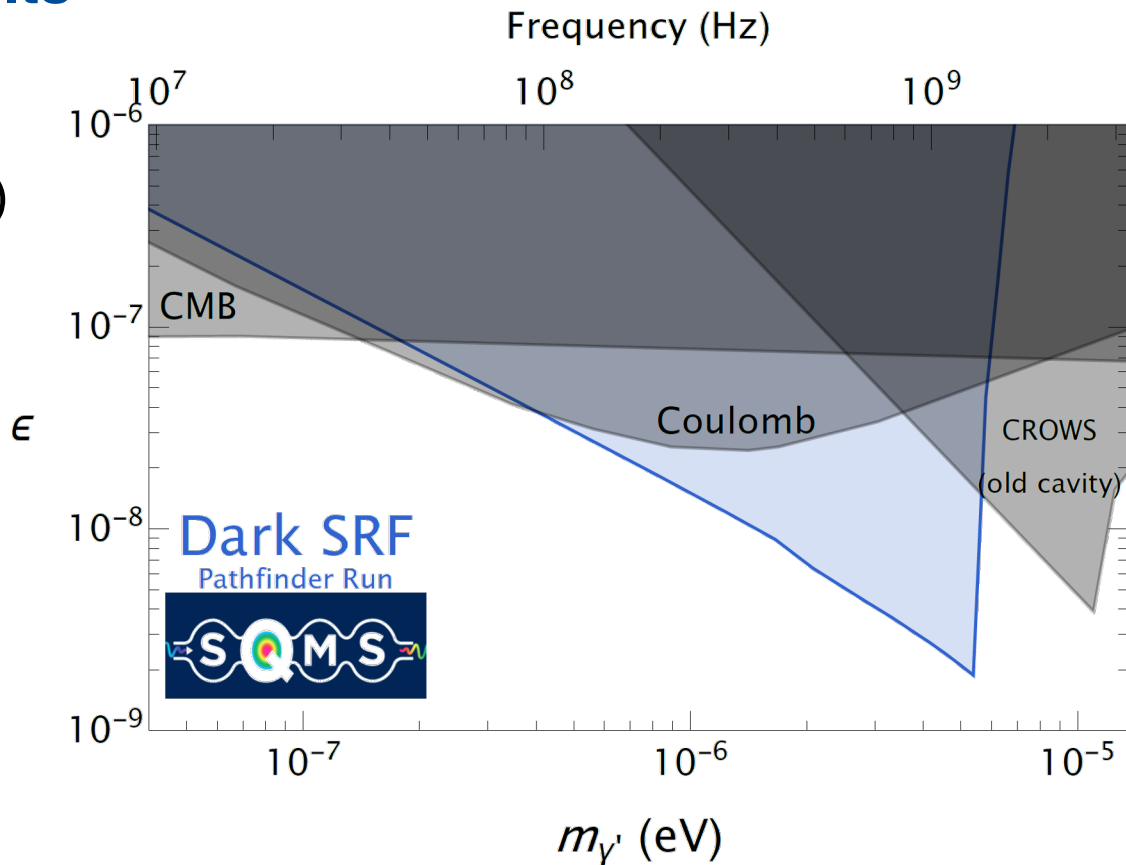
Dark SRF: phase 1 → results

Thermal run vs Search run

Search run conducted at
6.2 MV/m (= 0.6 J stored energy)



Leak of thermal photon
from receiver input line



Romanenko et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 261801 (2023)

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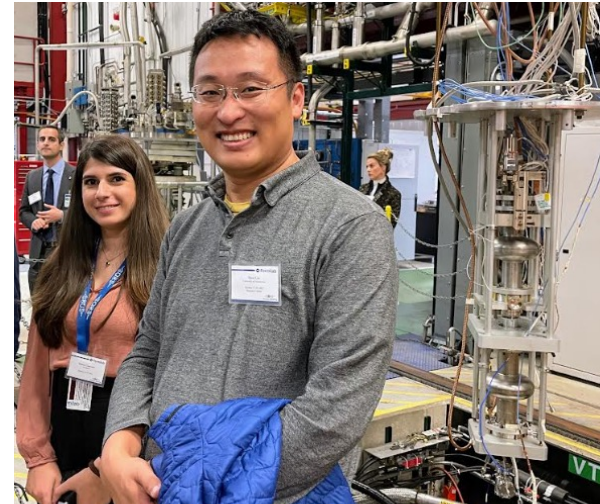
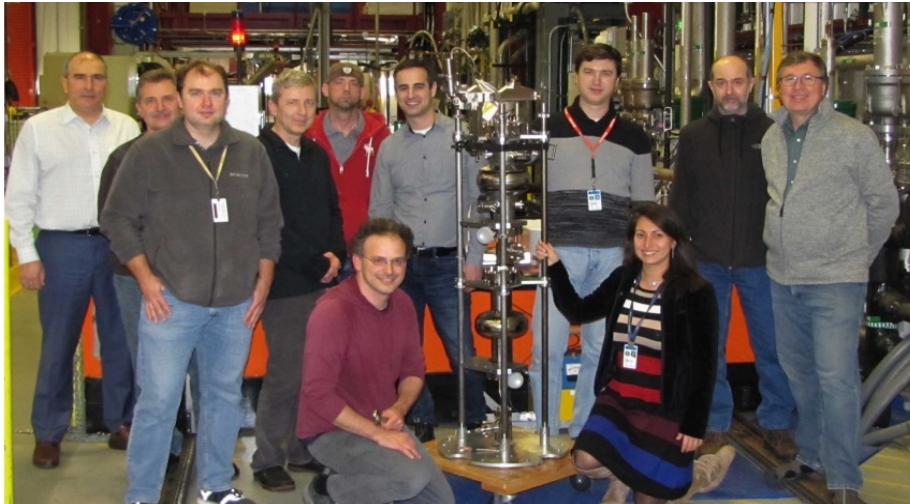
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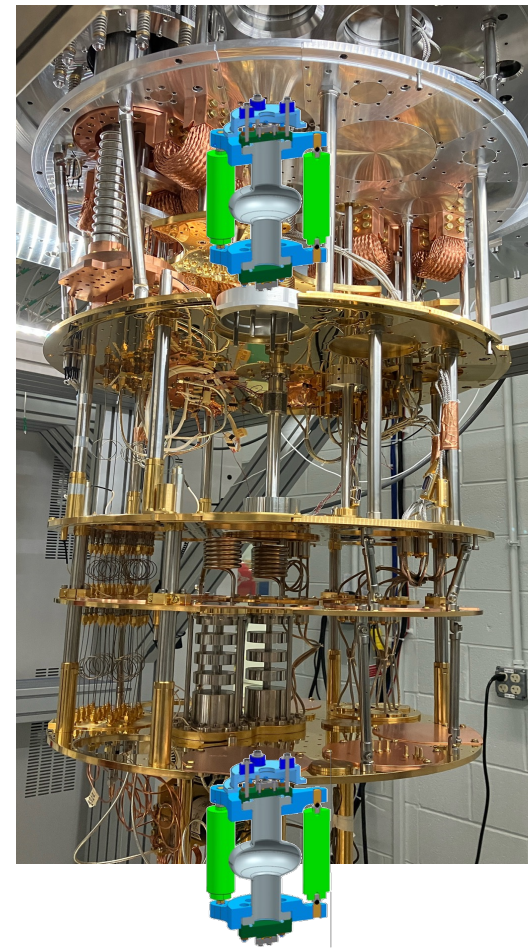
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Dark SRF: phase 2 → 2.6GHz cavities in DR

- Deploy Dark SRF in dilution refrigerator (DR) to reduce thermal background and use quantum technology (JPA) for readout
- Modifications of experimental setup for DR:
 - ✓ 2.6GHz cavities at different temperatures
 - ✓ New tuner system (piezo only!)*
 - ✓ Verify frequency matching & stability*
 - ✓ Reduce crosstalk
 - ❑ Move entire setup to dilution refrigerator
- Possible modifications to the measurement protocol and analysis:
 - Dark photon search → optimal search duration: several minutes vs ~1h
 - Improved microphonics modeling



* Contreras-Martinez et al., doi:10.18429/JACoW-SRF2023-WEPWB109 & doi:10.18429/JACoW-SRF2023-WEPWB133

Quantum Sensing: new windows into fundamental physics

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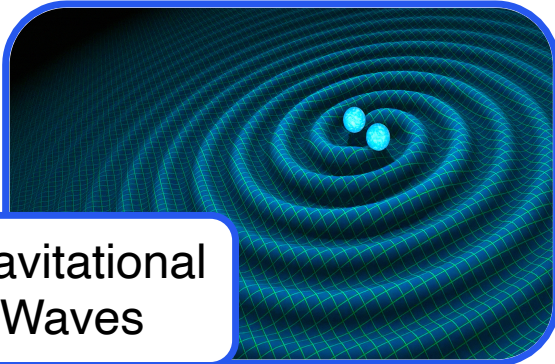
Dark Matter



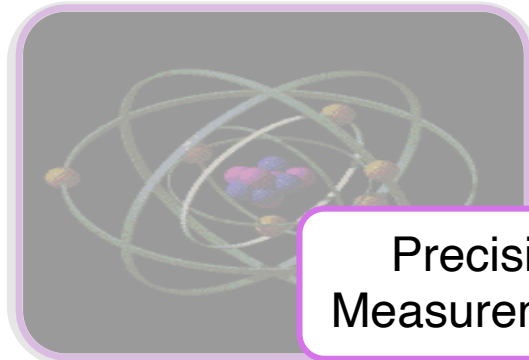
“Just” new particles



Gravitational Waves



Precision Measurements



Fermilab Dark SRF Experiment



[1] Artwork by Sandbox Studio Chicago with A. Kova
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SRF cavities for gravitational waves searches

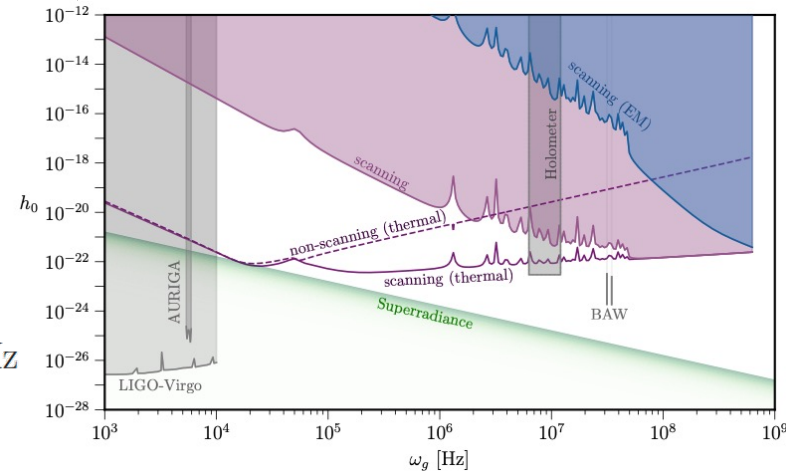
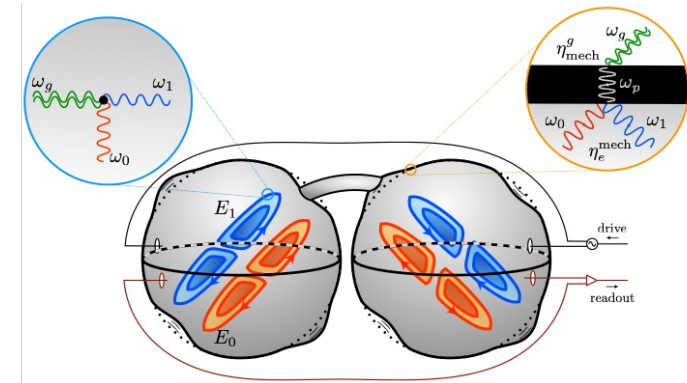
- SQMS theorists have laid the formalism for GW-EM cavity interaction.
- Two types of signals:
 - Direct detection: $\text{GW} \rightarrow \text{EM}$
 - Indirect detection: $\text{GW} \rightarrow \text{mechanical} \rightarrow \text{EM}$
- Current axion experiments have sensitivity to GHz gravitational waves.
- A dedicated cavity experiment, e.g. MAGO, has significant reach at KHz.

1. “Pump mode” E_0, B_0 driven at $\omega_0 \sim \text{GHz}$
2. GW of frequency $\omega_g \ll \text{GHz}$ drives power at $\omega_0 + \omega_g$
3. “Signal mode” E_1, B_1 resonantly excited if $\omega_1 \simeq \omega_0 + \omega_g \sim \text{GHz}$

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Sensitivity of MAGO-like setup

Use high Q SRF cavities to search for GWs

- INFN and CERN (~1998) → Microwave Apparatus for Gravitational Waves Observation
 - Successful proof-of-principle and prototype experiments
- Followed by (2001-2003)
 - 2-cell cavity with variable coupling and optimized geometry
 - Never treated nor tested – on shelf for >15y at INFN Genova

Now:

**Collaboration between
Fermilab, INFN, DESY,
UHH to revive MAGO!**



MAGO 1.0: DESY and UHH activities

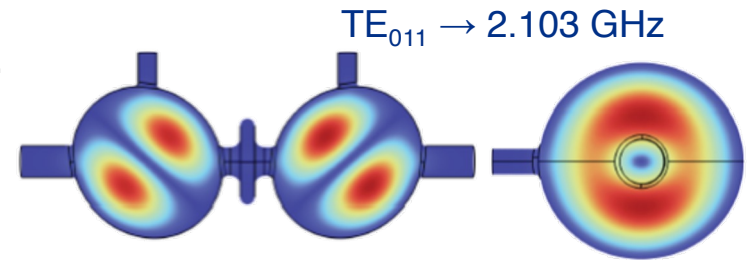


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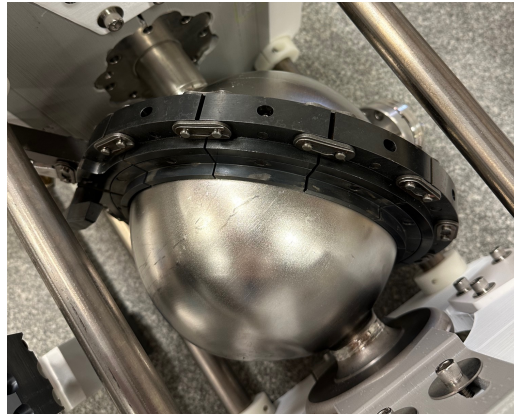
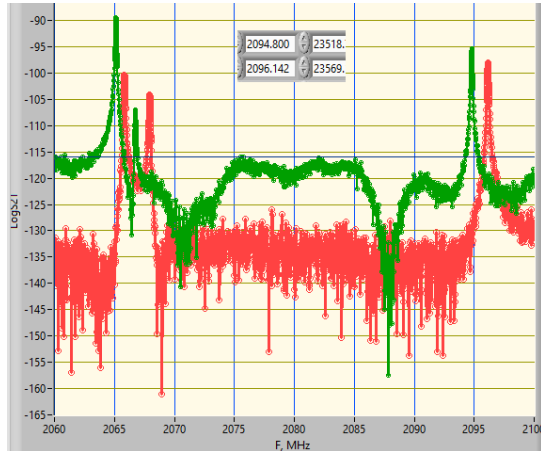
- Conducted inspection, leak check and first measurements after ~15 years!
- Room Temperature RF, mechanical and thickness measurements
- Theoretical work:
 - Multi-parameter optimization for cavity geometry
 - Develop full description of GW-cavity-EM interaction, leave long wavelength regime
- Signal readout: DESY LLRF team responsible for cavity control developed a new technique *carrier suppression interferometer* (CSI)
 - Matches MAGO requirements & conditions



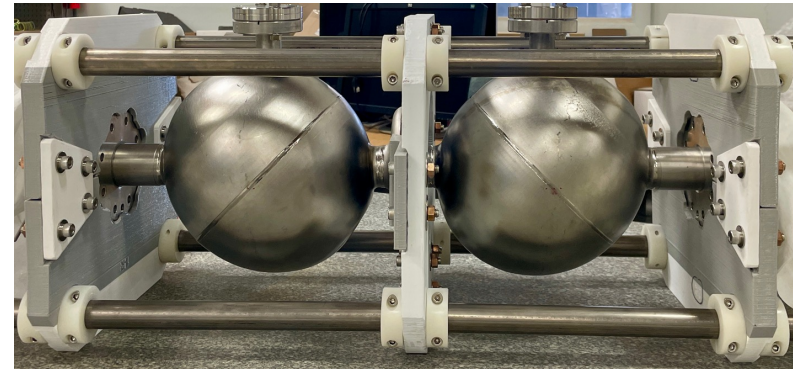
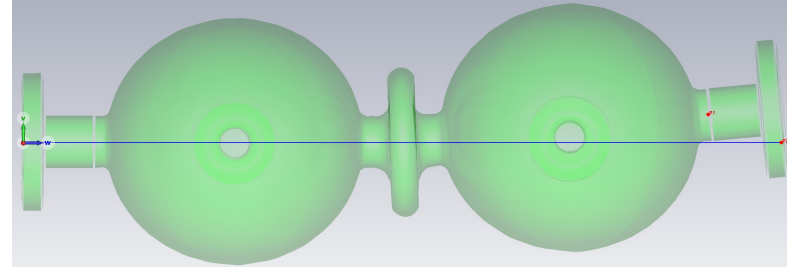
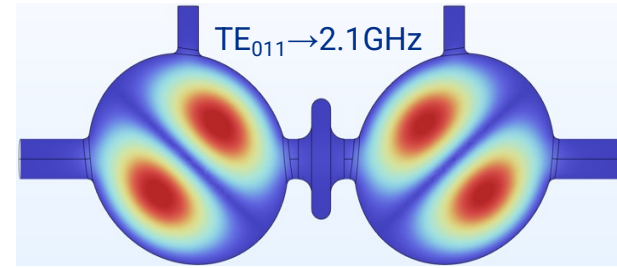
Adapted from Marc Wenskat presentation at “Quantum Technology for Fundamental Physics” workshop

MAGO 1.0: Fermilab activities

- Extensive work necessary before RF cold test:
 - RF and mechanical simulations on ideal and real geometry
 - 3D printed frame to sustain cavity during initial room temperature operations
 - Optical inspection
 - Surface treatment
 - Plastic straightening
 - Room temperature tuning of cells
 - ...

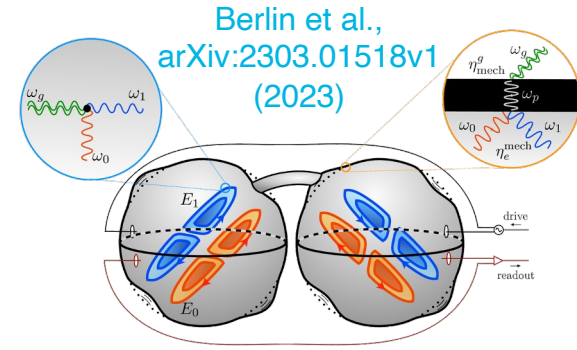


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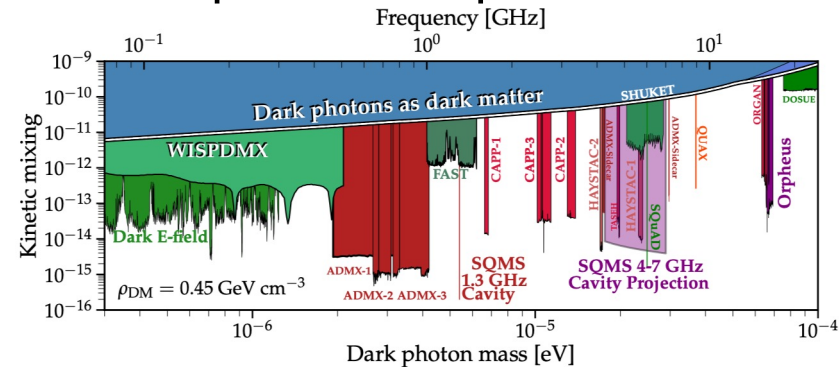
SRF cavities for GW: looking forward

- Through **simulations** and **experimental work** on **MAGO 1.0**: working to gain better understanding of sensitivity to GW strain on multiple factors (GW frequency detuning from mechanical resonance, cavity shape imperfections, microphonics, ...)
- **US/Japan collaboration** → small effort between SQMS Fermilab and University of Tokyo & KEK for SRF based GW searches
- **Long term vision**: cavity-based observatory network for high frequency GW

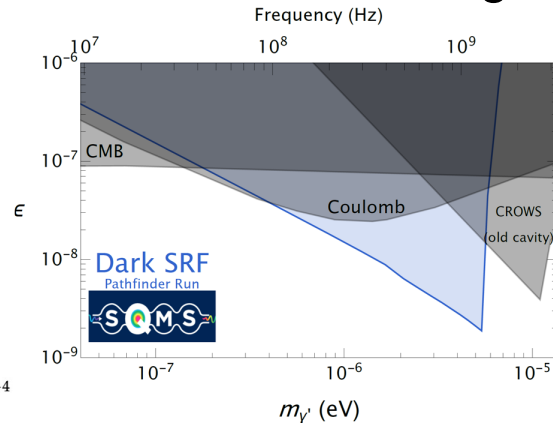


Physics and sensing conclusions

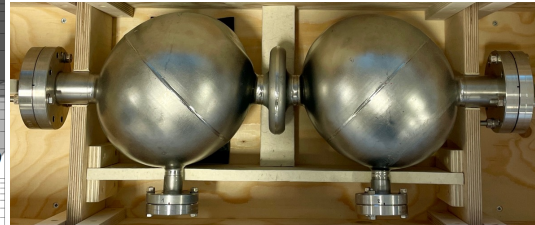
- **Dark SRF**: Realized 1st proof of concept SC cavity-based LSW experiment
 → **extended dark photon exclusion limit in broad range of $m_{\gamma'}$ and ϵ**
 – **Dark SRF 2.6GHz in DR**: working to prepare experiment to be deployed in DR
- **MAGO**: collaborating with DESY and INFN on existing variable coupling cavity and with KEK and University of Tokyo on a 2nd generation detector
- **Axion DM search**: cavity arrival is imminent, looking forward to beginning of experimental phase



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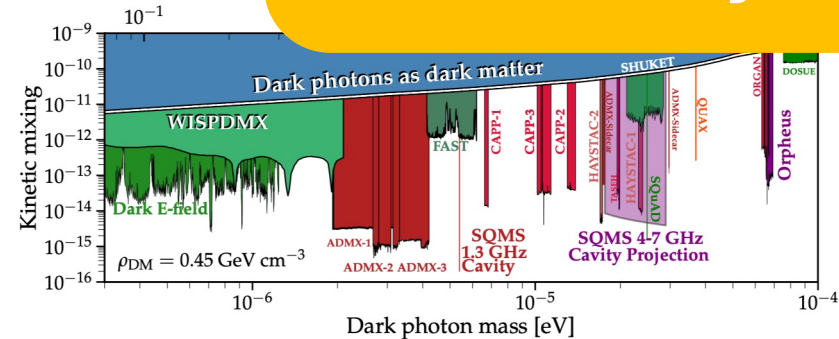


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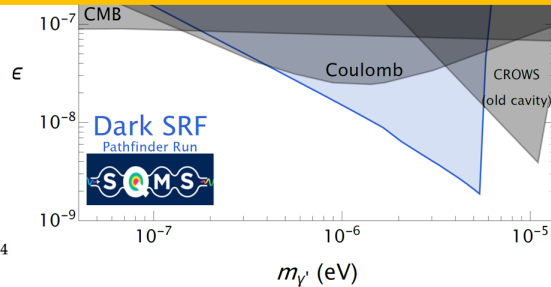
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- **MAGO**: ... coupling detector
- **Axion**: ... beginning of exper

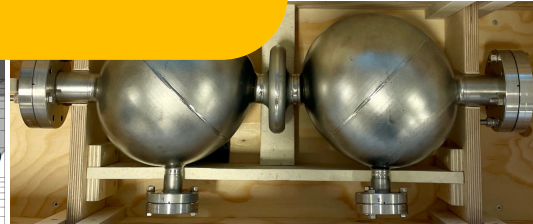
SQMS team achieved new exclusion limits and is working on many new experiments!



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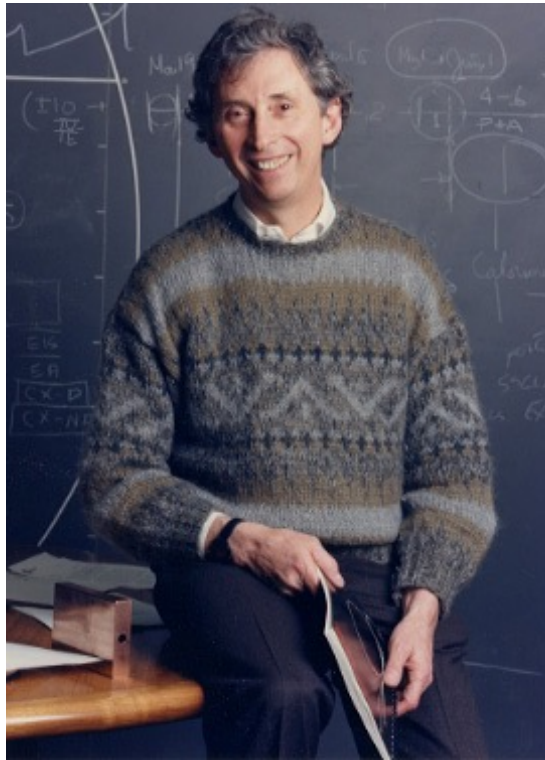


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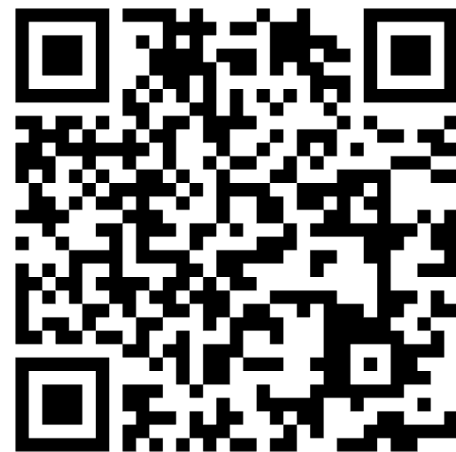
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