

Quantum sensor applications to high-energy physics at CERN

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Some words on the landscape

Clarification of terms

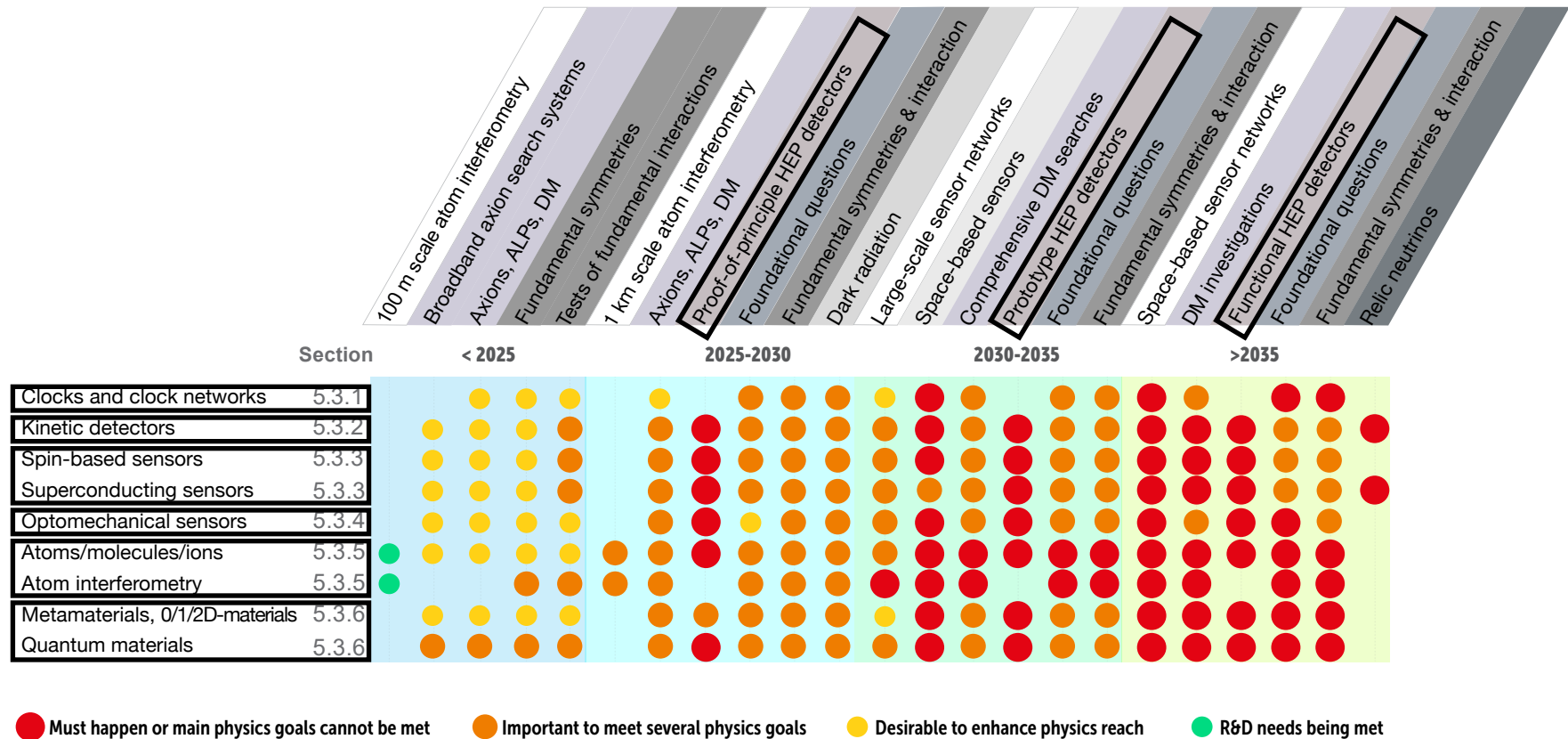
Quantum sensors for new particle physics experiments

Quantum detectors for high energy particle physics

RECFA Detector R&D roadmap 2021

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

Chapter 5: Quantum and Emerging Technologies Detectors



Chapter 4: Particle Identification and Photon Detectors

It is recommended that several “blue-sky” R&D activities be pursued. The development of solid state photon detectors from novel materials is an important future line of research, as is the development of cryogenic superconducting photosensors for accelerator-based experiments. Regarding advances in PID techniques, gaseous photon detectors for visible light should be advanced. Meta-materials such as photonic crystals should be developed, giving tune-able refractive indices for PID at high momentum. Finally, for TRD imaging detectors, the detection of transition radiation with silicon sensors is an important line of future research.

CERN quantum initiative

<https://quantum.web.cern.ch/>



Scientific Objectives



- Assess the **areas of potential quantum advantage** in HEP applications (QML, classification, anomaly detection, tracking)
- Develop **common libraries of algorithms, methods, tools**; benchmark as technology evolves
- Collaborate to the development of shared, **hybrid classic-quantum infrastructures**

Computing & Algorithms



- Identify and develop techniques for **quantum simulation** in collider physics, QCD, cosmology within and beyond the SM
- Co-develop quantum computing and sensing approaches by providing **theoretical foundations** to the identifications of the areas of interest

Simulation & Theory



- Develop and promote **expertise in quantum sensing** in low- and high-energy physics applications
- Develop quantum sensing approaches with emphasis on **low-energy particle physics measurements**
- Assess **novel technologies and materials** for HEP applications

Sensing, Metrology & Materials



- **Co-develop CERN technologies relevant to quantum infrastructures** (time synch, frequency distribution, lasers)
- Contribute to the **deployment and validation of quantum infrastructures**
- Assess requirements and **impact of quantum communication on computing applications** (security, privacy)

Communications & Networks

<https://quantum.web.cern.ch/>

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;

→ focus on CERN activities both in low energy and high energy particle physics

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

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

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

quantum technologies

superconducting devices (TES,
SNSPD, ...) / cryo-electronics

spin-based, NV-diamonds

optical clocks

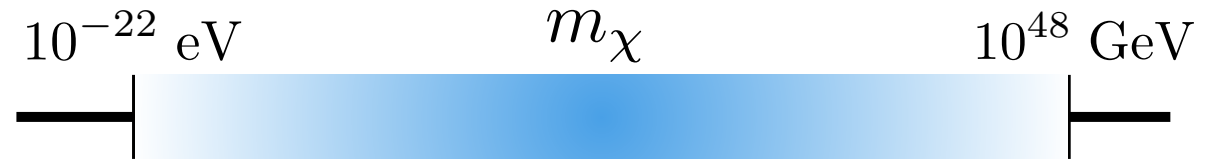
ionic / atomic / molecular

optomechanical sensors

metamaterials, 0/1/2-D materials

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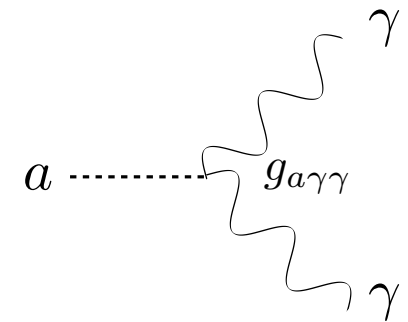
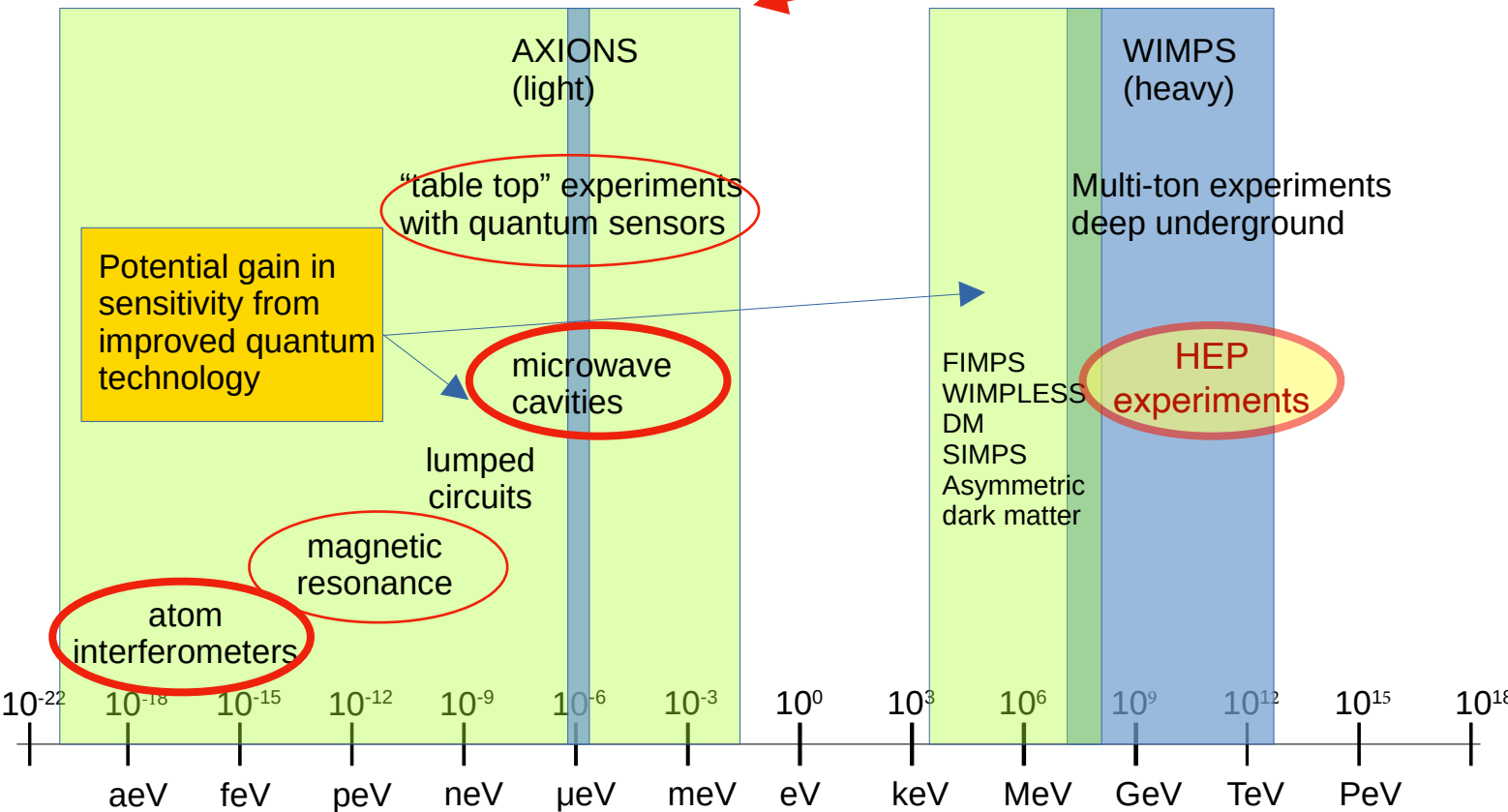
Axions, ALP's, DM & non-DM UL-particle searches



cavity size = axion size
axion mass = unknown

$$F \sim g_{a\gamma}^2 m_A^2 B^4 V^2 T_{sys}^{-2} G^4 Q,$$

system noise temperature
cryo-amplifiers JPA



(but not only...)

@ CERN: PBC, large low energy physics community...

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1002356/> PBC technology annual workshop 2021 (focus on quantum sensing)

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1057715/> PBC technology mini workshop: superconducting RF (Sep. 2021)

Initial experiments with quantum sensors world-wide

→ rapid investigation of new phase space

→ scaling up to larger systems, improved devices

→ expanding explored phase space

→ atomic interferometers: DM searches

→ RF cavities: axion searches

AION: atom interferometer (start small, ultimately → space)

L. Badurina et al., AION: An Atom Interferometer Observatory and Network, *JCAP* 05 (2020) 011, [arXiv:1911.11755].

Topological Dark Matter (TDM)

TDM can be expressed as a scalar field that couples to fundamental constants, thus producing variations in the transition frequencies of atomic clocks at its passage.

Ultralight Dark Matter

spatial variation of the fundamental constants associated with a change in the gravitational potential

Local Lorentz Invariance (LLI)

independence of any local test experiment from the velocity of the freely-falling apparatus.

searching for daily variations of the relative frequency difference of e.g. Sr optical lattice clocks or Yb⁺ clocks confined in two traps with quantization axis aligned along non-parallel directions

Local Position Invariance (LPI)

independence of any local test experiment from when and where it is performed in the Universe

comparing atomic clocks based on different transitions can be used to constrain the time variation of fundamental constants and their couplings, comparison of two ¹⁷¹Yb⁺ clocks and two Cs clocks -> limits on the time variation of the fine structure constant and of the electron-to-proton mass ratio

Gravitational wave detector

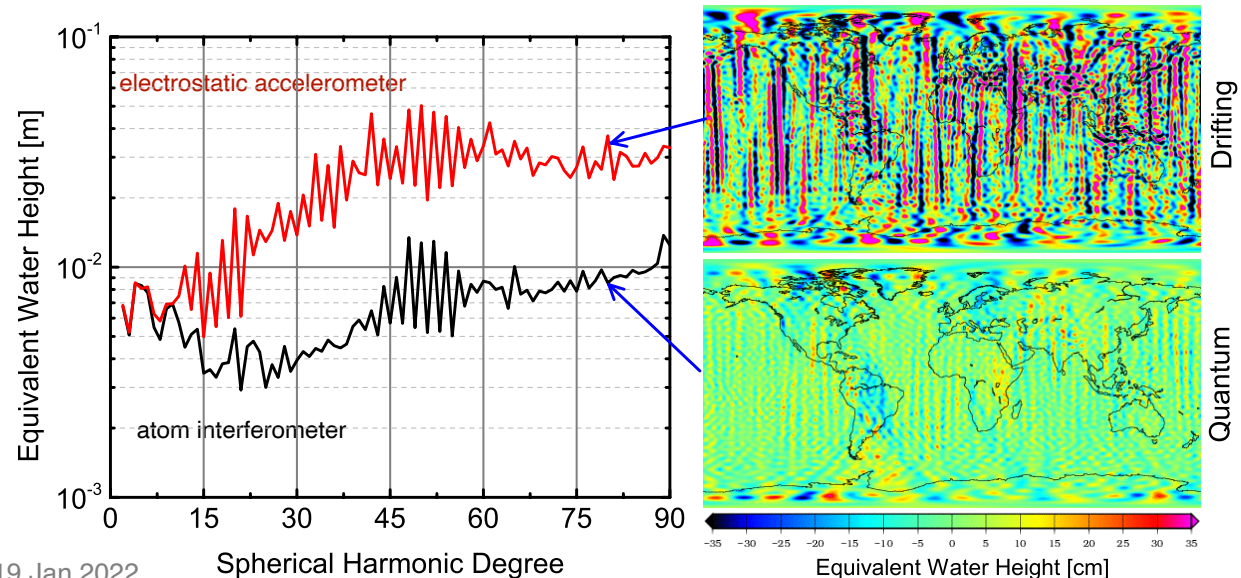
clocks act as narrowband detectors of the Doppler shift on the laser frequency due to the relative velocity between the satellites induced by the incoming gravitational wave

R & D needed:

Optical lattice clocks at up to 1×10^{-18} relative accuracy

& expanded optical fibre network (operated between a number of European metrology institutes)

& develop cold atom technology for robust, long-term operation



Where does this fit in? Go after $10^{-20} \text{ eV} < m_a < 10^{-12} \text{ eV}$

atom interferometry at macroscopic scales:

arXiv:2201.07789v1 [astro-ph.IM] 19 Jan 2022

MIGA ^{France}

AION ^{UK}

ZAIGA ^{China}

CERN?

shafts (100~500 m ideal testing ground),
cryogenics, vacuum, complexity...

MAGIS ^{Fermilab}

M. Abe, P. Adamson, M. Borcean, D. Bortoletto, K. Bridges, S.
P. Carman et al., *Matter-wave Atomic Gradiometer
Interferometric Sensor (MAGIS-100)*, [arXiv:2104.02835v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.02835v1).

MAGIS collaboration, Graham PW, Hogan JM, Kasevich MA,
Rajendran S, Romani RW. *Mid-band gravitational wave
detection with precision atomic sensors*. [arXiv:1711.02225](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.02225)

satellite missions:

ACES (Atomic Clock Ensemble in Space): 2024-2025

ESA mission for ISS

two on-board clocks rely on atomic transitions in the microwave domain

probe time variations of fundamental constants, and to perform tests of the Lorentz-Violating Standard Model Extension (SME). Possibly topological dark matter

pathfinder / technology development missions:

I-SOC: key optical clock technology (laser cooling, trapping, optical resonators) for space; Sr optical lattice clock / Sr ion clock;
microwave and optical link technology;

FOCOS (Fundamental physics with an Optical Clock Orbiting in Space): Yb optical lattice clock with 1×10^{-18} stability

~2030

AION: ~2045

satellite mission

AEDGE: ~2045

satellite mission

El-Neaj, Y.A., Alpigiani, C., Amairi-Pyka, S. *et al.* **AEDGE: Atomic
Experiment for Dark Matter and Gravity Exploration in Space**. *EPJ Quantum
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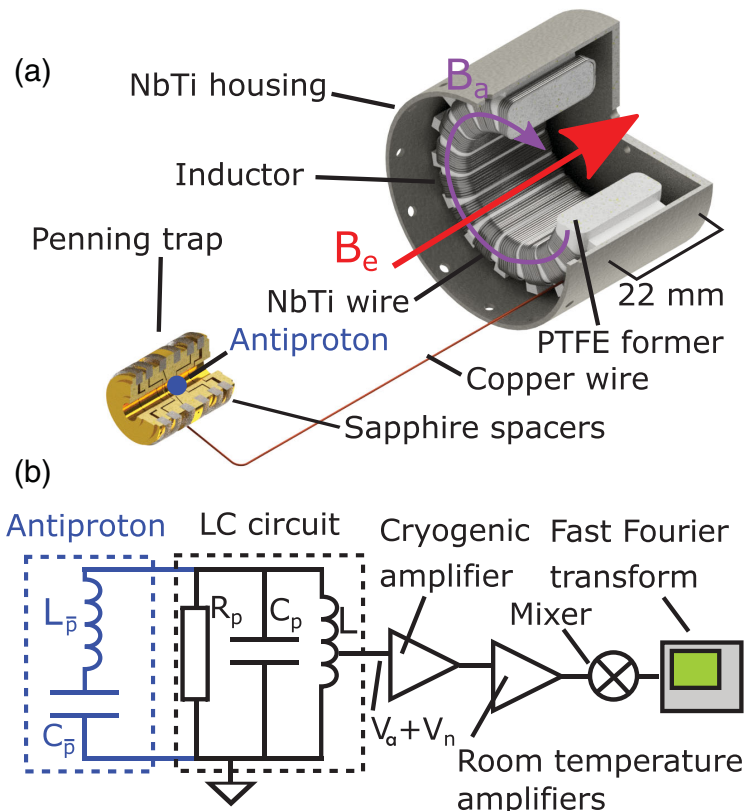
Quantum sensors for new particle physics experiments: Penning traps

search the noise spectrum of fixed-frequency resonant circuit for peaks caused by dark matter ALPs converting into photons in the strong magnetic field of the Penning-trap magnet

Resolving single antiproton spin flips requires the highest Q and lowest temperature LC resonant detectors ever built: BASE-CERN is the state of the art

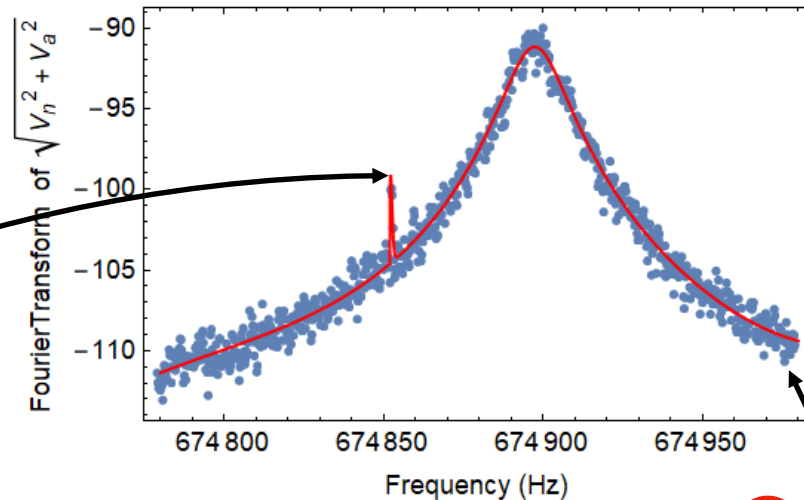
Constraints on the Coupling between Axion-like Dark Matter and Photons Using an Antiproton Superconducting Tuned Detection Circuit in a Cryogenic Penning Trap

J. Devlin et al., BASE collaboration, Physical Review Letters 126, 041301 (2021)



H. Nagahama et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 87, 113305 (2016)

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1002356/>



resonator background $\propto \sqrt{T_Z}$
from antiproton spin-flip

The axion signal

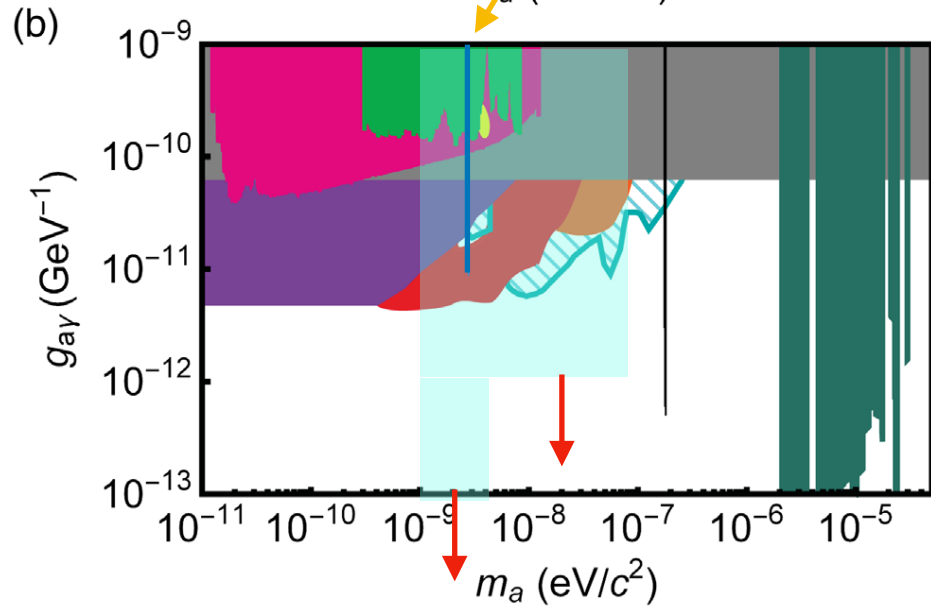
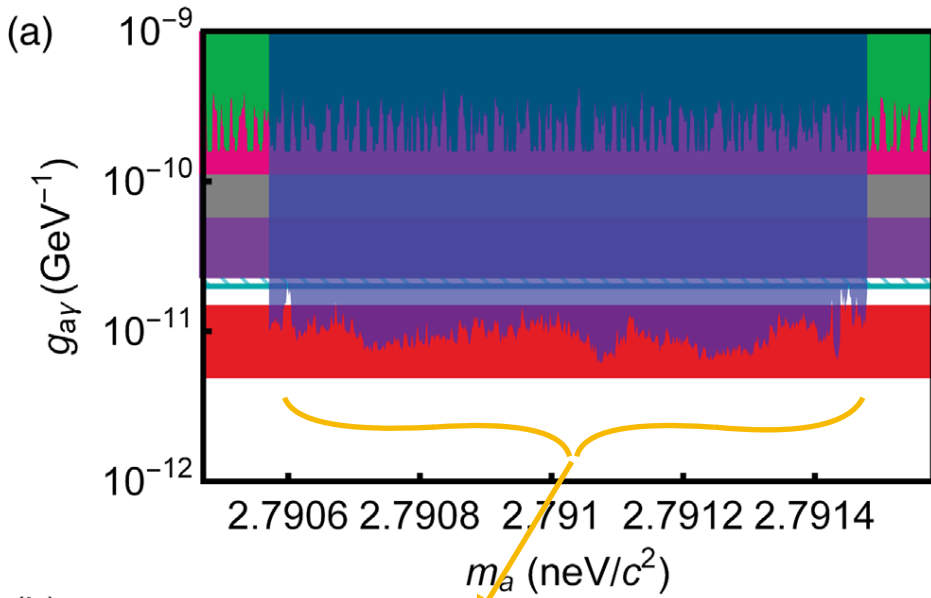
$$V_a = \frac{\pi}{2} Q \sqrt{f(\nu, Q, \mathbf{q})} \kappa \nu_a l N_T (r_2^2 - r_1^2) g_{a\gamma} |\mathbf{B}_e| \sqrt{\rho_a \hbar c}.$$

$f(\nu, Q, \mathbf{q})$ is a lorentzian line-shape function proportional to $\text{Re}\{Z\}$
 e_n is the equivalent input noise of the amplifier
 κ is the coupling constant
 Q is the resonator Q-factor
 N_T is the number of turns
 l is the length of the toroid along the magnet B field

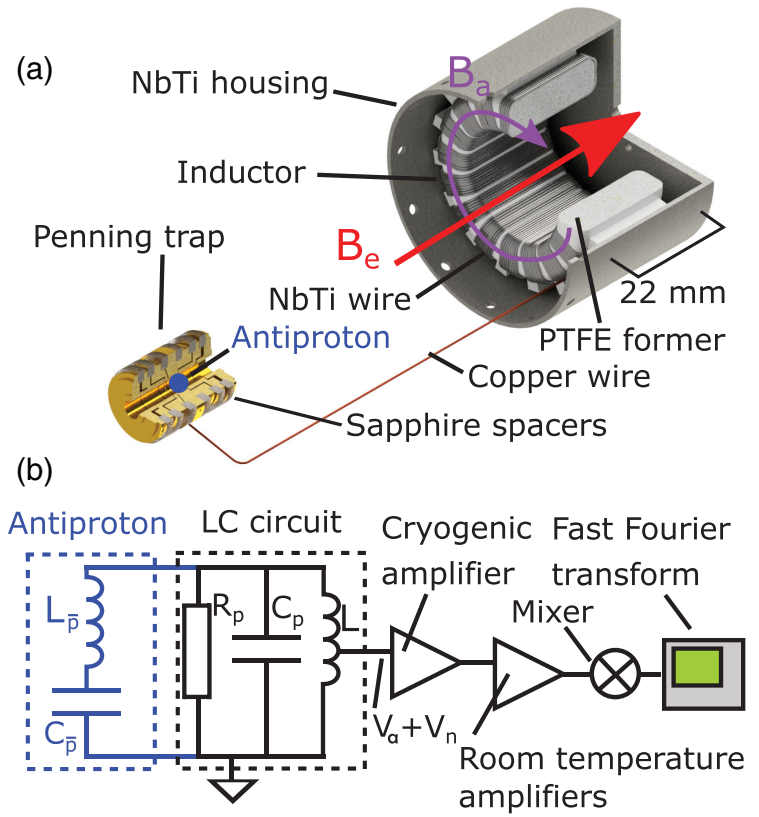
r_1 is the inner radius of the toroid
 r_2 is the outer radius
 $g_{a\gamma}$ is the coupling constant
 B is the static magnetic field
 ρ_a is the dark matter density

Tunability!

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Limits			Hints	
■ SN-1987A	■ CAST	■ ADMX-SLIC	↗ Excess	■ Pulsars
■ H.E.S.S.	■ BASE	■ ABRACADABRA	↘ γ rays	
■ Cavities	■ SHAFT	■ FERMI-LAT		



currently developing **superconducting tunable capacitors & laser-cooled resonators**

7 T magnet + broader FFT span: one month \longrightarrow
 2 and 5 neV to an upper limit of $1.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

Axion heterodyne detection

problem: cavity resonance generally fixed

Conceptual Theory Level Proposal:

A. Berlin, Raffaele Tito D’Agnolo, S. Ellis, C. Nantista, J. Nielson, P. Schuster, S. Tantawi, N. Toro, K. Zhou, *JHEP* 07 (2020) 07, 088

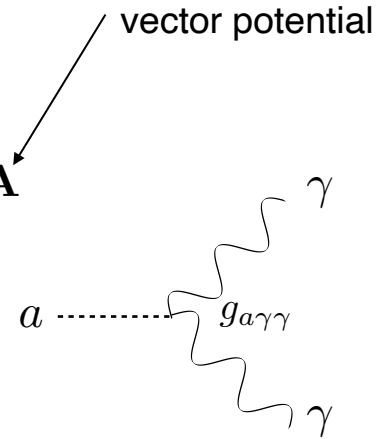
A. Berlin, Raffaele Tito D’Agnolo, S. Ellis, K. Zhou, arXiv:2007.15656

Axion DM coupling to electromagnetism through

$$-\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \supset \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{J}_{\text{eff}} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

In the presence of \mathbf{B} , axion \rightarrow effective current density

$$\mathbf{J}_{\text{eff}} \simeq g_{a\gamma\gamma} \partial_t a \mathbf{B}.$$



Static $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}_{\text{eff}}$ oscillates with the same frequency as the axion field

Resonant cavities possible down to μeV ; below that, need huge volume

\rightarrow frequency conversion: driving “**pump mode**” at $\omega_0 \sim \text{GHz}$ allows axion to resonantly drive power into “**signal mode**” at $\omega_1 \sim \omega_0 \pm m_a$

\rightarrow scan over axion masses $m_a =$ **slight perturbation of cavity geometry**, which modulates the frequency splitting $\omega_0 - \omega_1$

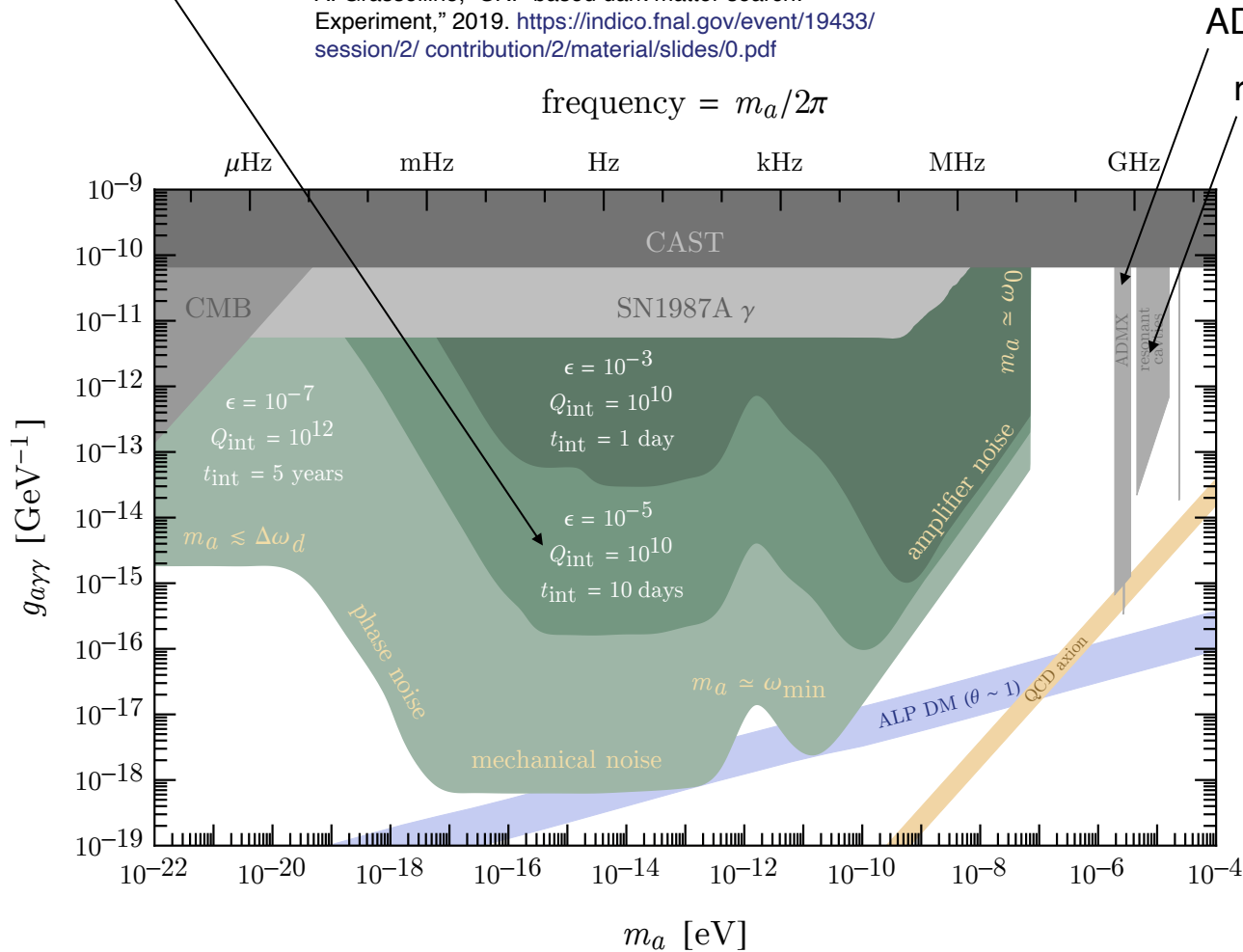
\rightarrow **superconducting RF cavities**

Tunability!

Quantum sensors for new particle physics experiments: tunable RF cavities

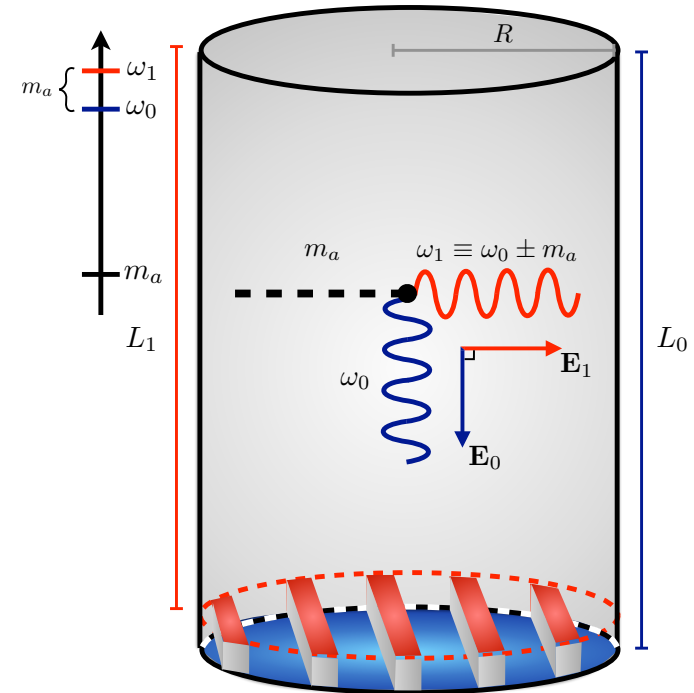
$Q_{\text{int}} \gtrsim 10^{10}$ achieved by DarkSRF collaboration
(sub-nm cavity wall displacements)

A. Grassellino, "SRF-based dark matter search: Experiment," 2019. <https://indico.fnal.gov/event/19433/session/2/contribution/2/material/slides/0.pdf>



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ADMX experiment
resonant cavities



(a) Cartoon of cavity setup.

Asher Berlin, Raffaele Tito D'Agnolo, Sebastian A. R. Ellis, Christopher Nantista, Jeffrey Neilson, Philip Schuster, Sami Tantawi, Natalia Toro, Kevin Zhou, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.11048>

"The cavity is designed to have two nearly degenerate resonant modes at ω_0 and $\omega_1 = \omega_0 + m_{\alpha}$. One possibility is to split the frequencies of the two polarizations of a hybrid HE_{11p} mode in a corrugated cylindrical cavity. These two polarizations effectively see distinct cavity lengths, L_0 and L_1 , allowing ω_0 and ω_1 to be tuned independently."

Axion searches with resonant haloscopes: resonant cavity immersed in a high and static magnetic field

Relic Axion Detector Exploratory Setup (RADES) searches for axion dark matter with $m_a > 30 \mu\text{eV}$

$$F \sim g_{a\gamma}^2 m_A^2 B^4 V^2 T_{sys}^{-2} G^4 Q,$$

figure of merit magnetic field quality factor

Cavity coatings: type II superconductor with a critical magnetic field B_c well above 11 T at 4.2 K

Thin Film (High Temperature) Superconducting Radiofrequency Cavities for the Search of Axion Dark Matter

S. Golm, ..., Sergio Calatroni, ... et al. <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9699394> DOI: 10.1109/TASC.2022.3147741

→ developments of HTS for coatings is essential in improving the sensitivity of resonant haloscopes

Multiple cavities: optimal coupling with external B field, very selective (high Q), centered on resonant ν

Universe **2022**, 8(1), 5; <https://doi.org/10.3390/universe8010005>

other frequencies: e.g. solenoidal magnet in dilution cryostat at 10 mK (Canfranc Underground Lab.)

→ to exploit the ultra-low temperatures and go beyond the standard quantum limit:
Josephson parametric amplifiers (JPA), superconducting qubit-based single photon counters,
(or for higher frequencies, kinetic inductor devices (KID))

Universe **2022**, 8(1), 5; <https://doi.org/10.3390/universe8010005>

typically not obvious, given that most detectors rely on detecting the product of many interactions between a particle and the detector (ionization, scintillation, Čerenkov photons, ...)

handful of ideas that rely on quantum devices, or are inspired by them, but do not necessarily use them as quantum detectors per se, but rather their properties to enhance / permit measurements that are more difficult to achieve otherwise

main focus on tracking / calorimetry / timing closely related: nanostructured materials

these are not developed concepts, but rather the kind of approaches one might contemplate working towards



very speculative!

Metamaterials, 0 / 1 / 2-dimensional materials (quantum dots, nanolayers)

ultra-fast scintillators based on perovskites

chromatic calorimetry (QDs)

active scintillators (QCL, QWs, QDs)

5.3.6 *

GEMs (graphene)

Atoms, molecules, ions

Rydberg TPC's

5.3.5 *

Spin-based sensors

helicity detectors

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

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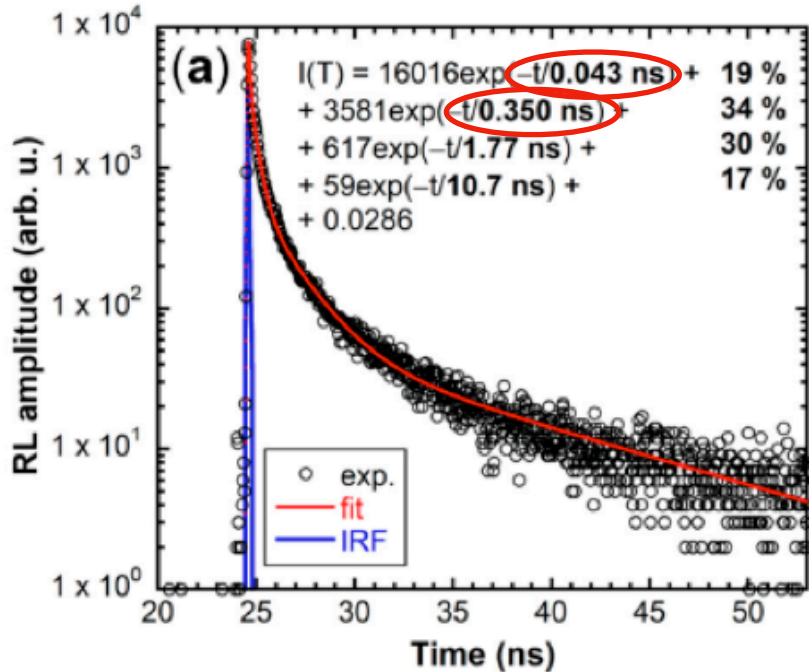
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Quantum dots: timing

Etiennette Auffray-Hillemans / CERN



Scintillation decay time spectra from CsPbBr₃ nanocrystal deposited on glass

K. Decka et al., Scintillation Response Enhancement in Nanocrystalline Lead Halide Perovskite Thin Films on Scintillating Wafers. *Nanomaterials* 2022, 12, 14. <https://doi.org/10.3390/nano12010014>

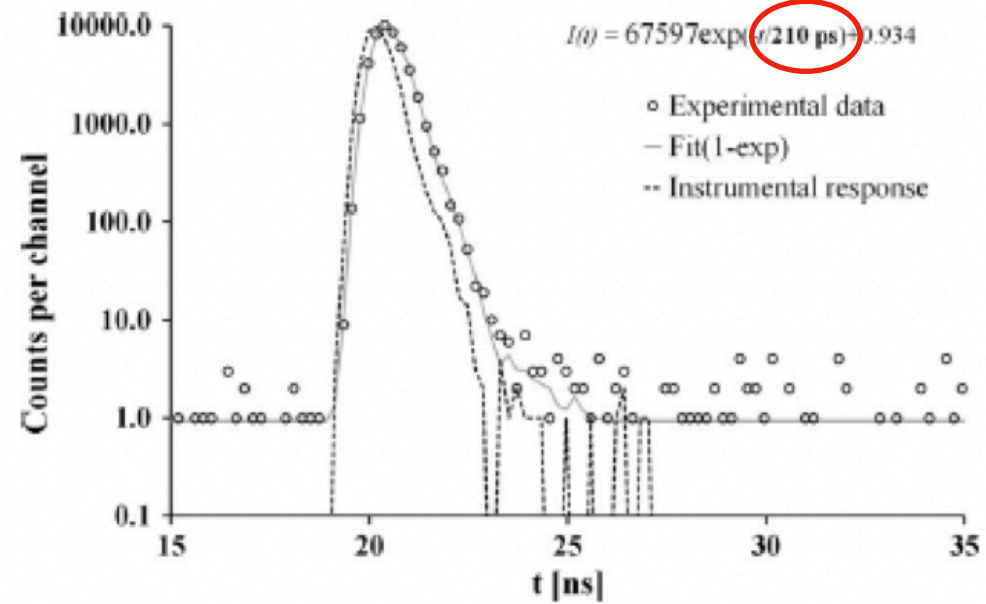


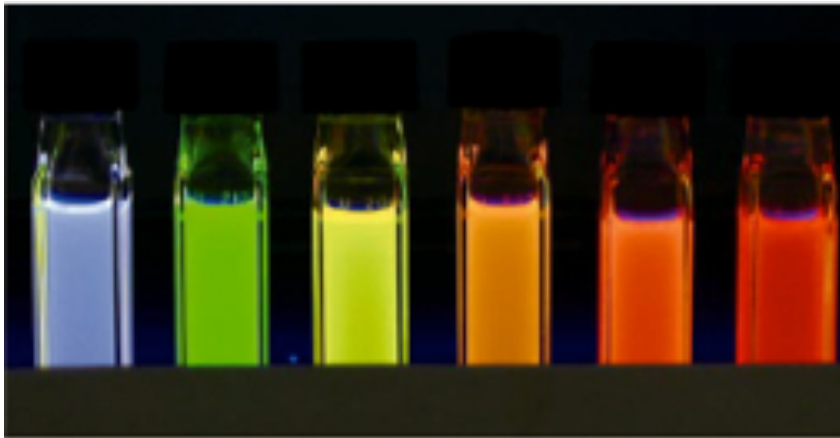
Fig. 9. Photoluminescence decay of ZnO:Ga sample at room temperature. Excitation nanoLED 339 nm, emission wavelength set at 390 nm. Decay curve is approximated by the convolution of instrumental response (also in figure) and single exponential function $I(t)$ provided in the figure.

Lenka Prochazkova et al., *Optical Materials* 47 (2015) 67–71

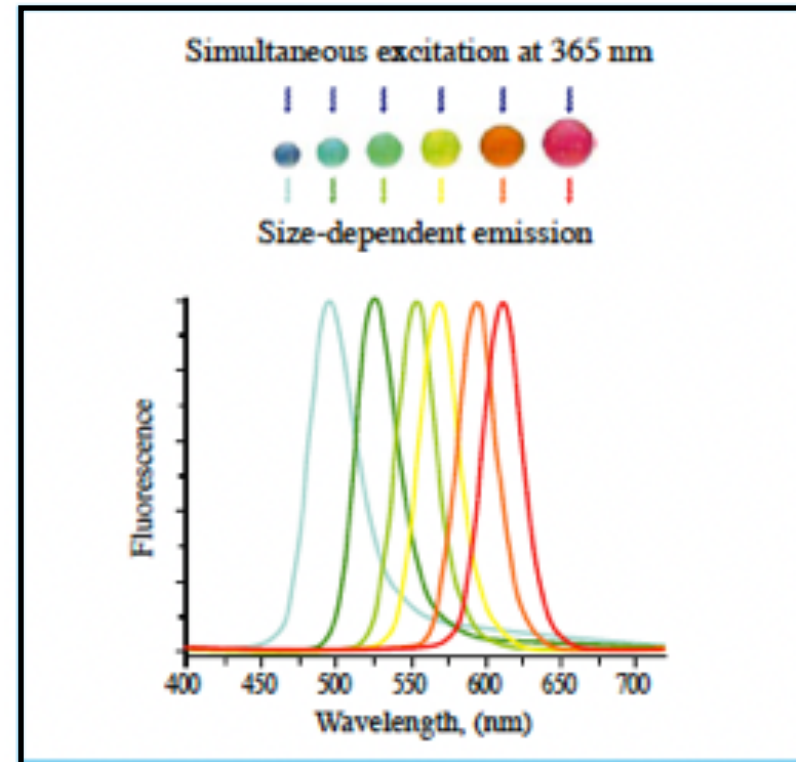
Concerns: integrated light yield (need many photons to benefit from rapid rise time)

Quantum dots: timing

Etiennette Auffray-Hillemans / CERN



Hideki Ooba, "Synthesis of Unique High Quality Fluorescence Quantum Dots for the Biochemical Measurements," AIST TODAY Vol.6 , No.6 (2006) p.26- 27

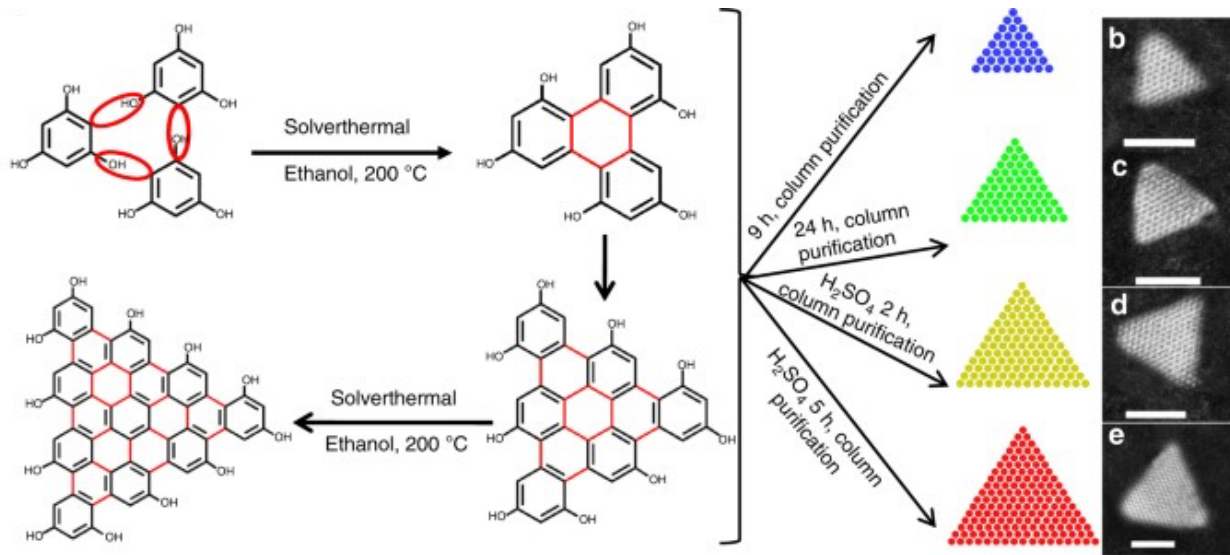


chromatic tunability → optimize for quantum efficiency of PD (fast, optimizable WLS)

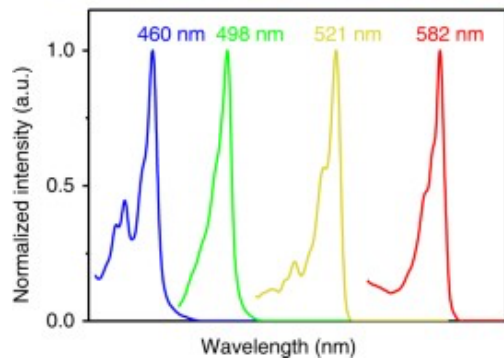
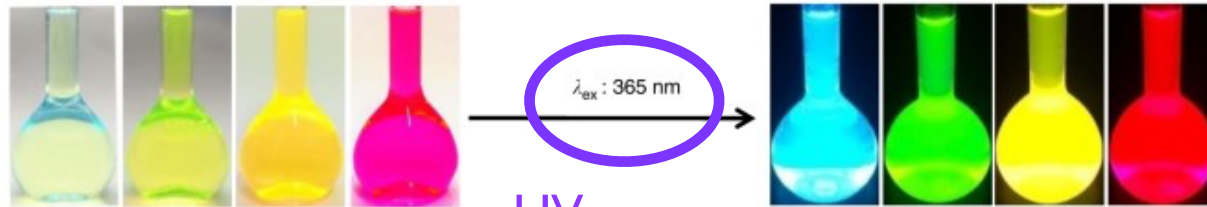
deposit on surface of high-Z material → thin layers of UV → VIS WLS

embed in high-Z material ? two-species (nanodots + microcrystals) embedded in polymer matrix?
 → quasi continuous VIS-light emitter (but what about re-absorbtion?)

Quantum dots: chromatic calorimetry

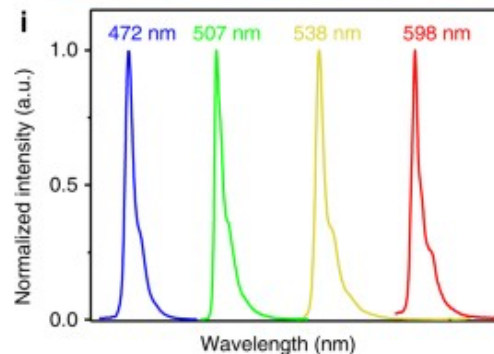


idea: seed different parts of a “crystal” with nanodots emitting at different wavelengths, such that the wavelength of a stimulated fluorescence photon is uniquely assignable to a specific nanodot position



UV illumination

e.m. shower



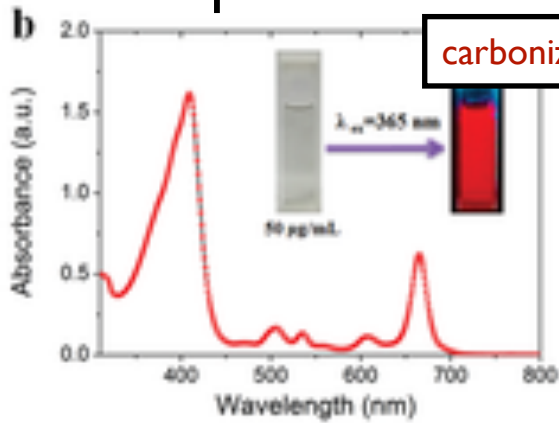
requires:

- narrowband emission (~20nm)
- only absorption at longer wavelengths
- short rise / decay times

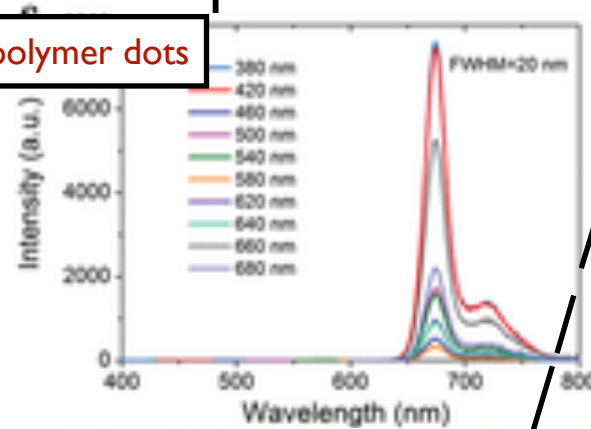
select appropriate nanodots

e.g. **triangular carbon nanodots**

absorption spectrum



emission spectrum



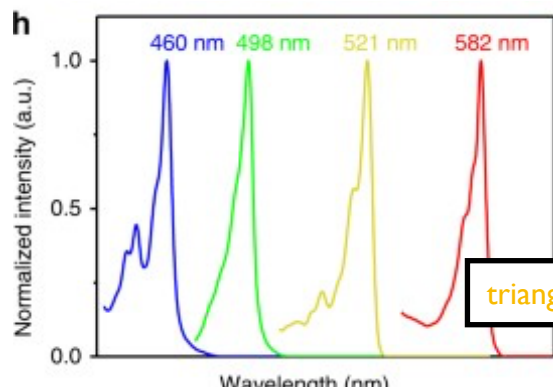
leftmost nanodots:
absorb wavelengths < 650 nm
emit at > 680 nm

next band:
absorb wavelengths < 590 nm
emit at > 590 nm

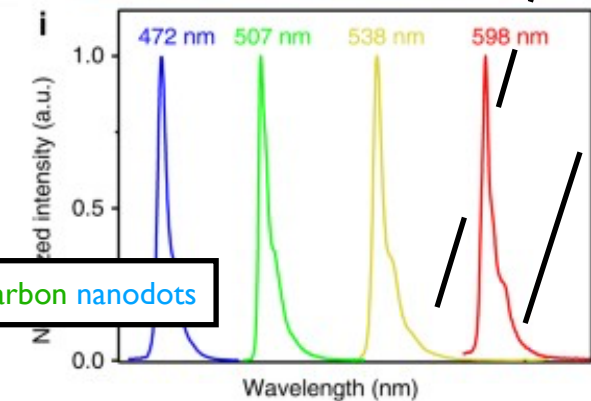
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rightmost nanodots:
absorb wavelengths < 410 nm
emit at > 420 nm

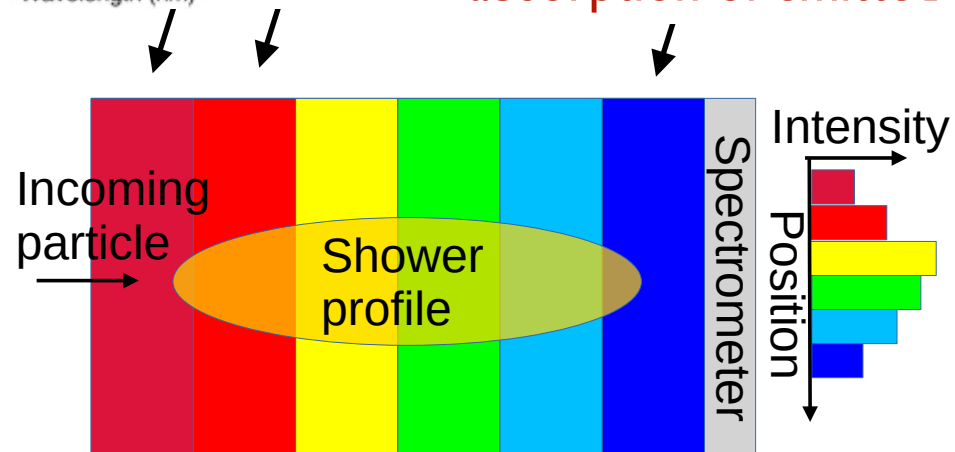
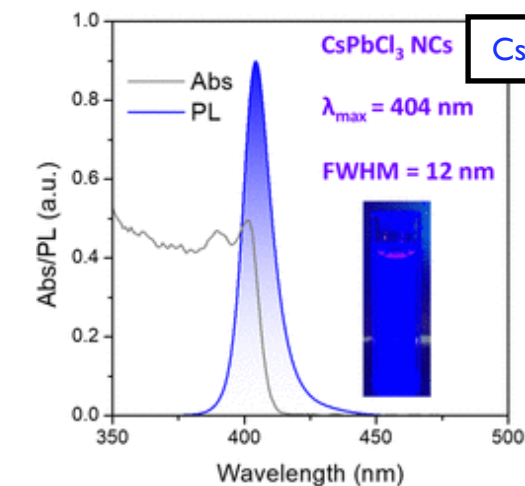
if high-Z substrate transparent
in 400-700 nm, then no re-
absorption of emitted light



triangular carbon nanodots

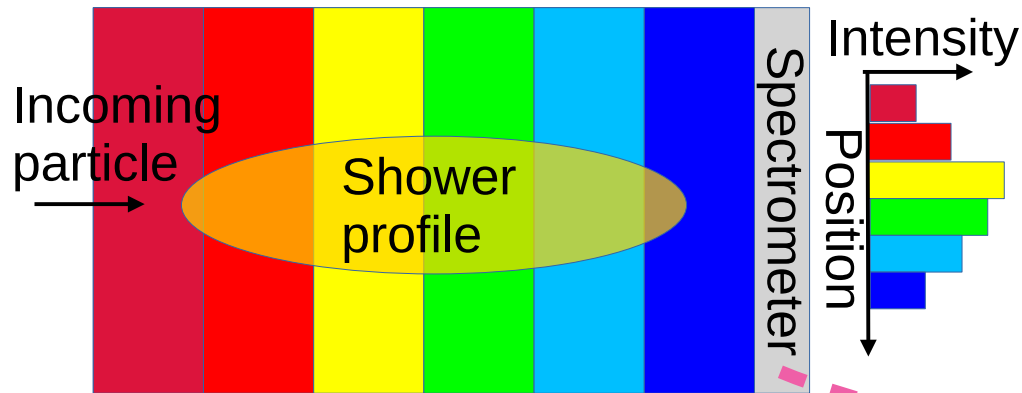


CsPbCl₃ nanocrystals

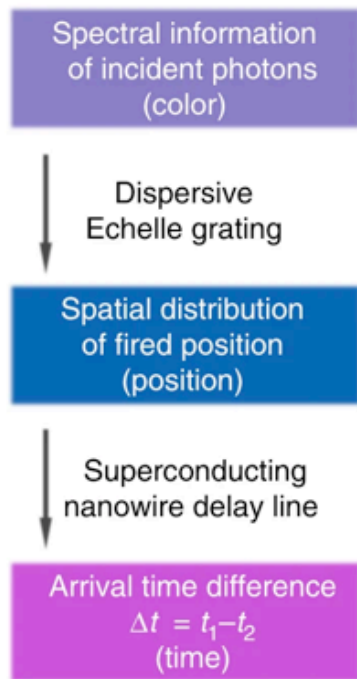


Quantum dots: chromatic calorimetry

(shower profile via spectrometry)



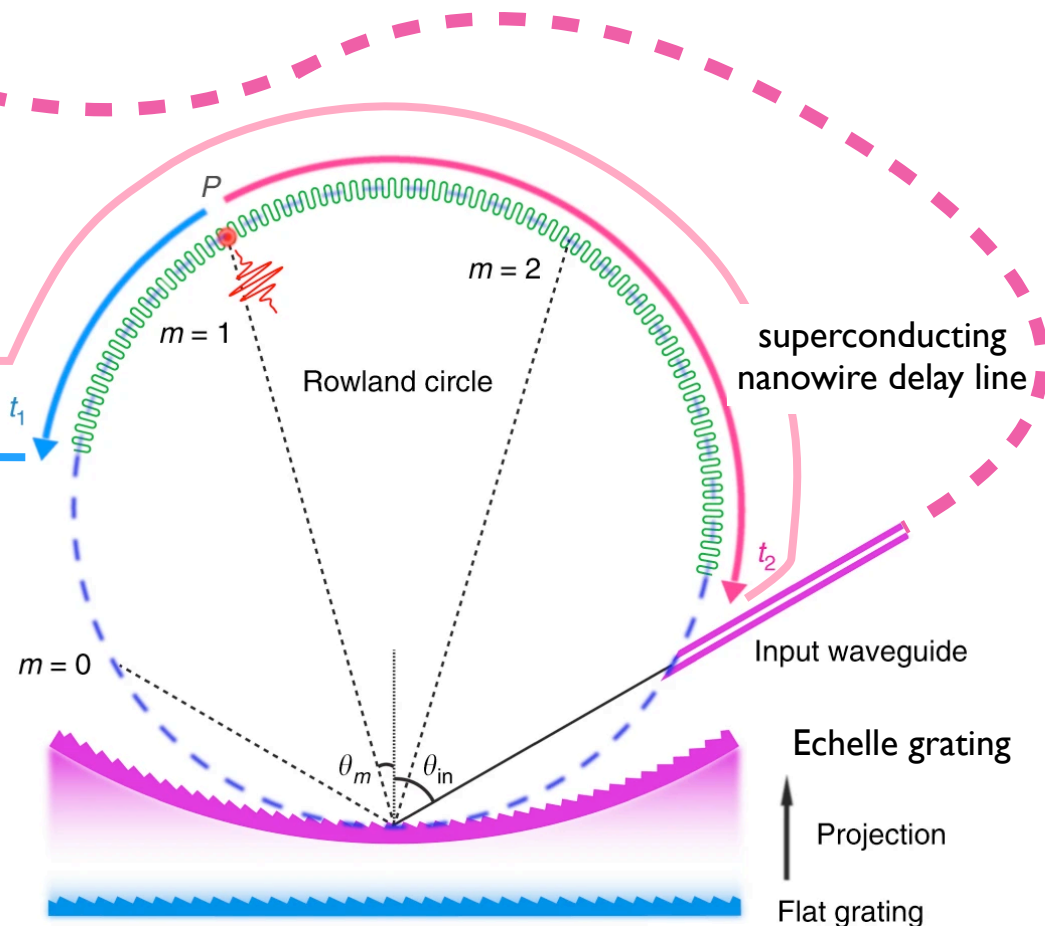
- different options for spectrometry:
- monochromators + PD
 - light guiding fiber / each layer
 - light guiding fiber to spectrometer



cryogenic amplifier

DC current

cryogenic amplifier



R. Cheng, H. X. Tang, et al., Broadband on-chip single-photon spectrometer, Nat Commun 10 (2019) 4104; <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-019-12149-x>

Active scintillators (QWs, QDs, QWDs, QCLs)

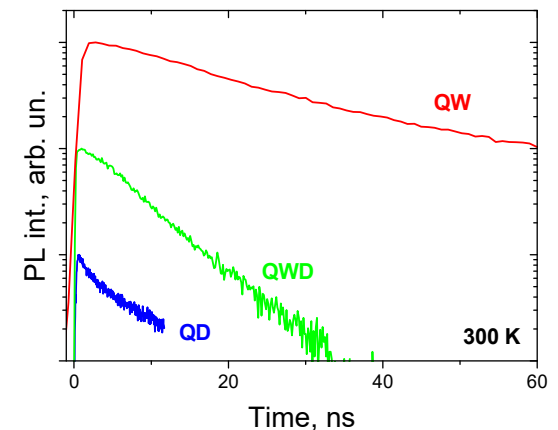
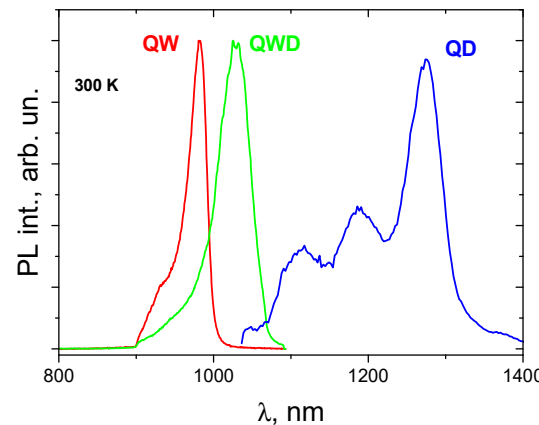
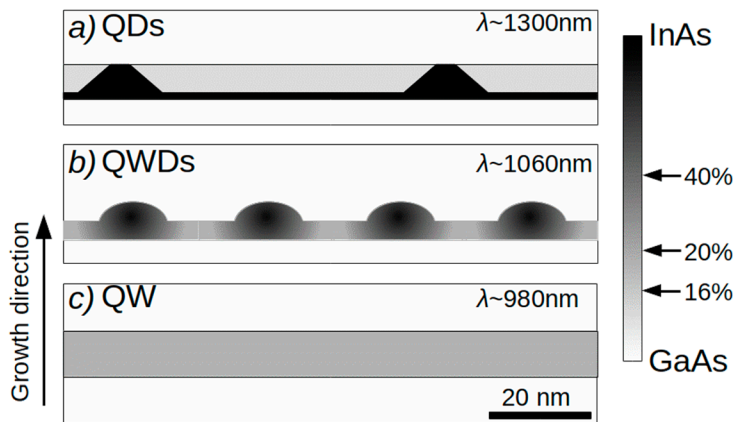
standard scintillating materials are **passive**

- 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



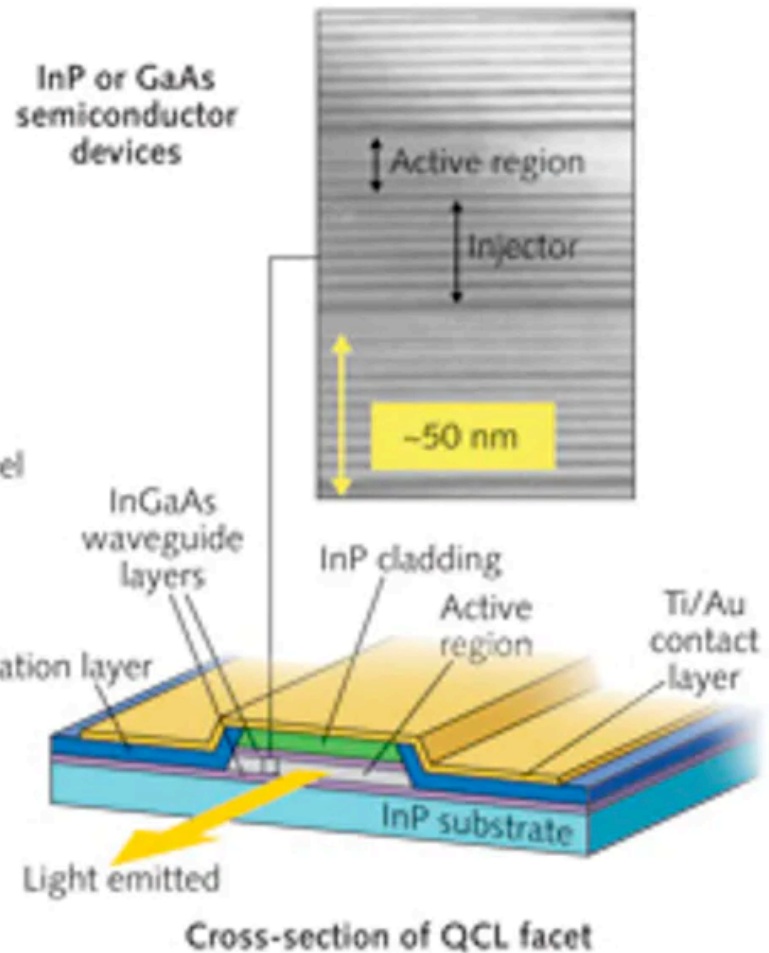
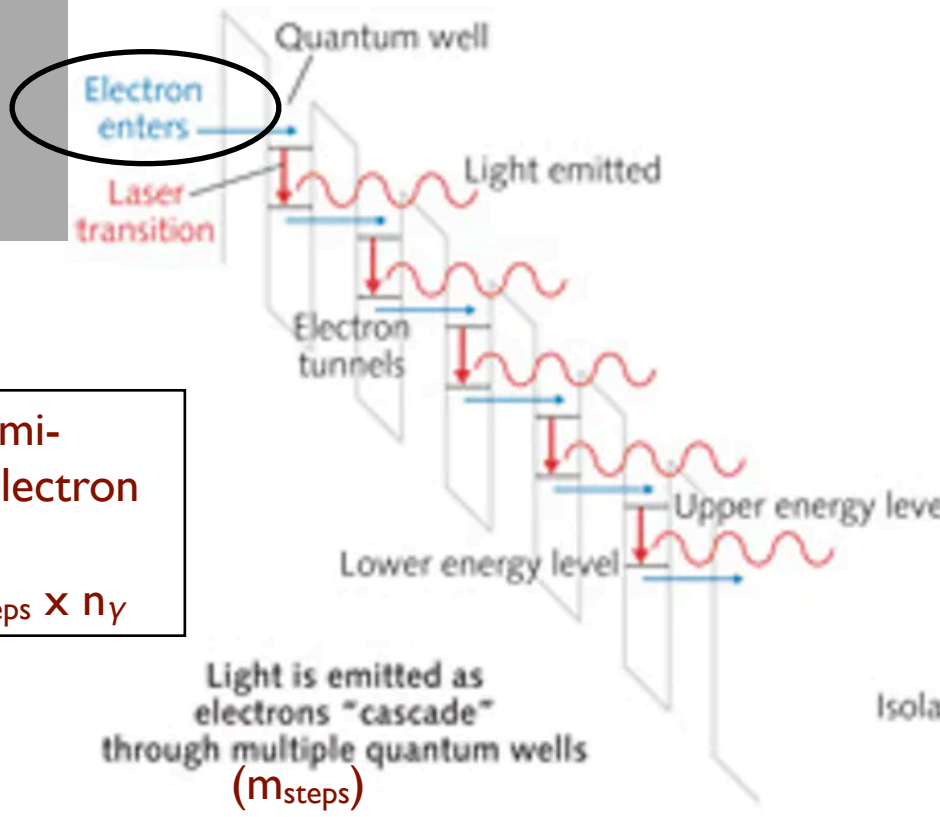
Light Emitting Devices Based on Quantum Well-Dots, Appl. Sci. 2020, 10, 1038; doi:10.3390/app10031038

QD's are radiation resistant

R. Leon et al., "Effects of proton irradiation on luminescence emission and carrier dynamics of self-assembled III-V quantum dots," in IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, 49, 6, 2844-2851 (2002), doi: 10.1109/TNS.2002.806018.

Active scintillators (QCLs, QWs, QDs, QWDs)

<https://www.laserfocusworld.com/test-measurement/spectroscopy/article/16556856/quantumcascade-lasers-qcls-enable-applications-in-ir-spectroscopy>



Couple bulk semiconductor to electron injection layer:
 $n_e \rightarrow m_{\text{steps}} \times n_y$

Light is emitted as electrons "cascade" through multiple quantum wells (m_{steps})

Emitted light is IR~THz, normally mono-chromatic but tunable from $3 \mu\text{m} \sim 12 \mu\text{m}$

Radiation resistant ([Radiation Physics and Chemistry 174](#), 2020, 108983)

2-D materials for MPGDs

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State-of-the-art MPGDs:

- high spatial resolution
- good energy resolution
- timing resolution <25ps (PICOSEC Micromegas)

use of 2-D materials to improve:

- tailor the primary charge production process,
- protect sensitive photocathodes in harsh environments
- improve the performance of the amplification stage

tunable work function

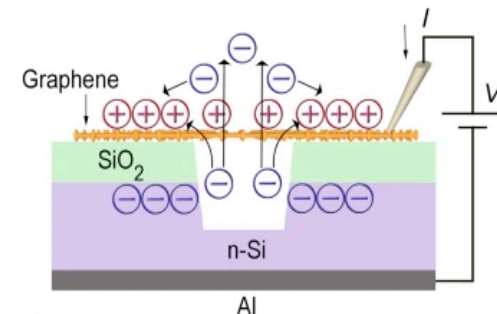
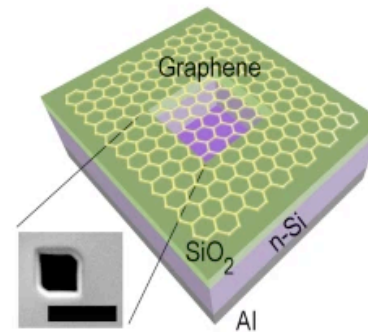
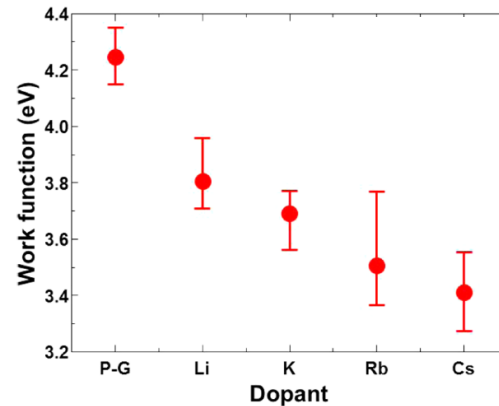
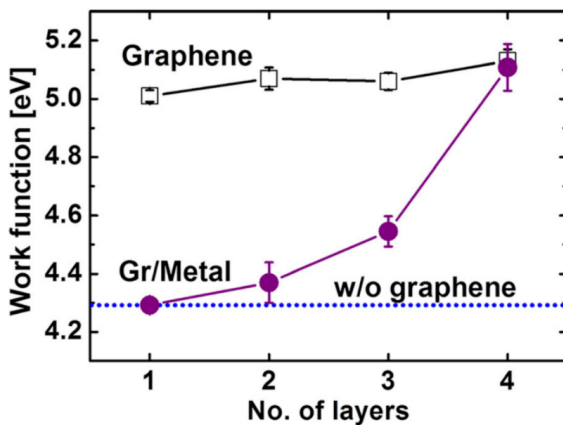
amplification

efficiency of the photocathode → timing resolution; QE
tune via resonant processes in low dimensional coating structures

(additionally, encapsulation of semiconductive as well as metallic (i.e. Cu) photocathodes increases operational lifetime)

back flow of positive ions created during charge amplification to the drift region can lead to significant distortions of electric fields

Graphene has been proposed as selective filter to **suppress** ion back flow while **permitting** electrons to pass:
Good transparency (up to ~99.9%) to very low energy (<3 eV) electrons (?)



Tuning the work function of graphene toward application as anode and cathode, Samira Naghdi, Gonzalo Sanchez-Arriaga, Kyong Yop Rhee, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.06594>

Space charge neutralization by electron-transparent suspended graphene, Siwapon Srisophonpan, Myungji Kim & Hong Koo Kim, [Scientific Reports 4, 3764 \(2014\)](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-014-03764-4)

Metamaterials, 0 / 1 / 2-dimensional materials (quantum dots, nanolayers)

ultra-fast scintillators based on perovskites

chromatic calorimetry (QDs)

active scintillators (QCL, QWs, QDs)

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GEMs (graphene)

Atoms, molecules, ions

Rydberg TPC's

5.3.5

Spin-based sensors

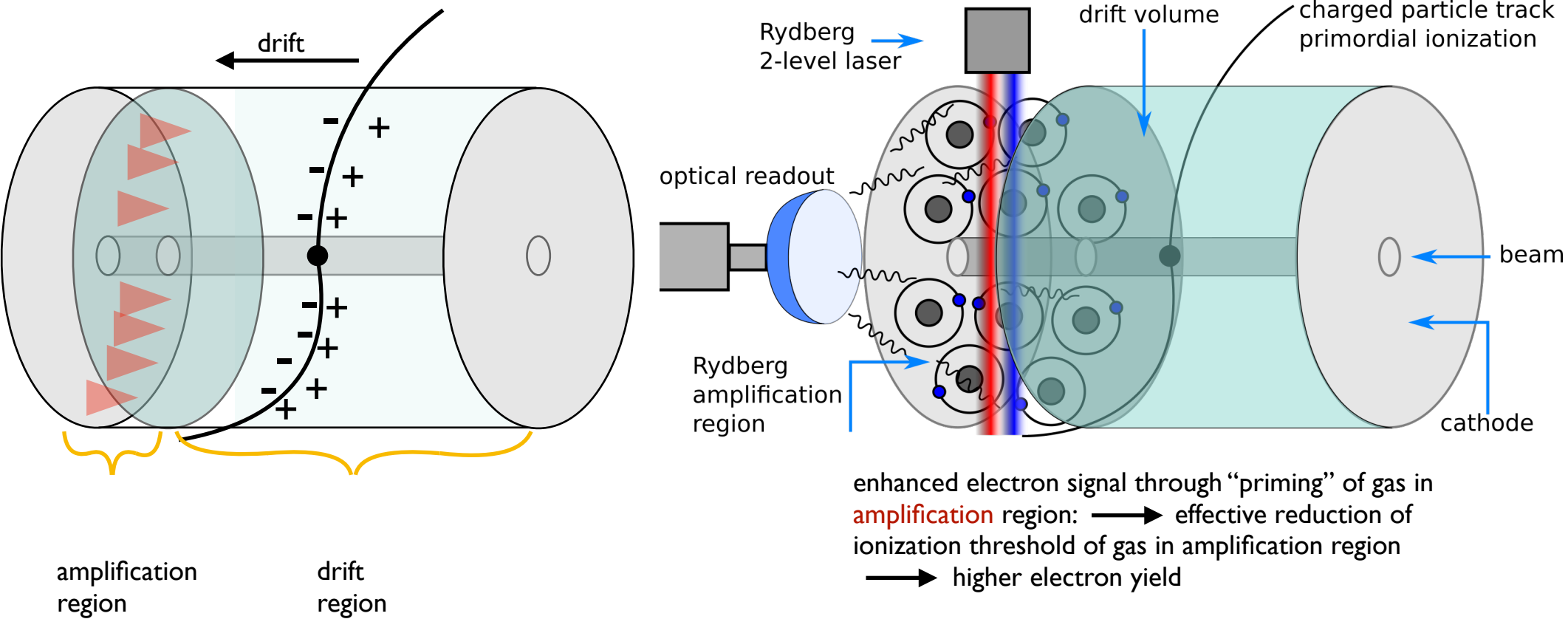
helicity detectors

5.3.3

Rydberg atom TPC's

Georgy Kornakov / WUT

Act on the amplification region



enhanced electron signal through "priming" of gas in amplification region: \longrightarrow effective reduction of ionization threshold of gas in amplification region
 \longrightarrow higher electron yield

Rydberg atoms can serve to up-convert THz / GHz radiation into the optical regime \longrightarrow optical R/O of avalanche intensities

Rydberg atom TPC's

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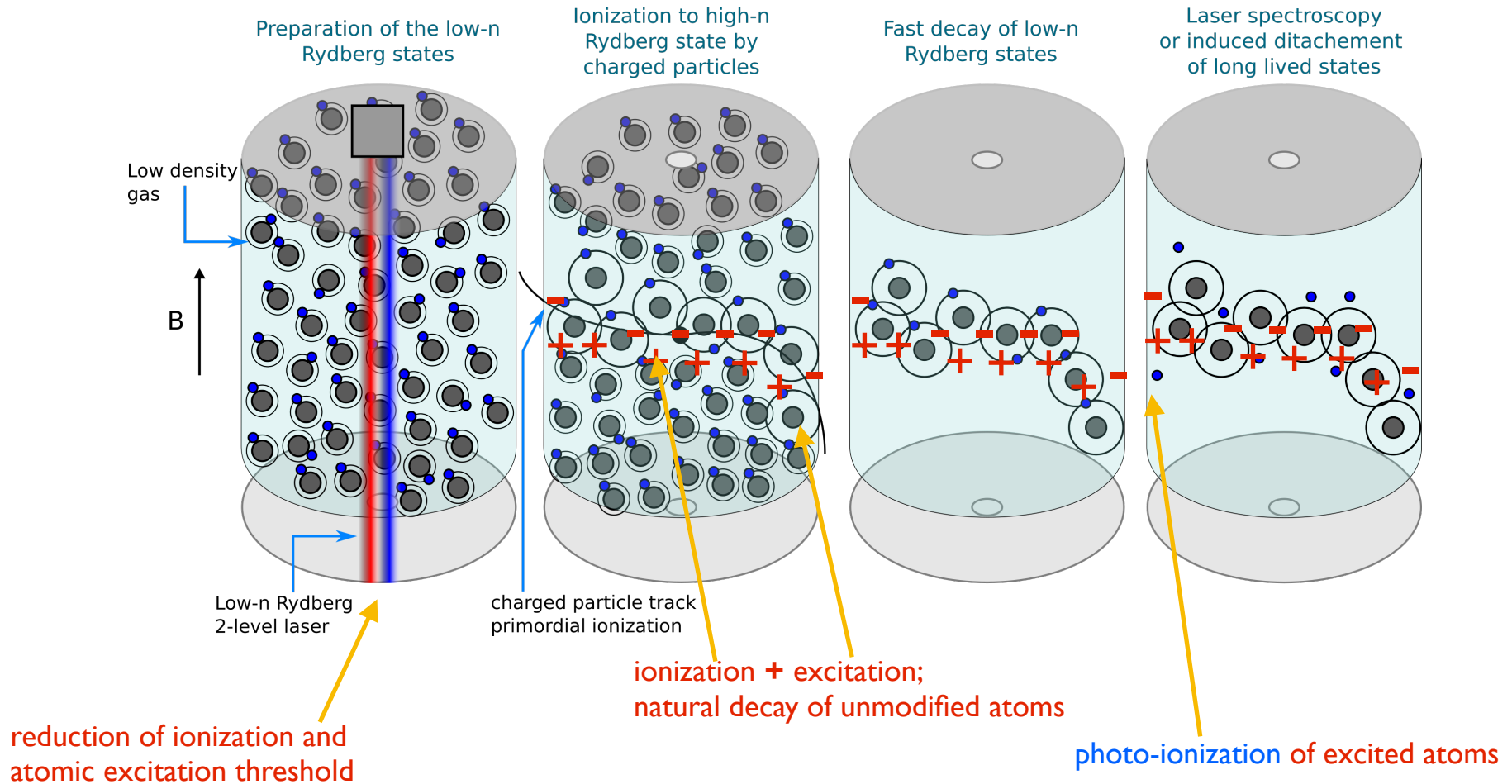
Act on the drift region

principle carries over to drift region:

enhanced electron signal through “priming” of gas in drift region:

effective reduction of ionization threshold of gas in amplification region

increased dE/dx through standard primary ionization + photo-ionization of atoms excited by mip's



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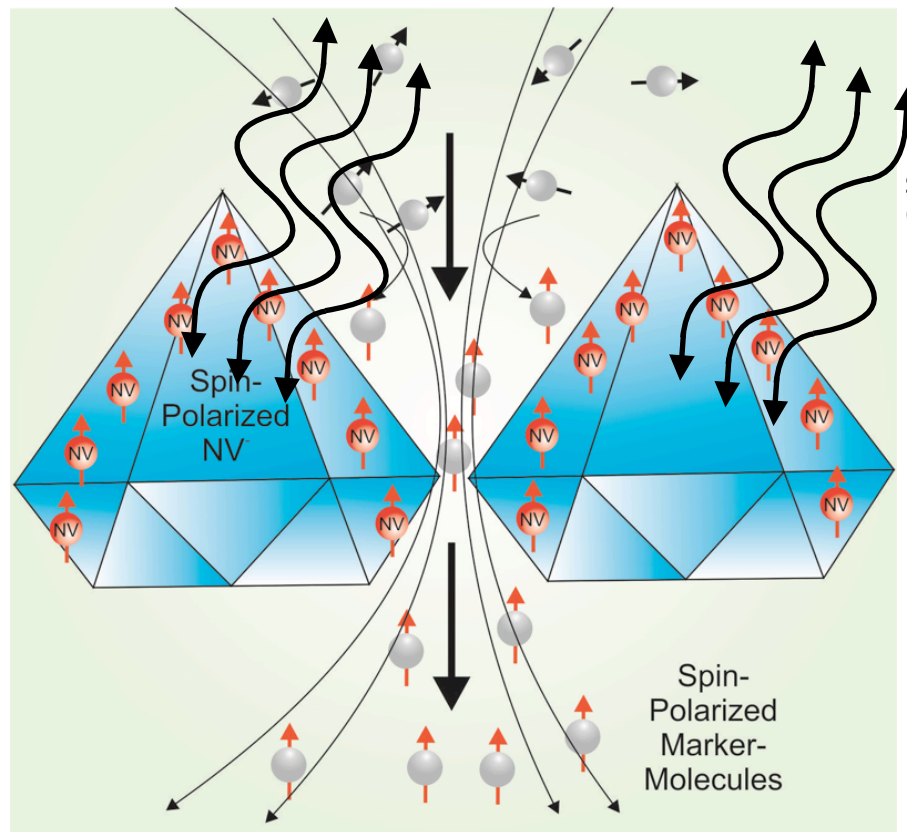
optically polarizable elements: Nitrogen-vacancy diamonds (NVD)

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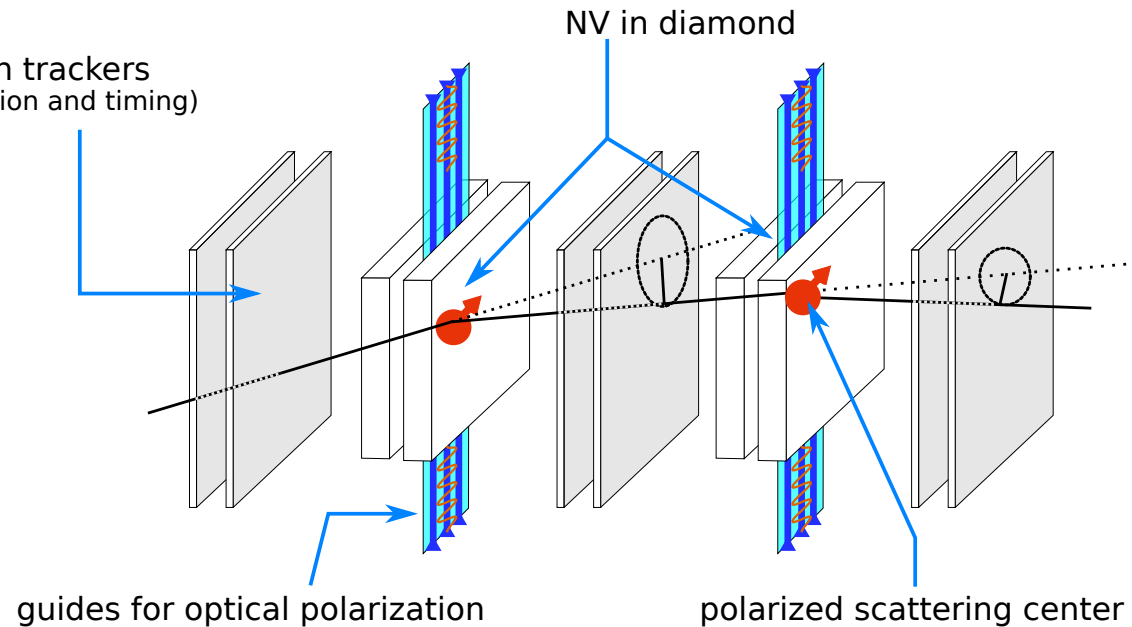
spin-spin scattering for helicity determination: usually with polarized beams and/or polarized targets

introduce polarized scattering planes to extract track-by-track particle helicity

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silicon trackers
(direction and timing)



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https://www.metaboliqs.eu/en/news-events/MetaboliQs_PM_first_year.html

Diamond plates of up to $8 \times 8 \text{ mm}^2$ in size, fabricated by Element Six

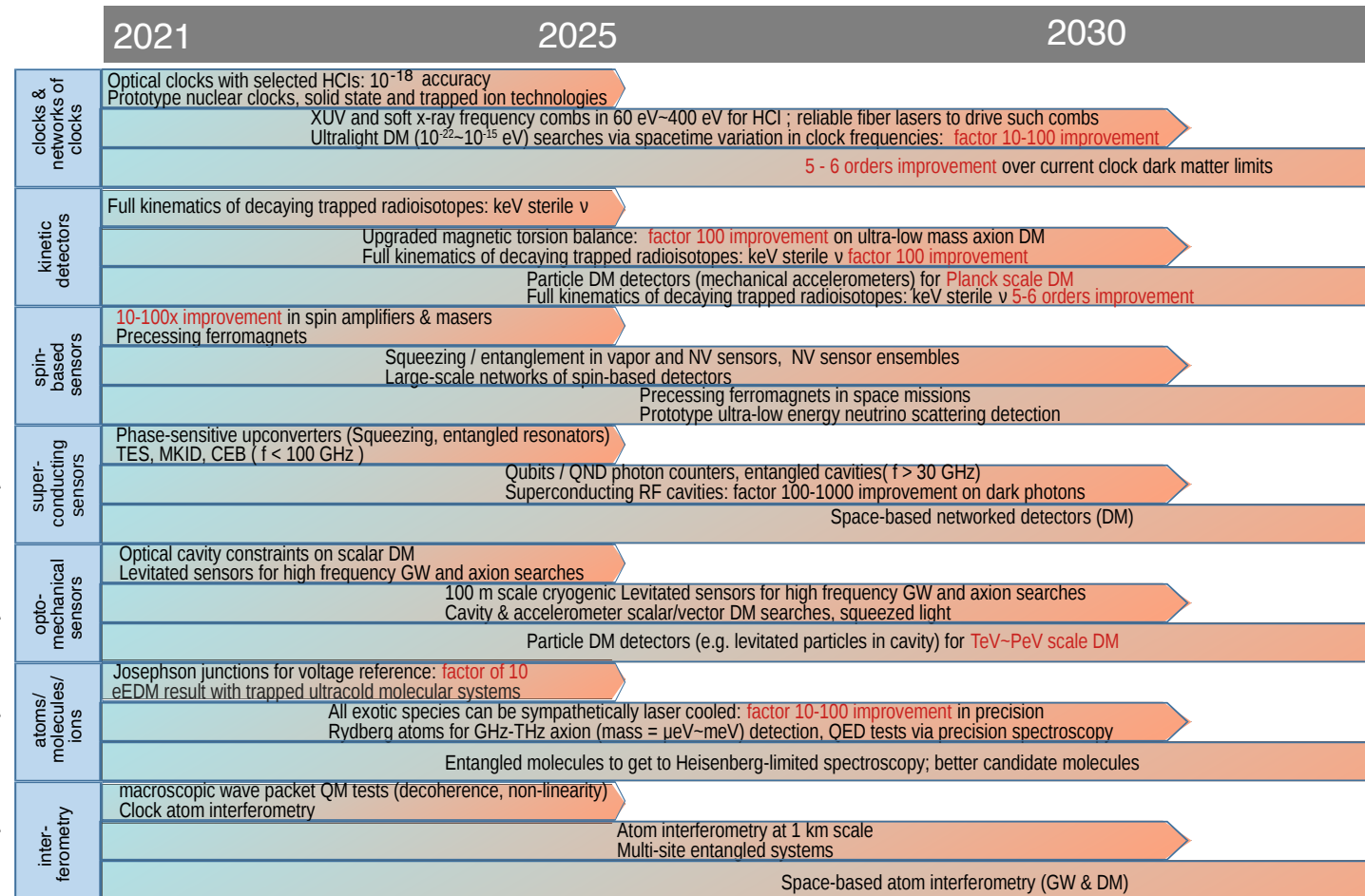
Local and bulk ^{13}C hyperpolarization in nitrogen-vacancy centred diamonds at variable fields and orientations, G. Alvarez et al., *Nature Communications* **6**, 8456 (2015)
<https://www.nature.com/articles/ncomms9456>

What's next?

These potential applications of quantum sensors also in HEP require dedicated R&D to evaluate their potential and feasibility.

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:

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- 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!

thank you!