

Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare

Retreat di Sezione Assisi, 13-15 Giugno 2022 Attività di R&D criogeniche in Sezione

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Facilities

- <u>Laboratorio rivelatori criogenici</u> (*M. Vignati*) Principali attività: Nucleus (CSN2), Bullkid (CSN 5)
- <u>Ultra Lab</u> (*F. Bellini*) Principali attività: CUPID (CSN 2), SQMS (CSN 5)
- Experimental Cosmology Group (P. de Bernardis) Principali attività INFN: QUBIC, LSPE e LITEBIRD (CSN 2)
- Laboratorio Rivelatori di onde gravitazionali (*E. Majorana*)
 Principali attività: ET e Archimedes (CSN 2)

BULLKID motivation

BULLKID aims to develop a KIDs based detector able to combine large mass and low threshold for CNS and light WIMPs





BULLKID detector











- 4.5 mm deep grooves
- 5.5 mm pitch
- chemical etching
- 0.5 mm thick surface:
- holds the structure
- hosts the KIDs



KID array

- 60 nm aluminum film
- 60 KIDs lithography



60 dices 0.3 g each 1 readout line

Design and assembly

- 3D-printed Cu holder
- Aluminum case

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Experimenal setup

Optical calibration







Preliminary results





10⁵

Q-Value

10⁴





Current cool-down: cross-check with x-ray calibration, light on other channels



Effects of radioactivity on QUBITs

Ideal Qubit: strongly coupled to other qubit (entanglement), but decoupled from the world (coherence)

<u>Cohernce</u>: the longer, the better \rightarrow goal: scale of ms

Many sources of <u>decoherence</u> under investigation, mainly related to TLS noise and excess of QPs

Possible mecanism for excess of QPs:

- Infrared detection
- Thermal/mechanical stress

Cosmic Rays and enviromental radioactivity



original plot (up to 2012): M.H. Devoret & R.J. Schoelkopf, Science **339**, 1169 (2013) extension (up to 2015): M. Reagor, PhD thesis (Yale)

Effects of radioactivity on QUBITs

Tests of superconducting resonator similar to fluxonium qubits in 3 different sites to assess effects of Cosmic particles and natural radioactivity



- Cardani et al., Nature Communications 2021
- Gusenkova et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 2022.



Next measurements

 Test of Transmon QUBITs (summer) in the context of SQMS













- LNGS radiopure
 facility equipped
 for QUBIT
 characterization

- RF electronics
operating at a
noise temperature
of around 2 K

Pulse Tube Cooling Station prototype for Rome1 Test Facility





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ET-LF Cryo Payload: A closer look to the thermal path

In order not to spoil thermal noise, suspension wires should be good conductors AND with very low dissipations: e.g. Marionette calbe could be chosen to act both as a suspension element and a cooling power carrier.

In this case, Q of the pendulum should be $\sim 10^6$

The inner shield and the actuation cage should be at a temperature low enough to have an efficient radiative cooling

Tradeoff between:

- Thermal noise
- Control Strategies
- Cooling Efficiency



6N Al Heat link studies

The activity includes:

- FEM simulations to assess the needs of the cryogenic system
- Project of very efficient soft thermal links
- Characterisation of Al6N thermal links at cryogenic temperature









Operation of geophones at low temperature

Bundle fiber





Evaluation of the Elastic Constant K Geo-1

Different weights are "added" on the moving mass. The corresponding displacement Is evaluated by the bundle fiber (calibrated EACH TIME with the micrometer)



Brand new 2 Hz geophone (1.2 Keuro), modified to operate at low temperature



With (only) 0.8 Watt the geophone works @294 K within a 15 Kelvin cryostat



Calibration in the VFC Cryostat (20-300 K)







Trasportata presso il laboratorio di superficie SARGRAV in Sardegna all'inizio di quest'anno

Seconda camera in costruzione

Avviata gara per la terza camera

Camera sperimentale, collaudata nel luglio 2020





CUPID: Assembly, bonding and NTD characterisation







Nucleus: calibration of the experiment



The core of the experiment is represented by an array of 18 low threshold TES detectors sorrounded by an inner veto (Si) and a Outer Veto (Ge)





The calibration is made by means of a system of optical fibers, coupled to a fast lamp at RT

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Nucleus: Germanium Outer Veto detector assembly and charcterisation



- Operation of a Germanium detector @ 10 mK with a threshold energy around 1 keV

- Prototyping of the read-out electronics for the direct application in the experiment



Polarimeter development, Cryogenic System and Detectors calibration for the QUBIC experiment

- The QUBIC experiment aims at measuring CMB polarization from the 5200 m Alto Chorillo (Argentinian Andes), with an innovative bolometric interferometer.
- International experiment lead by J.C. Hamilton (APC Paris).
- Important INFN contributions (Coordinator S. Masi, Roma1):
- Cryogenic system and cryogenic polarization modulator (Roma1), feedhorns array (Mi), beam combiner and optical switches array (MiB), data analysis
- (Roma2).
- Currently in Salta for last calibrations. Shipment to the observation site by September/october 2022.







Polarimeter development, Cryogenic System and Detectors calibration for the QUBIC experiment

• The cryogenic system is described in depth in Masi et al. JCAP 04 038 (2022).

• The cryogenic polarization modulator is described in depth in D'Alessandro et al. JCAP 04 039 (2022).







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Polarimeter development, Detectors Integration and Calibration for LSPE-SWIPE

- The SWIPE instrument of the Large-Scale Polarization Explorer is a CMB polarimetry mission on a stratospheric balloon, to be flown in the Arctic night in 2023.
- Funded by ASI, Sapienza, and INFN
- Mission PI in Roma1 (de Bernardis).
- The cryostat, telescope, polarization modulator, multimode feedhorns and the focal plane are developed in Roma1, while the spider-web absorbers and the TES thermistors are developed in INFN Genova (F. Gatti). Readout electronics developed in INFN Pisa (G. Signorelli).
 - Dedicated focal-plane integration facility in Roma1. Dedicated polarimetry test facility in Roma1 (G31).
 - The cryogenic system is described in Piacentini et al.







LiteBIRD/LSPE polarization modulators

- The polarization modulators for the CMB missions LSPE an LiteBIRD are based on a cryogenic spinning metamaterials half-wave plate.
- To avoid friction, we have developed a large (50 cm diameter) hollow superconducting magnetic bearing
- The rotator is able to spin the HWP at 30 rpm with negligible (<5 mW) power dissipation on the 2K cryogenic stage.
- See arXiv:2101.05188 for details.







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LiteBIRD/LSPE testbed cryostat (Obelix)

- The large cryogenic polarization modulators of LSPE/SWIPE and LiteBIRD require a 1 m³ cryogenic volume to be operated and optimized.
- To save on the cost of liquid helium we have developed a cryogenic test facility, called
 Obelix, which is based on Pulse-tube refrigerators.
- The facility is being installed in the G31 laboratory in Sapienza.

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