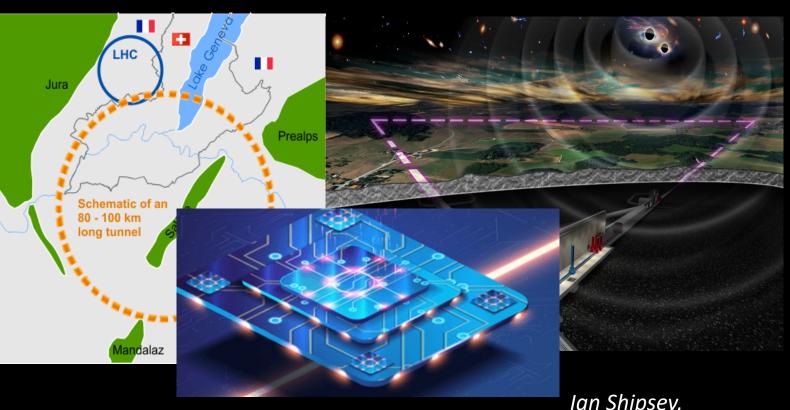
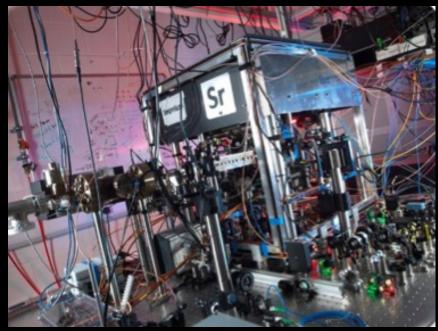
Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics

The Science & The Quantum Technologies Landscape





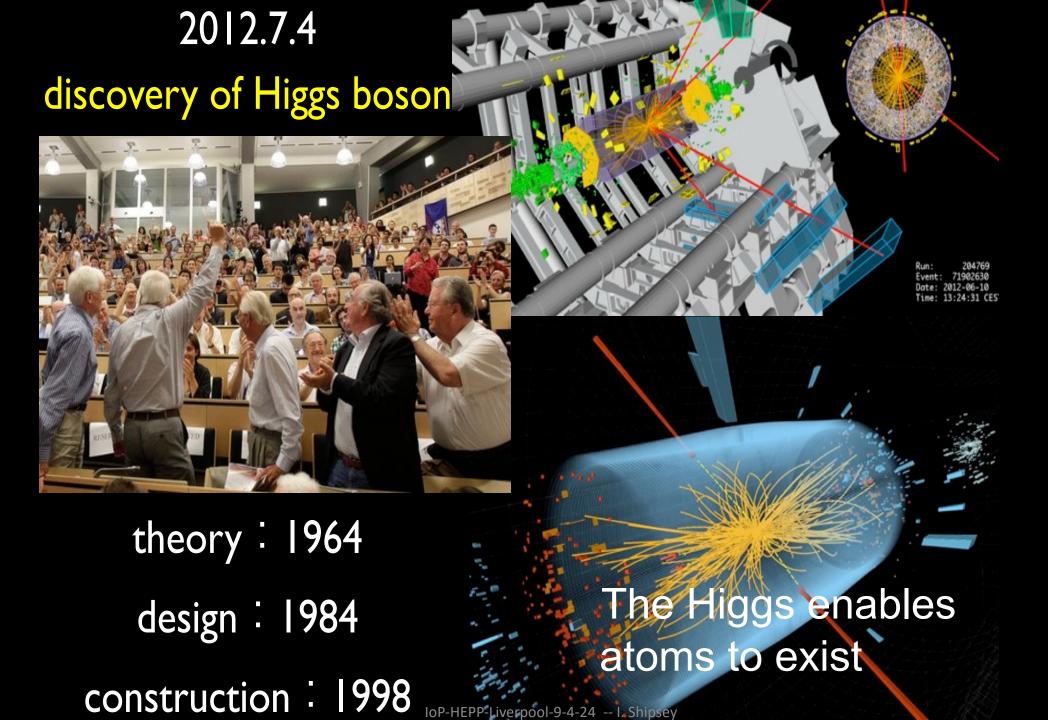
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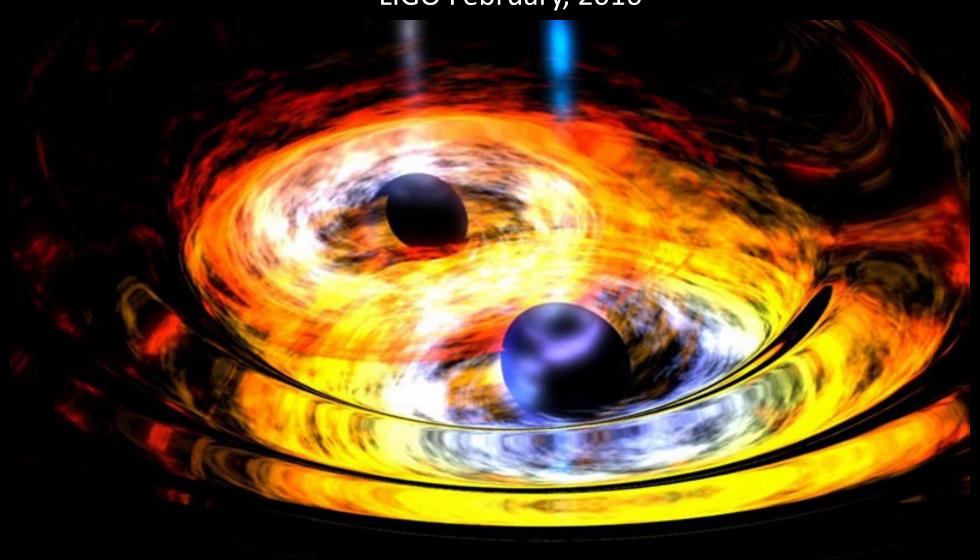


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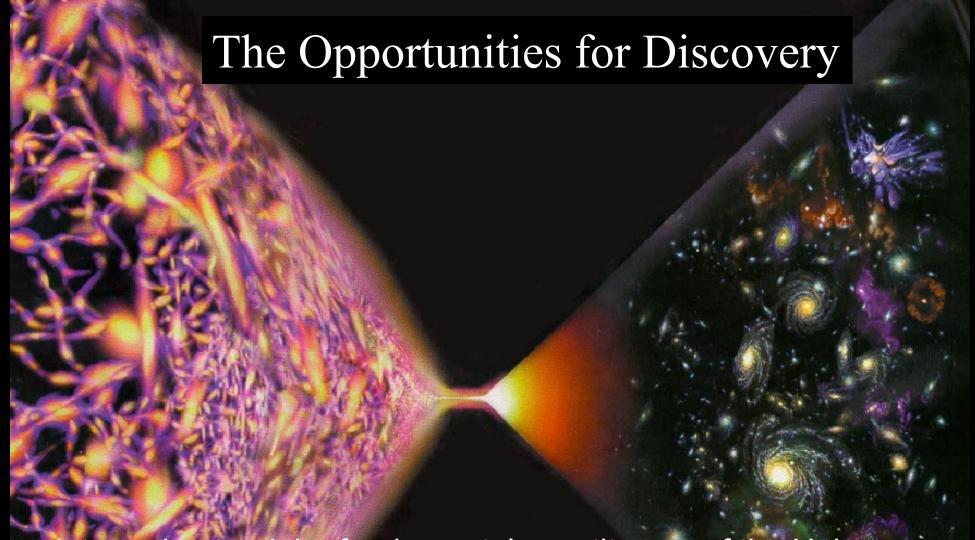


Detection of gravitational waves LIGO February, 2016



The Opportunities for Discovery

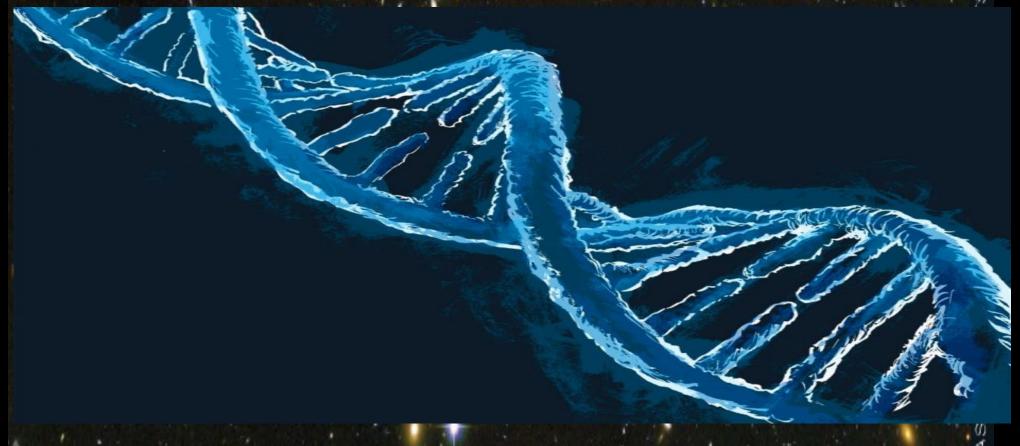
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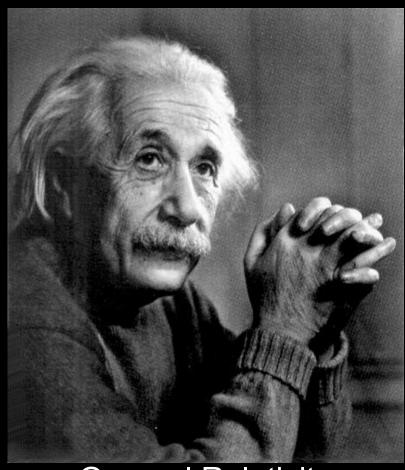
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Physics has revolutionized human understanding of the Universe – its underlying code, structure and evolution



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General Relativity



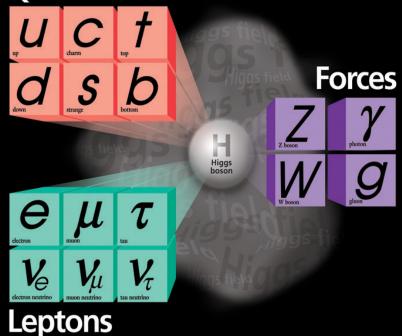
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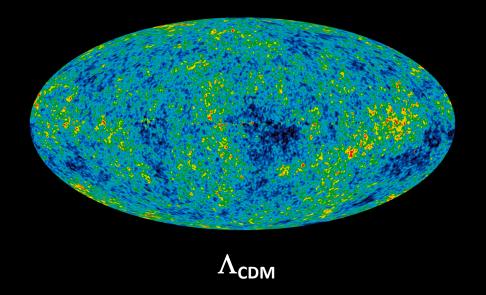
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Particle Standard Model

Cosmology Standard Model

Quarks





.....enabled by instrumentation

APPEC ECFA NuPECC



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

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

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



Opportunities for Discovery

Many mysteries to date go unanswered including:

The mystery of the Higgs boson

The mystery of Neutrinos

The mystery of Dark Matter

They mystery of Dark Energy

The mystery of quarks and charged leptons

The mystery of Matter – anti-Matter asymmetry

The mystery of the Hierarchy Problem

The mystery of the Families of Particles

The mystery of Inflation

The mystery of Gravity

Multiple theoretical solutions – experiment must guide the way

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

New tools:

e.g. the HL-LHC upgrades &

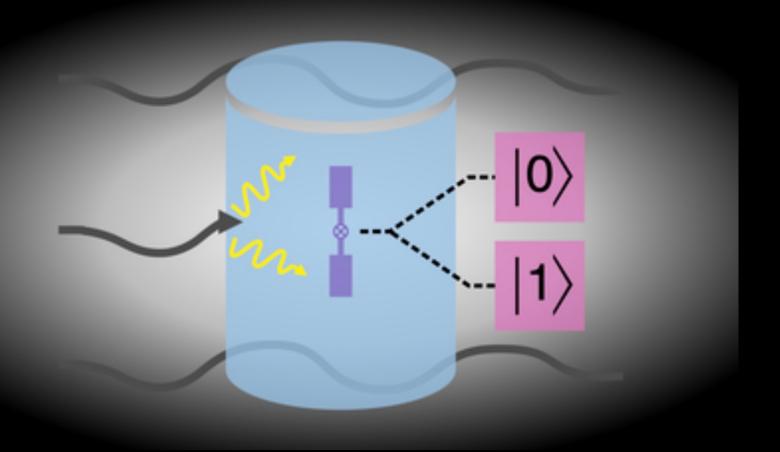
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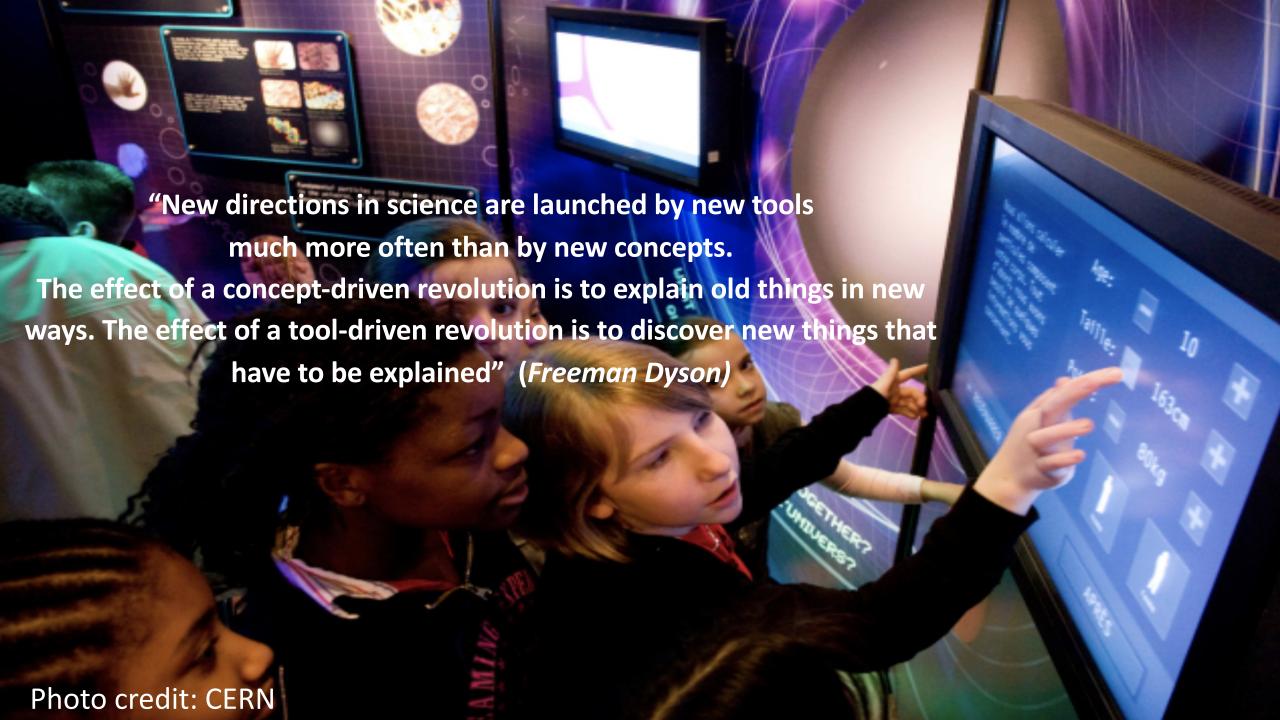


Only ~4% of the complete LHC/ HL-LHC data set has been delivered to date

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

New tools e.g. Qubits as cameras







Discoveries in particle physics

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

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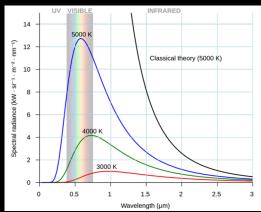
precision instruments are key to discovery when exploring new territory

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

Quantum 1.0



Blackbody Radiation

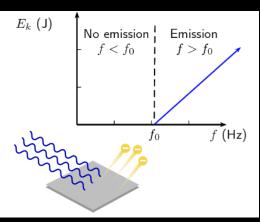
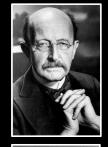


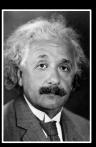
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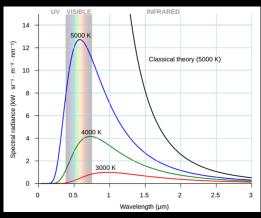








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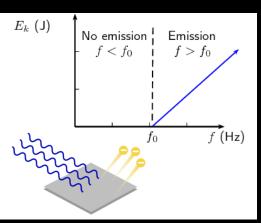
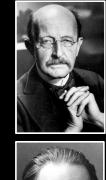


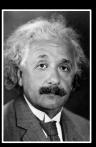
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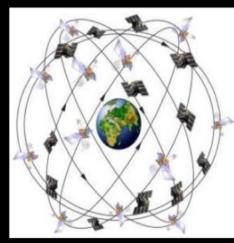
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Laser Technology



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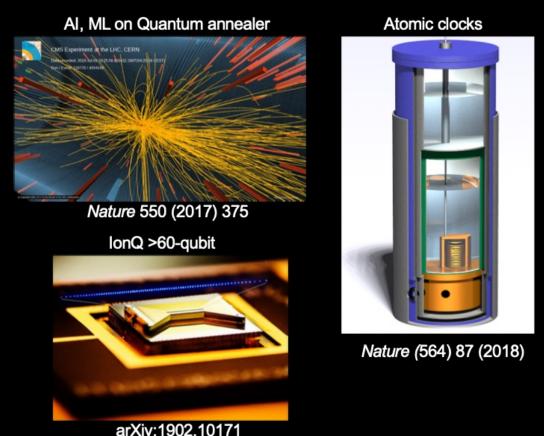
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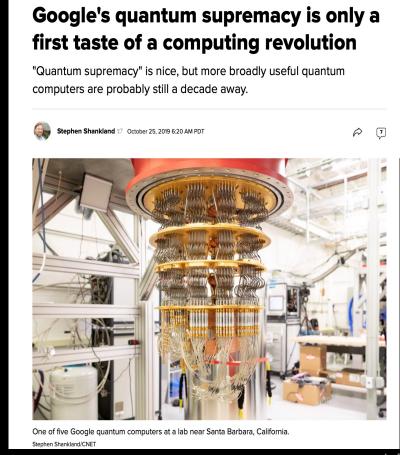
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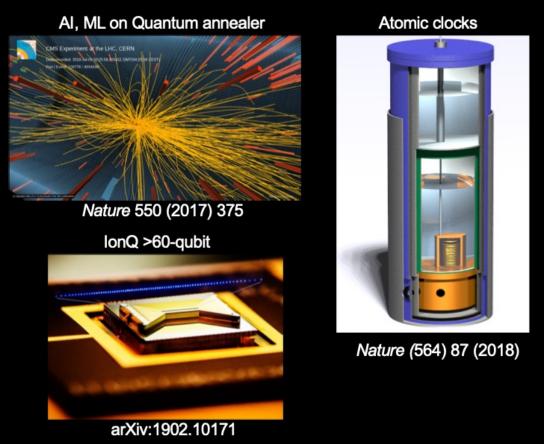
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Quantum 2.0



"Nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you'd better make it quantum mechanical," Feynmann (1981).

You can approximate nature with a simulation on a classical computer, but Feynman wanted a quantum computer that offers the real thing, a computer that "will do exactly the same as nature,"

Drug Design, protein folding, Black Holes.....

What if?

Quantum Internet

Quantum Artificial Neural Network

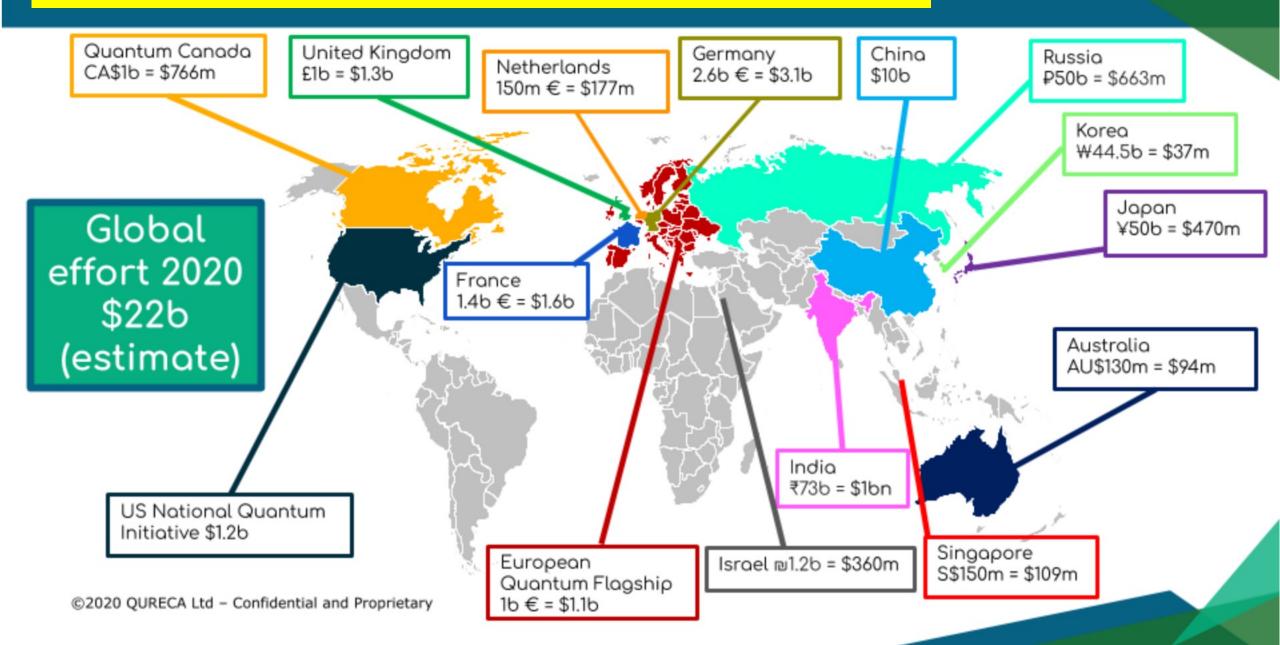
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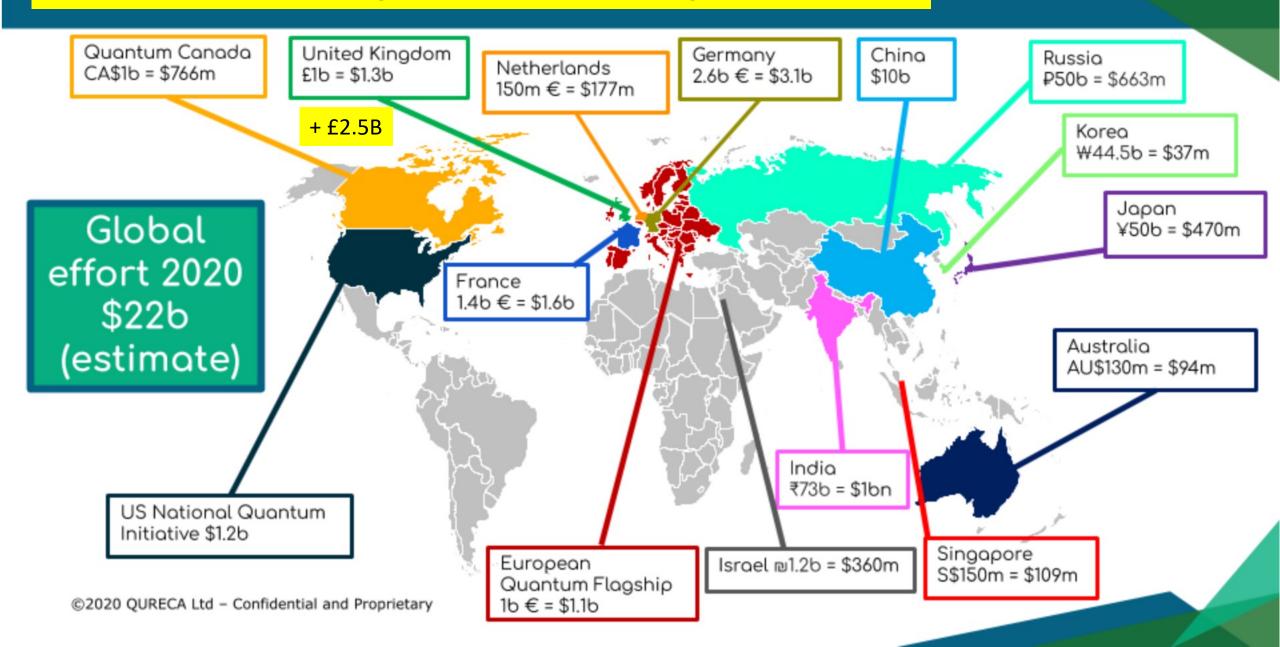
Quantum enabled searches for dark matter

Quantum Gravity

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Quantum Metrology Institute £30M

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Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics (QTFP) £40M

New Ideas

Attracting worldwide talent

Internationally leading science across 7 projects

National Quantum Computing Centre £93M



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History of QTFP

July 2018 Idea presented to STFC

October 2018 Opportunities grant: Quantum Sensors for Fundamental Physics (QSFP) and Society awarded

Oct 2018/Jan 2019 QSFP Community workshops

September 2019 First Call announced

January 2020 QSFP 1st School

January 2021 Successful proposals announced

November 2021 QTFP

presence at NQTP Showcas

QSFP UK Institutions

September 2022

ICTS, King's, UCL, NPL,RI-

Successful second call proposals announced

March 2019 Business case approved UKRI SPF

Quantum projects launched to solve the universe's mysteries

The first Quantum Sensors for Fundamental Physics Community Workshop

Engineering and

Physical Sciences

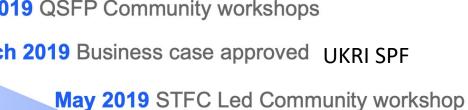
Research Council











QTFP Objectives

 Establish a new community to exploit quantum technology for fundamental physics. Generating research outputs deemed excellent by international peer review

- Position the UK as a first rank nation in the scientific exploitation of quantum technology for physics applications
- Become an active player in the National Quantum Technology Programme (NQTP)
- Create the opportunity in the UK for new patents, new products and start-up companies as a result of developing new or improved equipment that will be needed to support the scientific work programme

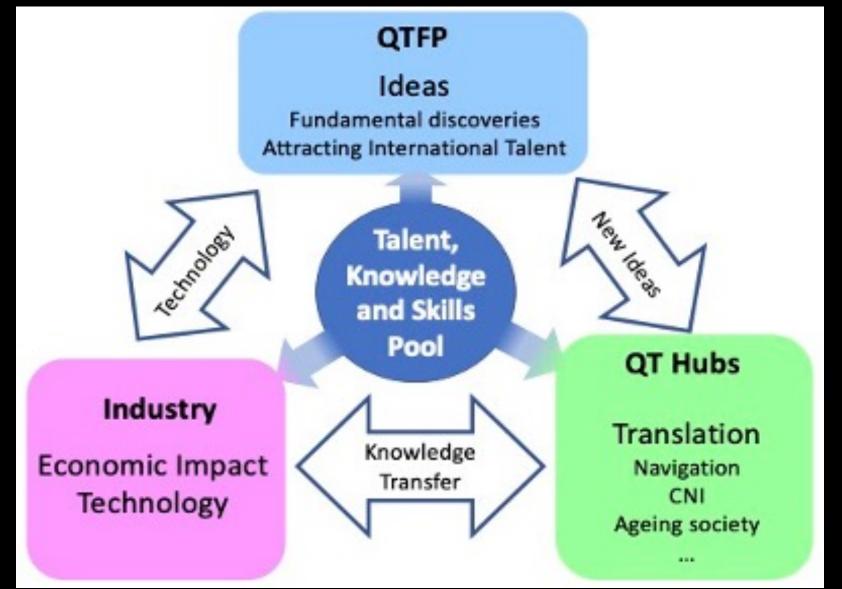
A QTFP virtuous circle





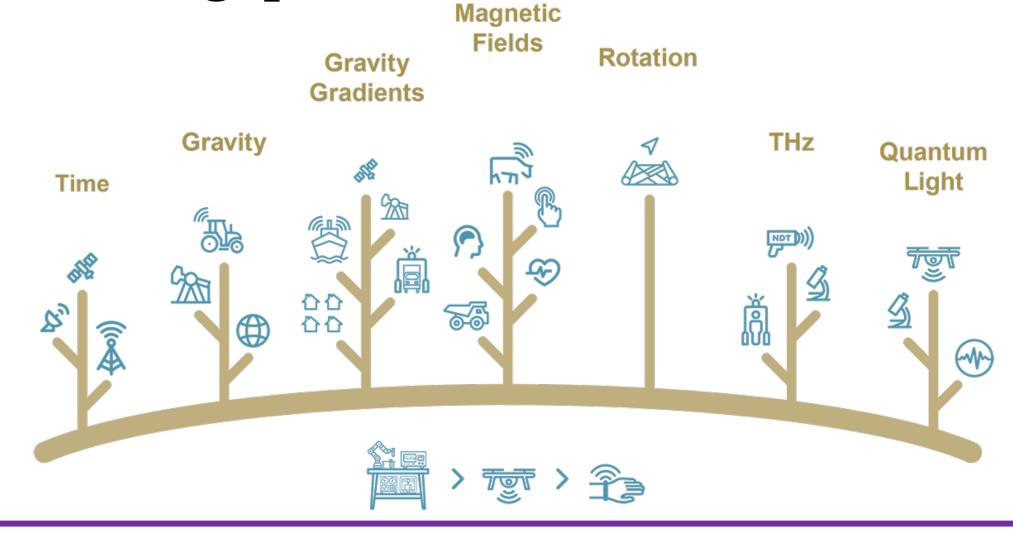


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Translating quantum sensors





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

QTFP is building a new community of EPSRC and STFC Scientists

There are 7 QTFP projects. Inherently interdisciplinary AMO, CMP, QIS Particle, Astro. A magnet of ECRs and students.

Funding: February, 2021 – March, 2025

Scale: 101 faculty/scientists, 66 PDRA, 11 Engineers and technicians, 5

administrative staff and 32 PhD students (funded from other sources)

- 220 people, 15 UK universities & national labs.

Each project has built its own collaboration, including formal working agreements with some of the best overseas scientific teams















Quantum-enhanced Interferometry for new physics

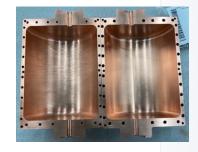
Principal investigator: Harmut Grote





Quantum sensors for the hidden sector

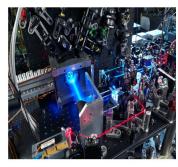
Principal investigator: Ed Daw





A network of clocks for measuring the stability of fundamental constants

Principal investigator: Giovanni Barontoni



Strontium optical lattice clock experiment

AION

A UK atom interferometer observatory and network

Principal investigator: Oliver Buchmuller





Quantum enhanced superfluid technologies for dark matter and cosmology

Principal investigator: Andrew Casey



Nuclear demagnetisation experiment



Determination of absolute neutrino mass using quantum technologies

Principal investigator: Ruben Saaykan



<u>QSimFP</u>

Quantum simulators for fundamental physics

Principal investigator: Silke Weinfurtner



7 main projects (2020) 17 smaller projects (2022)

IoP-HEPP-Liverpool-9-4

International Partnerships

QTFP provides an opportunity for increasing international cooperation

- Atom Interferometry Observatory and Network (MAGIS) Fermilab)
- Determination of Absolute Neutrino Mass Using Quantum Project 8
- Quantum Sensors for the Hidden Sector ADMX
- Quantum Enhanced Interferometry for New Physics Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY), Germany as well as collaborators across the US
- QSNET Max-Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics, Germany
- Quantum Simulators for Fundamental Physics project partners in Canada, Germany and Austria
- QUEST DMC projects partners in US





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

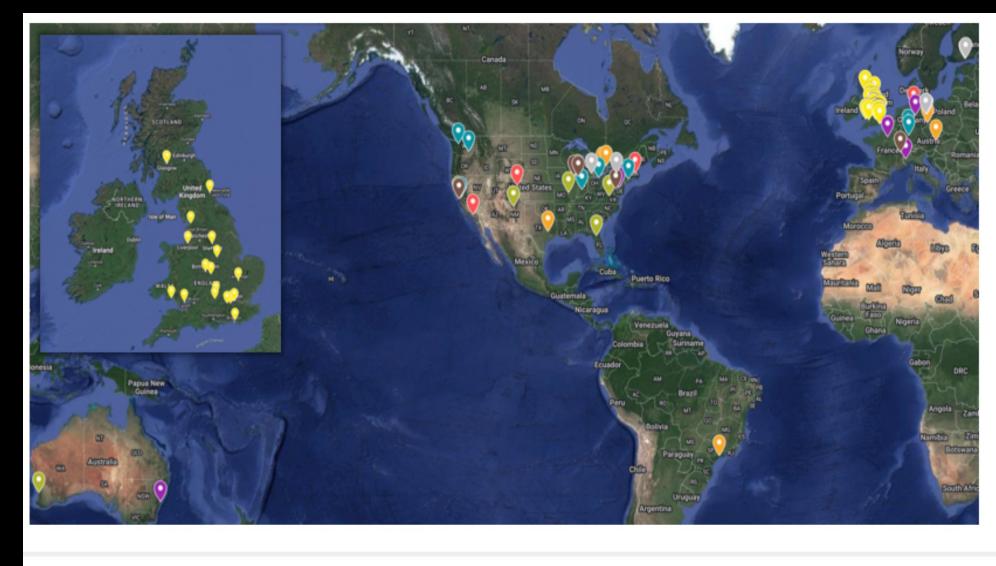


Fig. 2 – International groups collaborating with QTFP: UK Organizations (yellow), and International Partners of QSimFP (orange), QI (red), QSNET (purple), QSHS (green), QTNM (turquoise), AION (brown) and QUEST-DMC (gray).

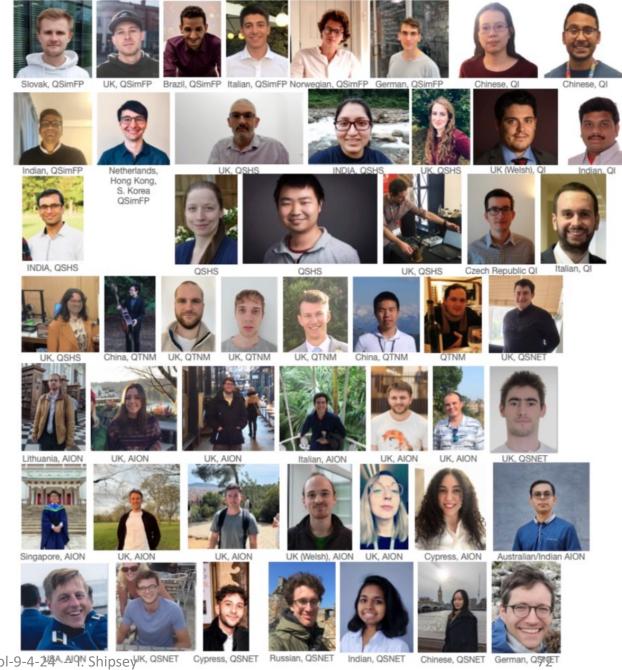
Education and Upskilling: QTFP has generated immense excitement amongst some of the brightest undergraduate and graduate students, postdocs and other early career researchers in the UK and abroad.

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

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

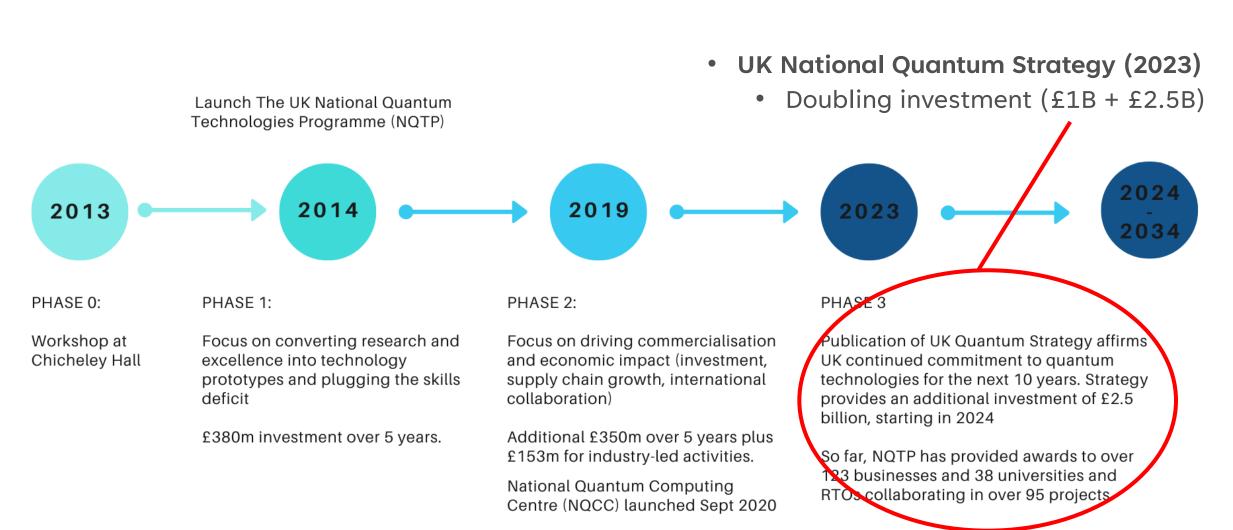
The importance of having as much thrilling science and thrilling engineering out in the public domain as possible Is crucial.

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



UK NATIONAL QUANTUM PROGRAMME

A Brief Timeline



Slide Credit: Peter Knight & DSIT

UK National Quantum Strategy: Objectives

committing to invest £2.5
billion of government
funding in a new quantum
R&D programme over the
ten years from 2024.

Increasing our investment in quantum technologies from this year, with new funding available for missions programmes, skills, a quantum networking accelerator amongst other activities.

research hubs and wider activities representing £100m.

Launch **new skills initiatives**, including doctoral training and fellowships.

review of the quantum sector's infrastructure requirements.

Showcase UK quantum companies at home and overseas, and support global quantum companies to come to the UK.

Accelerate governmentprocurement of quantum
technologies.

Expand our **partnerships** with **global allies**.

Slide Credit: Peter Knight & DSIT Department for Science, Innovation & Technology



progress since March 2023 to deliver the strategy



R&D & Skills

- £100m for R&D incl. Research Hubs
- Centres for Doctoral Training competition
- £30m National Quantum Computing Centre testbeds



Business support

- £70m for near-term computing and PNT missions
- £20m Networking accelerator competitions
- Royal Academy Engineering Infrastructure Review underway



Adoption

• £15m Quantum Catalyst Fund



Regulation

- Commissioned review on future regulatory challenges
- · Quantum standards pilot launched



Signed agreements with Canada, Netherlands and Australia

Long-term Missions announced

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UK Quantum Missions: vision for 2024-2035



By 2035, there will be accessible, **UK-based quantum computers capable of running 1 trillion operations** and supporting applications that provide benefits well in excess of classical supercomputers across key sectors of the economy.



By 2035, the UK will have deployed the world's most advanced quantum network at scale, pioneering the future quantum internet.



By 2030, every **NHS Trust will** benefit from quantum sensingenabled solutions, helping those with chronic illness live healthier, longer lives through early diagnosis and treatment.



By 2030, quantum navigation systems, including clocks, will be deployed on aircraft, providing next-generation accuracy for resilience that is independent of satellite signals.



By 2030, mobile, networked quantum sensors will have unlocked new situational awareness capabilities, exploited across critical infrastructure in the transport, telecoms, energy, and defence sectors.



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Quantum Sensors

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

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

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

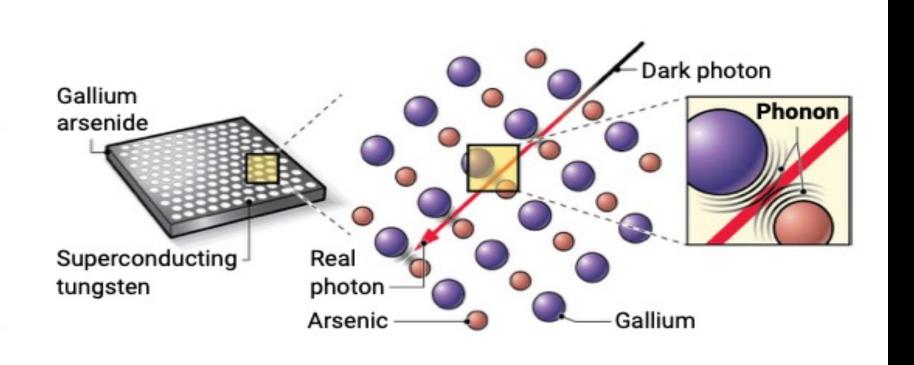
and because the commensurate energies are very low, unsurprisingly, quantum sensors are ideally matched to low energy (particle) physics;

Particles & waves

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

Just one click

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



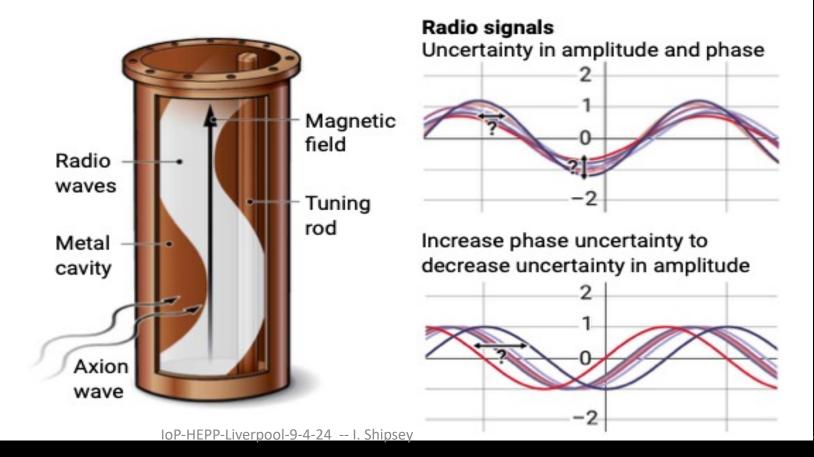
Particles & waves

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

Science

Ouantum trade-off

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



Quantum and emerging technologies

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

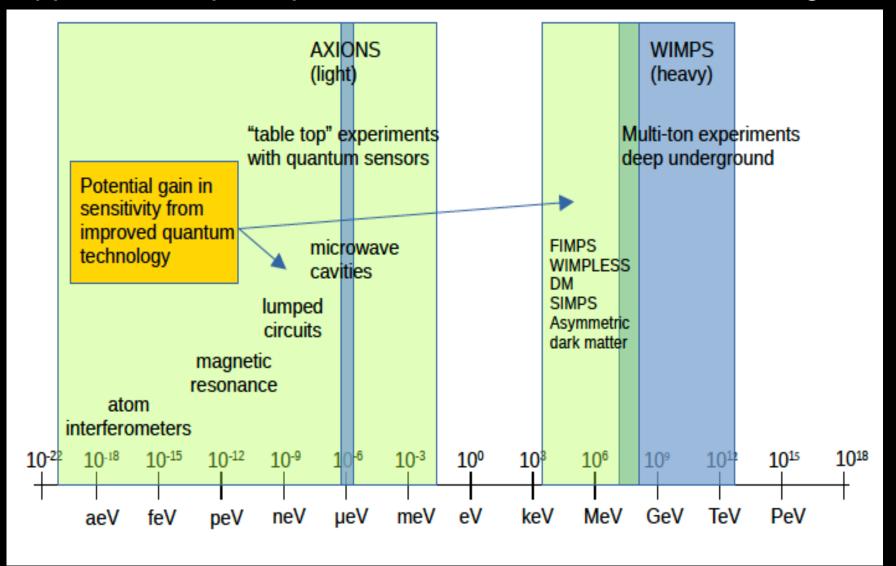
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Example: potential mass ranges that quantum sensing approaches open up for DM searches >20 orders of magnitude



TODAY

+ Quantum Sensors

Microwave Cavity

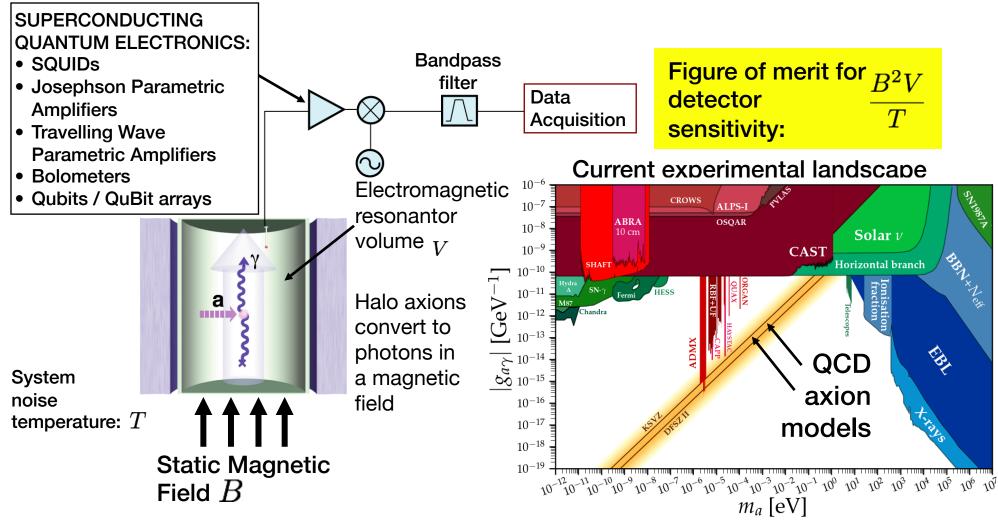


Weak coupling -- takes many swings to fully transfer the wave amplitude.

In real life, Q = number of useful swings is limited by coherence time.



Axion Detectors and the Current Landscape



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



Quantum Electronics for QSHS

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







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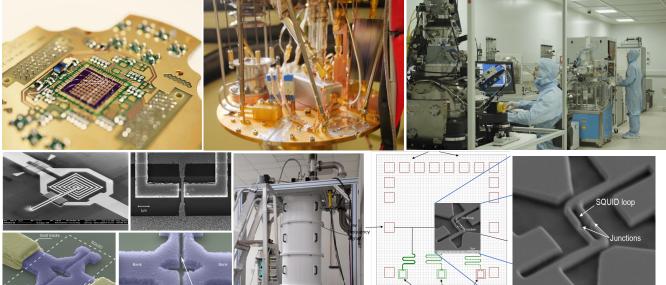




















QSHS-ADMX collaboration

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



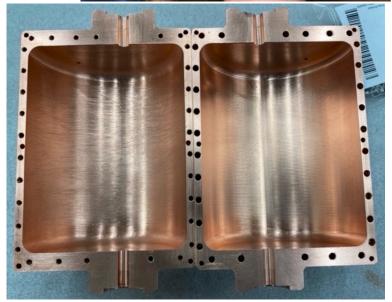
ADMX detector with UK sidecar cavity installed, ready for cooling. December 2023.

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

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QSHS cavity for ADMX





Quantum Enhanced Superfluid Technologies for Dark Matter and Cosmology

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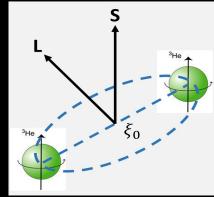


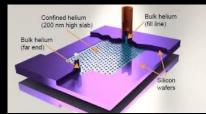


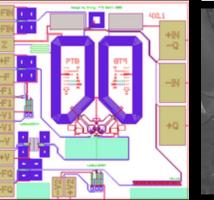


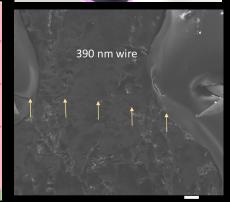
ULT + Superfluid ³He + Quantum Technologies



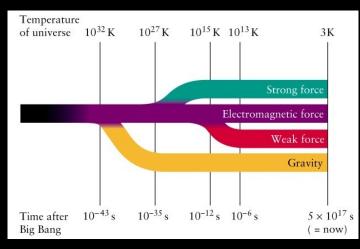


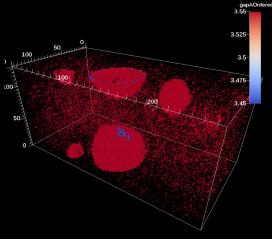




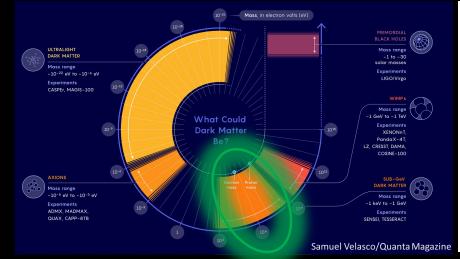


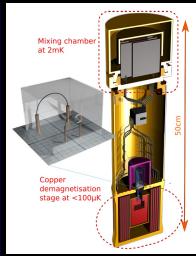
Phase Transitions in the Early Universe





Detection of sub-GeV dark matter





Implementation of current quantum sensors, operated in new regime at ultralow temperatures, and new sensors co-designed for fundamental physics



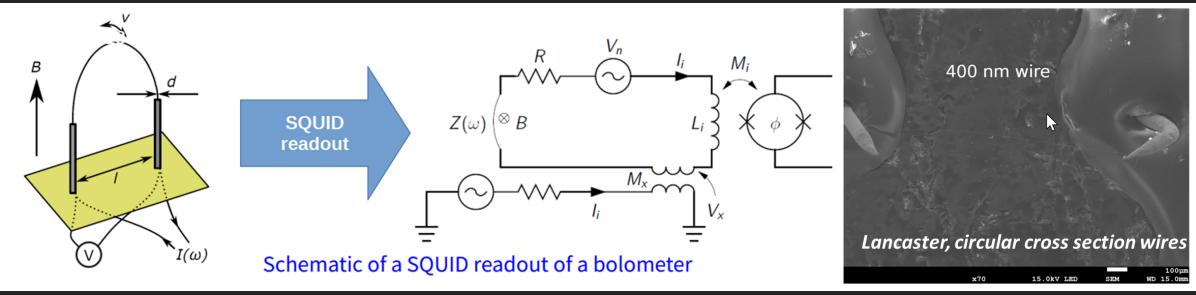






Quantum Enhanced Superfluid Technologies for Dark Matter and Cosmology, QUEST – DMC

Merging existing state-of-art tech to achieve beyond 10 eV resolution



Andreev Reflection in Superfluid ³He: A Probe for Quantum Turbulence D.I. Bradley, A.M. Guénault, R.P. Haley, G.R. Pickett, and V. Tsepelin, Annual Review of Condensed Matter Physics 2017 8:1, 407-430

2-stage SQUID amplifier (PTB) IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond. 17 (2007)





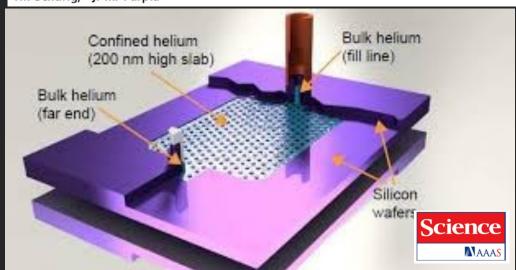


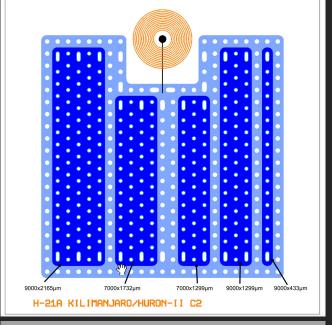
Engineer phase transitions between superfluid ³He phases of distinct symmetry

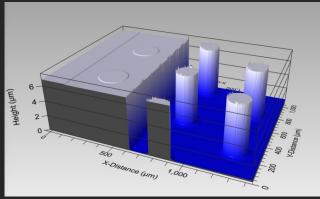
Confinement

Phase Diagram of the Topological Superfluid ³He Confined in a Nanoscale Slab Geometry

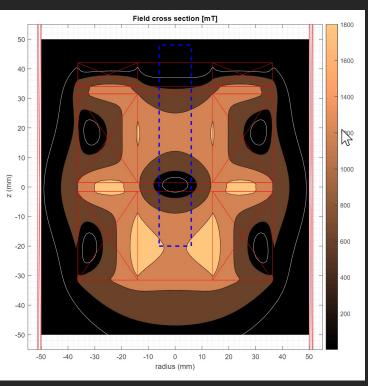
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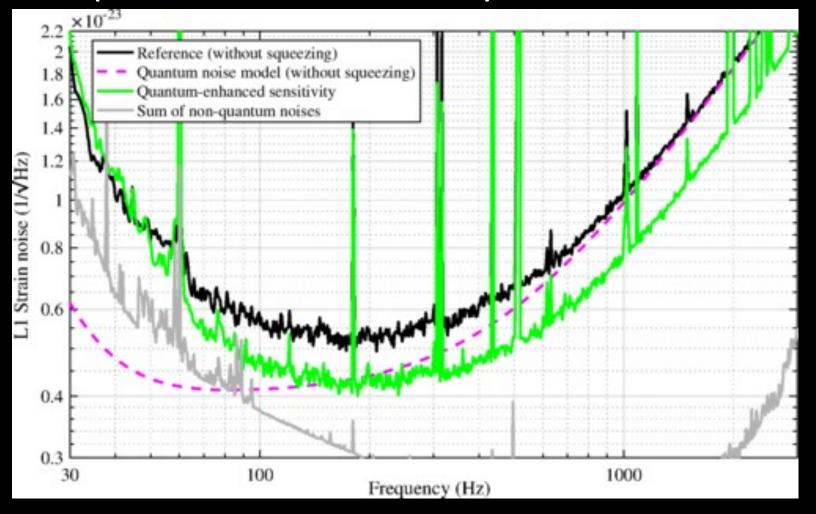


Quantum sensors to probe the nucleation and dynamics of transition, control the free energy landscape with tuning parameters.





LIGO: Quantum enhanced sensing-Squeezed light for improved sensitivity





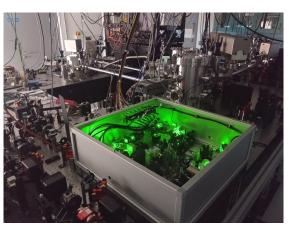
Quantum-Enhanced Interferometry for New Physics

- Novel searches for dark matter and axion-like particles: LIDA, ALPS II
- Novel searches for signatures of quantum gravity: QUEST, CRYO-BEAT
- Quantum technologies: Squeezed light and TES single photon detection
- UK members: Birmingham, Cardiff, Glasgow, Strathclyde, Warwick
- International Partners: Fermilab / U Chicago, NIST, MIT, Caltech (US), DESY, PTB, Max Planck (Germany), Vienna (Au), U Western Australia (A)



Status:

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



QUEST



Work Packages

WP 1: Axions in the galactic halo

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

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

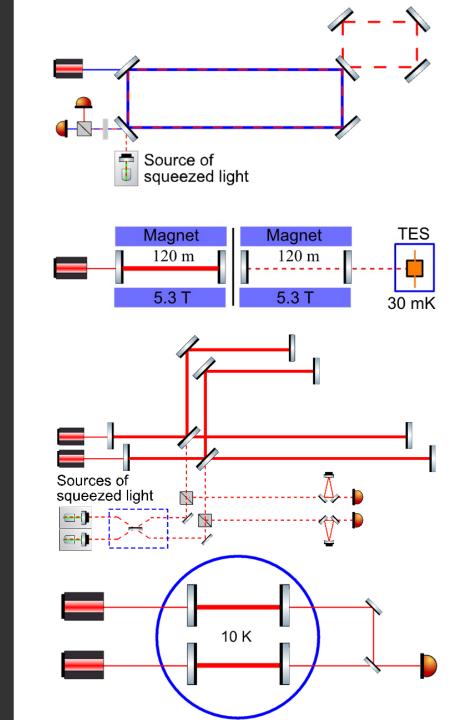
- Making and detecting axion-like particles
- Transition edge sensor with background <10⁻⁶/s

WP 3: Quantisation of space-time

- Testing ideas on quantization of space-time
- Sensitivity of 2x10⁻¹⁹ m/rt(Hz) above 1 MHz

WP 4: Semiclassical gravity

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

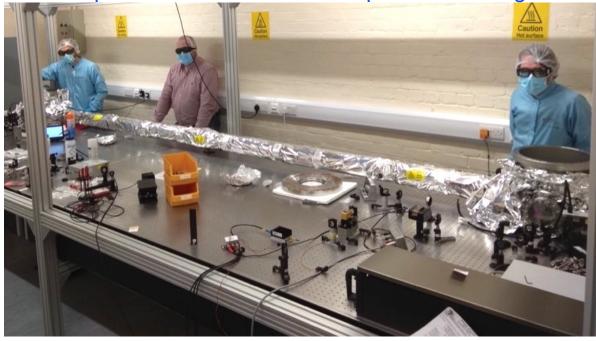


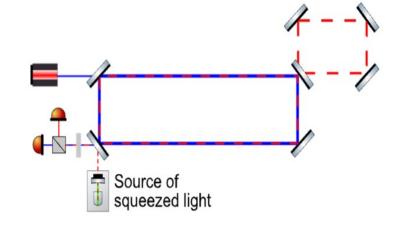
WP 1: Laser Interferometeric Detector for Axions (LIDA)

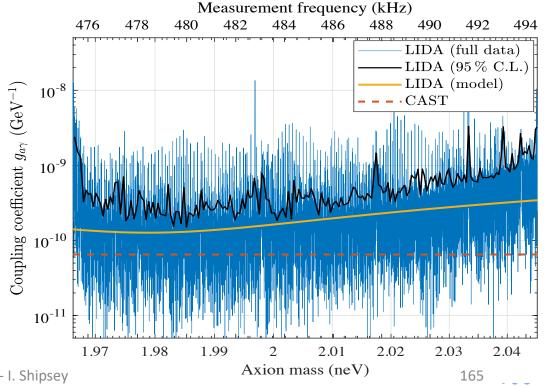
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- An 'interferometry haloscope' (PRD 101, 095034)
- Axions with masses from 10⁻¹⁶ eV up to 10⁻⁸ eV
- Completed the first science run to search for axions with mass of 2 neV
- Leading observatory in its class (compared to the MIT's and U Tokyo's setups)
- Achieved the world record intensity in laser interferometers (4.5 MW / cm²)

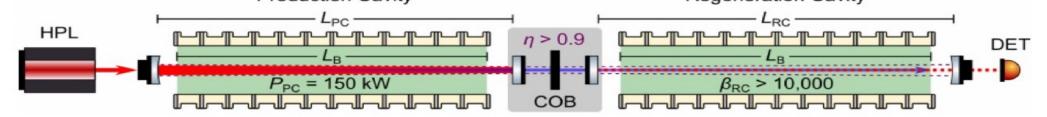
Proposed axion searches with photon counting







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

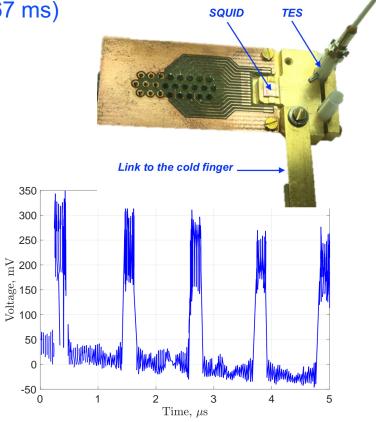


- ALPS II is a new particle search experiment at DESY in Hamburg (human-made axions not cosmological)
- QI support to commissioning: Milestone current first science run reached

world record for light storage time in 2-mirror cavity (67 ms)

New TES detector under commissioning

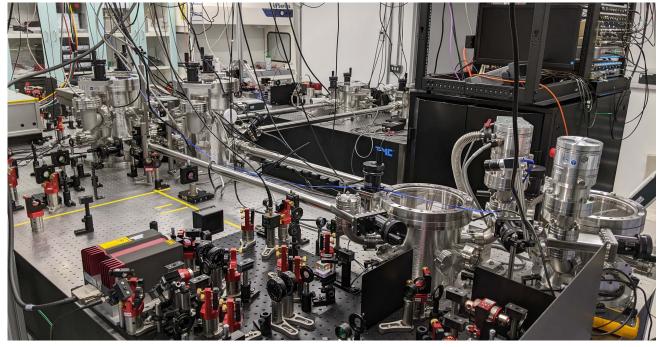


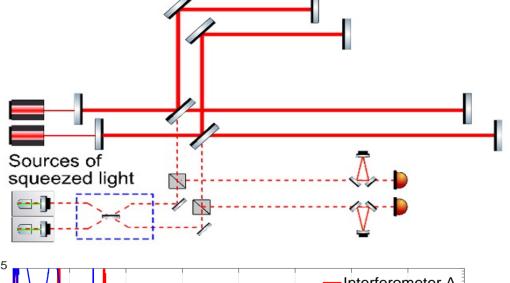


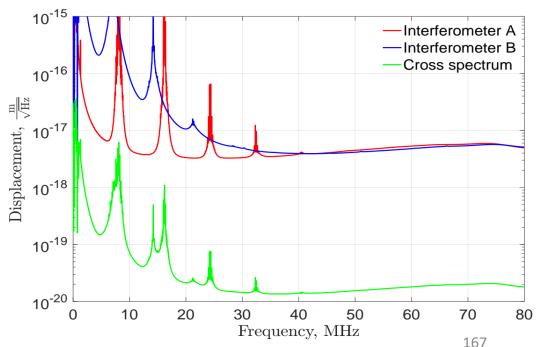


WP 3: QUantum-Enhanced Space-Time experiment (QUEST)

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



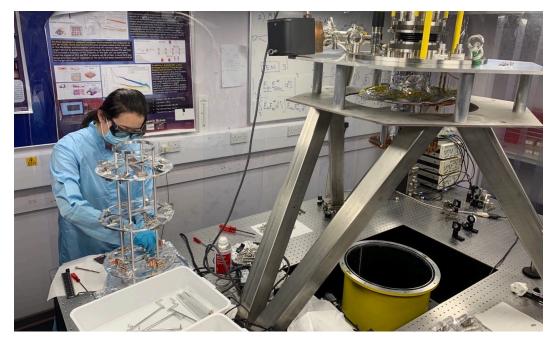




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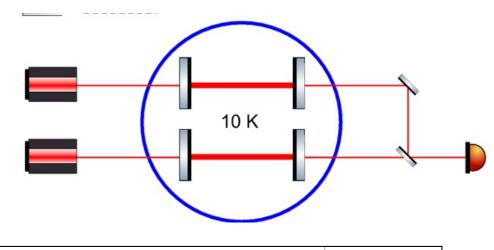
WP 4: searches for semiclassical gravity

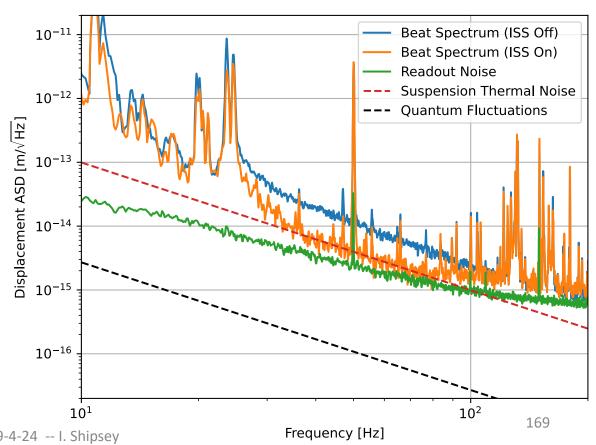
- State-of-the-art passive and active inertial isolation of optical cavities
- Reached the suspension thermal noise level (significant milestone)
- Tested the "pre-selection" model of semiclassical gravity (data analysis ongoing)



arXiv:2402.00821

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

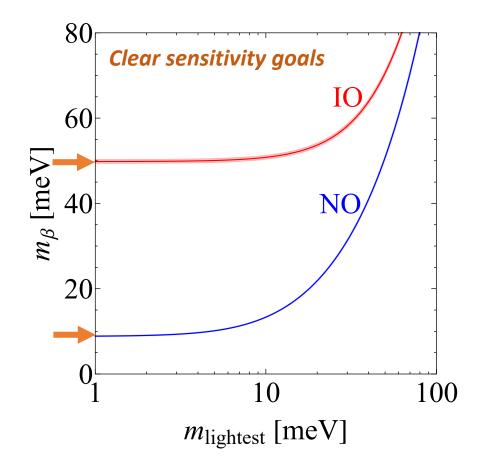




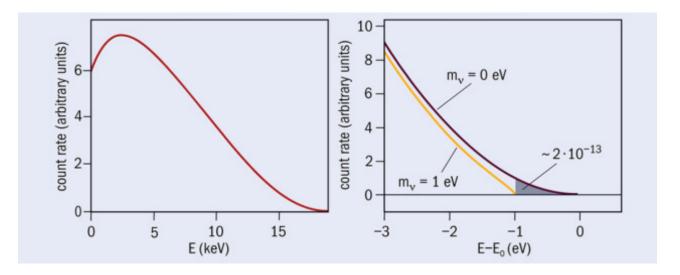
Neutrinos

Absolute neutrino mass

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

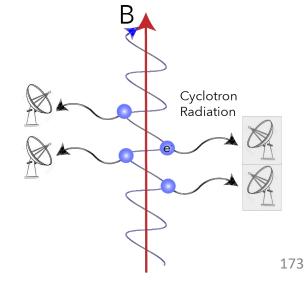


Atomic ³H β-decay – **model independent**



Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectroscopy CRES + Quantum Technologies to overcome limitations of current state-of-art (KATRIN) (0.8 ev to 0.2eV)

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











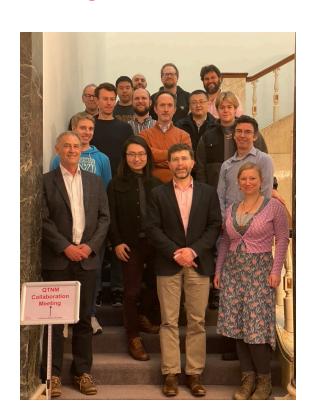






<u>Goal</u>

Neutrino mass measurement from atomic 3H β -decay via Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectroscopy using latest advances in quantum technologies.





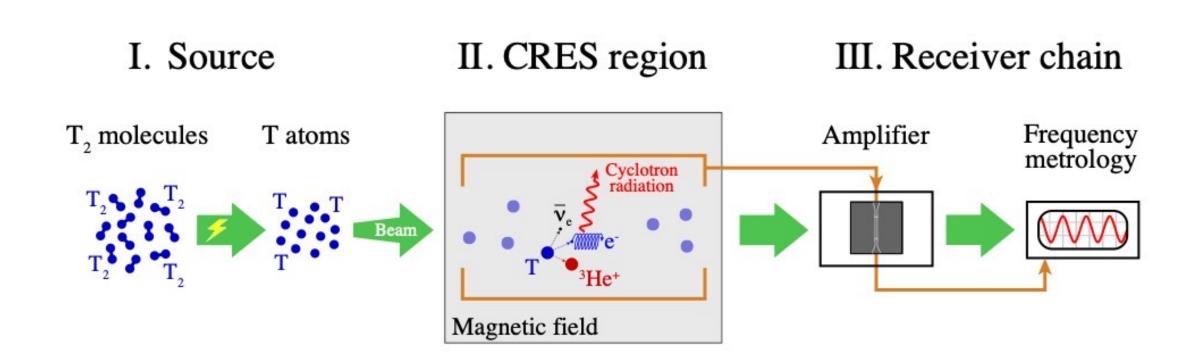


Current project (QTFP Wave 1, 2021-2025)

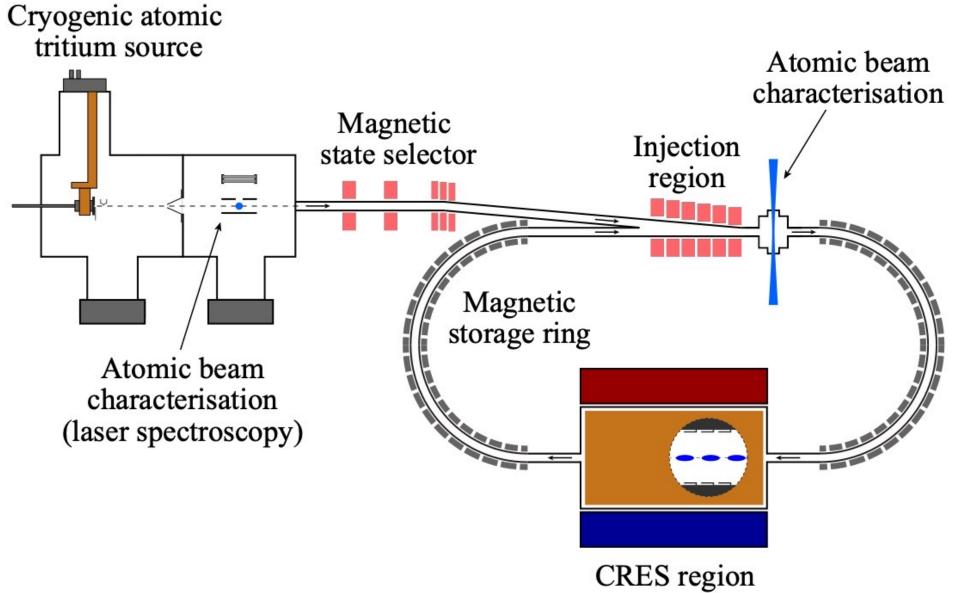
Technology Demonstration: <u>CRESDA</u> = CRES Demonstration Apparatus

- Quantum noise limited microwave sensors at TRL7/8 for CRES at ~18GHz (corresponding to 0.7T field)
- 3D B-field mapping with $\lesssim 1~\mu T$ precision, using H-atoms as **quantum sensors** (Rydberg Magnetometry)
- Production and confinement of H-atoms, ≥ 10¹² cm⁻³
- Modelling tools for CRES and neutrino mass

CRESDA Scheme

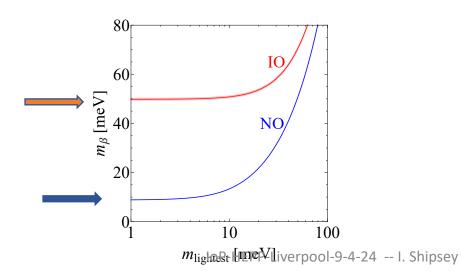


CRESDA Outline

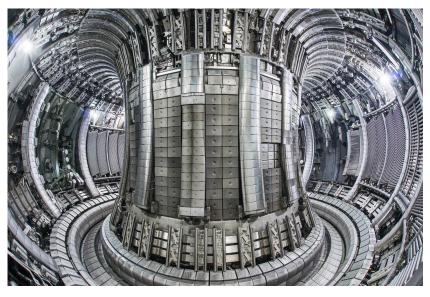


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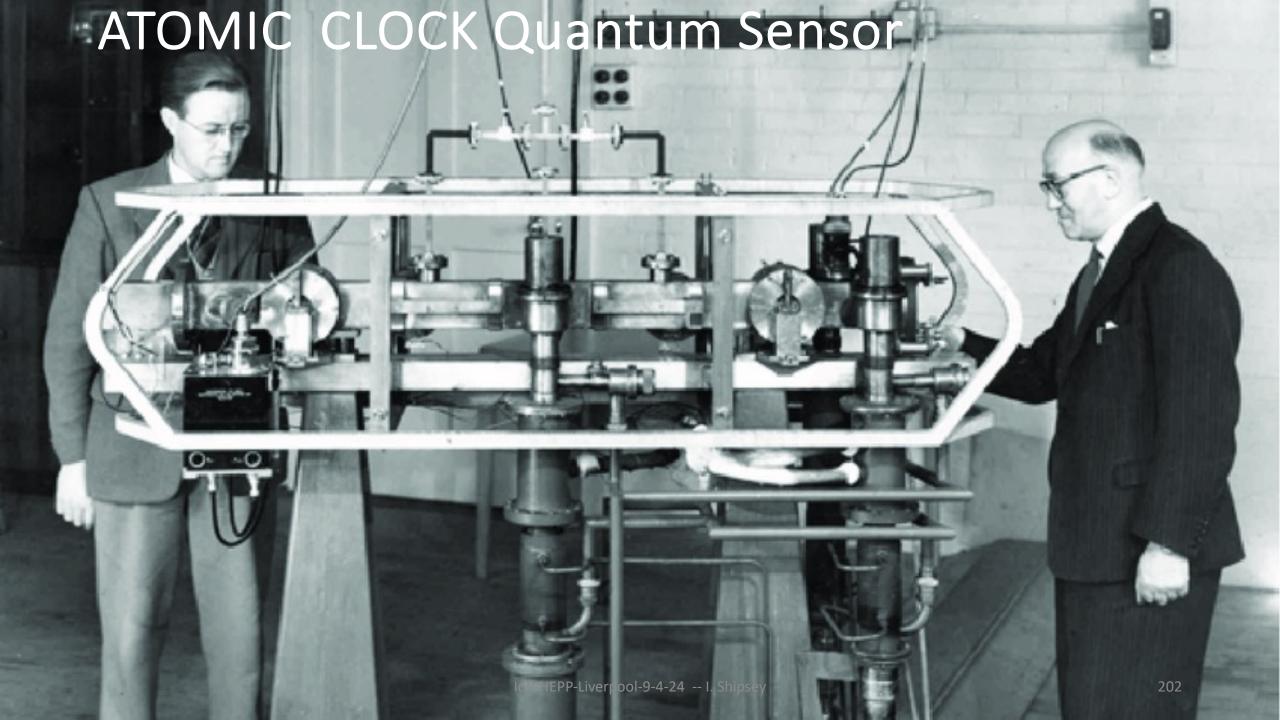
- Technology demonstration (2021-2025)
- Atomic tritium source development at Culham Centre for Fusion
 Energy TRITON proposal for UKRI IF (2025-2028)
- Tritium run with O(0.1eV) sensitivity (2028-2031)
- Final neutrino mass experiment with 10-50 meV sensitivity at CCFE or similar facility (2030-2040)



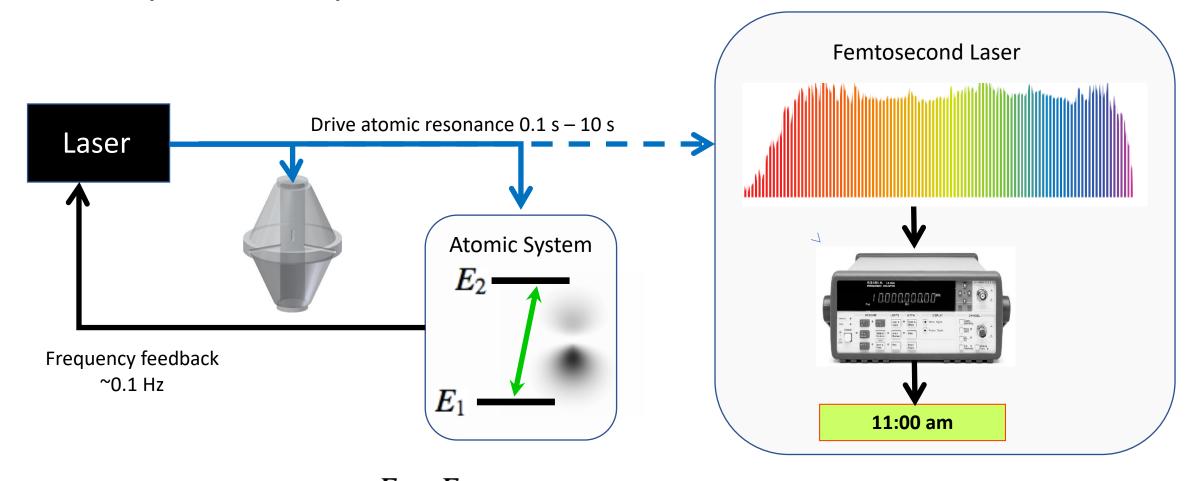








Principle of Optical Clocks



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



A network of clocks for measuring the stability of fundamental constants

Giovanni Barontini







NPL



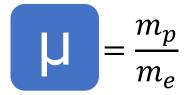


Imperial

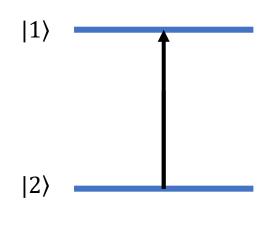
Sensitive probes

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

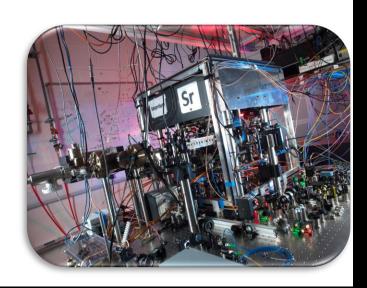
$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\hbar c}$$



- Atomic an molecular spectra can be measured with extreme precision using atomic clocks
- Stability and accuracy at the 10⁻¹⁸ level

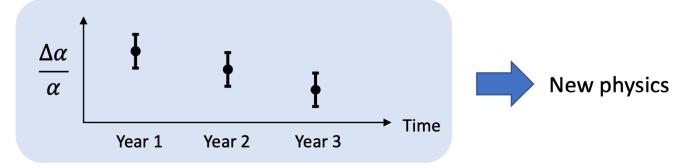




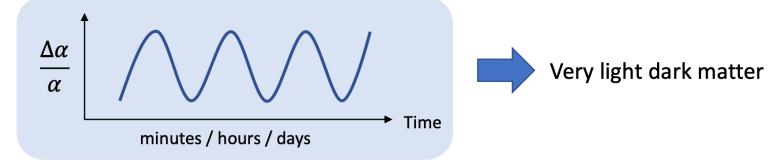


Look for variation on different timescales

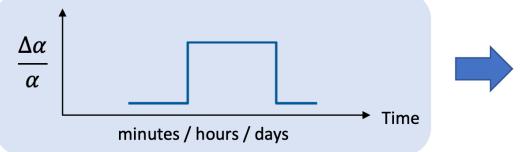
Slow drifts



Oscillations



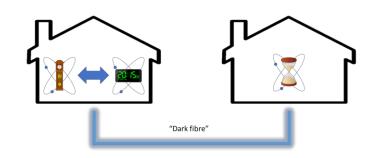
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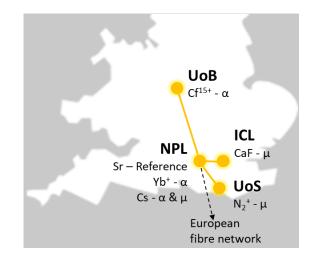


Dark matter - topological defects

The network approach

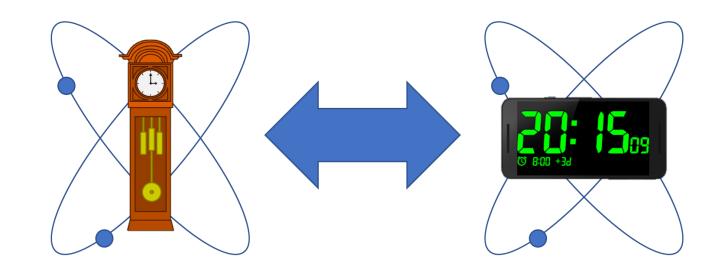
- Optimally exploit existing expertise. No single institution has the range of expertise required to run a sufficiently large and diverse set of clocks
- Sensors with similar sensitivities and different systematics are necessary to confirm any measurements and reject false positives
- Networks enable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





How to measure variations of fundamental constants

Different clock transitions have different sensitivities to fundamental constants

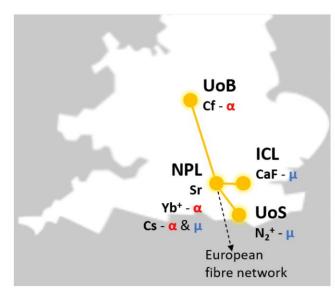


- Measure ratio f₁/ f₂
- Look for changes over time

$$\frac{\Delta f 1}{\Delta f 2} = |K_{1x} - K_{2x}| \frac{\Delta x}{x} \qquad x = \alpha, \mu$$

The QSNET project

- Search for variations of fundamental constants of the Standard Model, using a <u>network of clocks</u>
- A unique network of clocks chosen for their different sensitivities to variations of α and μ



Clock	Κα	Кμ
Yb ⁺ (467 nm)	-5.95	0
Sr (698 nm)	0.06	0
Cs (32.6 mm)	2.83	1
CaF (17 μm)	0	0.5
N ₂ ⁺ (2.31 μm)	0	0.5
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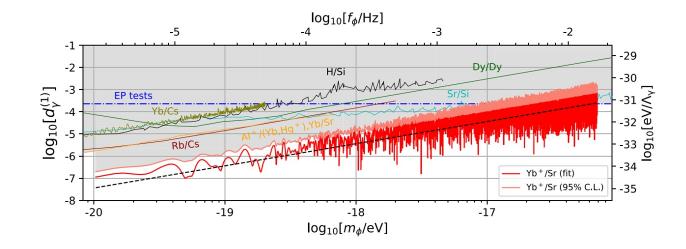


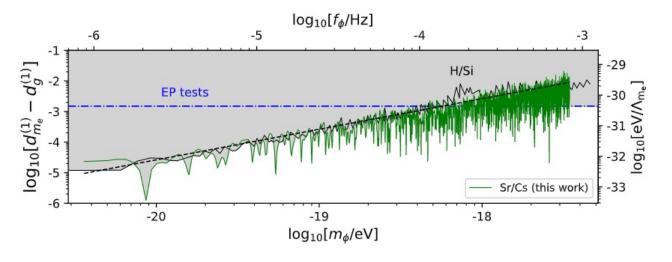
• The clocks will be linked, essential to do clock-clock comparisons

QSNET results (2023)

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

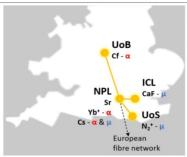
- Yb⁺/Sr ratios have revealed that slow-drift variation in α is consistent with zero, with a fractional uncertainty of 1.9×10^{-18} per year.
- Frequency ratios between Yb⁺, Sr and Cs have placed constraints on oscillations in α and μ beyond the previous state-of-the-art.







A network of clocks for measuring the stability of fundamental constants

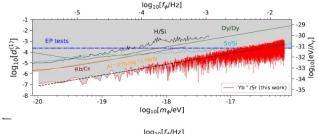


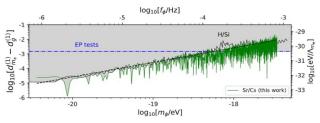
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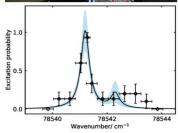
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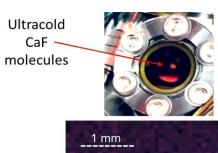
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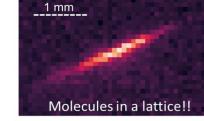


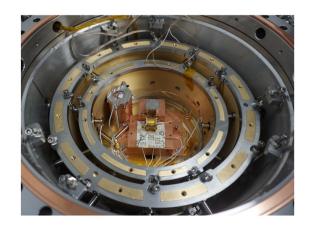












NPL clocks & Sussex theory

- World-leading results: new constraints on ultra-light dark matter
- Model independent analysis
- · Improved the best UK atomic clocks

Sussex experiment

- Developed sideband cooling for molecular ions and quantum logic spectroscopy
- Developed new lasers

Imperial

- Achieved cooling and trapping of molecules in an optical lattice
- Realised vibrational transition spectroscopy
- Developed laser systems

Birmingham

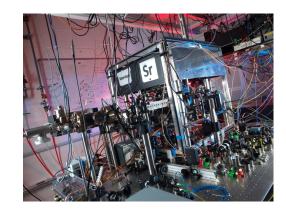
- Realised a compact electron beam ion trap to produce highly charged ions
- Realised ultra-low vibration 44 cryogenic vacuum systems

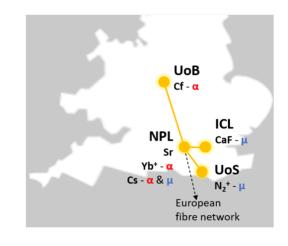
QSNETGoals for Phase 1

- 1. New constraints on $\Delta\mu/\mu$ on timescales from 10-1000 s, targeting $4x10^{-15}$ at 1000 s
- 2. Measure $\Delta\alpha/\alpha$ on fast timescales targeting 1x10⁻¹⁷ at 1000 s, exceeding current state of-the-art sensitivity
- 3. Realization of a Cf¹⁵⁺ and Cf¹⁷⁺ cEBIT
- 4. Measure the N₂⁺ clock transition
- 5. Quantify the impact of the new limits on unified models and dark matter models
- 6. Load CaF molecules in optical lattices and identify the clock transition
 - 7. Using available data, provide first tests of model-independent parametrization for variations of fundamental constants and theoretical bounds on dark matter masses.

Economic Impact of QSNET

- SNET
- QSNET is accelerating the economic impact of atomic clocks in two key ways:
- 1. QSNET is developing a range of clocks with different TRLs
 - We are pushing the performance of atomic clocks beyond the state-of-the-art
 - We are pioneering the development of highly charged ion clocks, that will allow us to realise clocks in the UV and XUV frequency range
 - We are leading the development of molecular clocks, that will provide us with ultra-precise references in the THz range
- 2. QSNET is developing an **optical fibre network** linking the different clocks
 - A high-resolution frequency comparison between QSNET nodes will mark a crucial technological milestone for the UK
 - This **infrastructure** will enable interaction between different quantum technologies including quantum communications and remote quantum computing





Applications of clocks and clock networks

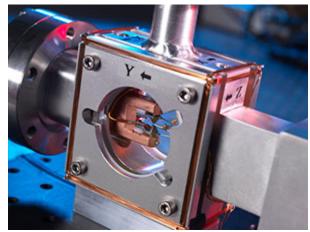


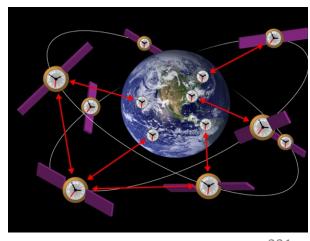
Applications of ultra-precise clocks include:

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

Applications of networks of clocks include:

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





Atom Interferometry

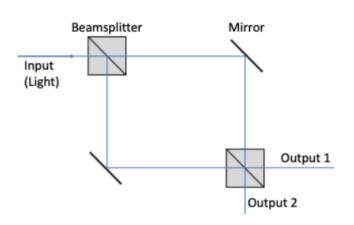


Gravitational Waves: Cosmology and Astrophysics

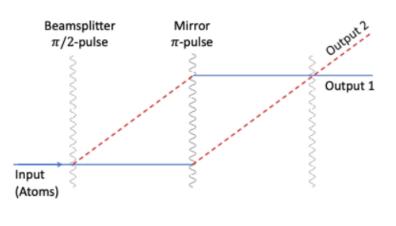


Principle of Atom Interferometry

Mach-Zehnder Laser Interferometer

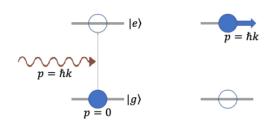


Atom Interferometer



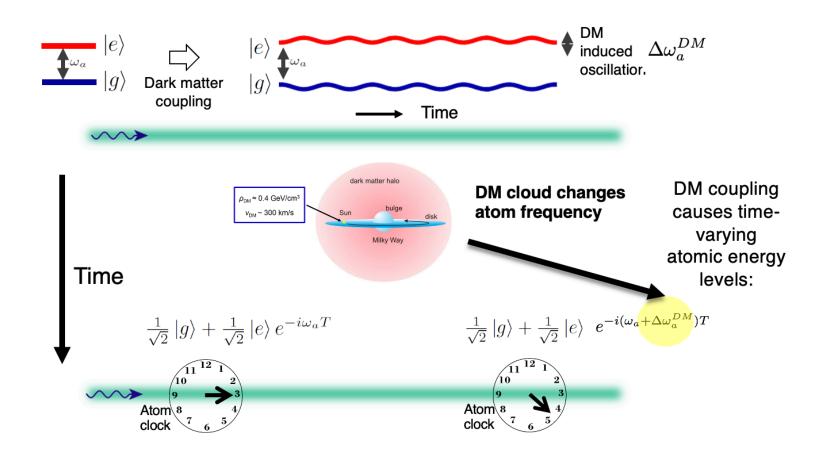
Laser excitation gives momentum kick to excited atom, which follows separated space-time path

Interference between atoms following different paths



Effect of Gravitational Wave on Atom Interferometer

Effect of Dark Matter on Atom Interferometer



Long baseline atom interferometry science

Mid-band gravitational wave detection

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

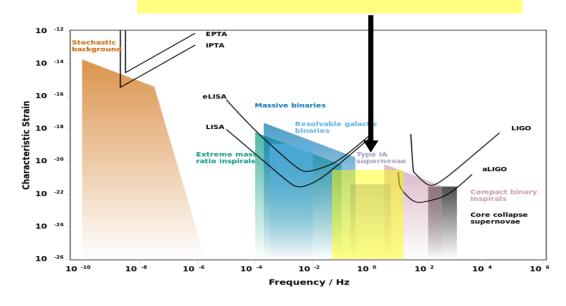
Ultralight wave-like dark matter probe

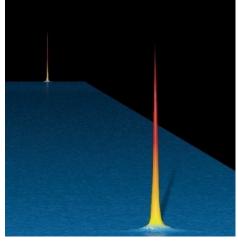
- Mass <10⁻¹⁴ eV (Compton frequency in ~Hz range)
- Scalar- and vector-coupled DM candidates
- Time-varying energy shifts, EP-violating new forces, spin-coupled effects

Tests of quantum mechanics at macroscopic scales

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

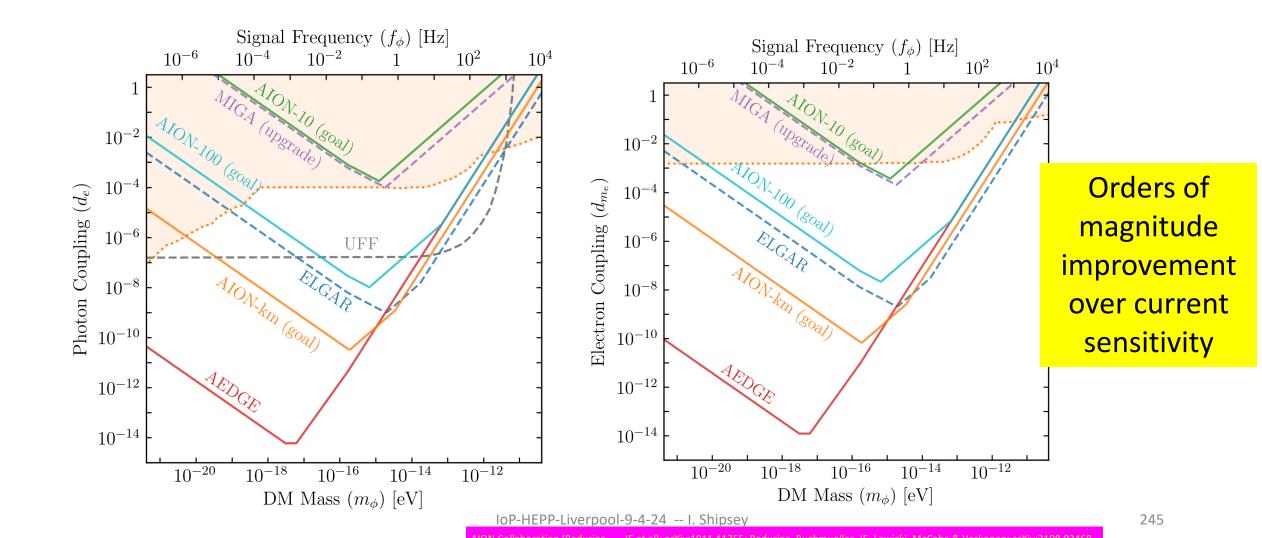
Mid-band: 0.03 Hz to 3 Hz





Rb wavepackets separated by 54 cm

Search for Ultra-Light Dark Matter





The AION Programme consists of 4 Stages

- □ Stage 1: to build and commission the 10 m detector, develop existing technology and the infrastructure for the 100 m.
 - L ~ 10m
- □ Stage 2: to build, commission and exploit the 100 m detector and carry out a design study for the km-scale detector.
- L ~ 100m

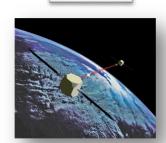
- > AION was selected in 2018 by STFC as a high-priority medium-scale project.
- ➤ AION will work in equal partnership with MAGIS in the US to form a "LIGO/Virgo-style" network & collaboration, providing a pathway for UK leadership.

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

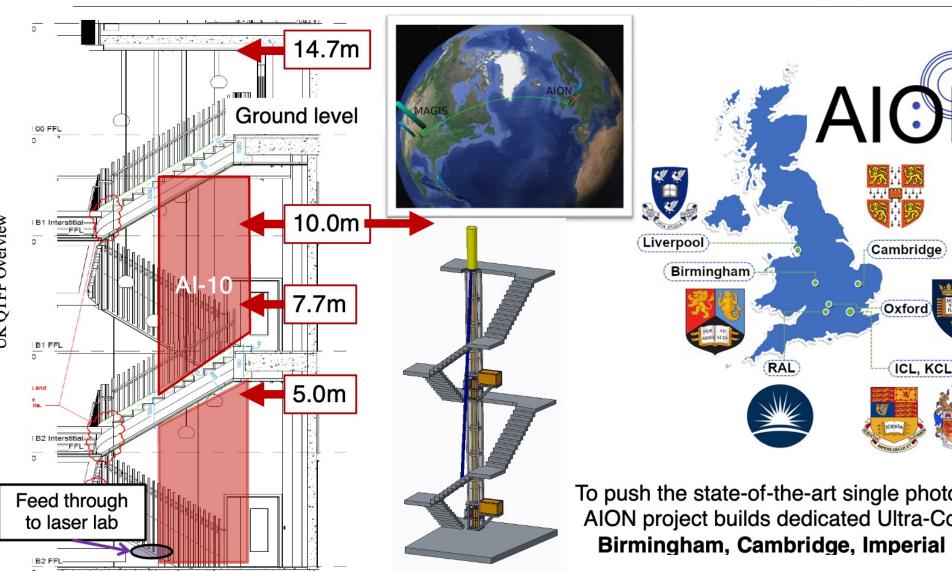
☐ Stage 3: to build a kilometre-scale terrestrial detector.

- $L \sim 1 \text{km}$
- ☐ Stage 4: long-term objective a pair of satellite detectors (thousands of kilometres scale) [AEDGE proposal to ESA Voyage2050 call]
 - ➤ AION has established science leadership in AEDGE, bringing together collaborators from European and Chinese groups (e.g. MIGA, MAGIA, ELGAR, ZAIGA).

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



AION Project in the UK

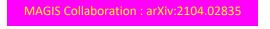


Project executed in national partnership with **UK National** Quantum **Technology Hub in** Sensors and Timing, Birmingham, UK, and international partnership with The **MAGIS Collaboration** and The Fermi **National Laboratory,** US

To push the state-of-the-art single photon Sr Atom Interferometry, the AION project builds dedicated Ultra-Cold Strontium Laboratories in: Birmingham, Cambridge, Imperial College, Oxford, and RAL

Ongoing Atom Interferometry Projects in US & UK

MAGIS-100 AION Collaboration arXiv:1911.11755













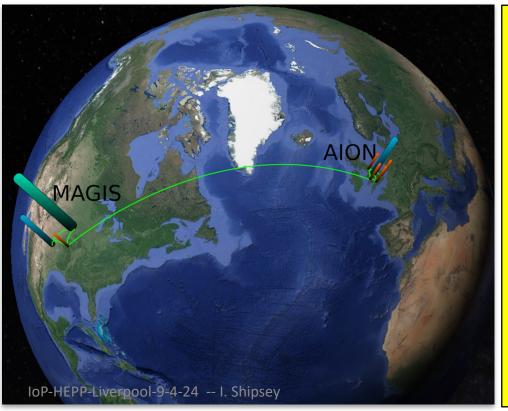






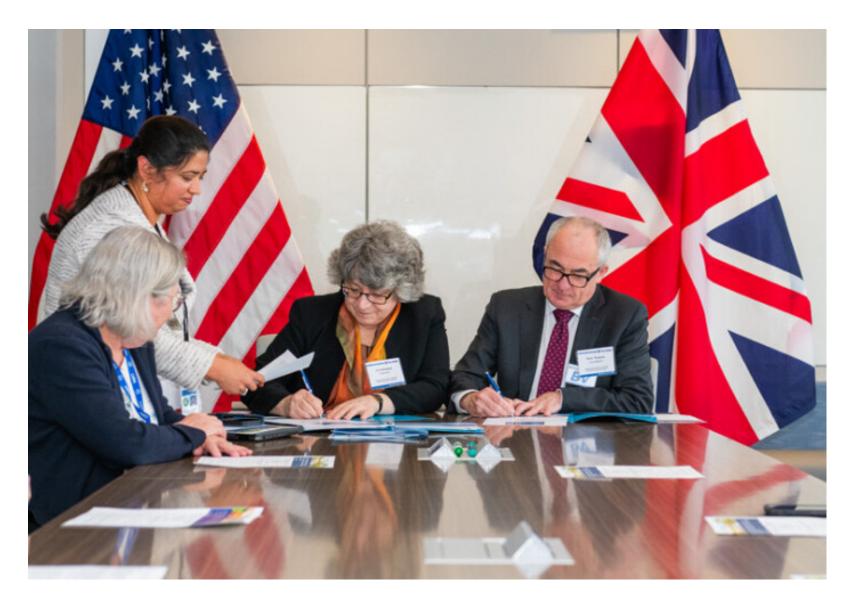






AION (UK) and MAGIS (US) work in equal partnership to form a "LIGO/Virgostyle" network & collaboration, providing a pathway for international leadership in this exciting new field.

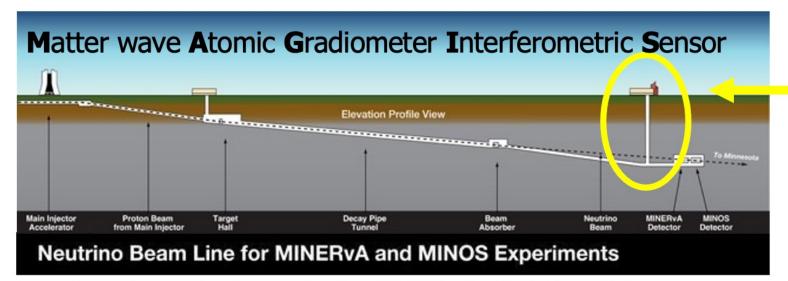
MAGIS-100 ICRADA Ceremony at Fermilab on Nov 16, 2023



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

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

MAGIS-100 at Fermilab



MINOS access shaft

Atom source

UK Contribution detection system to enable phase extraction

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

M. Abe et al., Matter-wave Atomic Gradiometer Interferometric Sensor (MAGIS-100), Quantum Sci. Technol. 6 (2021) 4, 044003, [arXiv:2104.0 2835].





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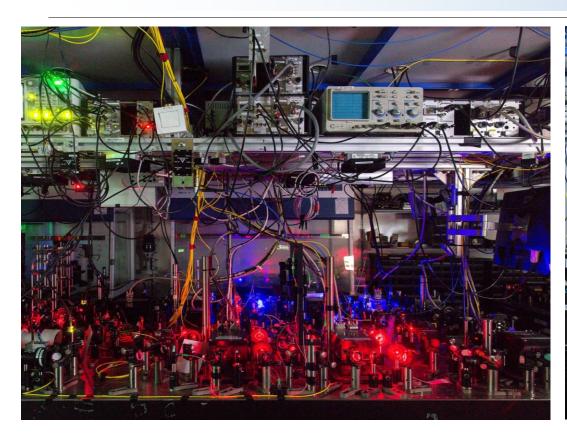


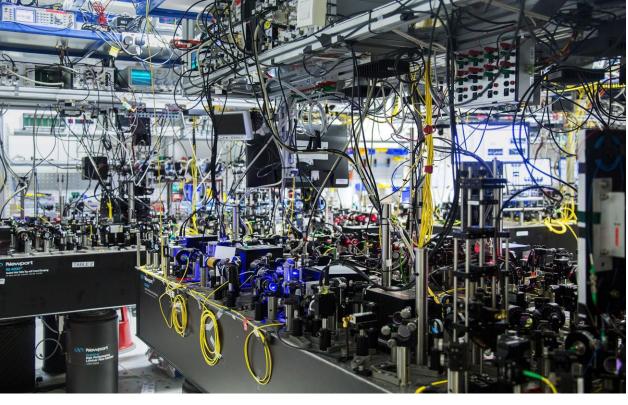


AION Collaboration Days in Oxford: Fall 2021 Today, AION Start of AION in 2018 ~60 people √5 people (52 came to Oxford) https://aion-project.web.cern.ch

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

AION: Ultra-Cold Strontium Laboratories in UK





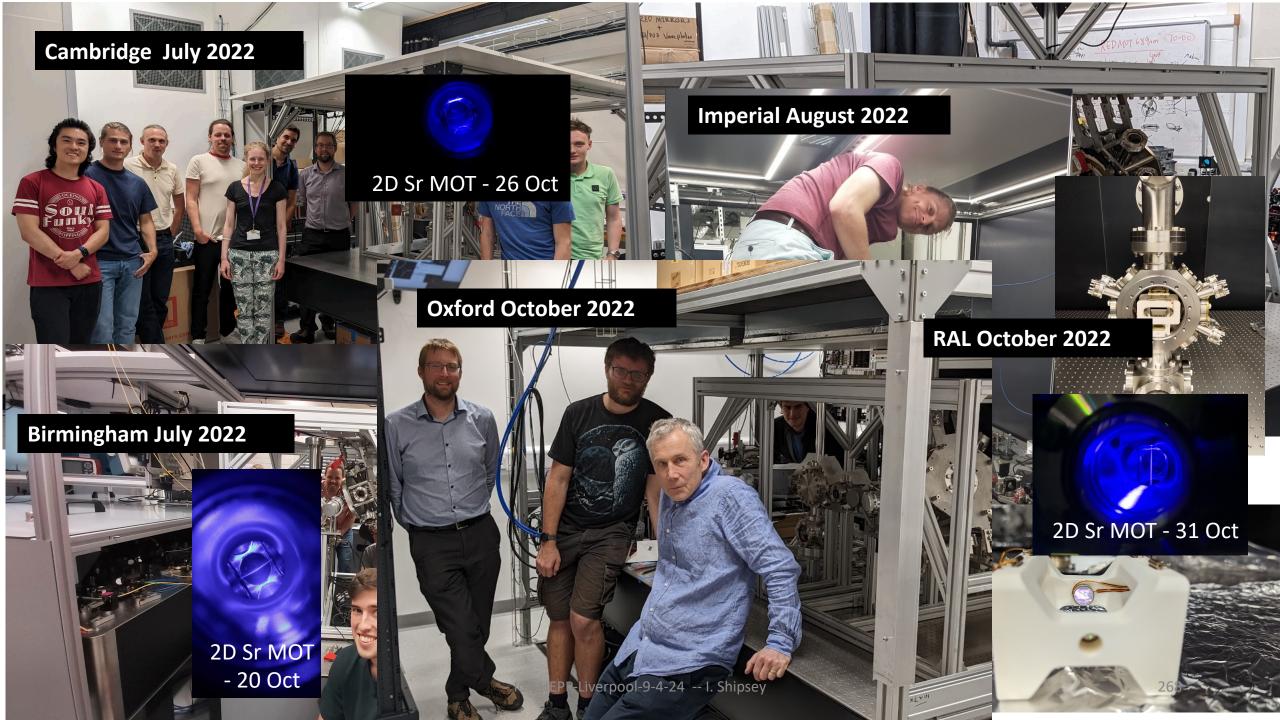
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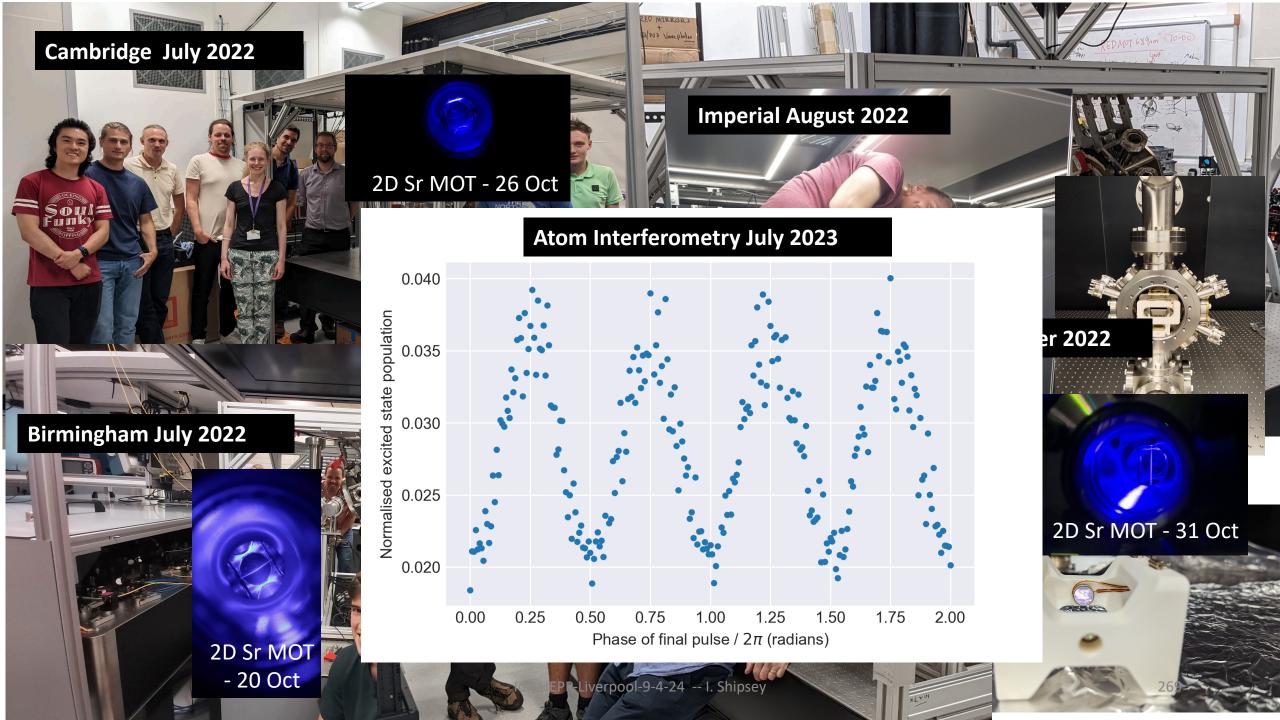
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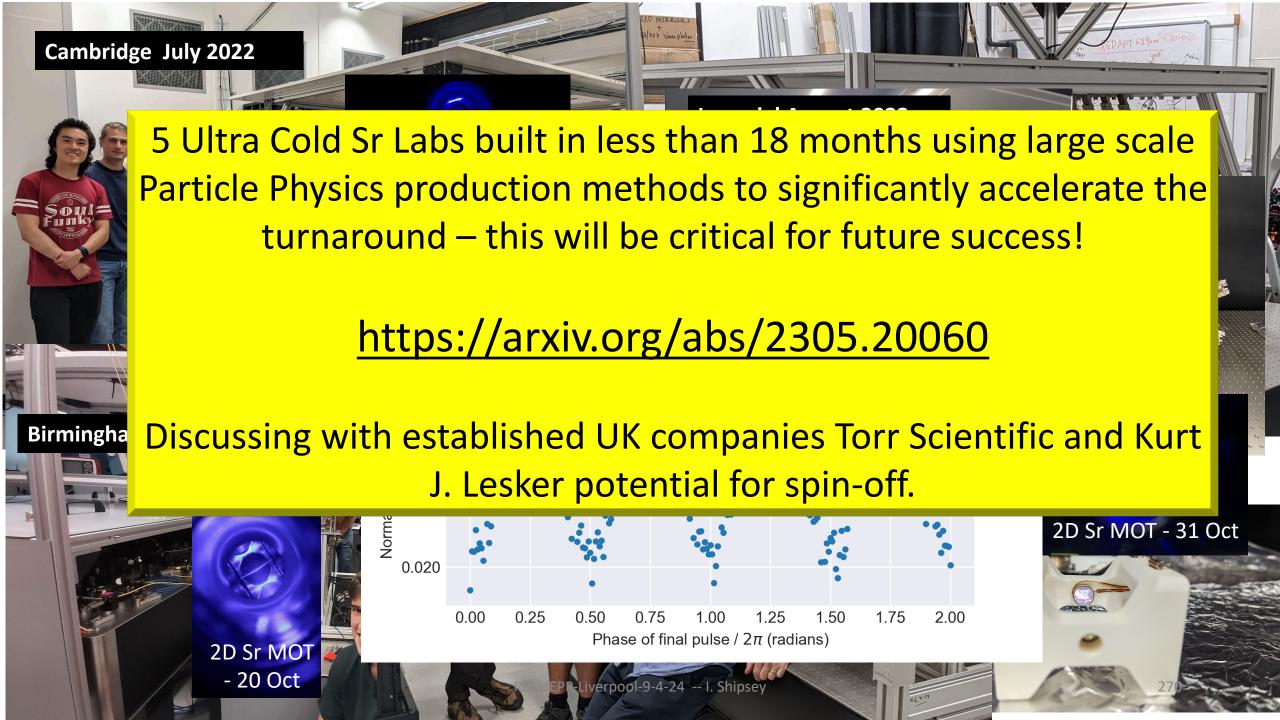


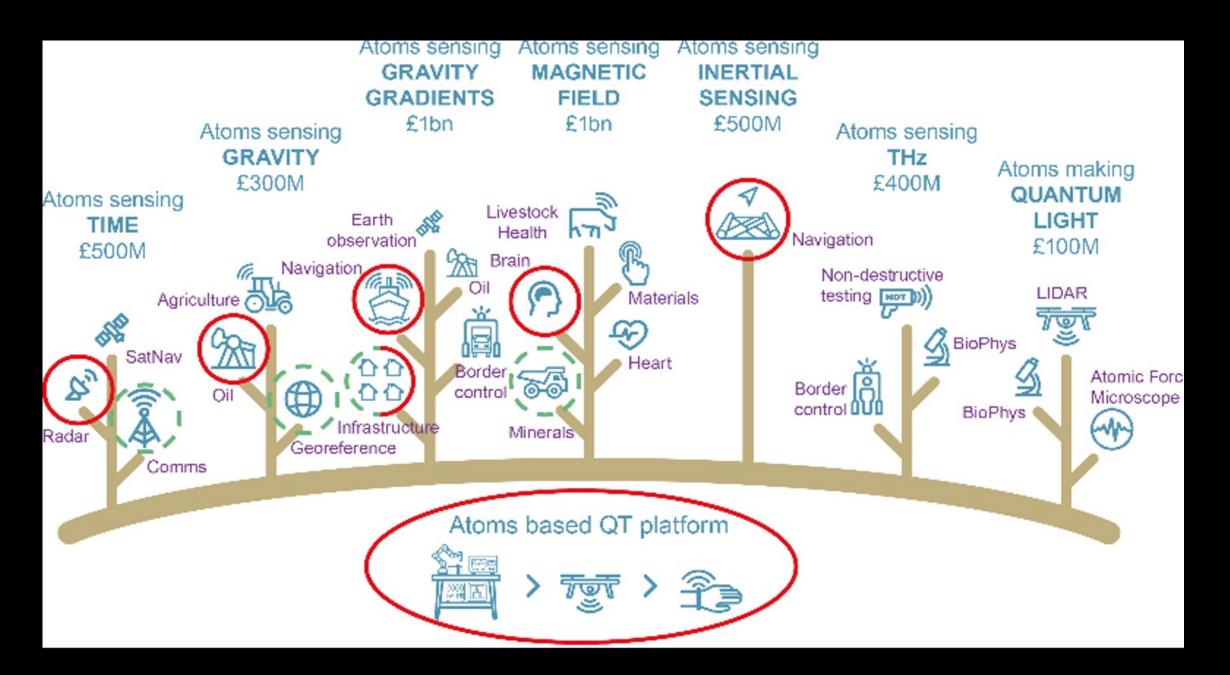
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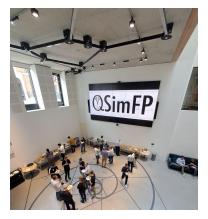








Quantum Simulators for Fundamental Physics



Scientific Goals

Quantum Simulations of Black Hole and Early Universe Processes

Community

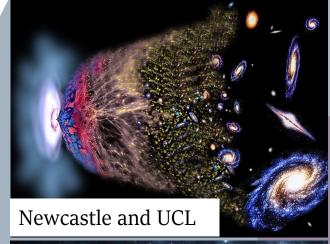
50-50 QT-FP researchers 27 QTFP funded (48 Partners)

Governance

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



Vision





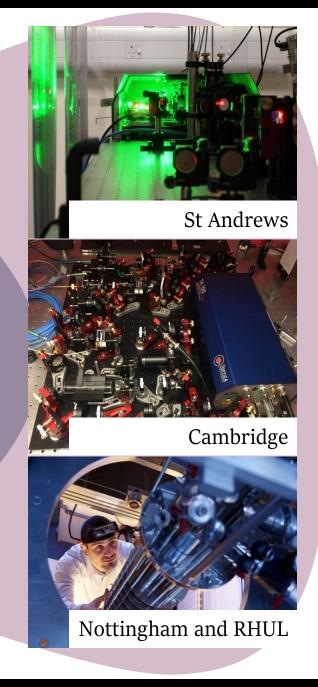
QSimFP

Quantum Vacuum:

- False Vacuum Decay

Quantum Black Hole:

- Black hole ring-down



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

QSimFP



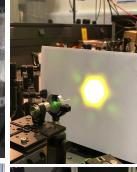






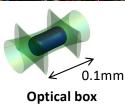












Experimental setups constructed and now benchmarked:

- Ultra-cold atoms system (Cambridge)
- Quantum optics (St. Andrews)
- Superfluid opto-mechanics (Nottingham)
- Superfluid nanofabrication (Royal Holloway London)
- Patent application Oct 2022:
 - Off-axis holography technique to detect fluid interfaces at room and ultra-low temperatures

Facilities

P St. Andrews 🕥



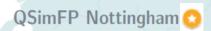
1+1-Dimensional Black Hole Simulator

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



2+1-Dimensional Black Hole Simulator

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



QSimFP Cambridge 🗘



2+1-Dim. False Vacuum Decay Simulator

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

QSimFP Royal Holloway Ω



2+1-Dimensional Black Hole Simulator

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





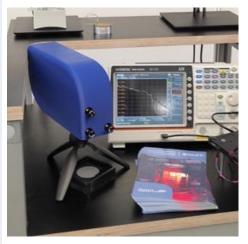
Scientific Impact:

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



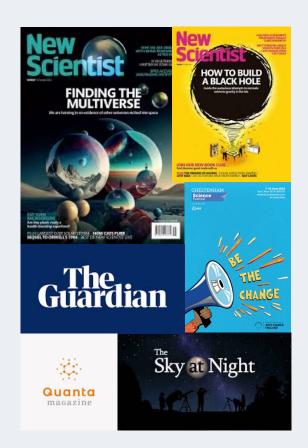
Widening Communities:

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



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

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



Engagement Highlights

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

Quantum Technologies and Particle Physics

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

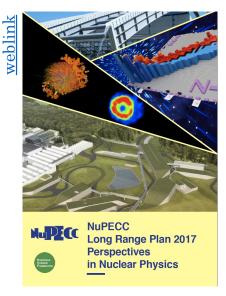
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2017-2026 European Astroparticle Physics Strategy

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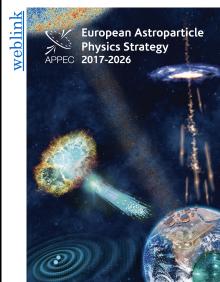
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Are community driven strategies outlining our ambition to address compelling open questions

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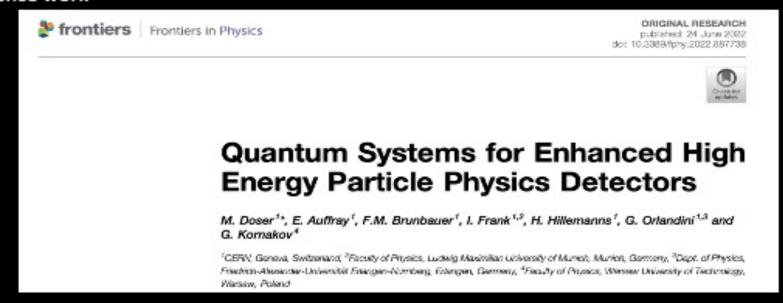
ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap

In line with the RECFA R&D roadmap, it makes sense to consider a quantum-sensing R&D program that brings together the following strands:

strands:		2021	2025	2030
	clocks & networks of clocks	Optical clocks with selected HCls: 10-1 Prototype nuclear clocks, solid state ar XUV and so Ultralight DN	oft x-ray frequency combs in $60 \mathrm{eV} \sim 400 \mathrm{eV}$ for HCl; reli M ($10^{\cdot 22} \sim 10^{\cdot 15} \mathrm{eV}$) searches via spacetime variation in cl	able fiber lasers to drive such combs ock frequencies: factor 10-100 improvement - 6 orders improvement over current clock dark matter limits
Clocks and clock networks 5.3.1	. · · ·	Full kinematics of decaying trapped rac	dioisotopes: keV sterile v	
Kinetic detectors 5.3.2	kinetic detectors	Upgra Full k	aded magnetic torsion balance: factor 100 improvement kinematics of decaying trapped radioisotopes: keV steril Particle DM detectors (mechanical acc Full kinematics of decaying trapped rad	e v factor 100 improvement elerometers) for Planck scale DM dioisotopes: keV sterile v 5-6 orders improvement
Spin-based sensors 5.3.3 Superconducting sensors 5.3.3	spin- based sensors	10-100x improvement in spin amplifier Precessing ferromagnets So La	queezing / entanglement in vapor and NV sensors, NV arge-scale networks of spin-based detectors Precessing ferromagnet	sensor ensembles
Optomechanical sensors 5.3.4	super- conducting sensors	Phase-sensitive upconverters (Squee TES, MKID, CEB (f < 100 GHz)	Qubits / QND photon counters, entangled Superconducting RF cavities: factor 100-2	*
Atoms/molecules/ions 5.3.5 Atom interferometry 5.3.5	opto- mechanical sensors	Optical cavity constraints on scalar D Levitated sensors for high frequency	100 m scale cryogenic Levitated sensors for high Cavity & accelerometer scalar/vector DM searche	frequency GW and axion searches s, squeezed light rticles in cavity) for TeV~PeV scale DM
Metamaterials, 0/1/2D-materials Quantum materials 5.3.6	atoms/ molecules/ ions	Josephson junctions for voltage refere eEDM result with trapped ultracold mo All exotic Rydberg a	ence: factor of 10 olecular systems species can be sympathetically laser cooled: factor 10- atoms for GHz-THz axion (mass = µeV~meV) detection Entangled molecules to get to Heisenberg-limited	
also for HEP!	inter- ferometry	macroscopic wave packet QM tests (clock atom interferometry	Atom interferometry at 1 kr Multi-site entangled systen	n scale ns e-based atom interferometry (GW & DM)

Quantum Sensors for high energy particle physics

Reference work



+ talk by IS at

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

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QTFP in a nutshell

- Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics (QTFP): Part of the UK's National Quantum Technology Programme, involving over 200 university and research staff, focusing on quantum technology development.
- ➤ Research and Education: Central to creating a sustainable ecosystem for quantum technology in the UK, seeking funding beyond March 2025.
- > Innovation and Impact: Engages in groundbreaking research on the universe's origins, dark matter, and more, aiming to educate and upskill the future quantum workforce.
- Commercialisation and Applications: Highlights the UK's heritage in technology innovation and the transformative potential of quantum technologies across computing, healthcare, and science.
- Funding and International Collaboration: Initiated with £40M from the Strategic Priorities Fund, emphasizing the importance of continued investment and international partnerships.
- > Education and Upskilling: Focuses on attracting talent and providing high-level training to sustain the UK's quantum economy.
- ➤ Vision for the Future: Advocates for sustained investment to maintain global leadership in quantum technologies for fundamental physics, emphasizing long-term scientific and socioeconomic benefits.

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

CERN HAS A DEVELOPING QUANTUM PROGRAMME

FERMILAB IS A DOE QUANTUM SCIENCE CENTER

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

THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS THAT HAVE MADE QTFP POSSIBLE ARE:

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

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

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



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