



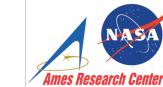
Advances in quantum computing and sensing using SRF technology

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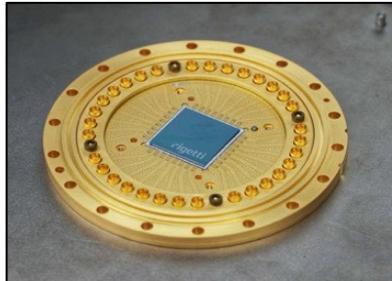
28 Partner Institutions
>450 Collaborators

A DOE National Quantum Information Science Research Center



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

SQMS Mission

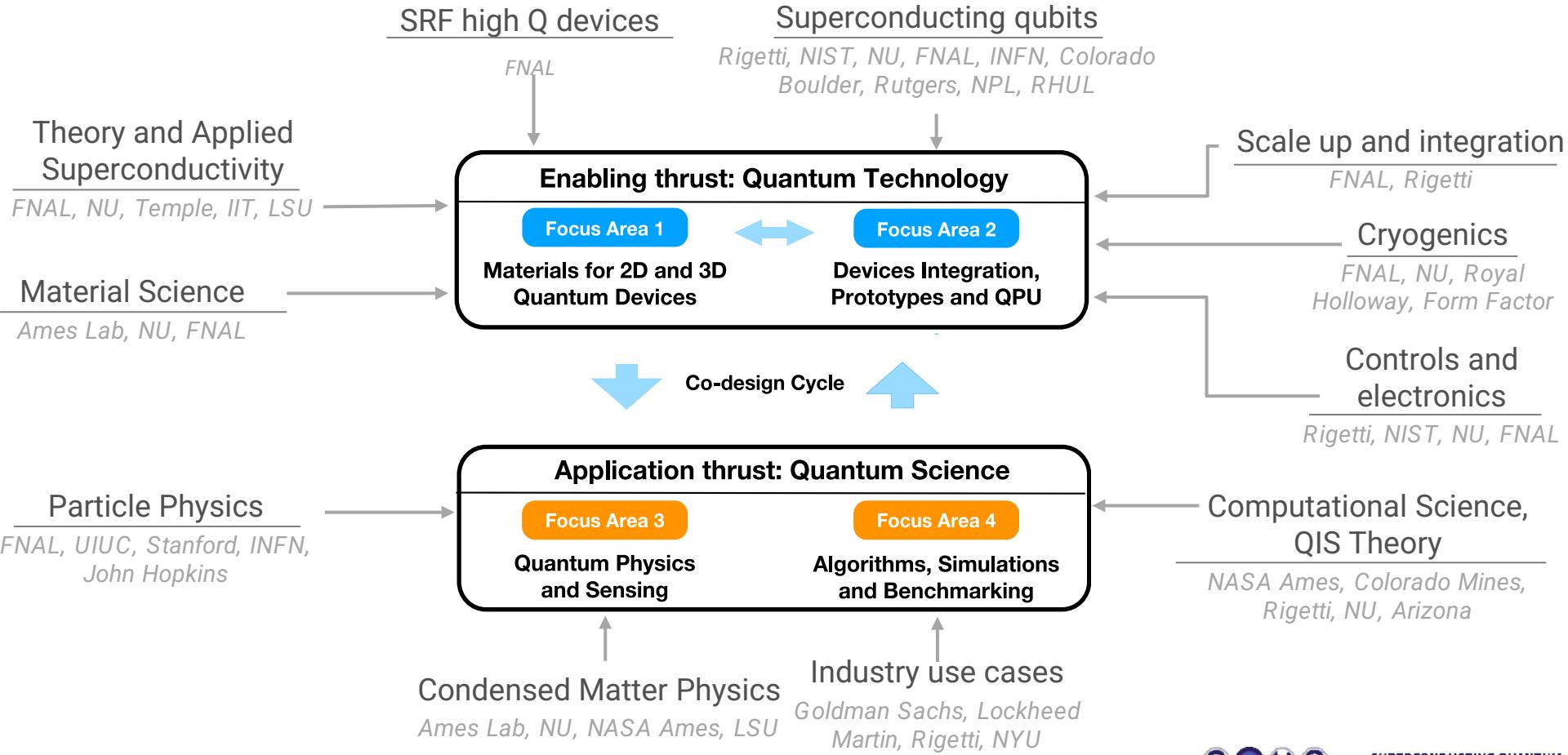


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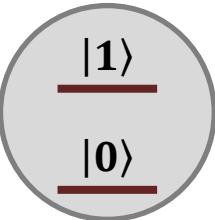
"bring together the power of national labs, industry and academia to achieve transformational advances in the QIS **major cross-cutting challenge of understanding and eliminating the decoherence mechanisms** in superconducting 2D and 3D devices, with the goal of enabling construction and deployment of superior quantum systems for computing and sensing."



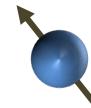
SQMS Center Research



Basic Requirements

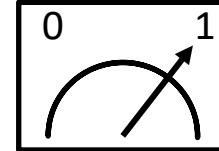


Quantum two
level systems

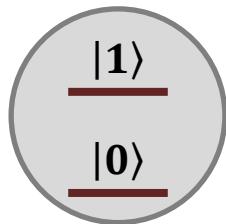


$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

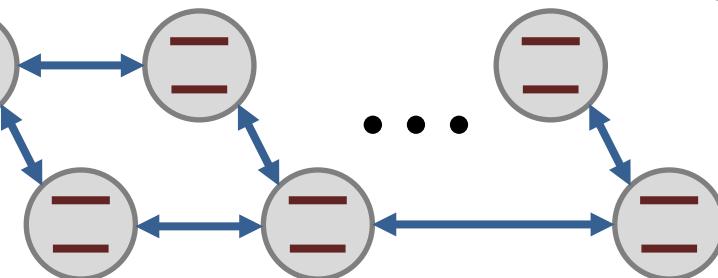
Create arbitrary
states



Measure
quantum states



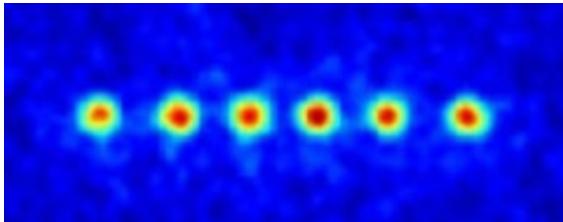
Couple multiple qubits



Scalable architecture

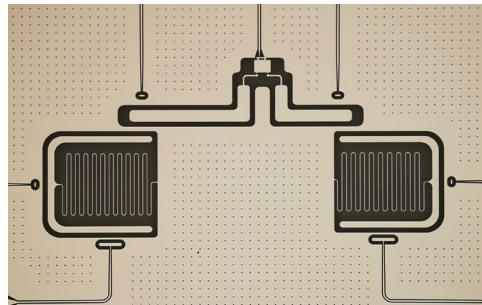
Qubit Implementations

Ion traps



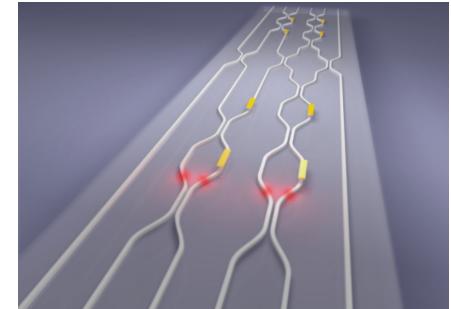
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Superconducting qubits



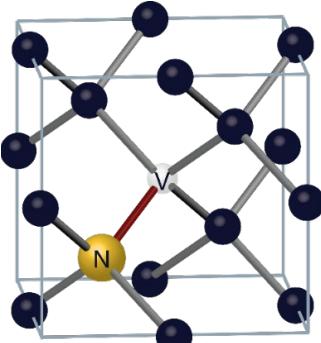
Schuster lab

Photonic crystals



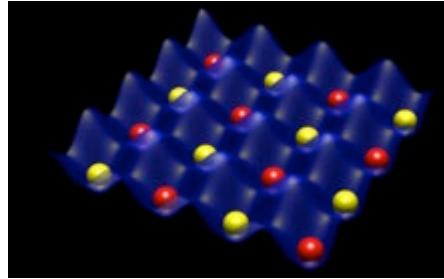
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NV centers



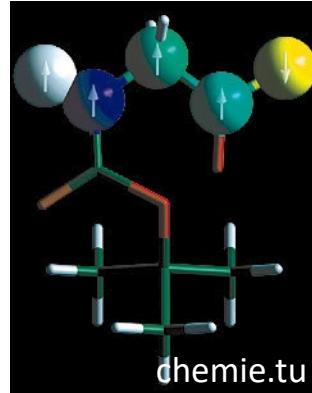
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Neutral atoms

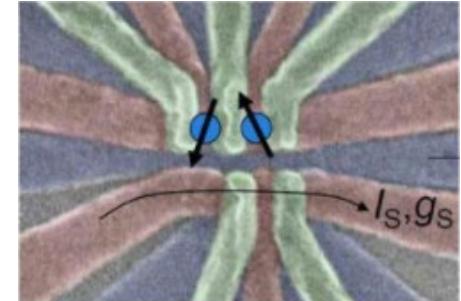


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NMR

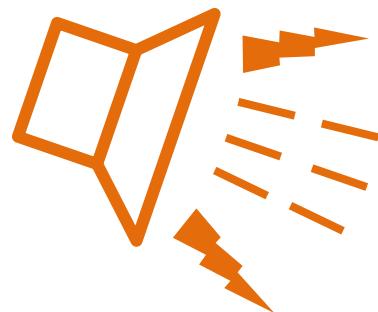


Quantum dots



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Limited Coherence

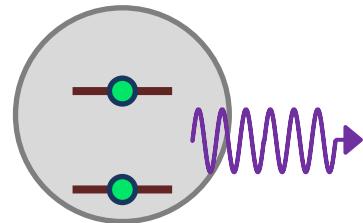


Noise

Decoherence

Relaxation (T_1)

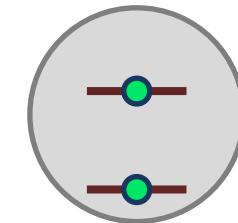
Dephasing (T_ϕ)



$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$



$$|0\rangle$$

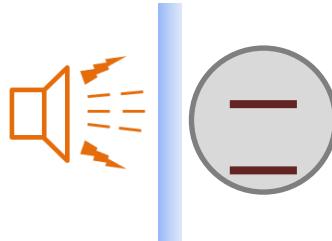
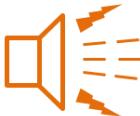


$$|0\rangle + e^{i\phi}|1\rangle$$



Incoherent mix of $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

Protection from Noise



① Reduce noise sources

- Materials
- Fabrication
- EM environment engineering

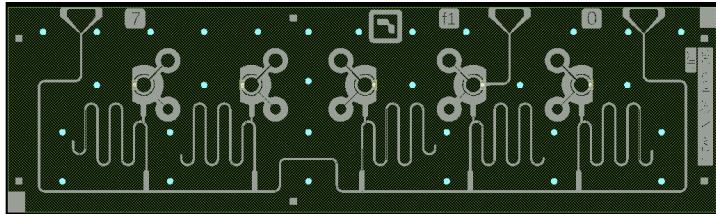
② Intrinsic noise protection

- Hamiltonian insensitive to noise

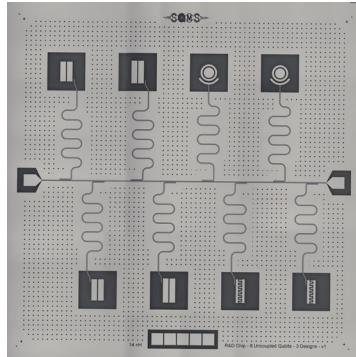
③ Quantum error correction

- Detect and correct error
- Feedback based
- Autonomous

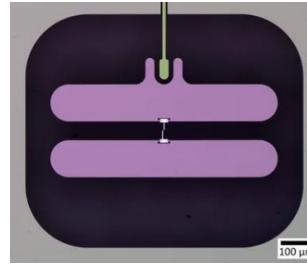
Focus Area 1: Understanding Materials



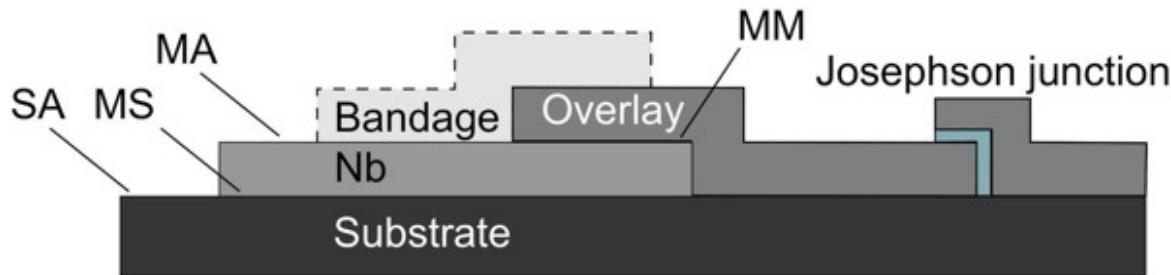
Rigetti



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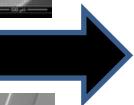
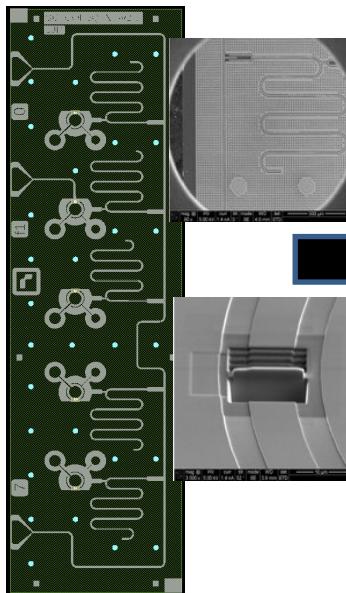
Houck lab



Systematic study of
loss sources

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2. Wenner, J. et al. Applied Physics Letters **99**, 113513 (2011)
3. Wang et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. **107**, 162601 (2015)
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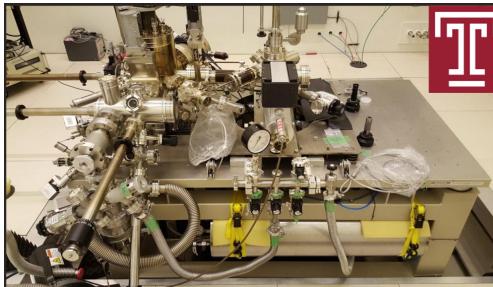
Physical / Superconductivity Characterization



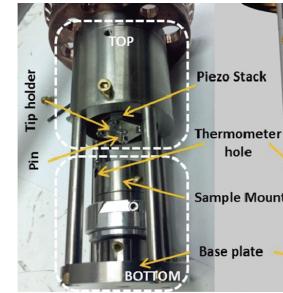
Study the 'good vs bad' performing qubit fragments



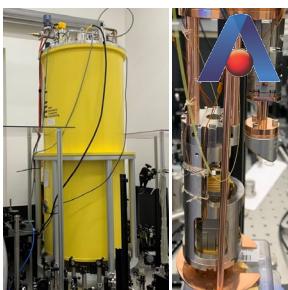
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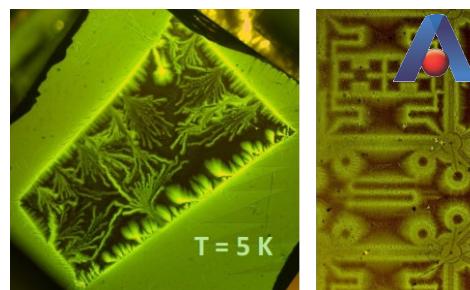
STM



Point-Contact Tunneling



THz Spectroscopy



Magneto-optical



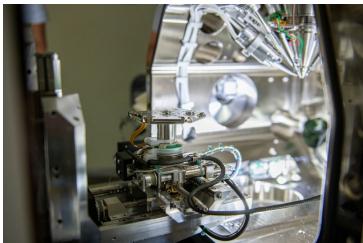
β -NMR/ μ SR



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Structural / Chemical Characterization

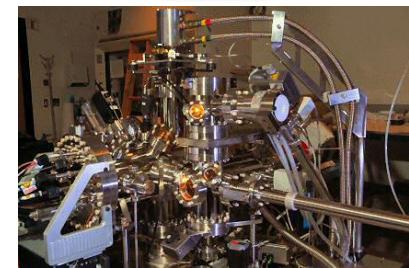
Electron Microscopy



XRR/XRD



APT



TOF-SIMS



XPS



AFM/MFM

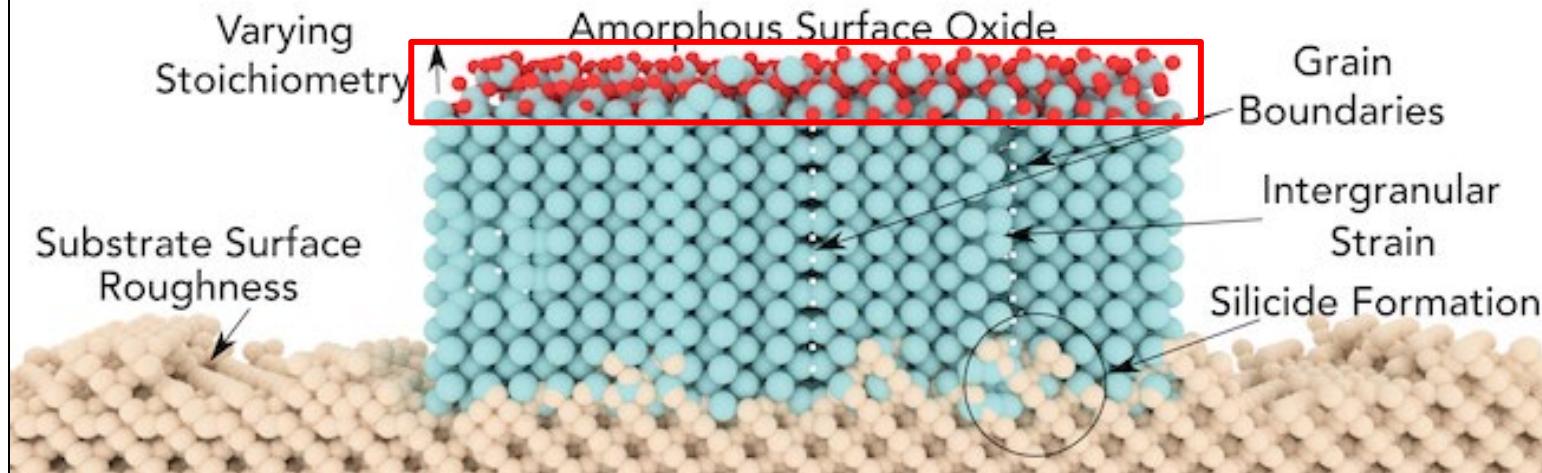


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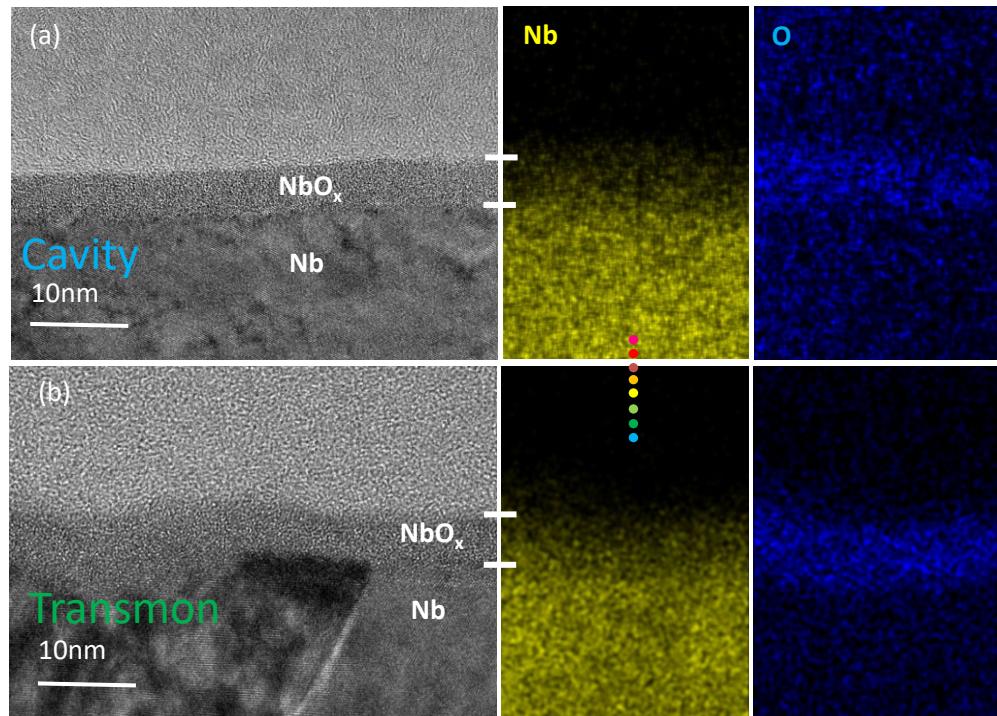
Metal-air Interface

Nanoscale Sources of Decoherence



Presence of Niobium Oxide

- Multi-institute study of 2D qubit fragments confirming
 - Thickness
 - Composition
 - Mostly amorphous structure - Nb_2O_5
 - Is almost identical to SRF cavities



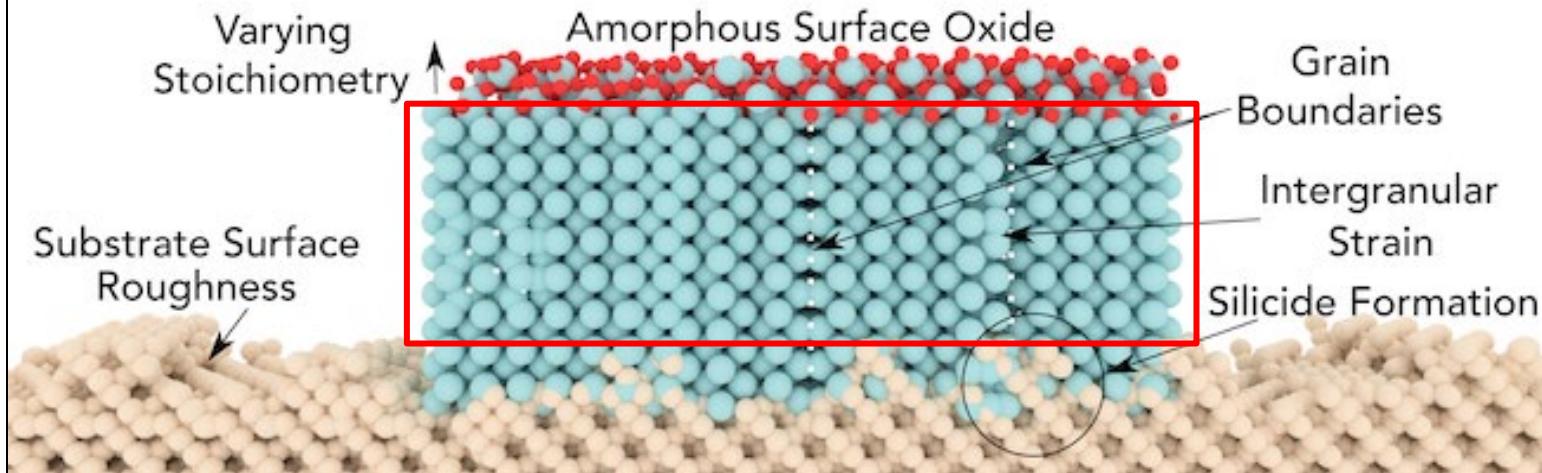
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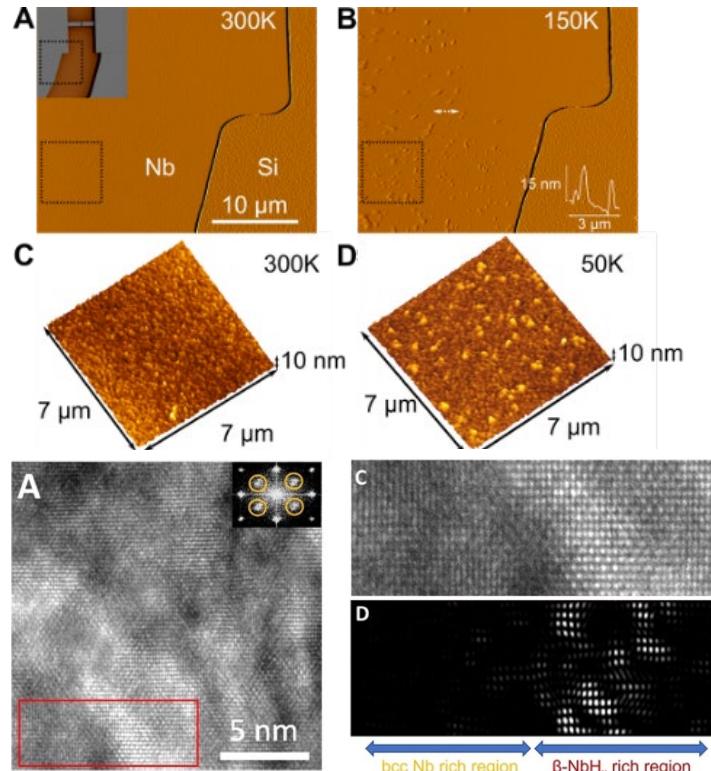


Deposited Metal

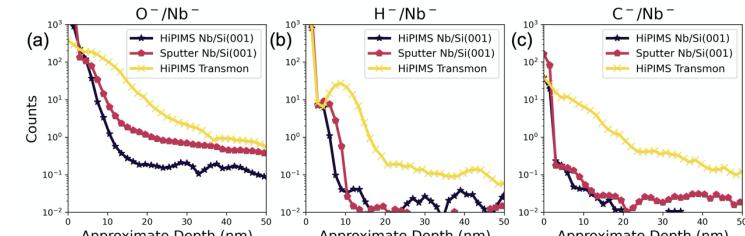
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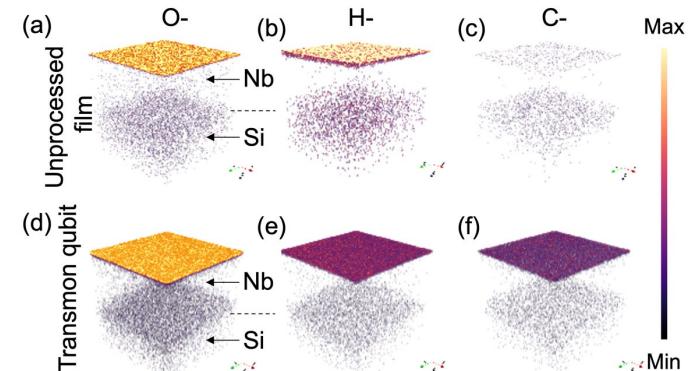
Impurities in Superconducting Films



Presence of NbH



Depth Profiles of impurities in Nb film

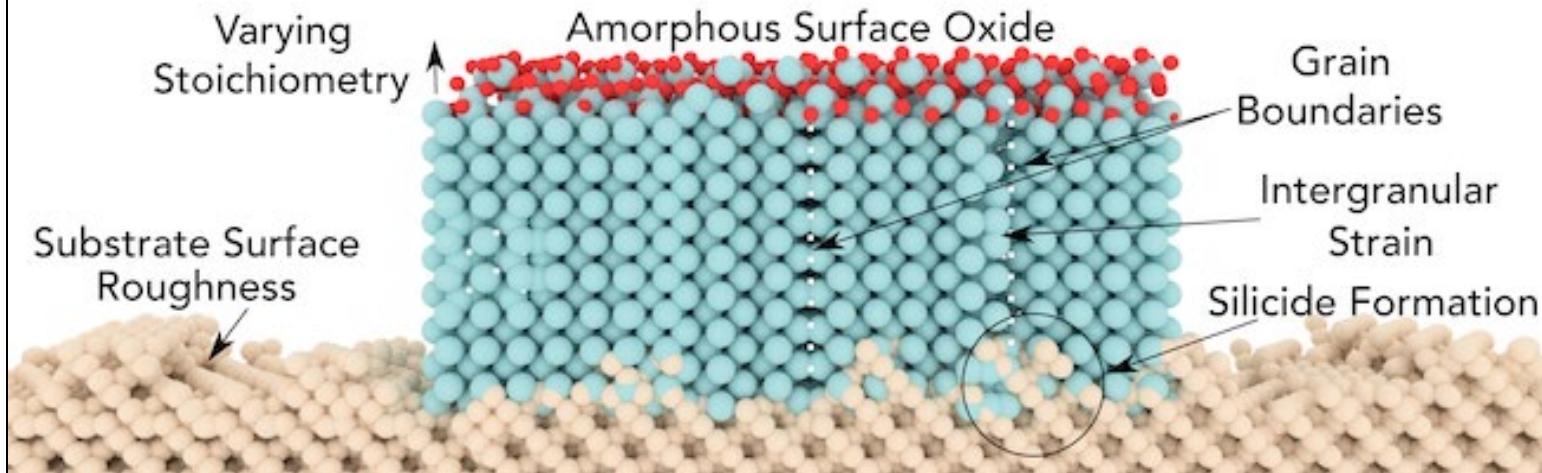


3D representation of impurity concentrations

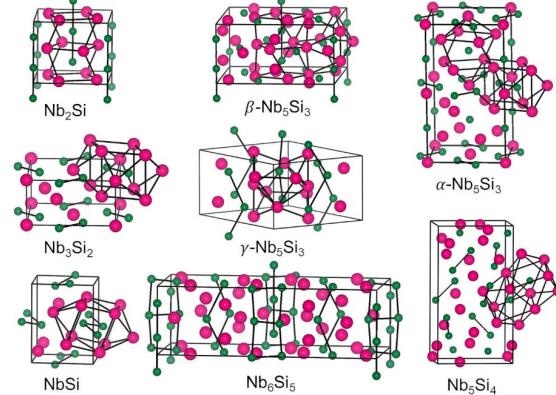
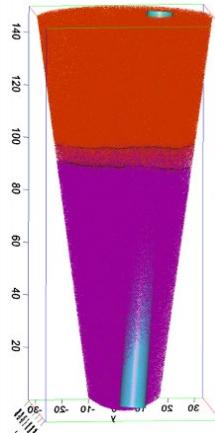
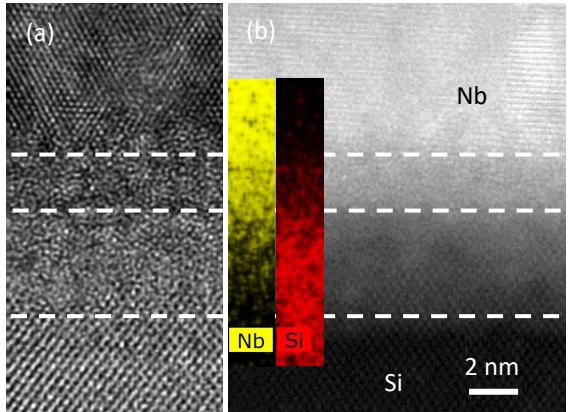
Presence of O^- , H^- , C^- , Cl^- , F^- , Na^+ , Mg^+ , and Ca^+

Metal-substrate Interface

Nanoscale Sources of Decoherence



Niobium-Silicon Interface



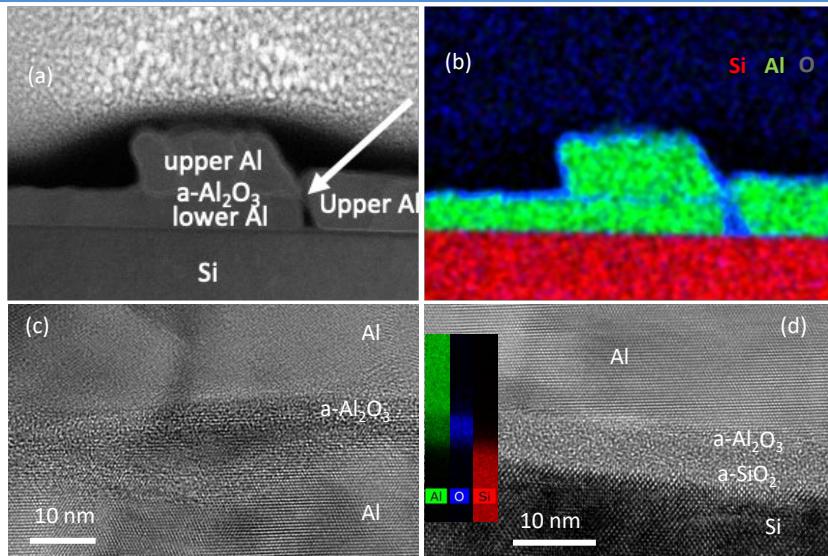
Presence of Nb_xSi_y

Ongoing effort on
understanding lossy silicides

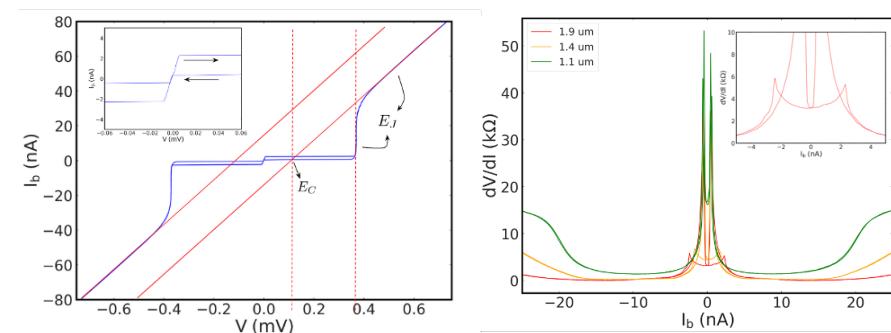
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Josephson Junction Features

- Al/Al₂O₃/Al interface is wavy
- Amorphous AlO_x and amorphous SiO_x layer at Al/Si interface
- Junction fabrication scheme can introduce defects



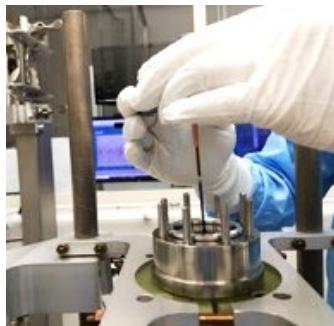
- Noise-optimized dc transport measurements to determine qubit JJ critical parameters
- Switching current much less than expected critical current



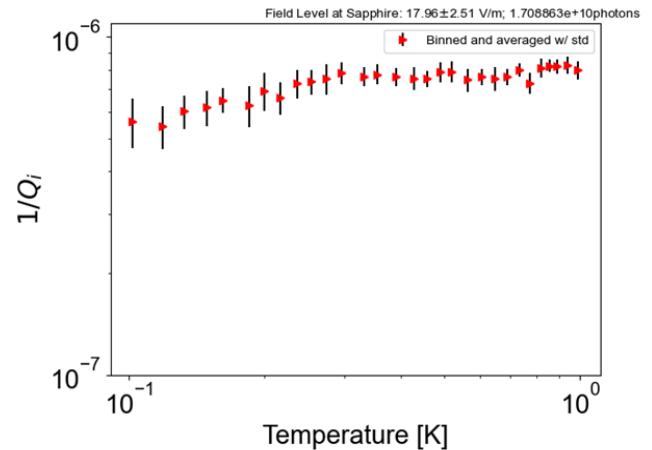
SUPERCONDUCTING QUANTUM
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Substrates Testing

Example: Silicon sample mounted on the cavity flange



SRF Cavity with sample inside



Sapphire is better than Si, evaluating several vendors

Examining every aspect of device materials

Publication in preparation

Mitigation of Lossy Oxides

Introduce
encapsulating layer

- Thin (~5-10 nm) => small contribution to conductive losses
- But TLS-hosting dissipative surface Nb₂O₅ is absent => improved coherence

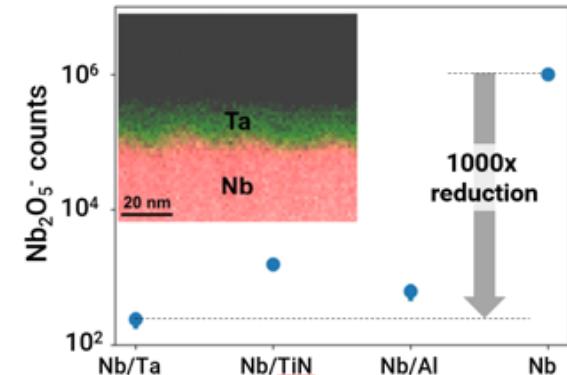
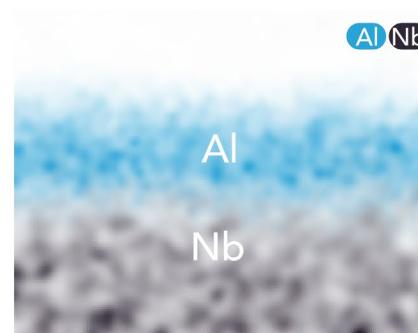
Method 1



Method 2

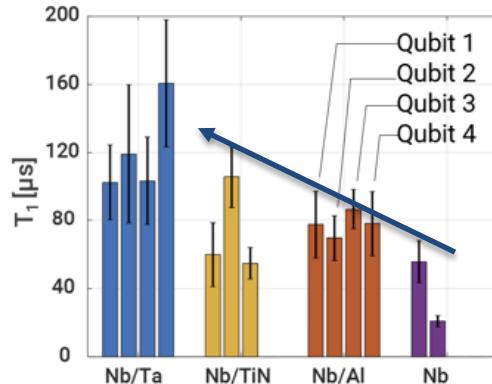
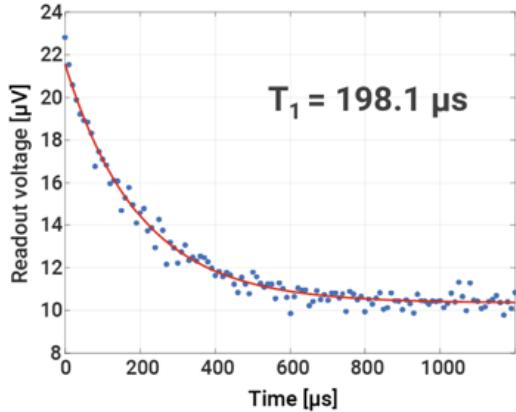


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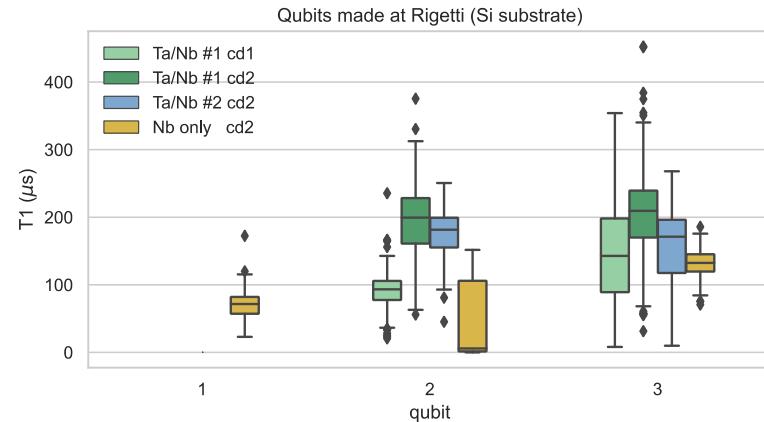
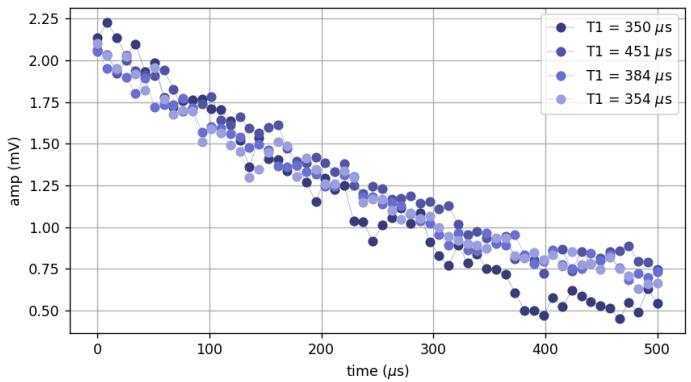
Improved Performance

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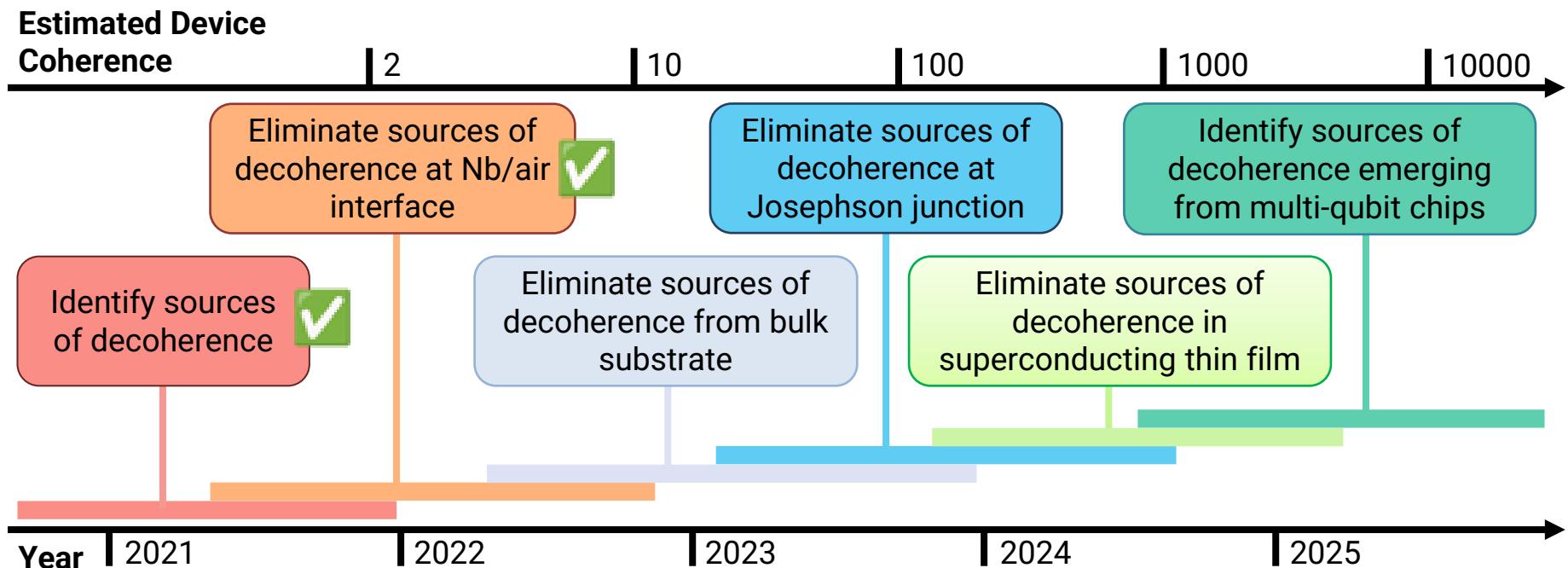


T_1 improved by 3-5x

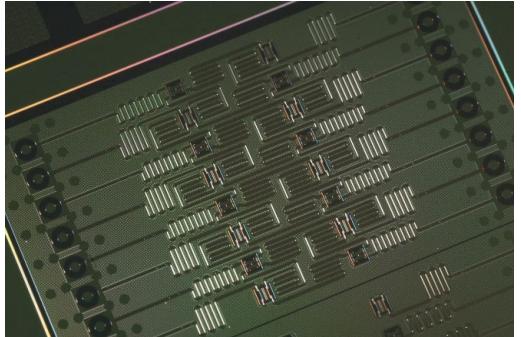
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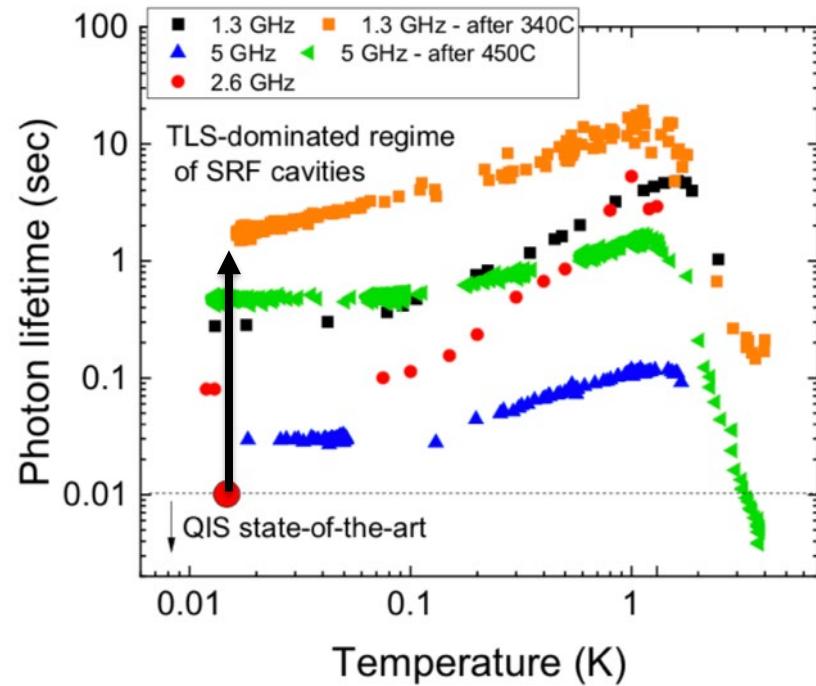
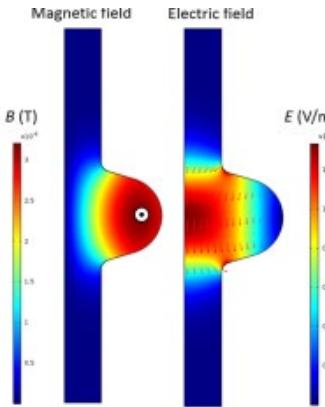
2D Qubit Materials Roadmap



Focus Area 2: 3D QPU Architecture



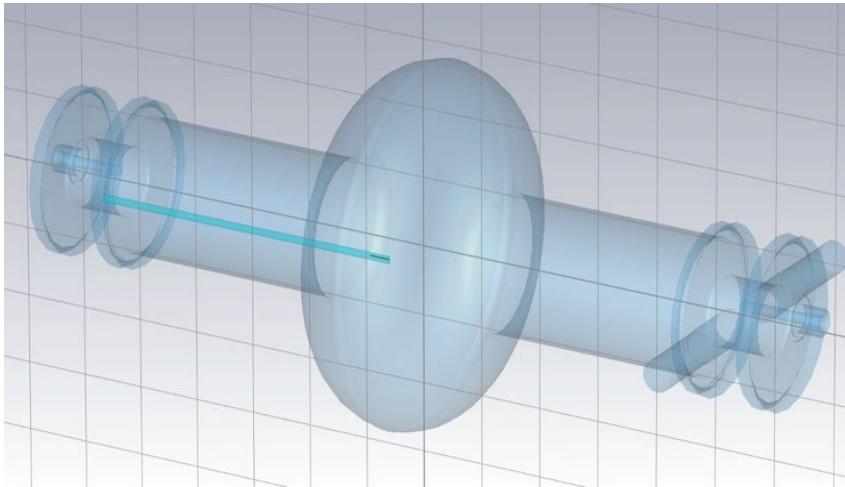
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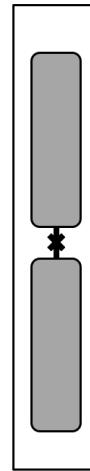
Cavity $T_1 > 1$ sec

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

Quantum Control of SRF Cavities



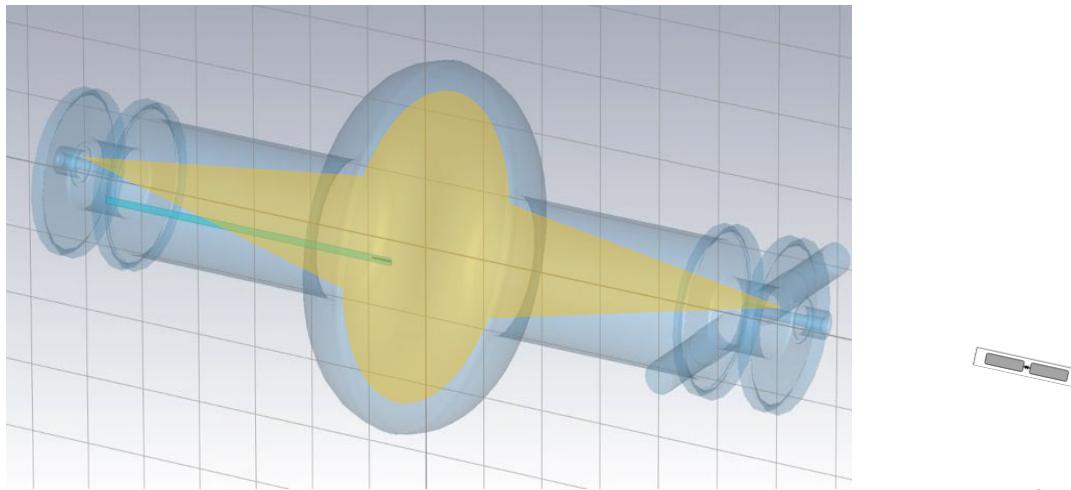
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circuit



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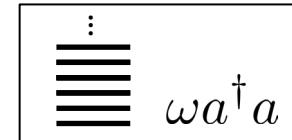
3d

EM mode coupled
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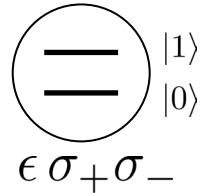


Minimal description:
Jaynes-Cummings model

oscillator



qubit



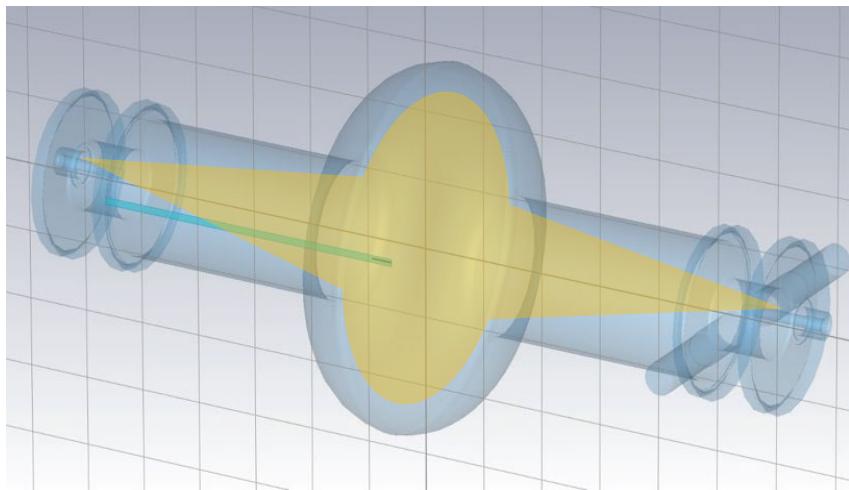
2D

Transmon stores quantum info,
Cavity used for driving & readout

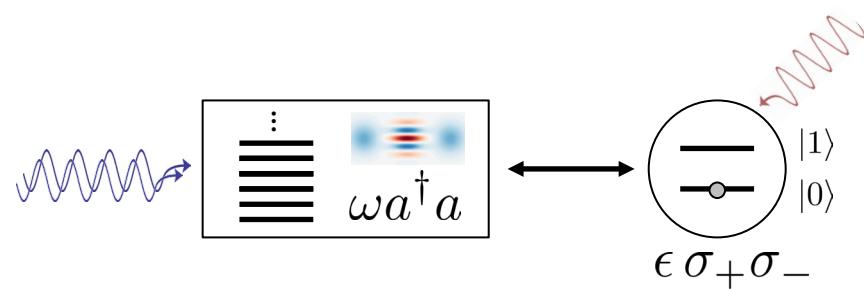
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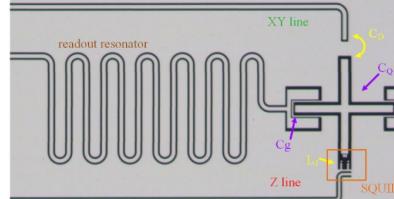
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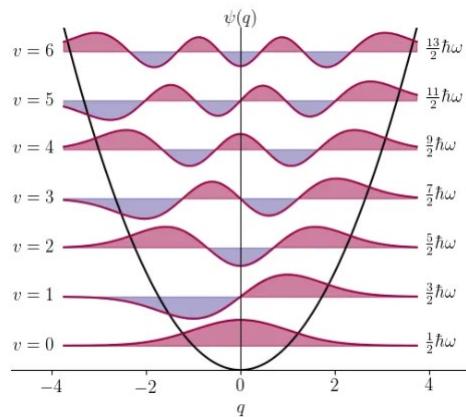
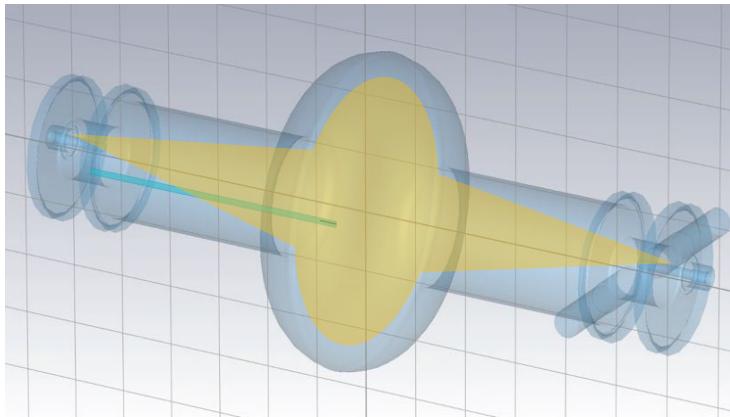
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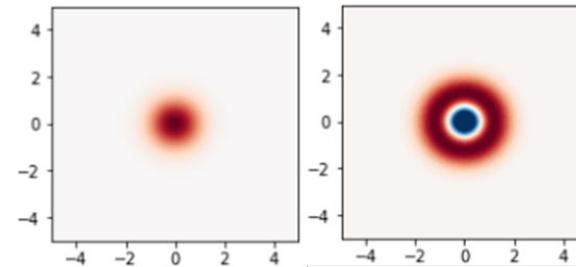
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New Approach: Qudit

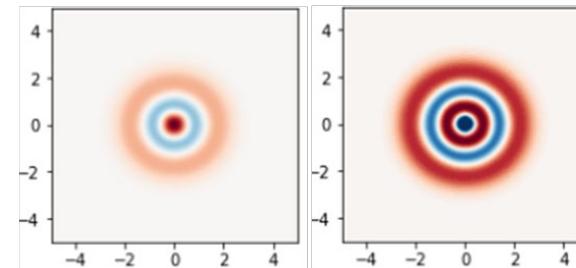


$\log_2 d$ qubits

4-levels: Ququart



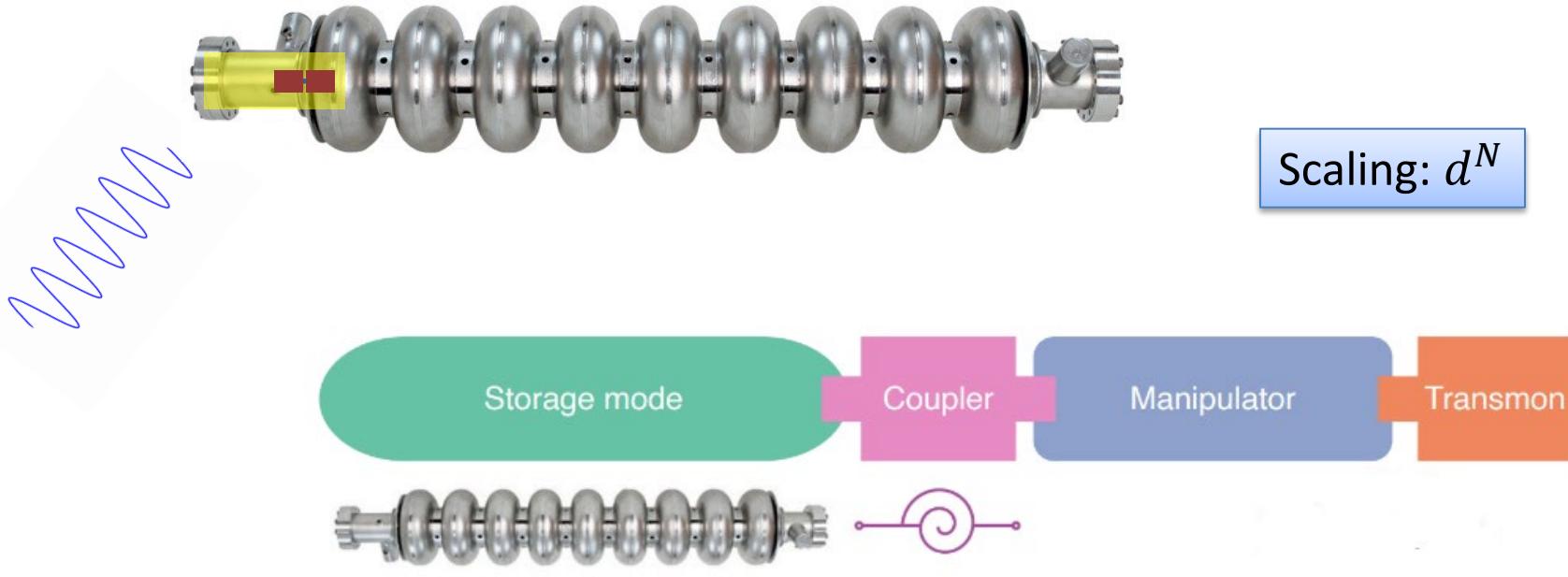
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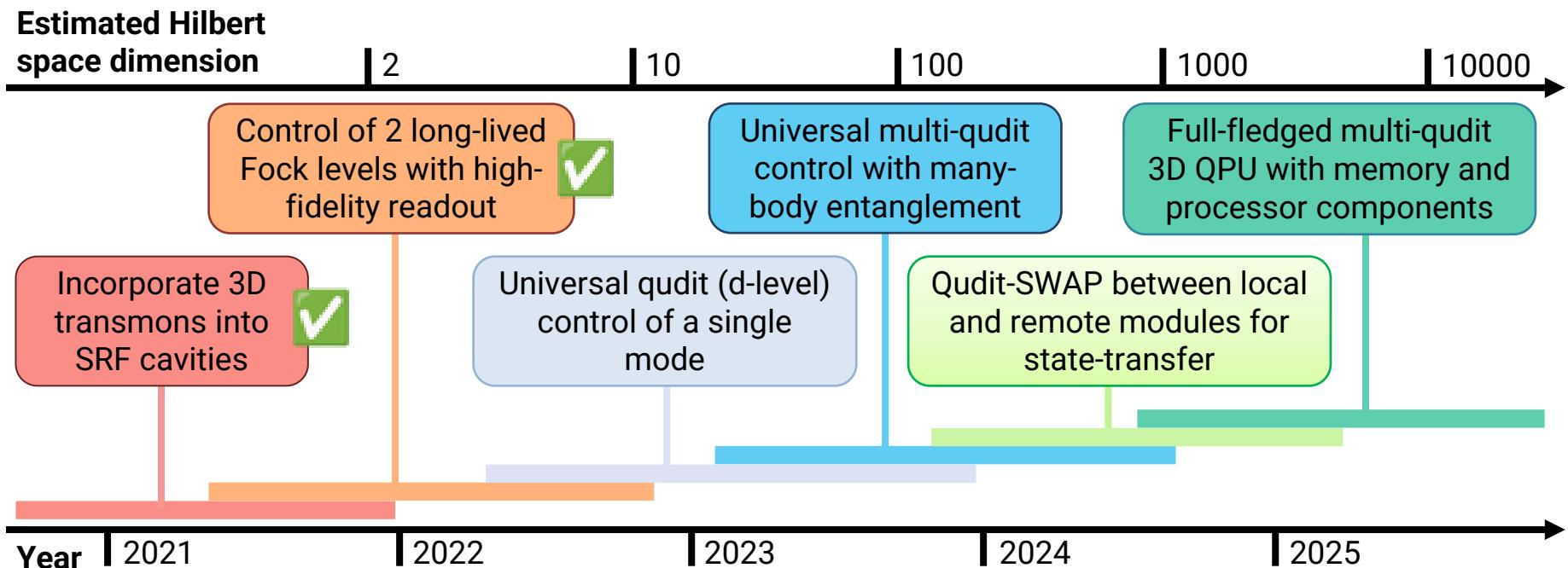
8-levels: Quoct

3 qubits

Multi-qudit Architecture



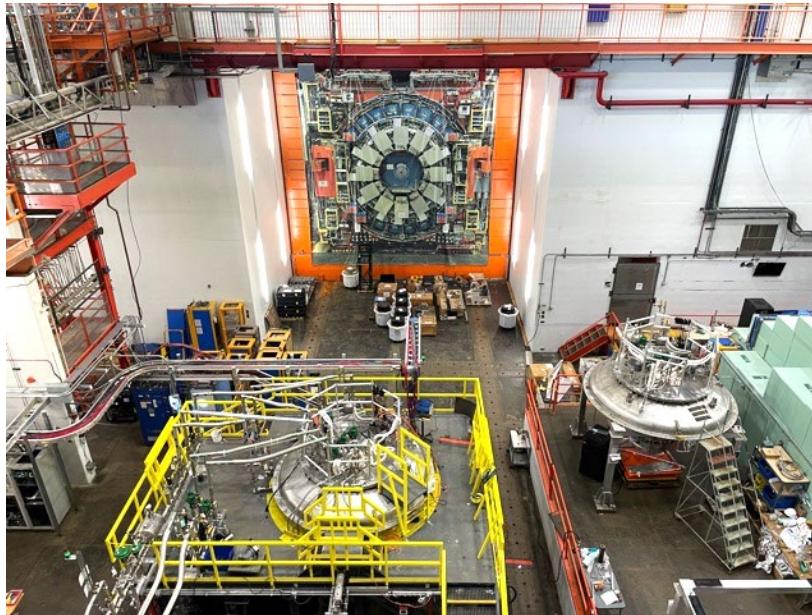
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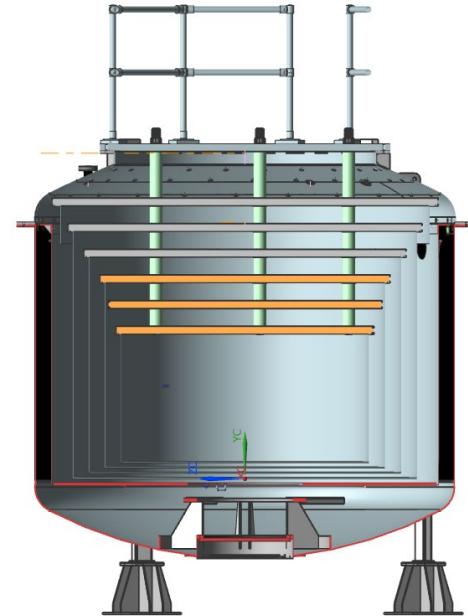
Large Cryogenic Facilities



Central liquid
He plant

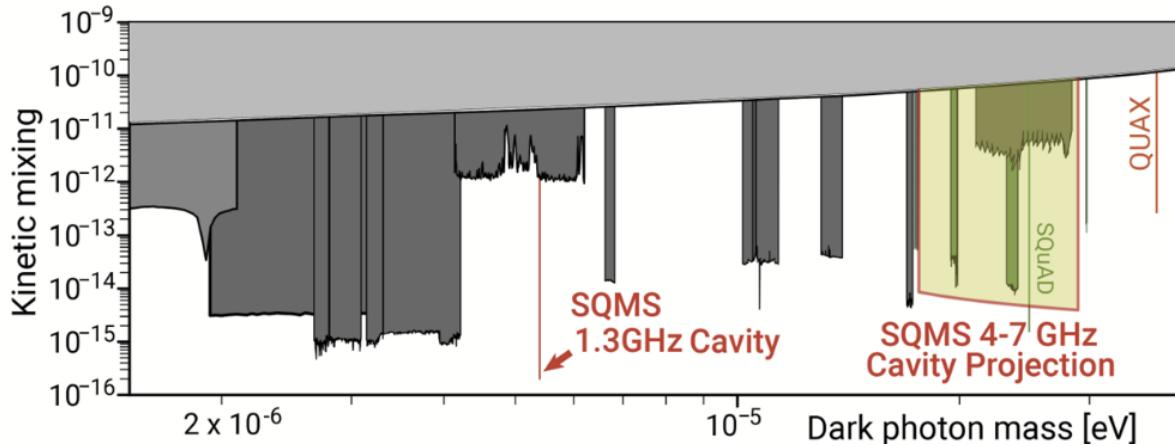
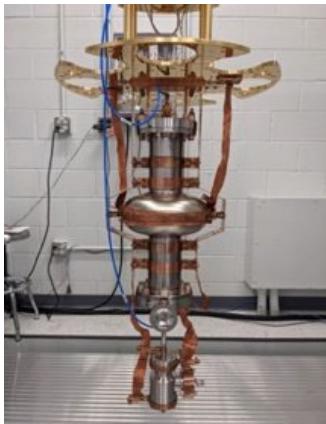


Substantial interest from IBM, Rigetti, Form Factor etc.



Colossus

Ultrahigh Q Cavity for Dark Photon DM Search



Cervantes et al., arxiv:2208.03183

DPDM search with 1.3 GHz cavity with $Q_L \approx 10^{10}$.

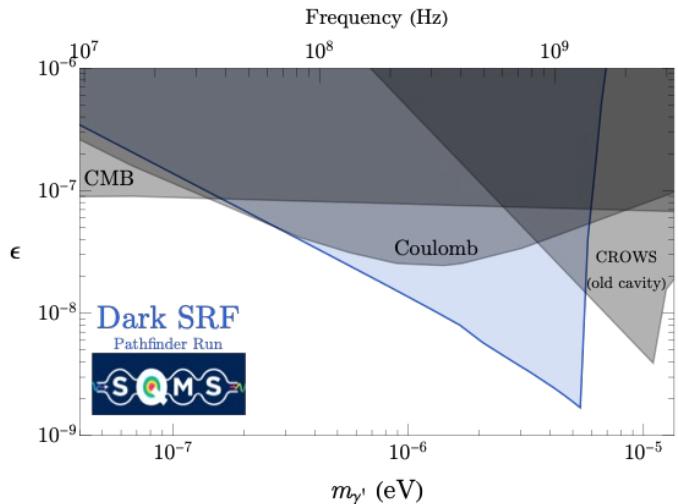
Deepest exclusion to wavelike DPDM by an order of magnitude.

Dark SRF: Cavity-based Dark Photon Search

A "light-shining-through-wall" experiment



Phase 1: Pathfinder run in LHe.
Demonstrated enormous potential for
SRF based searches.



Romanenko et al., arXiv:2301.11512 (2023), in review in PRL.

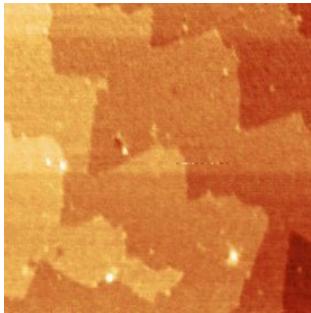
Phase 2: in DR,
receiver at $\sim \text{mk}$, in
quantum regime.
Improved
frequency stability.
Phase sensitive
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Will increase the
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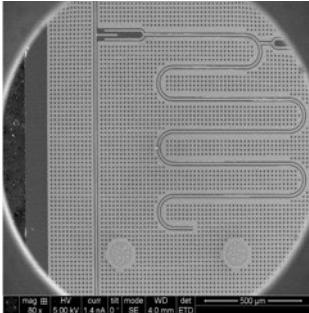
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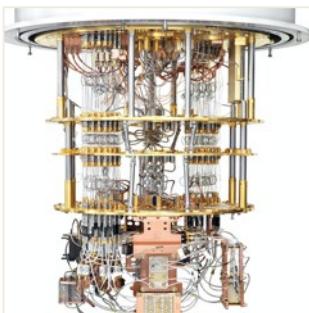
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High-coherence devices



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

Systems integration



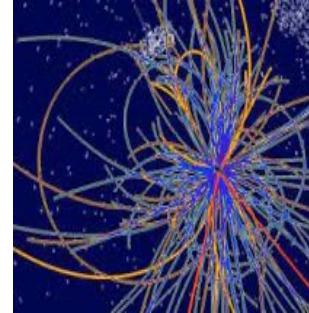
Preserving device high performance through the process of integrating into more complex systems

New platforms for quantum computing & sensing



Deploying quantum platforms of innovative architectures and improved performance

Quantum advantage



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

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