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**Piano Triennale**

2025 | 2027

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CSN5

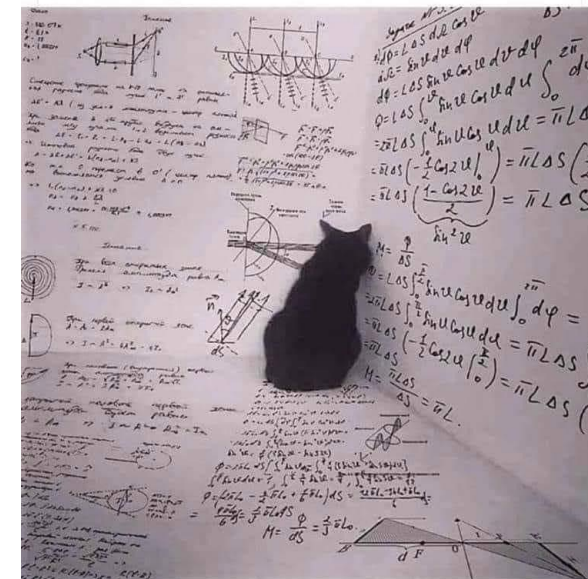
**Tecnologie Quantistiche @INFN**

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# La sfida delle Tecnologie Quantistiche

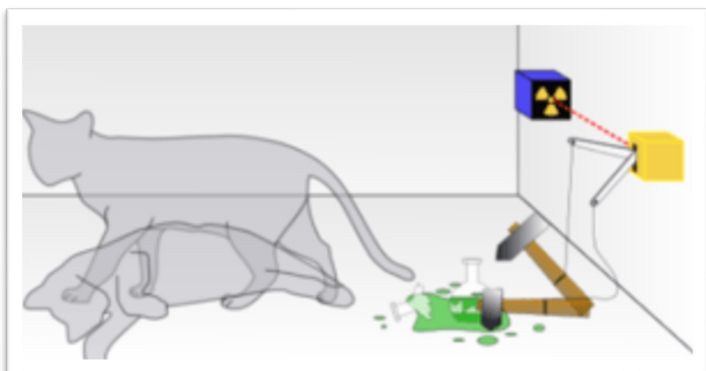
- Collocazione dell'INFN nel panorama delle TQ.
- Panoramica delle attività in corso.
- Prospettive per il futuro.

Meanwhile, inside the box, Schrodinger's cat plans its revenge.



## Cosa si intende per Tecnologie Quantistiche?

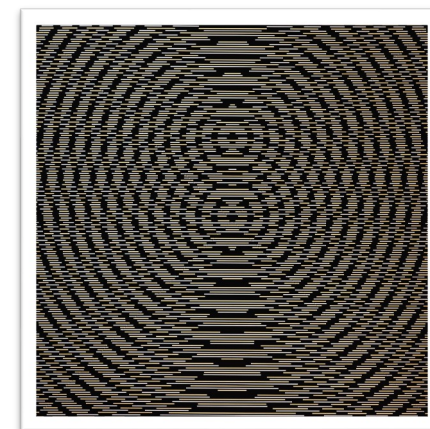
Le tecnologie quantistiche sfruttano proprietà quantistiche per realizzare prestazioni che superano i limiti teorici delle attuali tecnologie.



**Quantum  
Superposition**

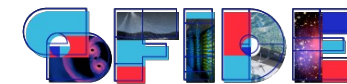
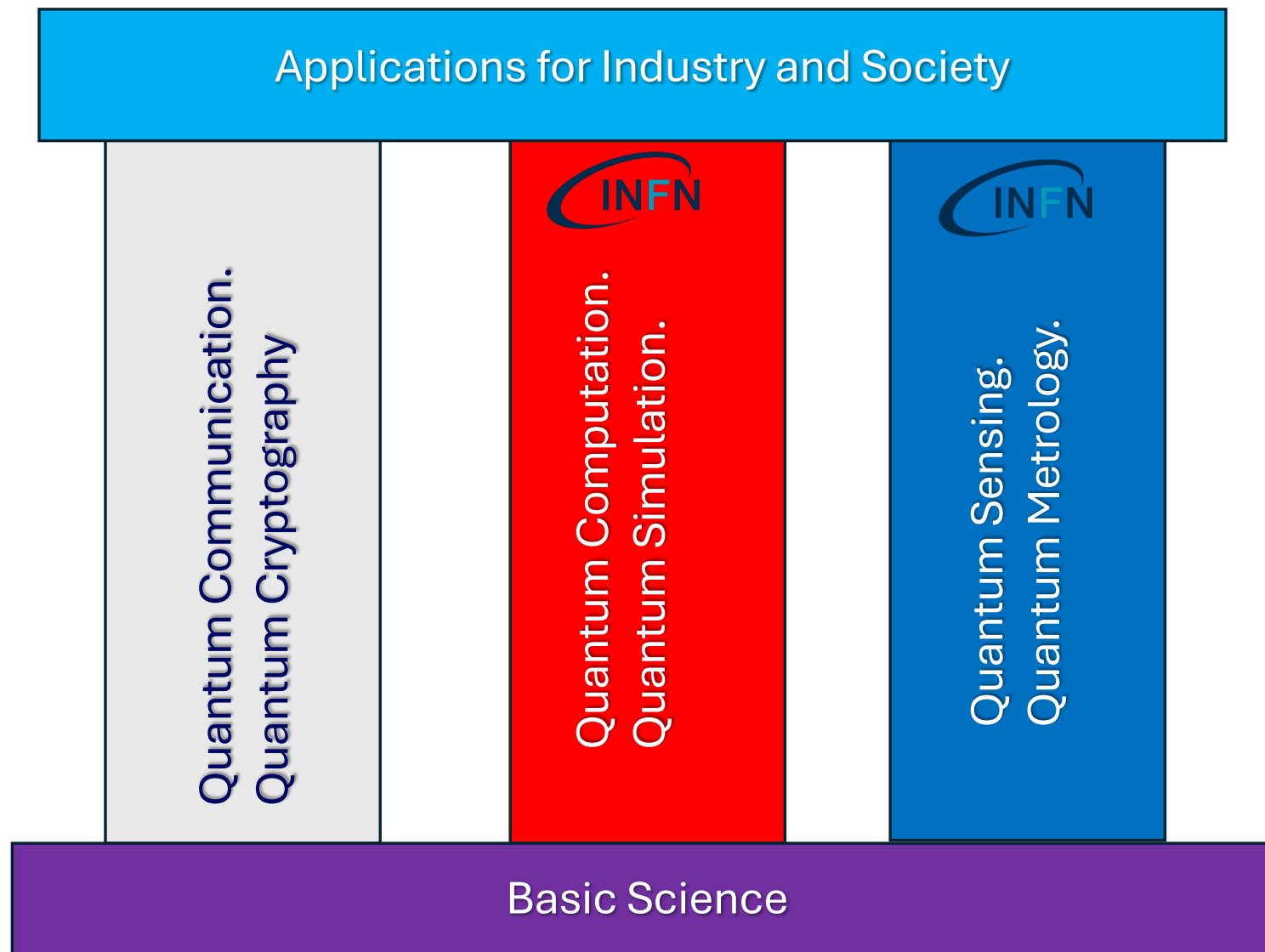


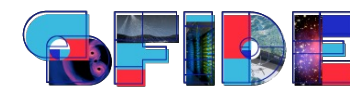
**Quantum  
Entanglement**



**Quantum  
Coherence**

# Pillars

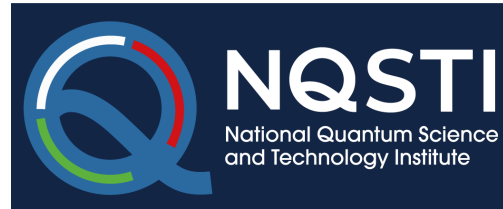




Dove tutto iniziò...



# Come sta continuando...



1-7 Sept 2023  
EMFCSC (Erice, Italy)  
Europe/Rome timezone

**QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES FOR FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS**

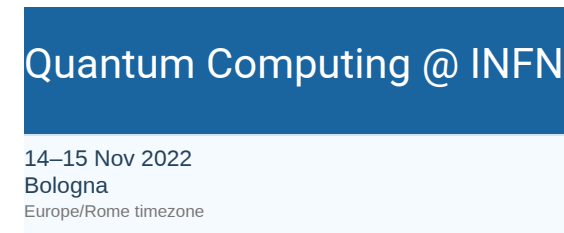
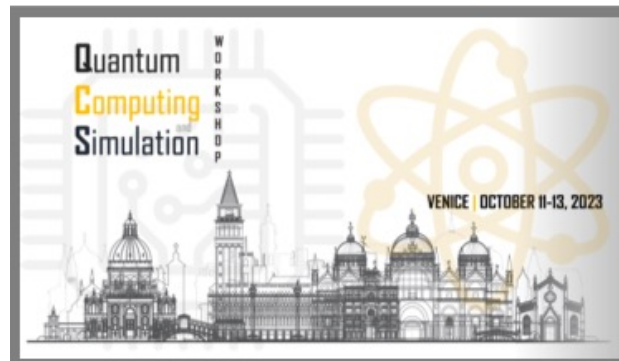
random    initialised    interaction with field    measurement

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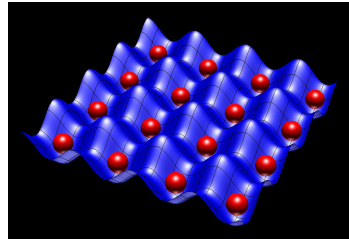
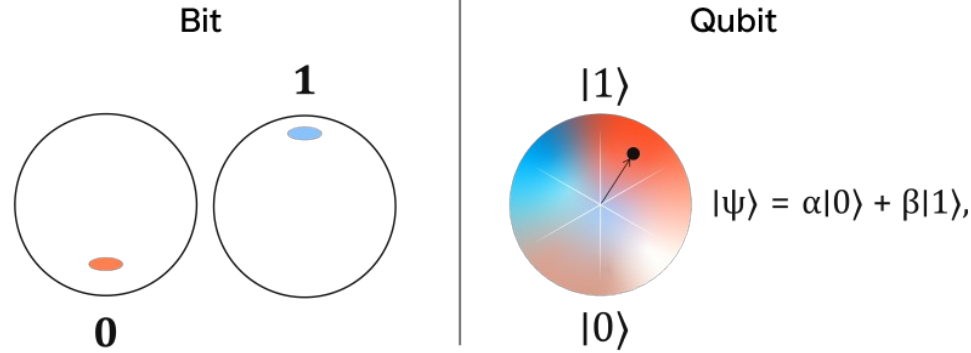
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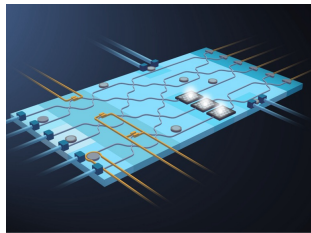
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# All'inizio fu il QUBIT

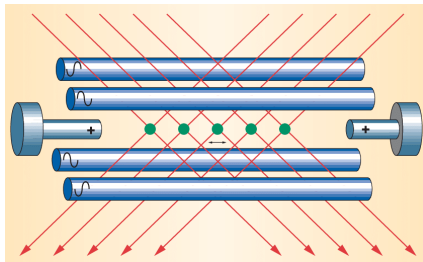
$$N \rightarrow 2^N$$



Ultracold atom lattices

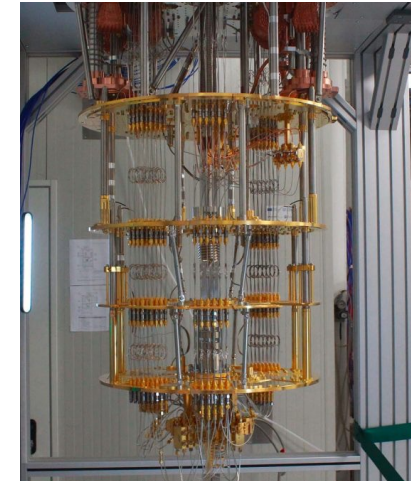


Integrated optical circuits

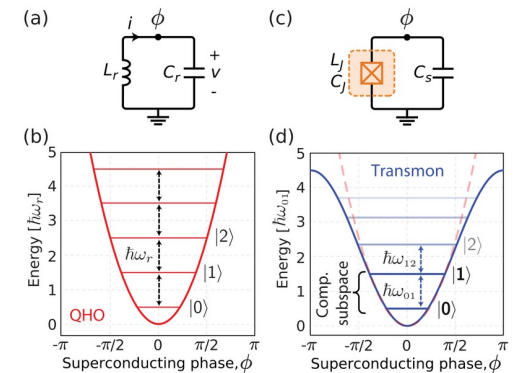


Cold ions

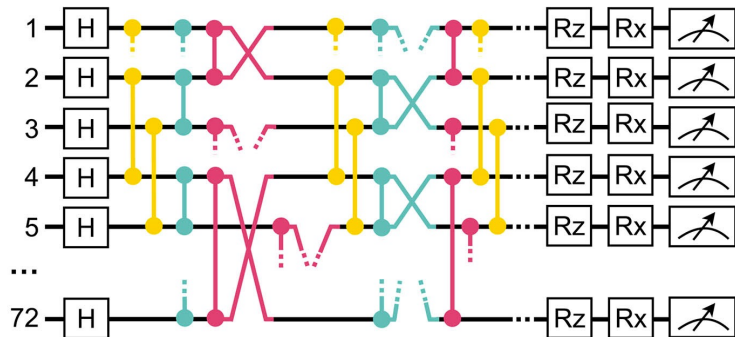
- Sistema quantistico (o simile) a due livelli.
- Inizializzabile con la sovrapposizione dei due stati e leggibile.
- Crescita esponenziale della potenza di calcolo. 😊
- Tempo di coerenza. 😞
- Connessione stabile fra più qubit. 😞



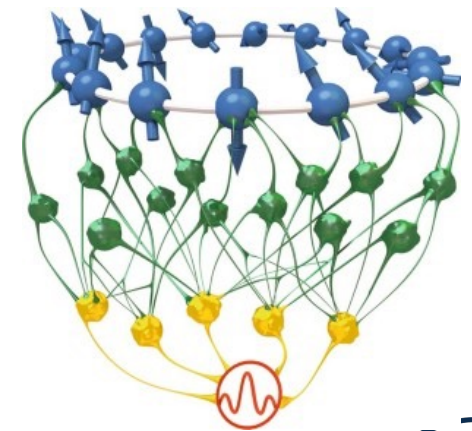
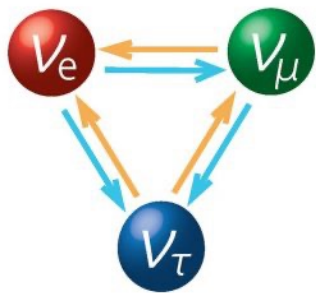
Superconducting transmons



# Quantum Computing @INFN

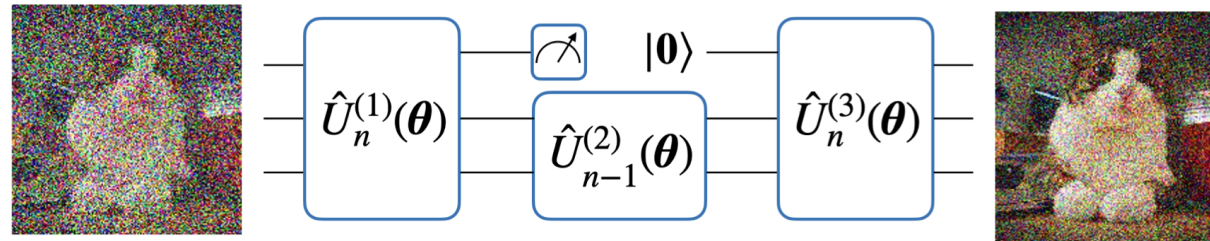


- Data parametrization.
- Rare signal extraction.
- Pattern recognition of particle tracks.
- Neutrino collective oscillations.
- Many body real simulation.
- Full wavelength storage.



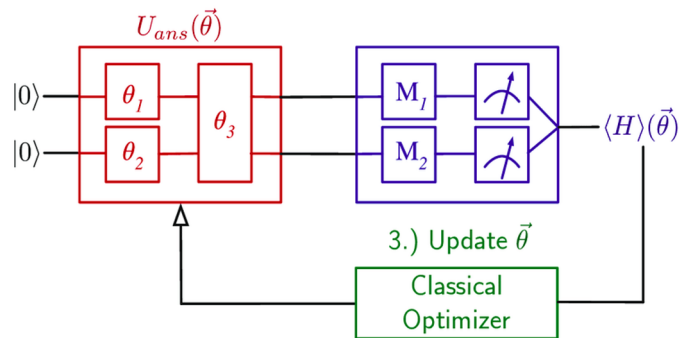


# Un paio di esempi...



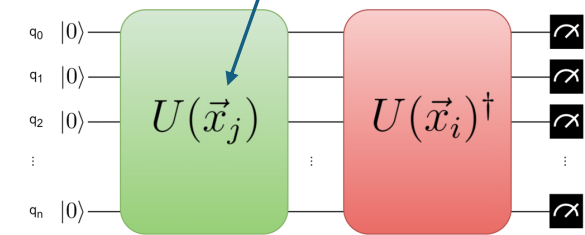
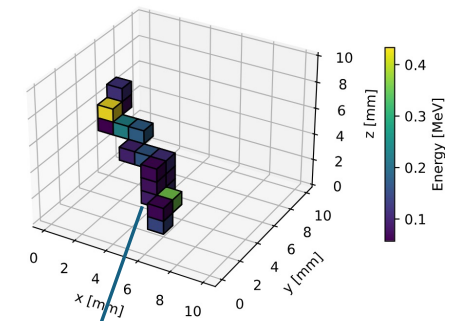
Quantum denoiser

1.) Prepare trial state 2.) Measure cost function



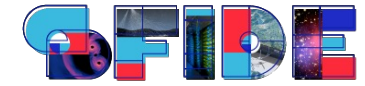
Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)  
Hybrid Quantum Computing

Credit: Rodolfo Carobene  
Advisors: Andrea Giachero



Background suppression for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay of the  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  isotope

Credit: Roberto Moretti  
Advisors: Andrea Giachero, Francesco Terranova.



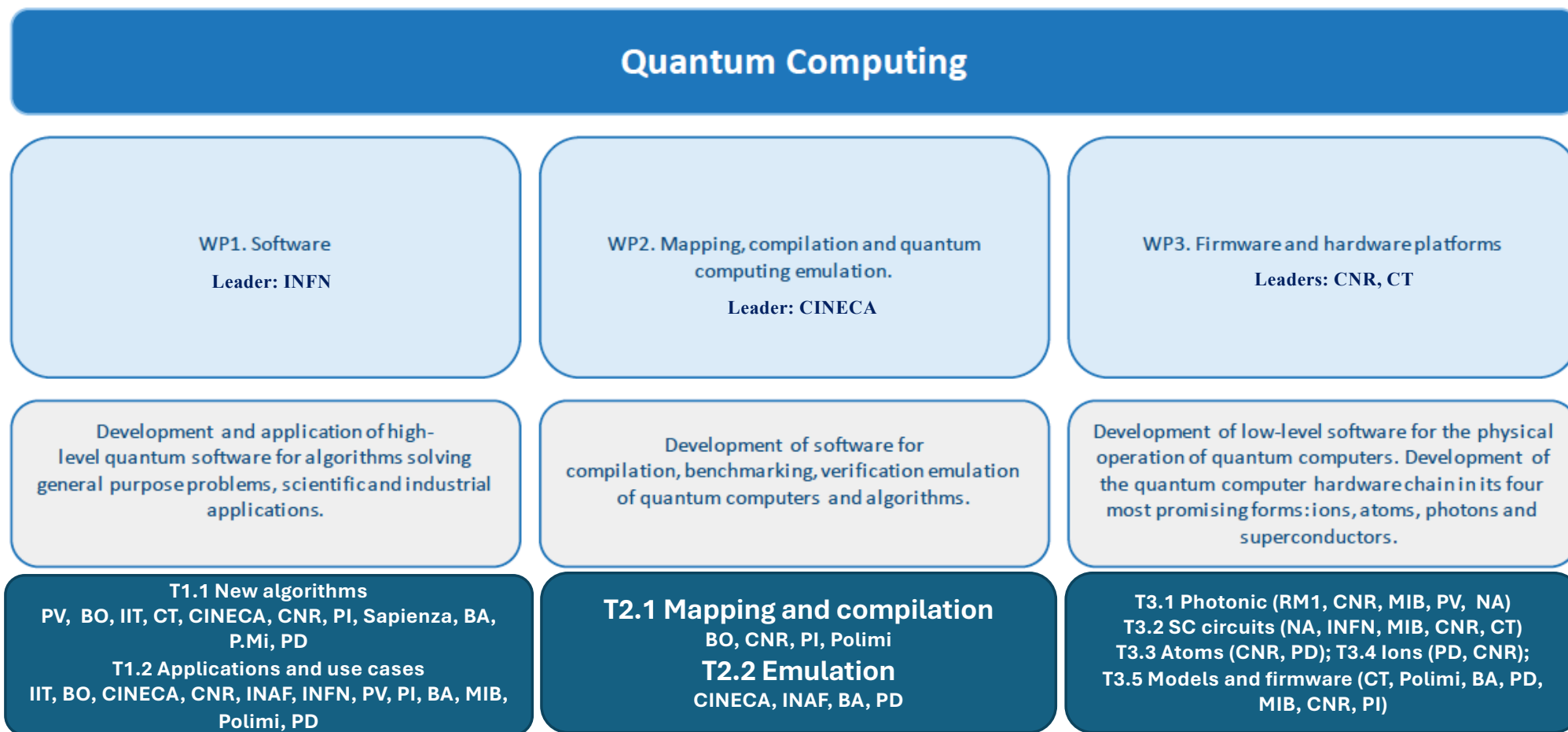
- 39 public RFOs from 31 countries.
- 2019.
  - **Qu3D** - Quantum 3D Imaging at high speed and high resolution, *Milena D'Angelo* (BA).
  - **QuICHE** - Quantum Information and Communication with High-dimensional Encoding, *Chiara Machiavello* (PV).
  - **QuantHEP** - Quantum Computing Solutions for High-Energy Physics, *Simone Montangero* (PD).
  - **SECRET** - SECuRe quantum communication based on Energy-Time/time-bin entanglement, *Giuseppe Vallone* (PD).
  - **PACE-IN** - Photon-Atom Cooperative Effects at Interfaces, *Paolo Facchi* (BA).
- 2021.
  - **SQUEIS**: Squeezing-Enhanced Inertial Sensing, *Guglielmo Tino* (FI).
  - **T-NISQ**: Tensor Networks in Simulation of Quantum matter, *Simone Montangero* (PD).

# Centro Nazionale HPC (...and Quantum Computing)



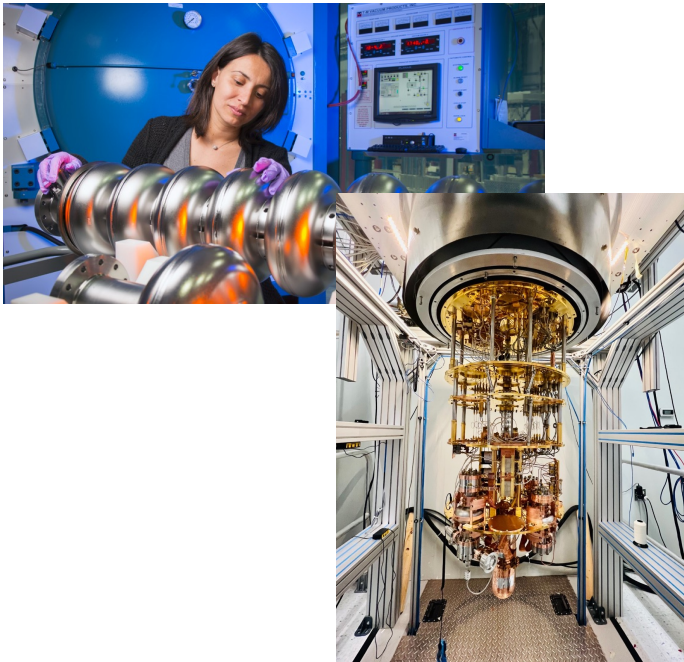
- QC for optimization, simulation & ML.
- Quantum algorithms.
- Quantum algorithms on classical computers.
- Hybrid systems.
- HL quantum software for general purpose (scientific & industrial).
- Libraries and frameworks.
- LL quantum software for physical simulations.
- Benchmarking and verification.

# Centro Nazionale HPC: Spoke 10





# SUPERCONDUCTING QUANTUM MATERIALS & SYSTEMS CENTER



Credit: Anna Grassellino

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➤ Abbattimento della decoerenza in qubit SC con l'uso di cavità SC.

➤ Studio del background radioattivo (LNGS). 

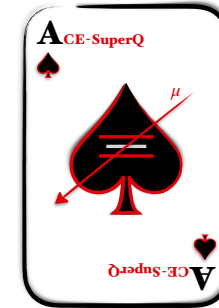
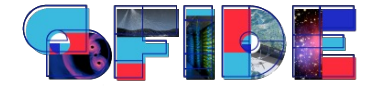
➤ Cavità Superconduttive. 



# Radiazioni cosmiche & DM vs. Qubit



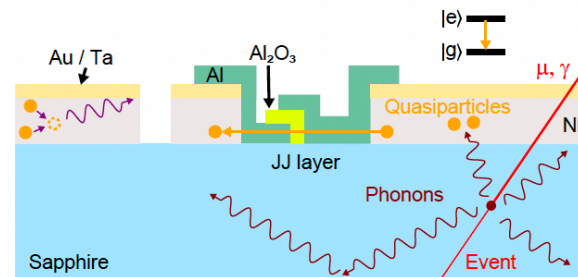
SAPIENZA  
UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA



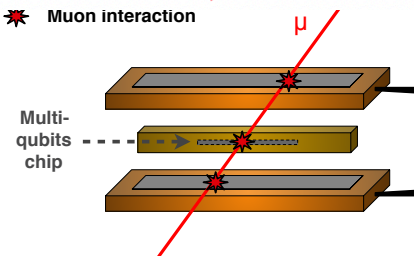
Ambra Mariani  
ovani Ricercatori 2024-26

- Impatto della radiazione ambientale sul tempo di coerenza del qubit.
- Fononi dal substrato che distruggono le coppie di Cooper nella giunzione SC.
- Primi esperimenti underground (LNGS).
- Qubit anche come rivelatori di particelle.

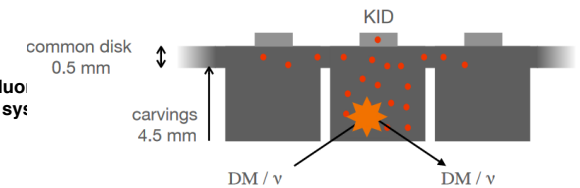
(a) Credit: Laura Cardani



★ Muon interaction

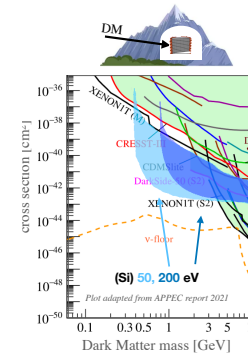


Muon  
sy!

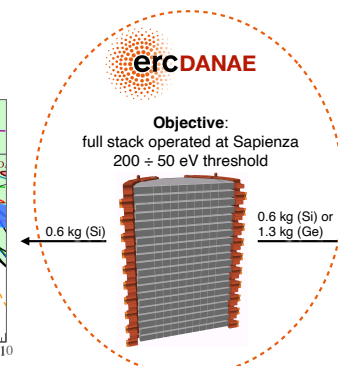
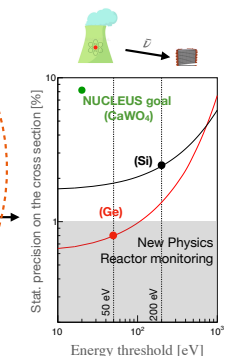


## Relationship of DANAE to other projects

Dark Matter experiment

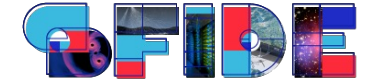


Neutrino scattering experiment



Credit: Angelo Cruciani  
Andrea Mazzolari

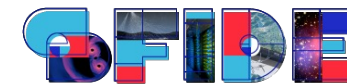




## Meanwhile in CSN4&5...

- Iniziative specifiche in CSN4.
  - Foundational studies, theory of measure, entanglement (**BELL**).
  - Quantum Systems: entanglement, simulations, information (**QUANTUM**).
  
- Sviluppi tecnologici e calcolo in CSN5 (anche per il sensing).
  - **DARTWARS.**
  - **QUB-IT.**
  - **UNIDET.**
  - **AI\_INFN.**
  - **QUANTEP.**
  - ...
  
- Iniziative congiunte CSN4/5...

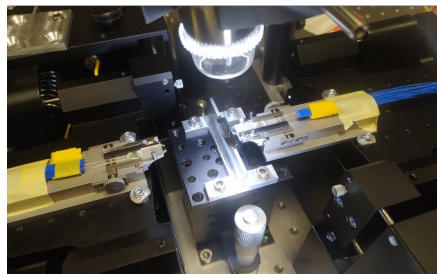
# QUANTEP (QUANTum Technologies Experimental Platform)



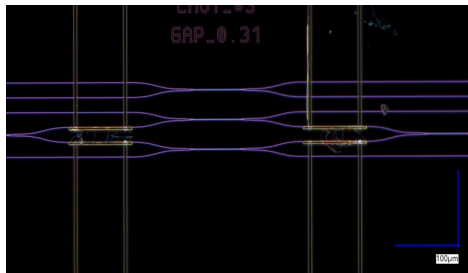
**Spoke 4** (generation, manipulation and detection of quantum states of light)

**Spoke 6** (integration of individual quantum objects into the building blocks of emerging quantum technologies architectures)

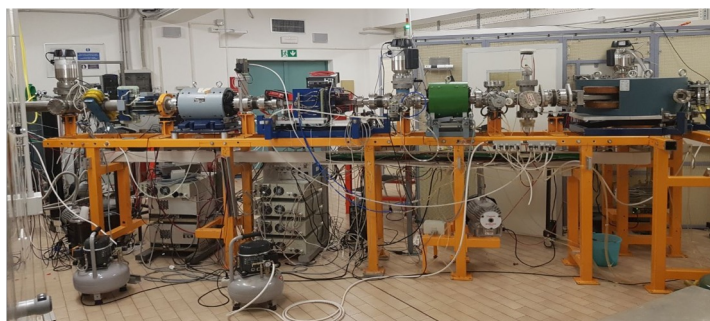
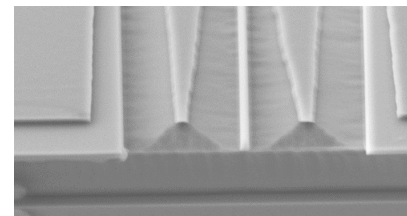
➤ Sviluppo di competenze @INFN di circuiti di ottica integrata per logica quantistica.



Optical logical circuits



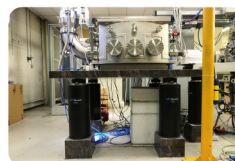
Nanofabrication & manipulation



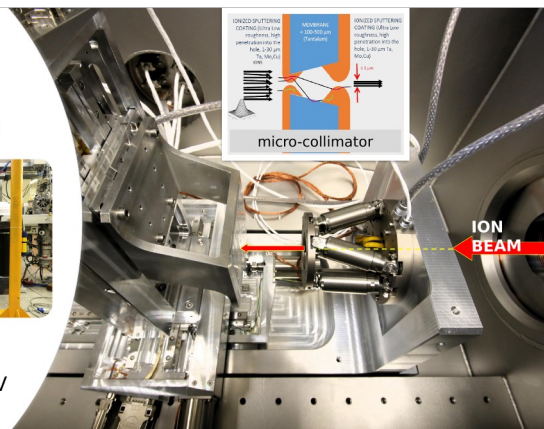
Credit: Andrea Salamon

Deterministic implantation

Single Ion Irradiation ASIDI apparatus for QUANTEP at the LNL Legnaro microprobe line (AN2000 Accelerator)

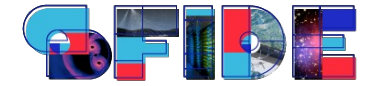


High precision targeting with MeV ions





# AI\_INFN (Artificial Intelligence Technologies for INFN Research)



BA	AI_INFN: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGIES FOR INFN RESEARCH
BO	
CNAF	<b>WP4. Machine Learning su FPGAs e Processori Quantistici</b>
FE	<b>Coordinamento:</b> Stefano Giagu, Roma 1
FI	<b>Mandato</b>
GE.DTZ	Studiare e connettere tra loro le molte attività di ricerca in corso sul tema delle tecniche di accelerazione hardware innovative, per esempio basate su FPGA e Calcolo Quantistico, agevolandone la fruizione via INFN Cloud e potenziandone l'usabilità per applicazioni di <i>Machine Learning</i> .
MIB	<b>Strutture coinvolte:</b> Bologna CNAF Ferrara Milano Bicocca Napoli Padova Perugia Roma1
NA.DTZ	<b>Deliverables</b>
PD	<b>D4.1</b> Dimostratore operativo di acceleratori FPGA fruiti tramite Cloud;
PG	<b>D4.2</b> Sviluppo e documentazione nella <i>Knowledge Base</i> , di tecniche di compressione e ottimizzazione (occupazione risorse FPGA, latenza e throughput nella fase di inferenza) di modelli classici di <i>Machine Learning</i> e <i>Deep Learning</i> per utilizzo su acceleratori FPGA commerciali;
PI	<b>D4.3</b> Esempio di <i>Quantum Machine Learning</i> documentato nella <i>Knowledge Base</i> ;
RM1	<b>D4.4</b> Sviluppo di metodologie basate su <i>Machine Learning</i> classico per la preparazione, ottimizzazione (e.g. <i>transpiling</i> , simulazione realistica di sorgenti di errore), e <i>quantum error correction</i> , di circuiti quantistici di tipo NISQ, documentate nella <i>Knowledge Base</i> ;
RM3	<b>D4.5</b> Dimostratore operativo di interfaccia tra INFN Cloud e le risorse di quantum computing da fornitori esterni (per esempio IBM, o risorse ICSC).
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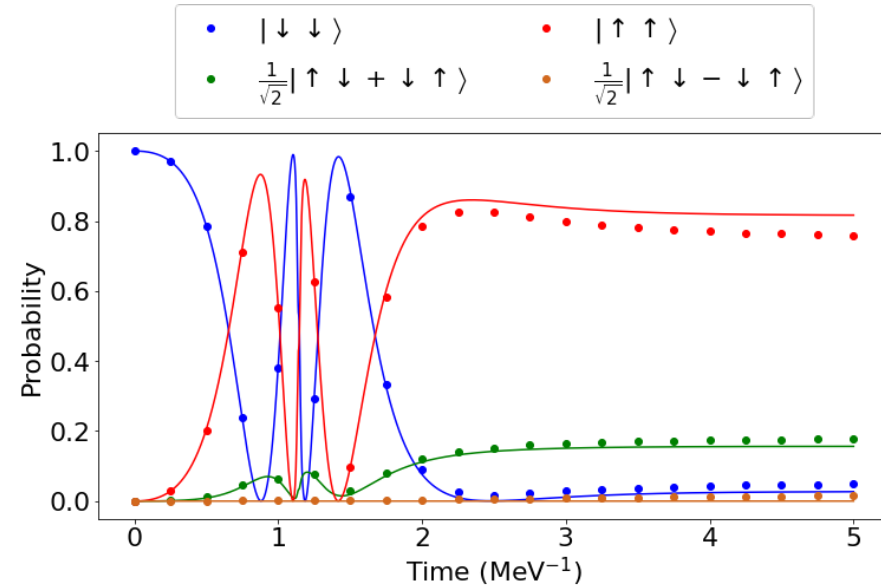
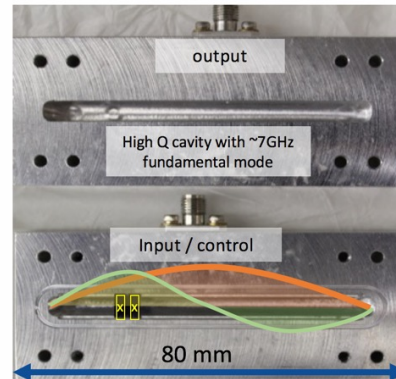
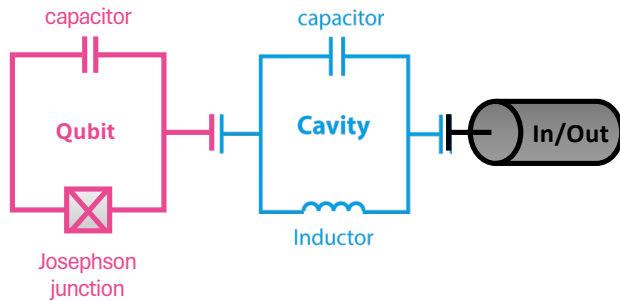
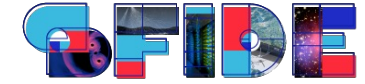
➤ Network di calcolo per applicazioni ML su processori quantistici.

At the beginning...

EQC – Experimenting with Quantum Computing (2019-2022)

Fabio Schifano

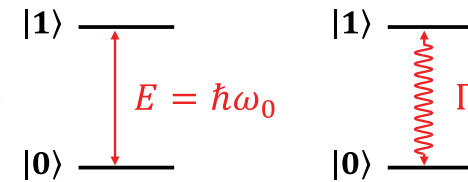
# Quantum Simulation/Computing with Qubits and Cavities (4+5=...)



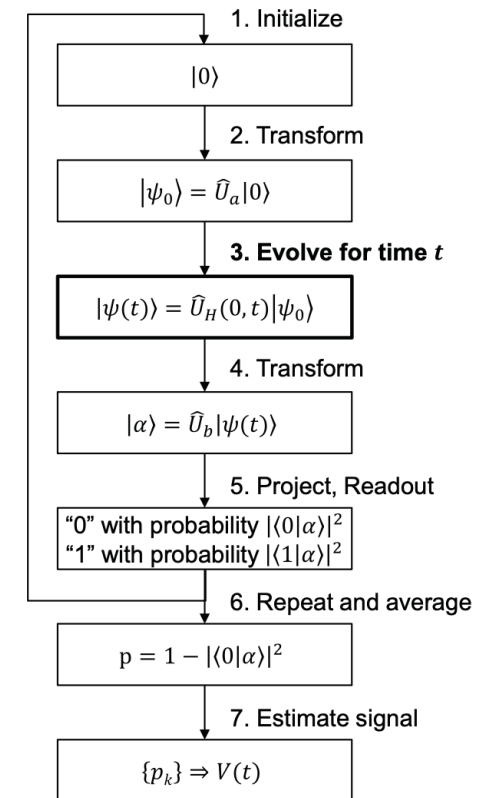
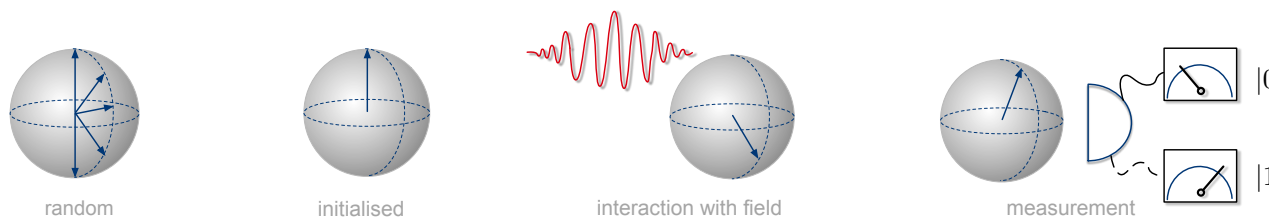
- Studio dell'interazione di spin fra due neutroni con qubit a più livelli (qudit) accoppiati a cavità.
- Il sistema può essere simulato con una Hamiltoniana equivalente e leggendo il qubit ad intervalli di tempo successivi si può seguire l'evoluzione del sistema in tempo reale.

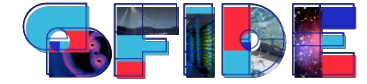
# QUANTUM SENSING

- «Use of a quantum object to measure a physical quantity (classical or quantum). The quantum object is characterized by quantized energy levels.»
- «Use of quantum coherence (i.e., wavelike spatial or temporal superposition states) to measure a physical quantity. »
- «Use of quantum entanglement to improve the sensitivity or precision of a measurement, beyond what is possible classically.»



Degen, Reinhard and Cappellaro, *Rev. Modern Phys.* 89 (2017) 035002.

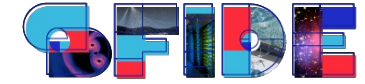




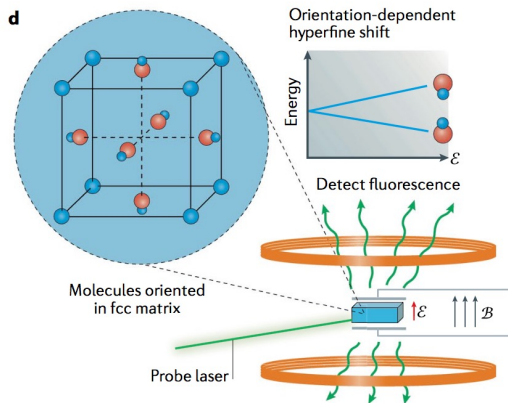
## Quantum sensing for...

- Fenomeni legati ad accoppiamenti deboli materia-campo.
- Dark matter.
- Rivelazione di assioni.
- Misura delle costanti fondamentali.
- Test del modello standard (eEDM, CP violation).
- Orologi ad alta precisione.
- Rivelazione di particelle con rilascio di energia sub-eV, di piccola massa e debolmente interagenti.
- Interferometri gravitazionali.
- **Esperimenti table-top di fisica delle particelle.**

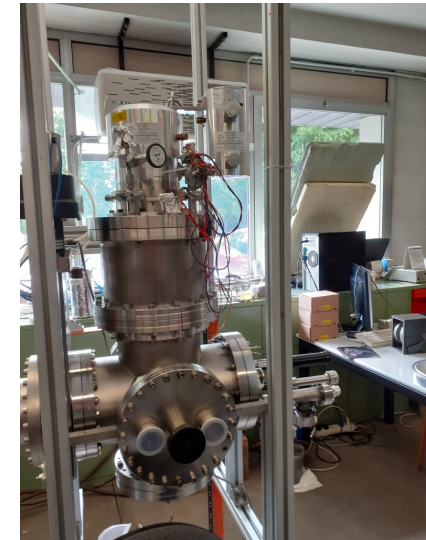
# PHYDES (Para-HYdrogen and Diatomic molecules for eEDM Study)



**Spoke 6** (integration of individual quantum objects into the building blocks of emerging quantum technologies architectures)

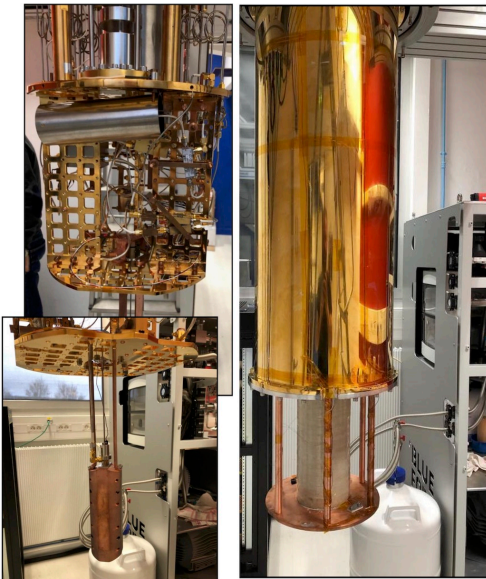
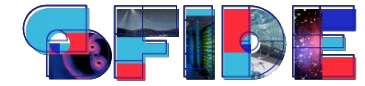


- Rivelazione EDM elettronico per violazione CP.
- Molecole in criocristalli (p-H<sub>2</sub>, next Ne).
- Esperimento table-top equivalente ad un esperimento su collider con scale di energia 30-50 TeV.



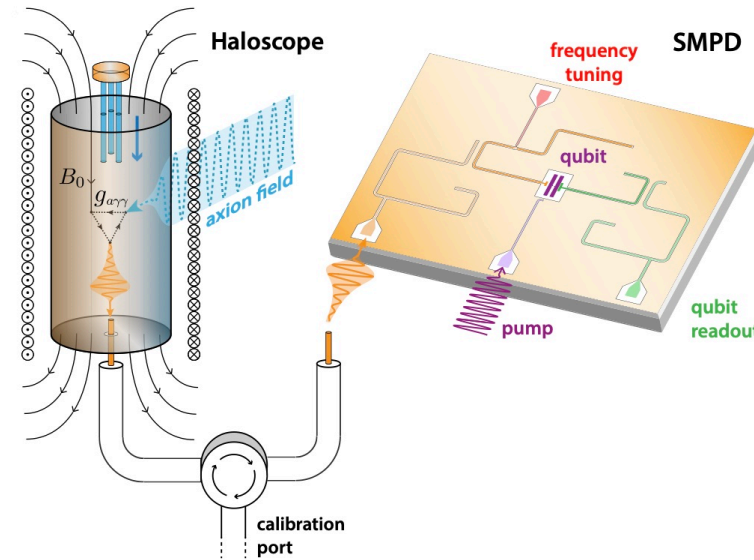
Credit: Giovanni Carugno

# Haloscopes for axion detection



SMPD (top) and cavity

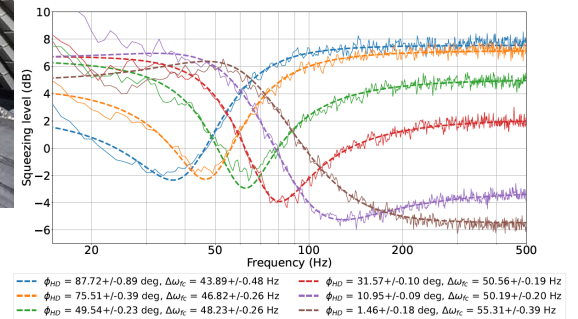
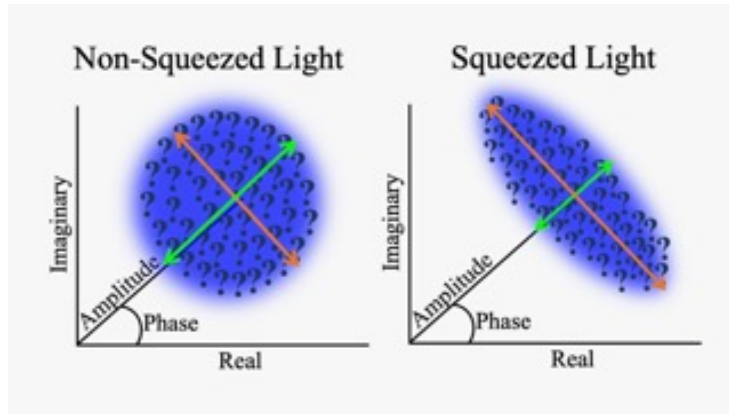
SC magnet



- Rivelazione di assioni tramite fotoni MW secondari.
- Superamento del limite quantistico con *single photon detection*.
- Modulazione in frequenza per ampliare il range utile.
- Fattore 100 sulla scan rate e 80 di vantaggio quantistico.

Credit: Caterina Braggio

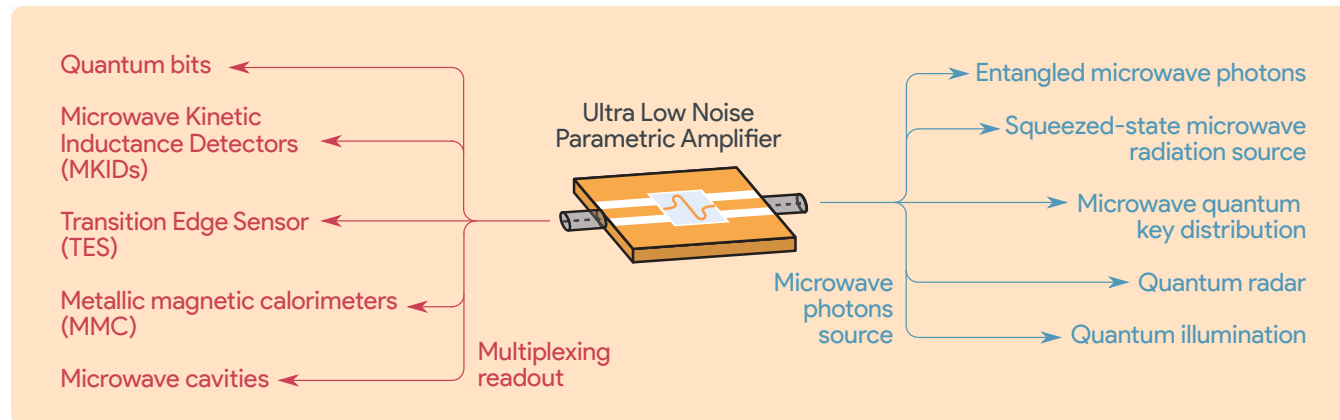
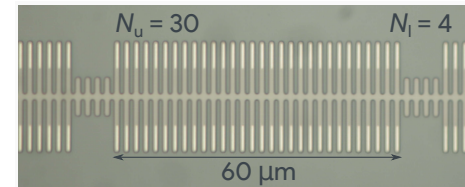
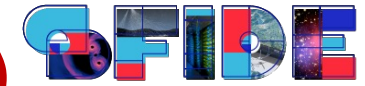
# Squeezed Light



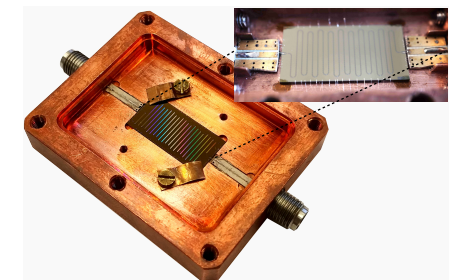
- Squeezed light per ridurre il contributo del *quantum noise* al rumore.
- Riduzione del rumore e rivelazione pressione della radiazione quantistica.
- Ongoing: ulteriori miglioramenti con sistemi entangled.

Credit: Jean-Pierre Zendri

# DARTWARS (Detector Array Readout with Traveling Wave Amplifiers)



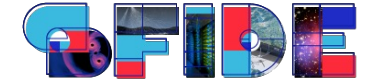
- Amplificatore parametrico per molteplici usi nelle tecnologie quantistiche.
- Sviluppo di competenze interne in questo tipo di tecnologie.



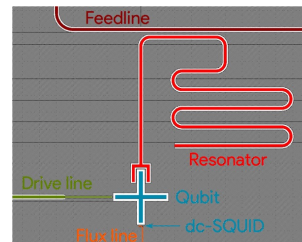
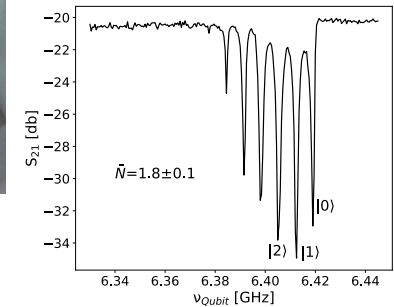


# QUB-IT

(Quantum sensing with superconducting qubits for fundamental physics)



**Spoke 6** (integration of individual quantum objects into the building blocks of emerging quantum technologies architectures)



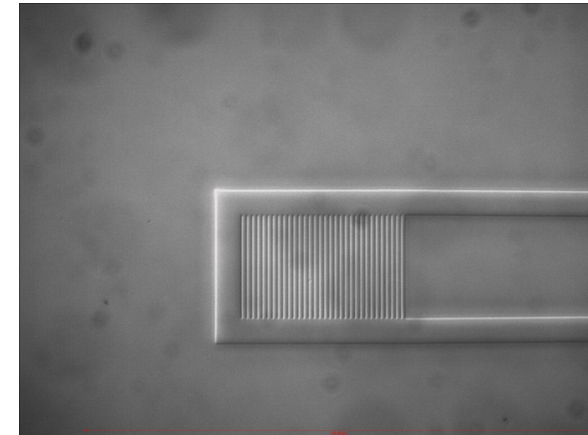
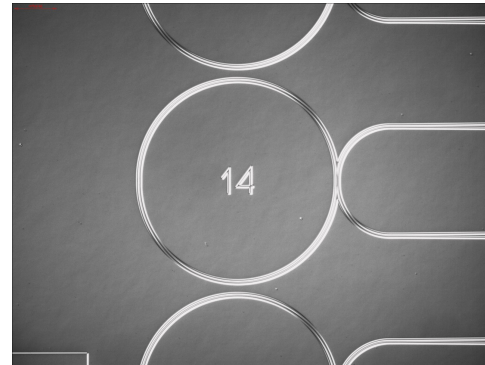
- Sviluppo di competenze per il design e la produzione di Qubit superconduttivi.
- Qubit per Quantum Non Demolition (QND) Detection di fotoni singoli MW.
- Cavità con Qubit 2D e 3D per entanglement fra qubit e fotone.
- Next: 2-Qubit accoppiati per migliorare l'efficienza.

Credit: Claudio Gatti

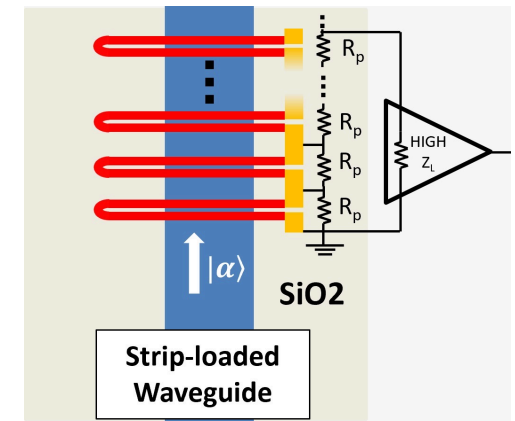
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# UNIDET (UNiversal DETector for quantum light)

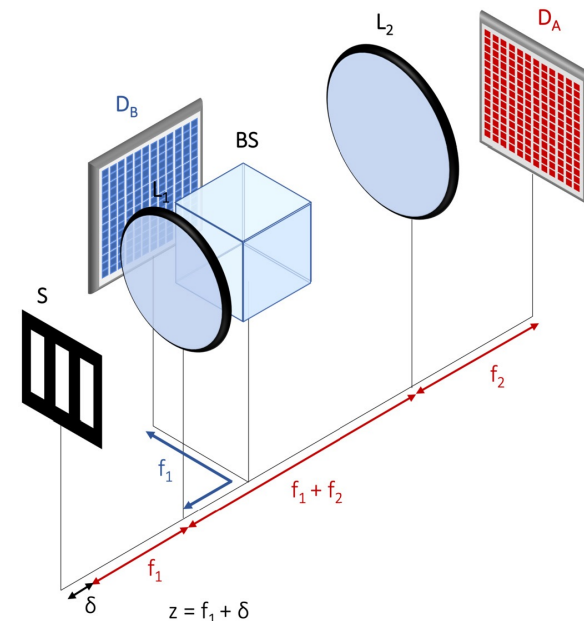
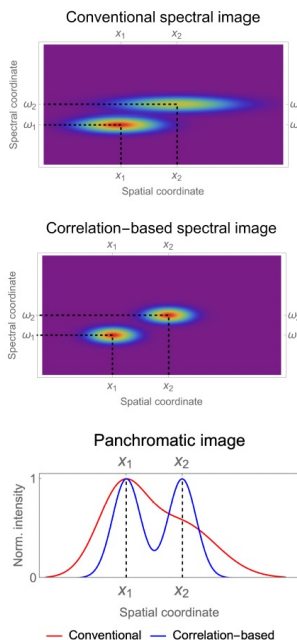
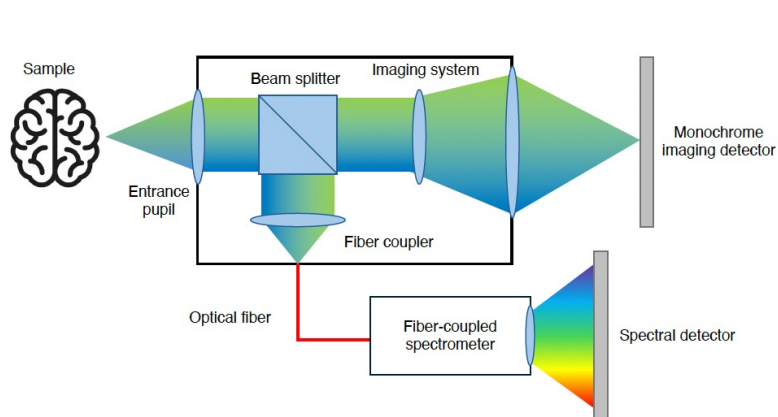
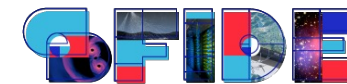


- Rivelatore integrato *photon number resolving*.
- Ingegnerizzazione stati quantistici per computazione e sensing (stati entangled).
- Misure di stati squeezed.

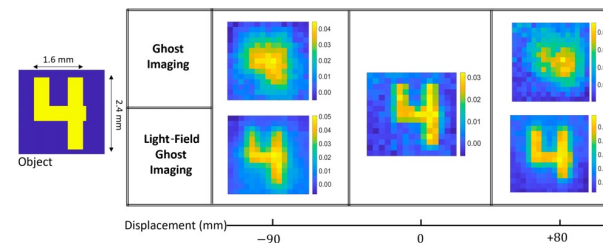


Credit: Mirko Lobino

# QUISS (QUANTUM IMAGING WITH NEW SOURCES AND SENSORS)



➤ Imaging con fotoni entangled per abbattere i limiti classici di SNR.



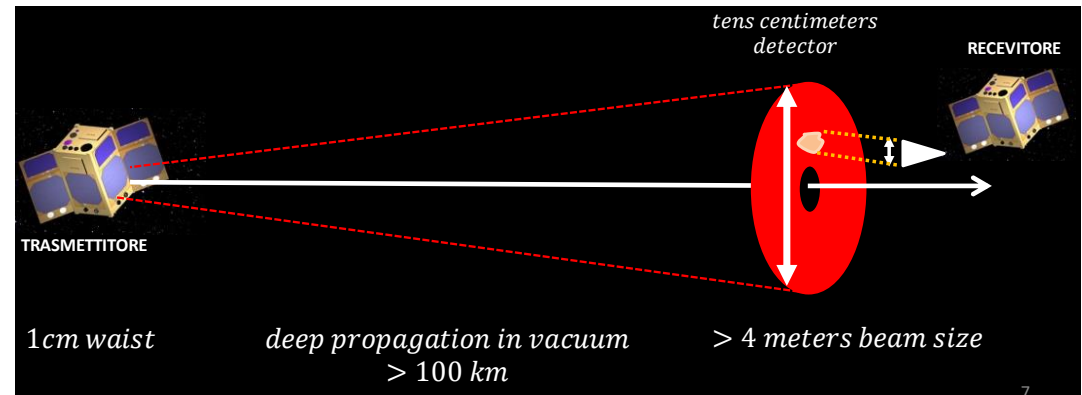
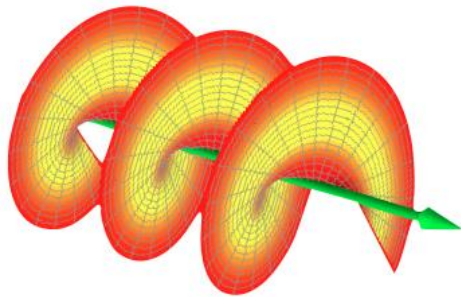
- **QuantERA + Regione Puglia:** «Qu3D» (2020-23). Coordinatore (200 k€), in collaborazione con Planetek Hellas, EPFL, Olomouc Univ. (INFN + UniBA)

Credit: Milena D'Angelo

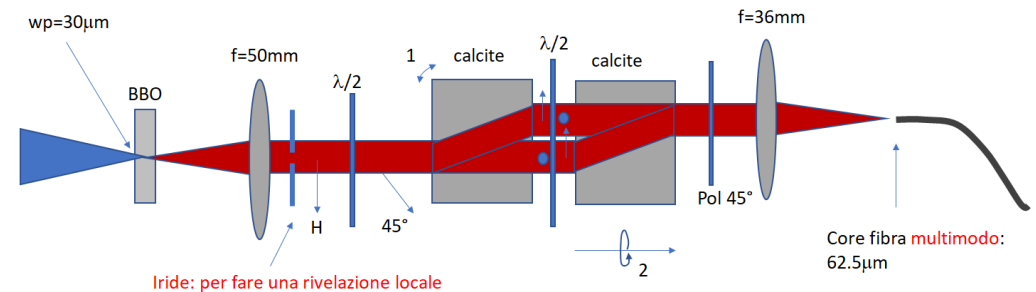
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# MOONLIGHT (Quantum protocol via local detection of OAM entangled states in pulsed light)



- Sviluppo di protocolli di comunicazione basati su stati entangled di momenti angolari orbitali di fotoni.




Credit: Bruno Paroli

## La sfida continua...



- Si sono formati nuclei di interesse e competenze interne all'Ente.
- L'INFN può diventare un punto di riferimento per una comunità ancora sparsa.
- Concentrando gli sforzi in settori di nicchia e di interesse è possibile raggiungere primati internazionali.
- È possibile inaugurare o rafforzare linee di ricerca di base parallele alle «tradizionali».

A scenic view of a river flowing through a lush green forest. The sky is filled with dramatic, golden clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The river reflects the sky and the surrounding trees.

**L'unico modo per scoprire i limiti del possibile è avventurarsi un po' oltre, nell'impossibile.**

**- Arthur C. Clarke**