

## Quantum Sensors Fundamental Physics

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# Quantum Sensors for Fundamental Physics



- Why is this good for all the partners?
- The exciting science will benefit all the partners involved: universities, labs & hubs
- Leverage the current Hubs to bring state of the art sensors to this new application.

There will likely be a tension between performance and “manufacturability” but the Phase II Hubs should be able to deliver research to push performance, and additional support for user communities from STFC that could feed into and benefit from the Hubs activity

- **Why is this good match to the SPF?**
- This is a genuinely new *interdisciplinary* partnership between STFC, EPSRC and other partners
- - so plays well to the UKRI era.

# Wide range of thoughts and deliverables



*Physics Goals*

*Detector development*

*Deliverables*

*Theory*

*Plan*

*Competitiveness*

*Staff internal WP work allocation*

*Benefit to UK and UK Industry*





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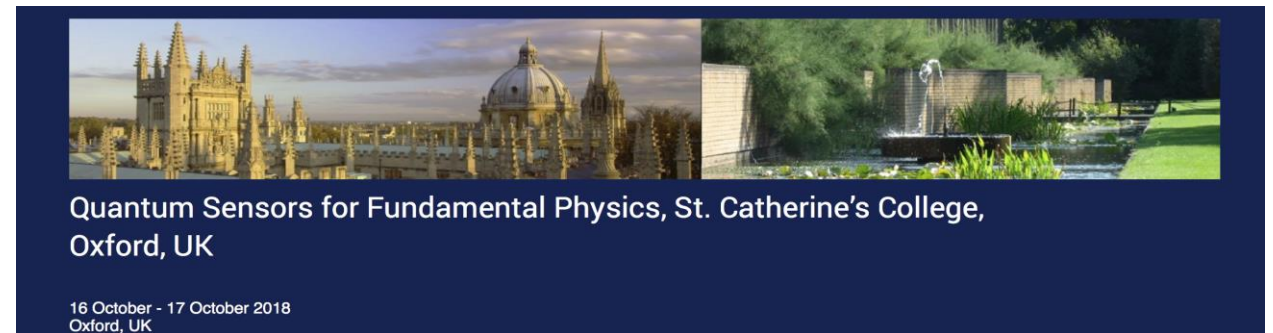


# QSFP - Workshop #1



The workshop had four goals

#1 To survey the extraordinary science opportunities and UK capabilities to exploit this science in a world-class programme



#2 To demonstrate to STFC, EPSRC and UKRI the immense interest in the UK in QSFP

#3 To begin to form teams around key experiments that would be funded by QSFP

#4 To work with STFC and EPSRC on the QSFP bid..

# QSFP: Next Steps +1



**Dec. 2018 Groups self organised and produced outline papers**

There are currently 9 work packages circulated to all in December

Quantum Sensors for Fundamental Physics <https://indico.cern.ch/event/760005/>

16 Oct 2018, 09:00 → 17 Oct 2018, 19:15 Europe/London

Bernard Sunley Room (St. Catherine's College, Oxford)

Ed Daw , Ian Shipsey (University of Oxford (GB)) , Stig Topp-Jorgenson (Oxford)



WP1-qsfp-darkmatt...

WP2-qsfp-MaQS pr...

WP3\_qsfp\_AION-fi...

WP4\_qsfp-neutrino...

WP5\_qsfp-Quantu...

WP6-Quantum-Net...

WP7-5Force-DM-pr...

WP8\_precision-stu...

WP9-LorentzInvari...

## QSFP - Next Steps +2



- The submission into SPF wave 2 was made by STFC/EPSC December 20. This requests the funding to create the QSFP programme (£40M/ 3 years)
- Feedback: The QSFP consortium has been essential to demonstrating the interdisciplinary interest & formation of a community . Without it there would have been no bid to SPF
- If SPF bid is successful (panel has met) will be informed (month, 2019) an open call will be made to the community ~ month+1, 2019 with a deadline of ~Month +(3 or 4) 2019
- QSFP Opportunities Funding from STFC was awarded to build a community and consortium to prepare for the call. Supporting workshops that facilitate formation of teams and proposals around key experiments that would be funded by QSFP.
- We will also appoint a International Review Board of world-leading experts from outside the UK that will review the proposals providing crucial feedback to strengthen them



## QSFP - Next Steps +3



17 January 2019 consortium meeting to hear presentations from each workpackage, cross-fertilise, give feedback, merge if required, last chance of any late-breaking new ideas



Quantum Sensors for Fundamental Physics, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, UK - workshop 2



## Workpackage Summary

1. Hidden Sector Facility
2. Macroscopic Superposition
3. AION
4. Neutrino Mass
5. Simulators
6. Networked Sensors
7. 5<sup>th</sup> Force & Dark Matter
8. Exotic Atoms
9. Lorentz Invariance
10. Collective quantum excitations - new

		WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	WP5	WP6	WP7	WP8	WP9
Aberdeen	1				■					■
Belfast	1		■							
Birmingham	3			■			■			■
Brighton	1					■				
Cambridge	5	■	■	■	■	■				
Cardiff	1		■							
Durham	2						■	■		
Edinburgh	1					■				
Glasgow	2		■			■				
Heriot Watt	1									
Imperial	3		■	■			■			
Kings	2			■			■			
Lancaster	1	■								
Leeds	1		■							
Liverpool	3	■		■					■	
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Newcastle	1					■				
Nottingham	3					■	■	■		
NPL	4	■			■		■			■
Oxford	4	■	■	■	■					
Plymouth	1	■								
RAL	1			■						
RH	2	■	■							
Sheffield	1	■								
Southampton	1		■							
St Andrews	1									
Strathclyde	2	■		■						
Sussex	4	■	■				■	■		
Swansea	2								■	
UCL	6	■	■		■	■	■		■	
Warwick	2		■		■					
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Glasgow, Strathclyde

Aberdeen

St Andrews

Edinburgh, Heriot Watt

Newcastle

Durham

Leeds

Sheffield

Manchester

Nottingham

Cambridge

Oxford

IC, King's, UCL, NPL, RH

Brighton, Sussex

Southampton

Lancaster

Belfast

Liverpool

Birmingham

Warwick

Swansea

Cardiff

RAL

Plymouth

- UK**
- 31 institutes
  - Multiple companies
  - Scientists....







# Quantum Sensors for Hidden Sector Physics



**WP1**



# Quantum Sensors for Hidden Sector Physics



*Decided not to focus on building a specific instrument during the first phase of the project*

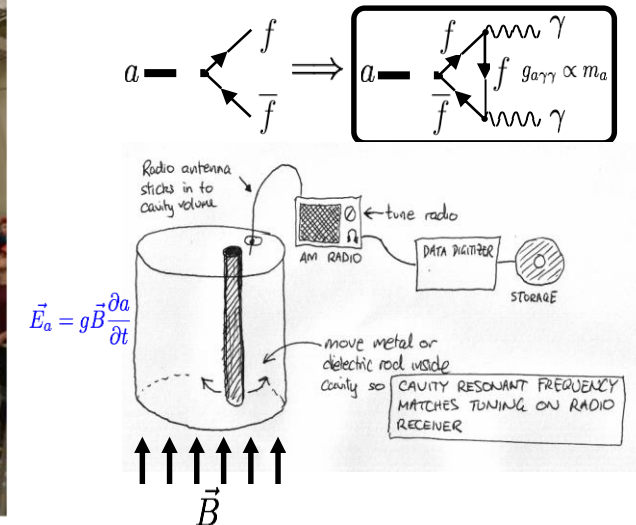
**Yr 1-2:** Build the team and institutional interfaces.  
Develop an optimised science case

**Yr 2-3:** Component technology development -  
superconducting electronics, etc.

**Yr 3:** Complete end-to-end signal-chain  
demonstrations through pathfinder – early science

**Conceptual design study of national facility. Submit a comprehensive proposal.**

Axions



*UK Idea Improve hidden sector searches with feedback resonators arXiv:1805.11523.*



# Macroscopic quantum superpositions for physics beyond the standard model



**WP2**

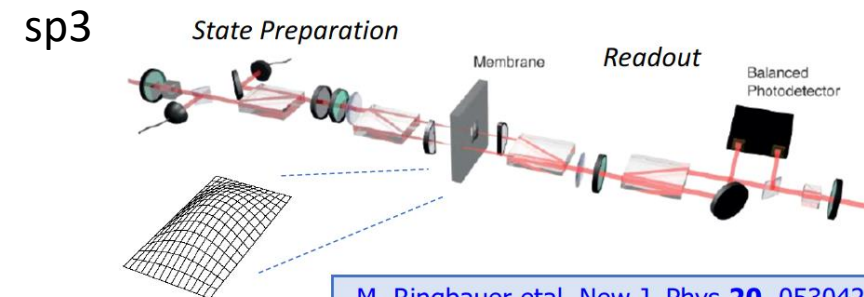
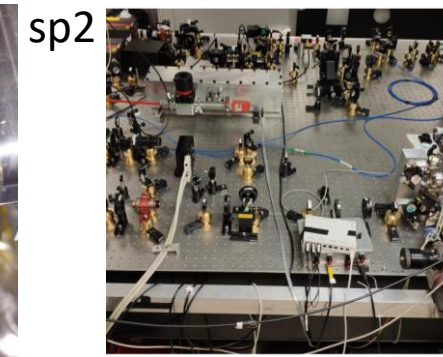
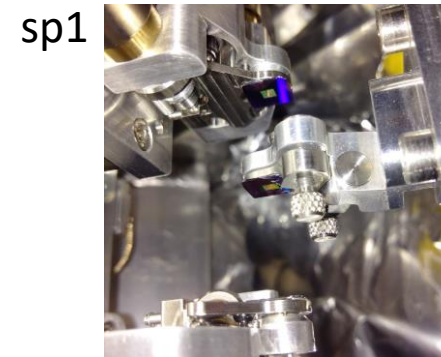
# Macroscopic Superposition

- Subpackage 1: Silica spheres*
- Subpackage 2: Diamonds NV-centres*
- Subpackage 3: Clamped oscillators*
- Subpackage 4: Theory*

- Simulate the proposed experiments
- Dark matter and neutrino detection
- Short-range force tests
- Relativistic effects
- Non-equilibrium mesoscopic quantum mechanics
- Gravitational wave detection

## Strengths:

- Results come with/without spontaneous collapse
- Leverages investment in three QT Hubs
- Many years of work by us to propose this work
- Community already working together



M. Ringbauer et al, New J. Phys **20**, 053042 (2018)

AION



WP3

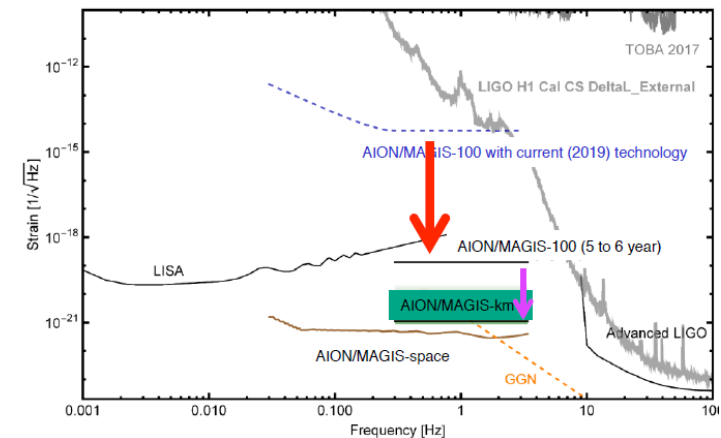


# AION

- Atomic Interferometric Observatory Network (AION) in the UK
  - Ultralight ( $<1$  eV) dark matter searches
  - gravitational waves in the mid-frequency band
- Networked with MAGIS
  - a'la LIGO and VIRGO



**Illustrative Example:**  
Network could be further extended or arranged differently



*WG-Physics: Theory and Analysis*

*WG-AION-10: 10 m interferometer*

*WG-MAGIS: Collaboration with the Fermilab program*

*WG-AION-100: Site Planning & Preparation*

*WG-AION-Upgrades: reaching the ultimate sensitivity*





# Quantum Sensors for Neutrino Mass

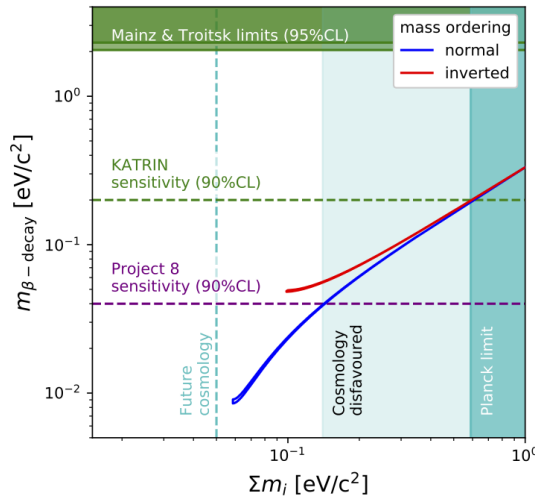


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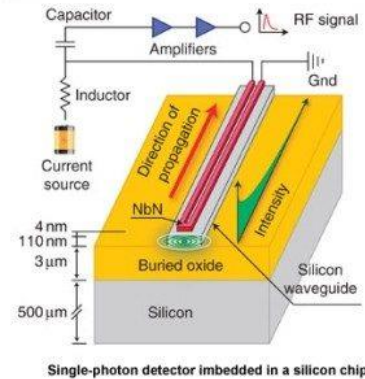
# Neutrino Mass



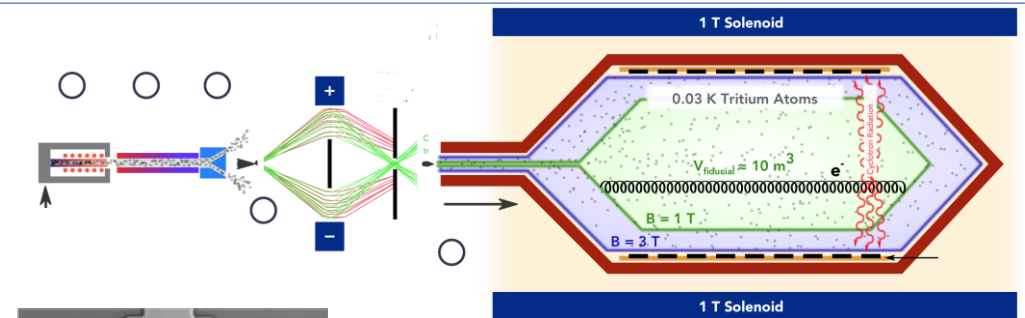
*Guaranteed observation*  
*Deliverable: trapping  $10^{20}$  D/T atoms*  
*Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectroscopy*  
*Beyond Bolometers (det. dev.)*



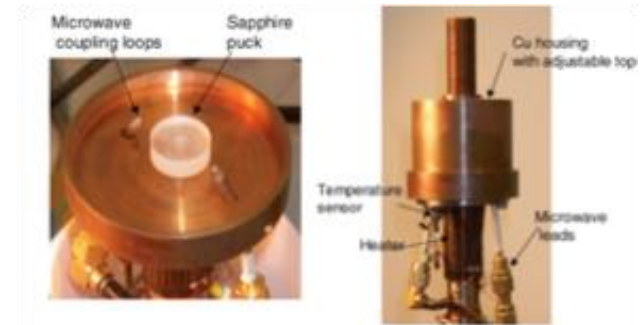
Sensitivity to 9mev

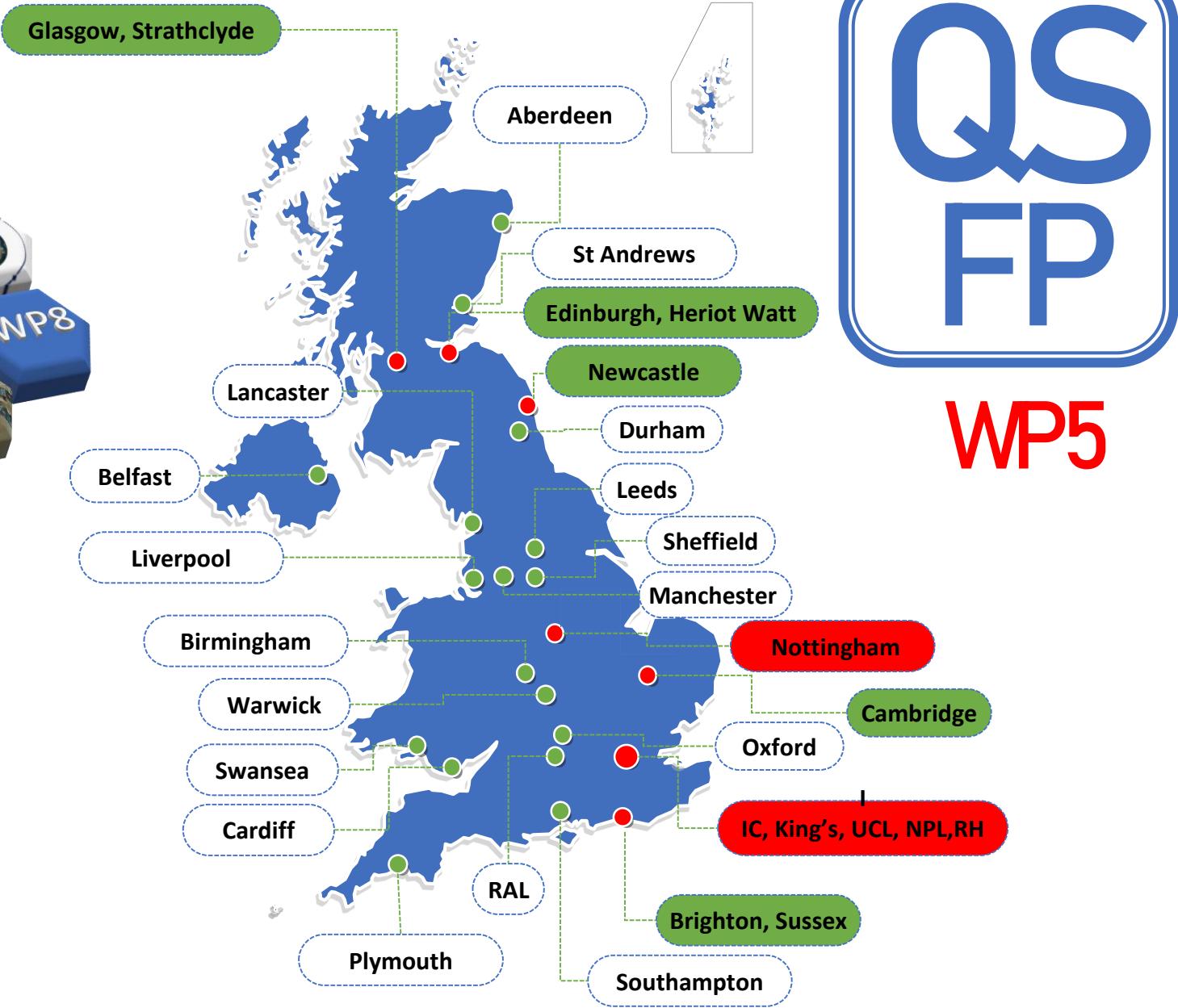


Nanowire



bolometers





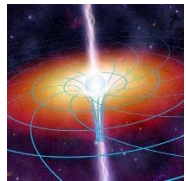
# Quantum Simulators of Fundamental Physics

# Simulators

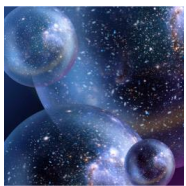


*Deeping our understanding of dynamics of the early universe and black holes*

*Bose-Einstein Condensates, superfluid Helium and optical systems.*



2-component Bose-Einstein cond. in 2D box trap: under development (Cambridge)



Superfluid Helium 4 bathtub vortex flow (Nottingham, UK). Proof of principle under construction.



Black holes



Space-time



Vacuum

**Our approach: to study these processes in theory & experiment in analogue quantum simulators**





# Networked Sensors



**WP6**



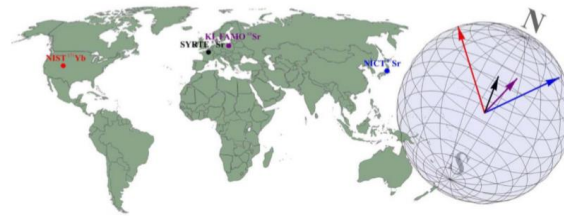
# Networked Sensors



*“Each node/element will deliver disruptive results in the search for variations in fundamental constants, Lorentz symmetry breaking, new forces, tests of the equivalence principle”*



Magnetometers (GNOME)  
[<https://budker.uni-mainz.de/gnome/>]



Optical atomic clocks  
[Science Advances 4, eaau4869 (2018)]

*“assemble a new tool” to enable completely new capabilities*

Deliverables	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Measure frequency ratios between existing Yb <sup>+</sup> , Sr and Cs clocks						
Build a cold HCI setup						
Sm <sup>14+</sup> spectroscopy						
Cold HCI clock						
Build a molecular ion clock						
Measurement of the vibrational spectrum of molecular nitrogen ion						
Frequency comparison with the molecular ion clock and calcium ion clock						
Build a continuously running optical lattice clock						
Launch ultracold molecules into a fountain and demonstrate 300ms coherence time						
Drive vibrational transition in ultracold molecules						
Frequency comparison campaigns with EU partners						
National and international fibre link comparison						
Build a (K,Rb) <sup>+</sup> (Xe,Ne) co-magnetometer						
Build a (Cs,Rb) <sup>+</sup> (He,Xe) co-magnetometer						
Build an unscreened magnetometer						
Installation and integration with UK and GNOME networks						
Magnetometer measurement campaigns (National and international)						
Build a clock-interferometer						
Build an atom interferometer with test mass						
Develop advanced interferometric schemes						
Interferometer measurement campaigns						
Build a light-through-the-wall experiment						
Set up the control system and automatic alignment system						
CFP local network measurement campaigns						
Correlated national networks measurement campaigns						
Preparation of the fibre link, acquisition of satellite kits						
Implementation of national networks and link to global networks						
Implementation of correlated networks						



# Searches for a Fifth Force and Dark Matter Using Precision Atomic Spectroscopy



**WP7**

# 5<sup>th</sup> force + ...

$$Z \frac{\alpha}{r} \rightarrow Z \frac{\alpha}{r} + \frac{y_i y_j e^{-m_\phi r}}{4\pi r} \quad \text{Yukawa potential}$$



## WP7: Programme of Work (Years 1 – 3)

Experiments

### Sussex (Keller)

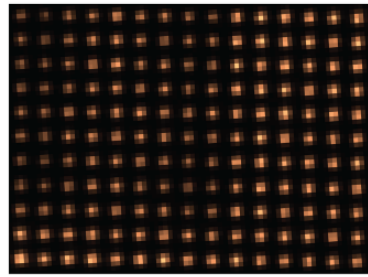


Two Ca<sup>+</sup> ion clocks. Compare for isotope shifts

Deliverables

- A second Ca<sup>+</sup> ion clock.
- Measure relative isotope shift of the  $^2S_{1/2} \rightarrow ^2D_{5/2}$  transition between  $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ ,  $^{42}\text{Ca}^+$ ,  $^{44}\text{Ca}^+$  and  $^{48}\text{Ca}^+$  at Hz level.
- **Constraints within 3 years.**

### Durham (Jones/Adams)



Rydberg spectroscopy on Sr atom tweezer array

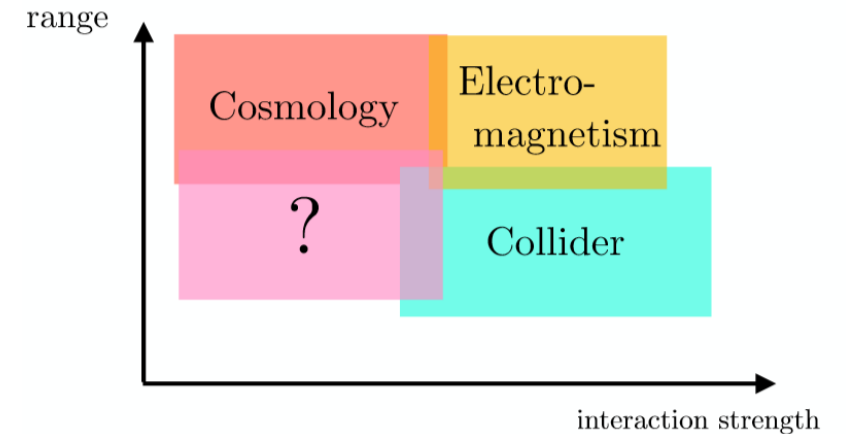
- Absolute frequencies of Sr Rydberg states,  $n = 35-100$  with  $<1$  kHz accuracy ( $>10^3$  increase over state of art).
- Testbed for methods to control statistical and systematic errors for other experiments.
- **Constraints within**

### Durham (Carty/Jones/Adams)



Rydberg spectroscopy on ultracold H/D-atom fountain

- Investigate H/D + Li collisions for sympathetic cooling H/D to  $\mu\text{K}$ .
- Develop set up for precision Rydberg spectroscopy of H/D atoms





# Fundamental Physics with exotic atoms



**WP8**



# Exotic Atoms



## Antihydrogen

trapping efficiency will go up by an order of magnitude,

*never been a better time to support this field*

## Positronium...

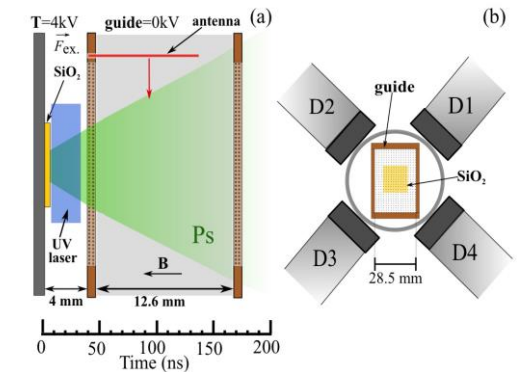
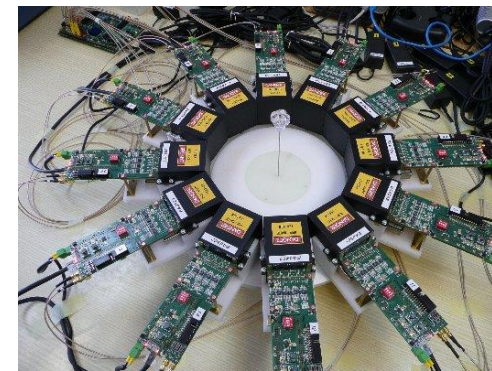
Production of slower focused beams [via Rydberg Stark deceleration/manipulation methods]

Construction of new detector(s)

Integration of Rydberg He spectroscopy into Ps experiments for high precision field characterization  
Spectroscopic measurements of energy intervals and Rydberg constant

Demonstration of Rydberg Ps interference effects

“up or down” measurement of Ps gravity



New detector system for positronium



**WP9**

# Lorentz Invariance Space Test

# Lorentz invariance in Space

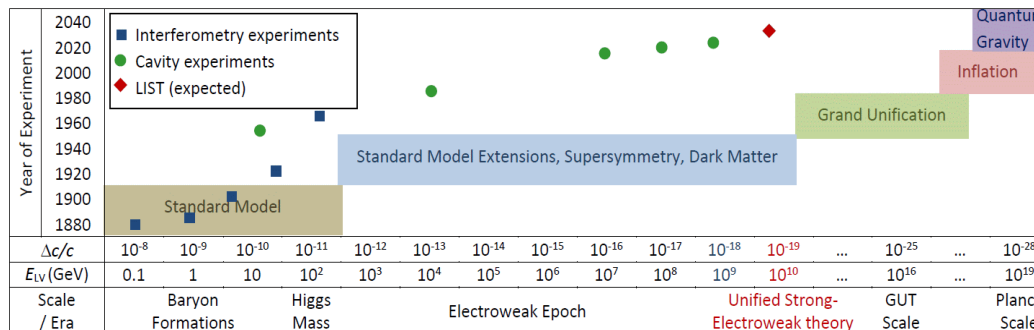
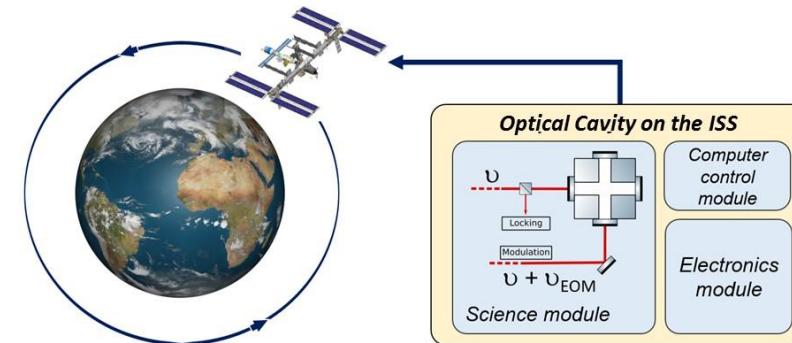


*A Michelson-Morley-type of experiment in microgravity*

LIST: 1<sup>st</sup> of kind

Earth-bound experiments limited

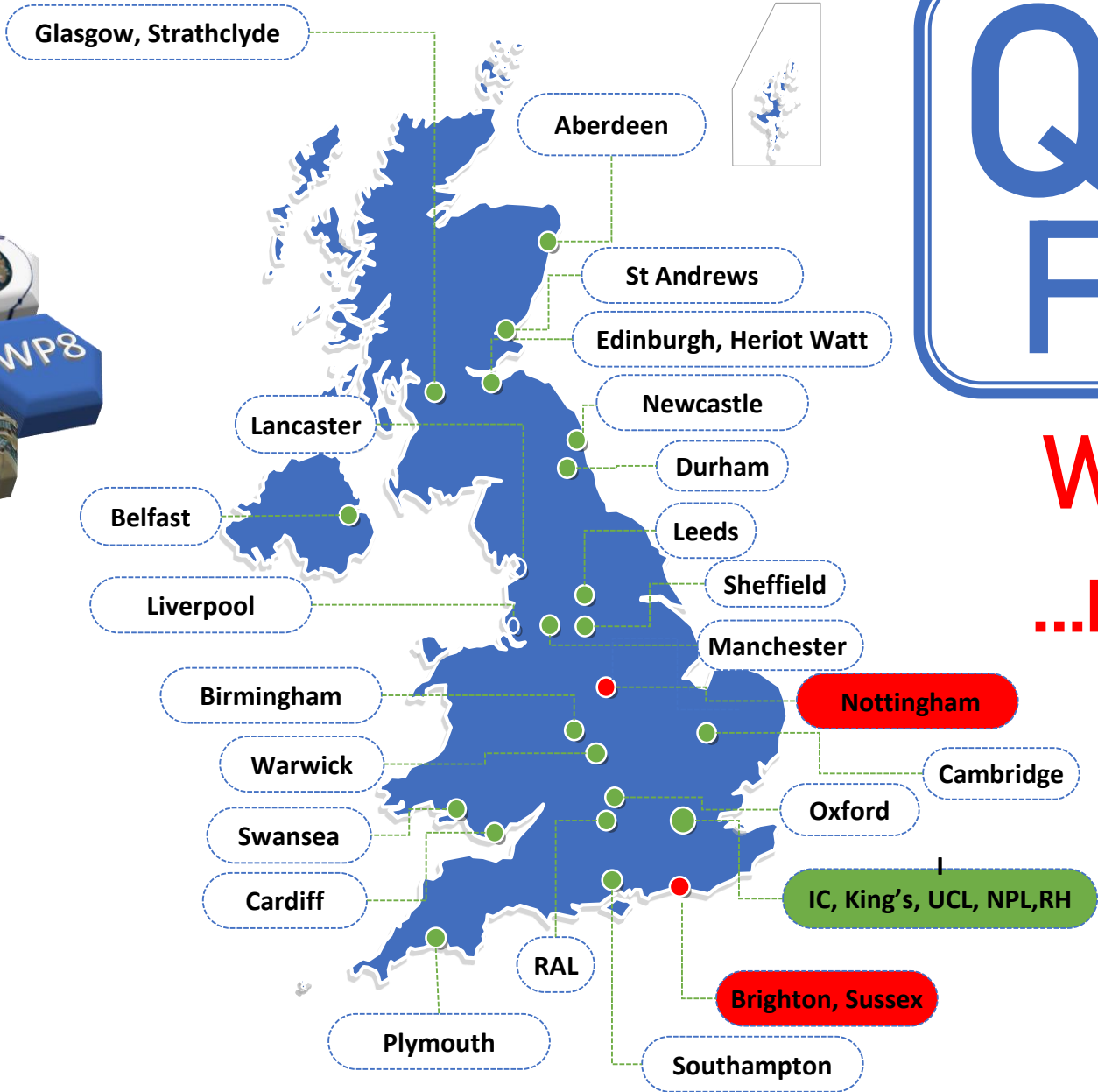
LIST aim is to **improve precision by an order of magnitude**



	[ k€ ]	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	SUM
Design & Build phase		1,403	1,939					3,341
Qualification & pre-Launch				926				926
Launch & Data analysis					296	216	206	718
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>4,985</b>



Collective quantum excitations as quantum sensors

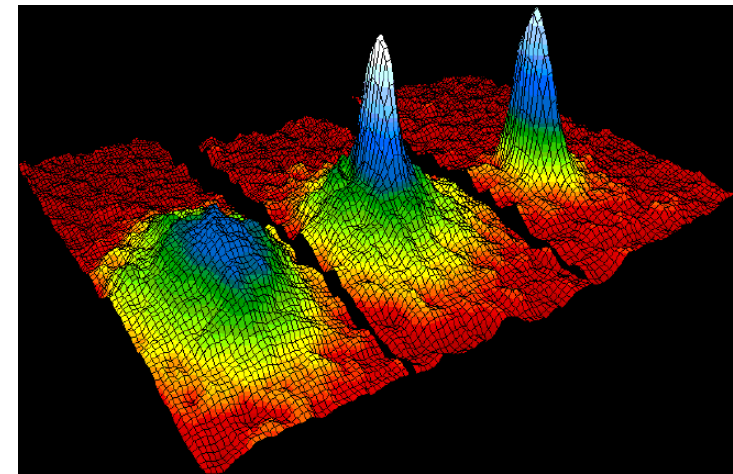


**WP10**  
**...new**



# Collective quantum excitations as quantum sensors

- screened scalar fields
  - high-frequency gravitational waves
  - gravimetry and gradiometry
1. Phonic field measurement to provide info on the temp of system
  2. quantum dots as temp sensors
  3. Build a BEC with quantum dots inside



## Next Steps ++



- End April 2018 - Draft workpackages due for review by IRB
- End May 2018 - Final workpackages due for review by IRB, formal costings initiated
- don't yet know terms of funding call, possible the value of individual proposals may be capped. In that event, WPs would go into the bid as standalone proposals
  - If there is no cap, we have the option to submit as a consortium.
  - In which case a group of volunteers will be charged with developing wider aspects of proposal including metadata & coordinating with STFC/EPSC towards submission
- Either way in May consortium meeting to review/sign off the proposal(s)
- Mid- June proposal(s) submission
  - of course no requirement to work within the QSFP framework but benefits are clear
- It is an open call (that is appropriate!), will be bids from outside the consortium

# Update on Funding



As of Feb 26 the situation as described by Mark Thomson (Executive Chair STFC) is:

"In the event that QSFP were recommended for funding, there are other steps, potentially including BEIS clearance of the recommended SPF programme. This means that the timeline for announcement of the outcomes of the SPF bids is not completely clear."

Updates since have been unchanged, then on March 18:

"You should hear something shortly. Either way, we are likely to have to wait for ministerial clearance before any announcement."

Note added by us as a guide: if the announcement came at the end of March, the open call may be made in April and the deadline to submit proposals would be 2 -3 months later so June or July. Clearly this is only speculation on our part at this stage.

## Review Board



- International Review Board (IRB): WP leaders identified world-leading experts from outside the UK that to review the proposals providing crucial feedback to strengthen them.
- IRB being set up now.
- Webpage - <http://qsfp-uk.org/> ready by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April
- QSFP School – aiming for a week in late September to cover all aspects of experimental & theoretical QSFP work from International experts



# Summary



- In the US the QSFP interface area acts as a major attractor for creative, original young experimentalists and theorists. We believe this will be true in the UK as well. The programme will be world-leading, and highly complementary to the US programme and those of other nations
- In this competitive area it is important to quickly develop the community that can launch the proposed programme. To do this expeditiously it will build on expertise, selected existing activities within the UK and exploitation of existing resources.
- As the EPSRC, STFC and Space communities come together, and working with the quantum hubs, and NPL and US partners we anticipate entirely new and exciting science will emerge.