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The underground Round Robin

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The Round Robin

- The device is being transferred between laboratories worldwide to be measured using the same procedures
- Getting a full picture of the decoherence sources
- INFN: focus on "radioactivity" @LNGS



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Radioactivity

External sources

Cosmic muons, neutrons, laboratory radioactivity Mitigation: passive shielding, location (e.g. underground)

- Internals sources
- Materials

Mitigaton: selection of radiopure materials, cleaning

A combination of passive shielding and active background identification (such as muon veto) helps to mitigate the unwanted noise signal

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see A. Mariani's poster

Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso (LNGS)



- 1400 m of dolomite rock (3600 m water equivalent)
- Cosmic rays flux attenuation 10⁶
- Neutrons (>1MeV) flux attenuation 10⁴

Approx:

- μ : ~ 3x10⁻⁸ / (s cm²)
- γ : ~ 1 / (s cm²)
- neutrons: ~ 4x10⁻⁶ / (s · cm²)

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https://arxiv.org/pdf/0912.0452.pdf

The IETI cryostat



- Dry dilution refrigerator
- Versatile platform that can be used for a variety of experiments with different detectors (KIDs, TESs, bolometers...)
- The experimental volume is decoupled from the pulse tube (dumping the oscillation)
- External and internal shields



IETI passive shields



- Mu metal for magnetic shielding
- Cu for bremsstrahlung shielding
- · Pb to suppress the lab radioactivity

A Roman lead shield is ultrapure thanks to 2,000 years under the sea

In this configuration the gamma flux is attenuated by approx one order of magnitude

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The radioactivity on our chip in numbers

• 30 mHz above ground (simulated)

External Sources, underground

- **1 mHz** on the substrate using 5 cm lead passive shield (simulated+measured)
- **28 mHz** on the substrate using the thorium source (simulated)

Internal sources

• 5 mHz from the PCB (measured)



Readout scheme









RR package

The run @LNGS



- Measured 2 qubits in 1 week Q8 at fixed frequency, Q13 tunable
- T1, T2, qubit spectroscopy, resonator spectroscopy, rabi oscillation, ramsey
- T1 from Q8 with and without external radioactive source (²³⁸Th with measured total activity 300 kBq and 28 mHz on the sample)

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# **Q8 fine tuning**



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### **Q8 T1**

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## **Radioactive source**

- Thoriated tungsten electrode 300 kBq total activity (measured)
- 28 mHz on the substrate (simulated and measured)
- Inside the lead shield

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# T<sub>1</sub> histogram Q8



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# Conclusion

- We developed a fully operational underground facility for superconducting qubit experiments in a low radioactivity environment
- A parametric amplifier is still needed to achieve better fine-tuning of the qubit
- There seems to be no direct effect of the radioactive source on T<sub>1</sub>
- Characterizing all qubits will help us to determine the effect of the radioactivity
- New measurements with qubits featuring higher T<sub>1</sub>

Thank you for your attention

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