

# HEP Strategy and Vision for QIS

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# National Quantum Initiative

- National Quantum Initiative Act (2018)
  - Established the National Quantum Initiative (NQI)
  - NQI is a whole-of-government quantum thrust
  - Authorizes research at NIST, NSF, DOE
- Created interagency coordinating bodies:
  - National Science and Technology Council Subcommittee on QIS
  - National Science and Technology Council Subcommittee on Economic/Security Implications of QIS
  - National Quantum Coordination Office
  - NQI Advisory Committee
- NQI encompasses 23 agencies, \$2.6B in investments, 14 major research centers, >150 companies
- HEP QIS program collaborates with NQI activities



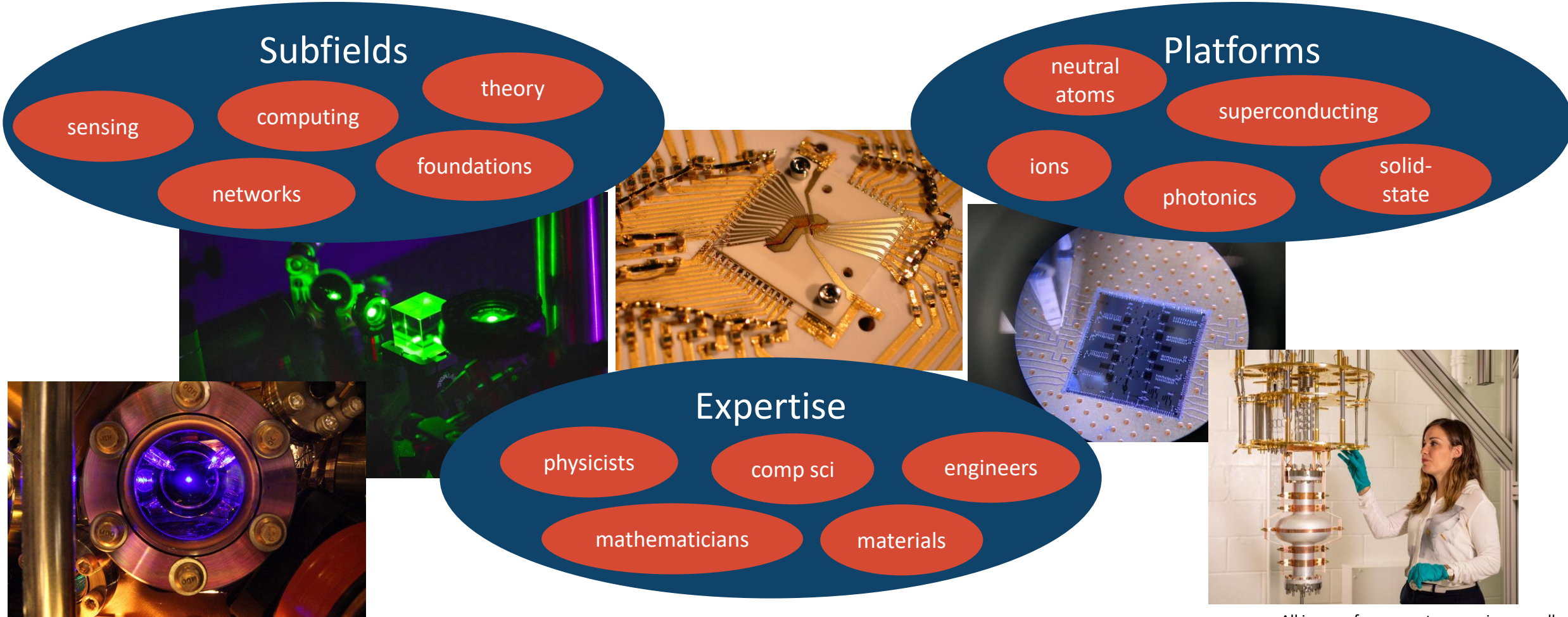
# Quantum Information Science

Quantum information science (QIS): *technologies for computation, information processing, and detection that elude classical limitations through the use of quantum effects.* (2023 P5 Report)



Fermilab SQMS

# QIS Means Many Approaches

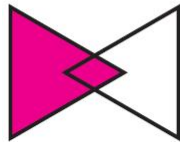
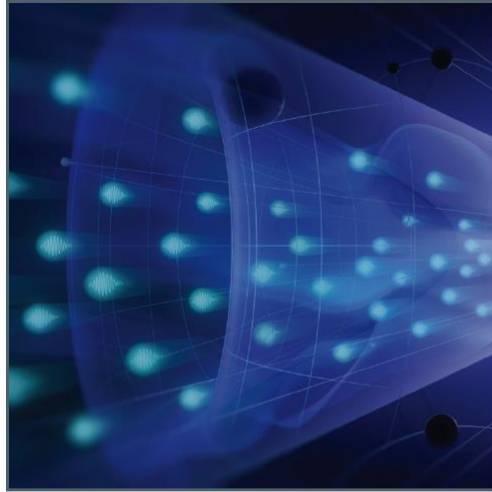


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# QIS is Relevant Across P5 Themes and Frontiers

Energy  
Intensity  
Cosmic  
Theory



Decipher  
the  
Quantum  
Realm

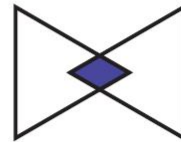
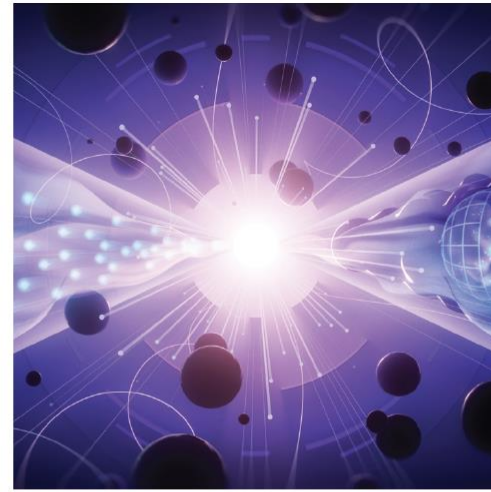
Elucidate the Mysteries  
of Neutrinos

Reveal the Secrets of  
the Higgs Boson

Particle detection  
(E, I, C)

Quantum  
simulation  
(E, I, C, T)

Quantum data  
analysis  
(E, I)



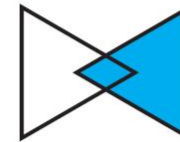
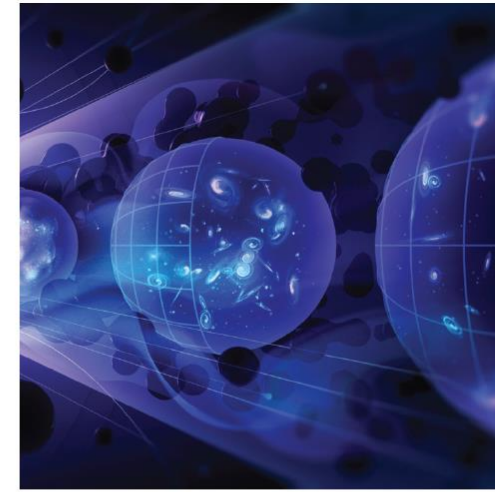
Explore  
New  
Paradigms  
in Physics

Search for Direct Evidence  
of New Particles

Pursue Quantum Imprints  
of New Phenomena

Detector  
R&D (E, I, C)

Entanglement  
signatures (E, T)



Illuminate  
the  
Hidden  
Universe

Determine the Nature  
of Dark Matter

Understand What Drives  
Cosmic Evolution

Accelerator  
R&D (E, I)

Light dark  
matter (C)

Quantum gravity  
(C, T)

# Building a HEP QIS Vision: Three Specific Goals

**Challenge:** from the broad interest in QIS expressed in P5 recommendations to specific program goals.

## Seize the NQI Opportunity

“A coordinated effort that [...] leverages national [...] quantum information [...] all aspects [...] (p17)

“unique intersection of particle physics and quantum science positions the field as a vital contributor to the National Quantum Initiative” (p99)

“resources for national initiatives in AI/ML, quantum computing, and microelectronics should be leveraged and incorporated” (p95)

“pursue synergies with other disciplines outside of particle physics, as well as close collaborations with industry. Recent examples of this [include] quantum sensors” (p82)

## Unite the QIS-HEP Cutting Edges

“Particle physics

pr [...] s will [...] after [...] in quantum computing” (p105)

“We recommend mechanisms to support interactions outside the particle physics program...allow scientists and engineers working with quantum sensors, whatever their specific field, to tackle the most interesting and challenging problems” (p82-83)

“particle physics has long used cutting-edge quantum sensing techniques...an ideal testing ground for these technologies” (p99)

## Open New Horizons

“[low-mass dark matter] detection techniques are inherently quantum in nature” (p50)

“explore the potential of quantum simulation [...] complex and previously [...] problems”

“direct-detection technologies, particularly in quantum sensing [have] enabled discernment of the most minute signals” (p50)

“use the profound connections between quantum information theory and quantum gravity” (p99)

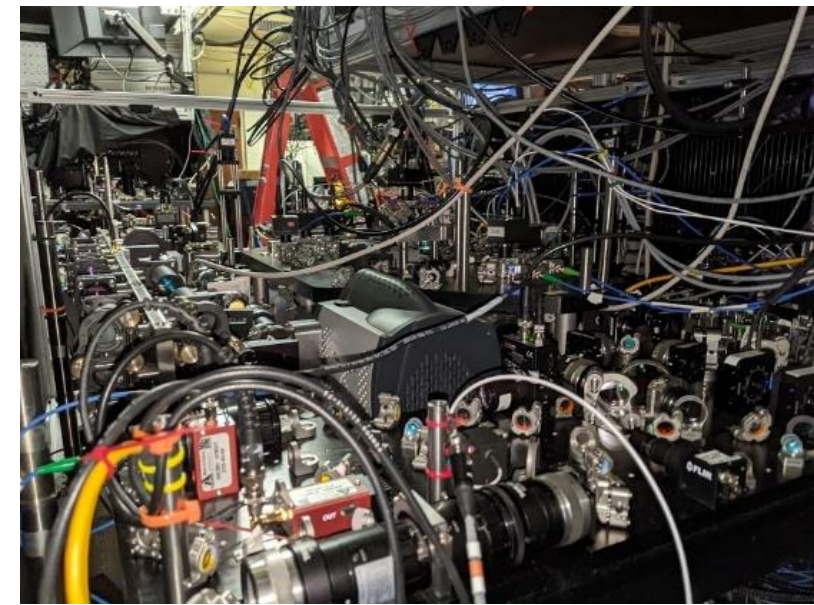
“Quantum sensors are being deployed in all areas of particle physics...continue strong support for a broad range of quantum sensors” (p82)

# QIS Organization at OHEP



Fermilab

Fermilab's **Superconducting Quantum Materials and Systems (SQMS)** center is our coupling to the NQI, pursuing foundational quantum information science and technology development in global partnerships with academia, industry, and government.



UW-Madison

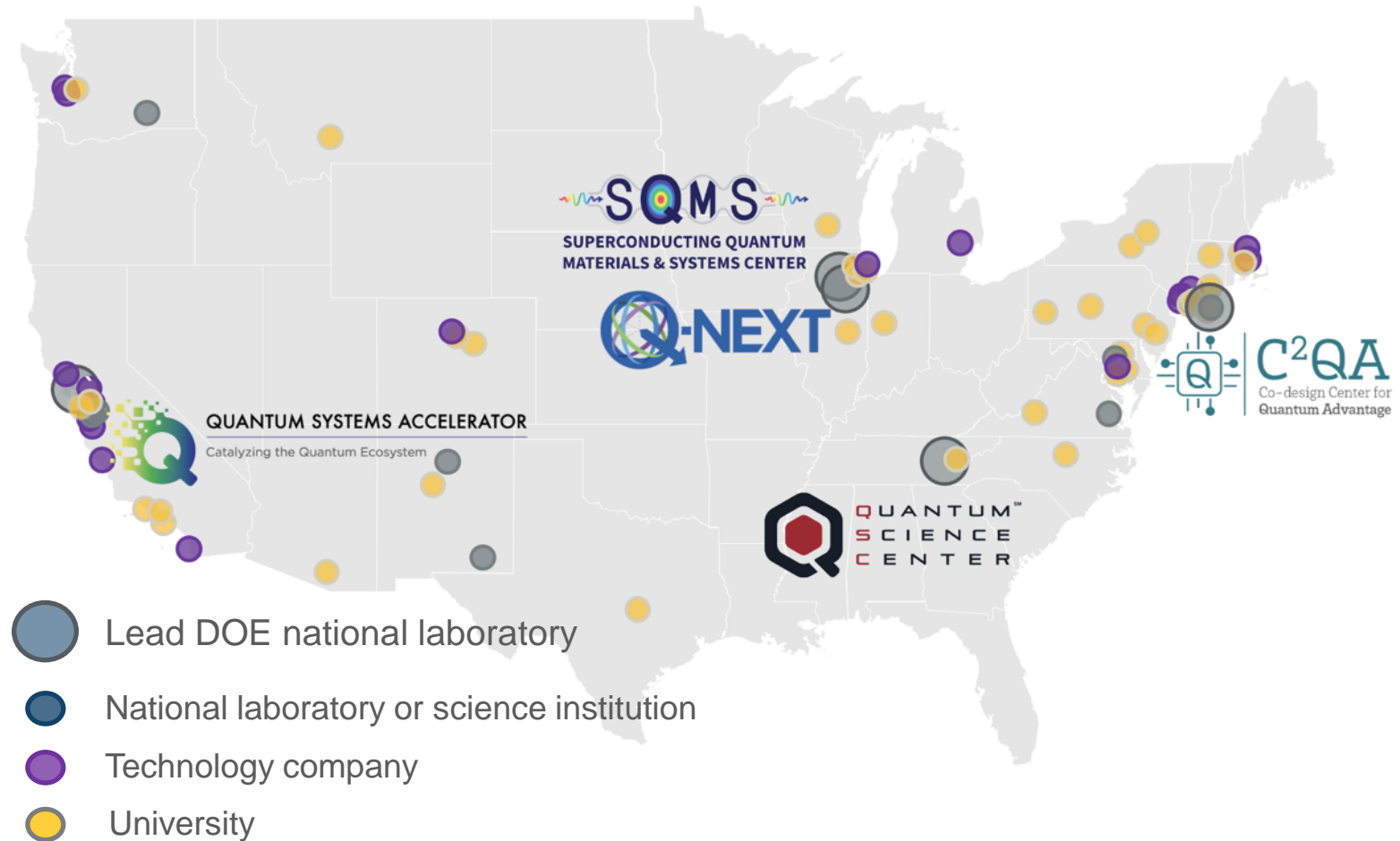
Our **Quantum Information Science Enabled Discovery (QuantISED)** program has funded dozens of research groups at universities and laboratories across the country since 2018 to advance theory and experiment of QIS in pursuit of HEP science goals.

**Together, these programs define a robust portfolio with deep roots in both QIS and HEP communities enabling next-generation discoveries**



# DOE NQISRCs

- **National Quantum Information Science Research Centers**
  - Five centers operated by DOE
  - Each hosted at a different lab
  - Each center has unique scope and capabilities
- Authorized under NQI Act of 2018
- Began initial five-year program in 2020







**SQMS**  
SUPERCONDUCTING QUANTUM  
MATERIALS & SYSTEMS CENTER

Anna Grassellino,  
Director

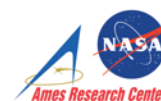
## A DOE National QIS Research Center

**35**

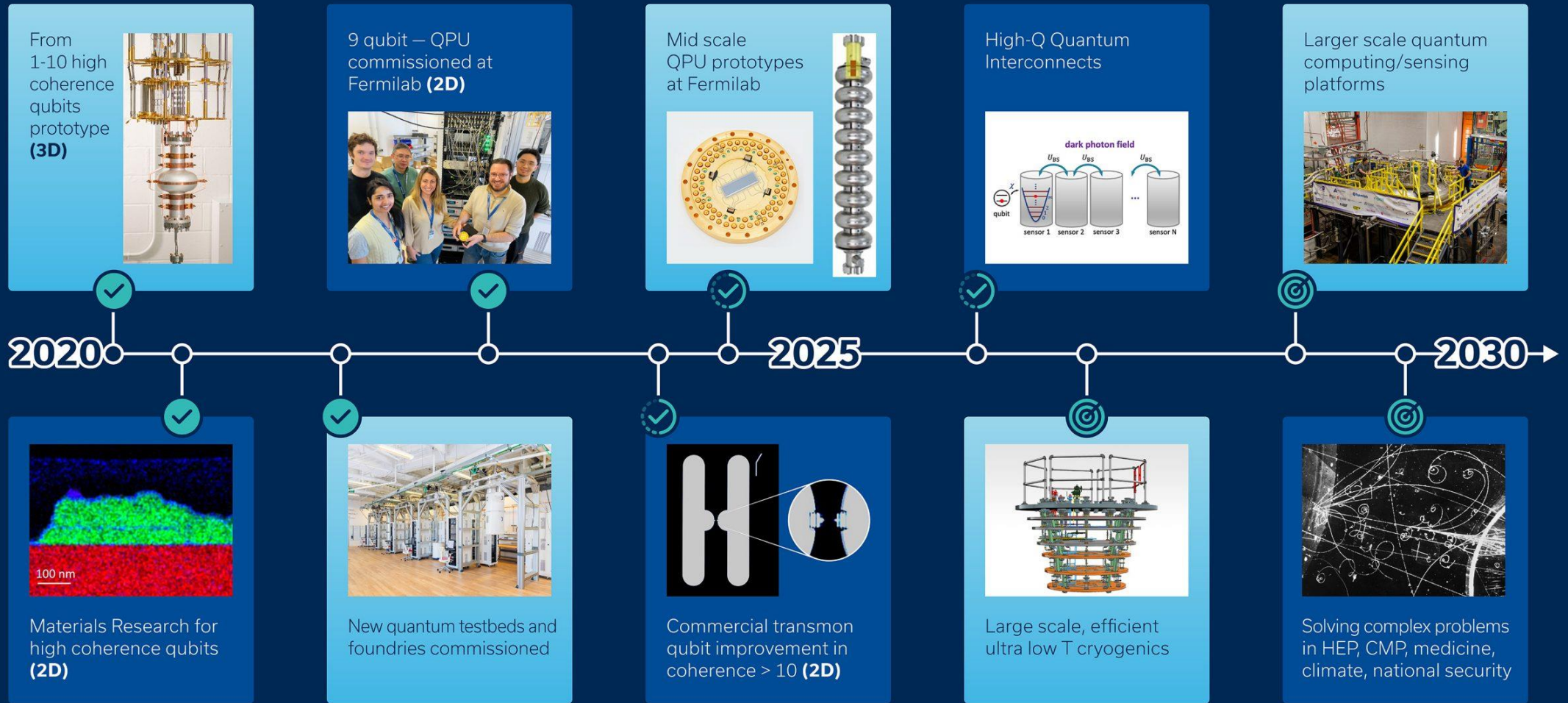
Partner Institutions

**450+**

Collaborators



SQMS brings together hundreds of experts from more than 30 DOE national labs, academia, industry and other federal and international entities to bring transformational advances in QIS



# SQMS Center 10 year roadmap



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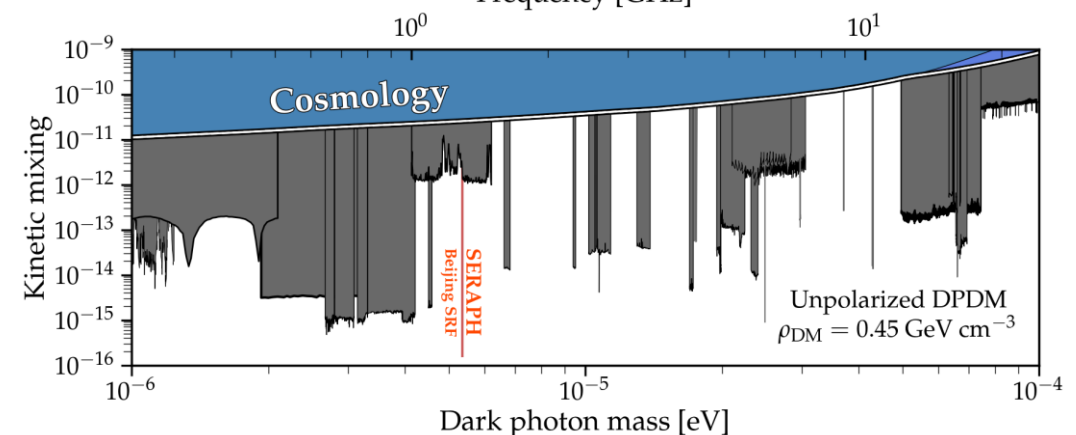
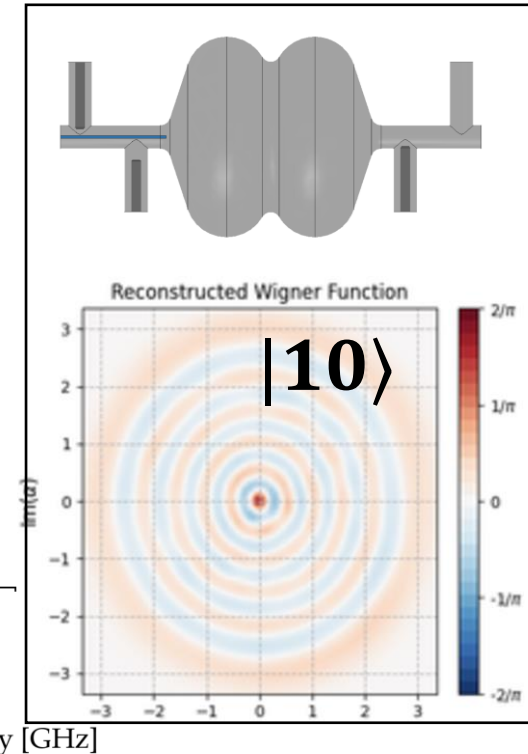
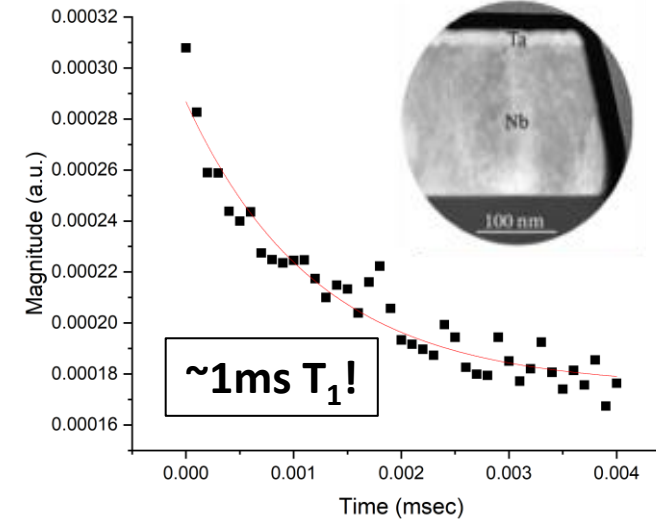
In-progress



Future tech

# SQMS Successes

- Scientific successes
  - Understanding and mitigating decoherence in superconducting qubits – reaching  $\sim 1$  ms lifetimes!
  - Creation of first-of-a-kind SRF cavity systems for quantum information storage and processing – high-fidelity preparation of high- $n$  Fock states
  - New experiments using SRF cavities to look for dark photon dark matter
- New facilities and capacity
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RESEARCH  
SPANS

**35** ACADEMIC, NATIONAL LABORATORY, AND  
INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTIONS

MORE THAN **550** COLLABORATORS ACROSS THE U.S.  
AND AROUND THE GLOBE

BUILT ON

**3**

PILLARS

- DEMONSTRATION OF WORLD-RECORD ACCELERATOR CAVITY LIFETIMES IN THE QUANTUM REGIME
- ABILITY TO SCALE UP TO LARGE & COMPLEX MACHINES
- CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF ANSWERING FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS IN PHYSICS WHILE ADVANCING NEW TECHNOLOGIES

**195** NEW HIRES  
(TO-DATE, CENTER-WIDE)

OVER **200**

STUDENTS & POSTDOCS ADVANCING  
SQMS GOALS AND MISSION

OVER **350** COMPANIES  
ENGAGED  
WITH SQMS  
(MEMBERS + VENDORS)

AT A GLANCE



**SQMS**

SUPERCONDUCTING QUANTUM  
MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS CENTER

BY THE NUMBERS

Hosted by DOE's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, SQMS's mission is to develop beyond-the-state-of-the-art quantum computers and sensors applying technologies developed for the world's most advanced particle accelerators.

MORE THAN **500** EXTERNAL STUDENTS  
TRAINED THROUGH  
SQMS SCHOOLS AND  
INTERNSHIPS

OVER **100**

EXPERIMENTS OR INITIATIVES IN  
QUANTUM RESEARCH



**257** PUBLICATIONS  
(PEER-REVIEWED  
JOURNALS + ARXIV)

SINCE DEC 2023 **85**

OVER

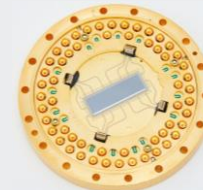
**6 million**

MEDIA  
IMPRESSIONS  
TO-DATE



**\$125 million**

U.S. FEDERAL  
FUNDING FOR  
RESEARCH OVER  
5-YEAR PERIOD



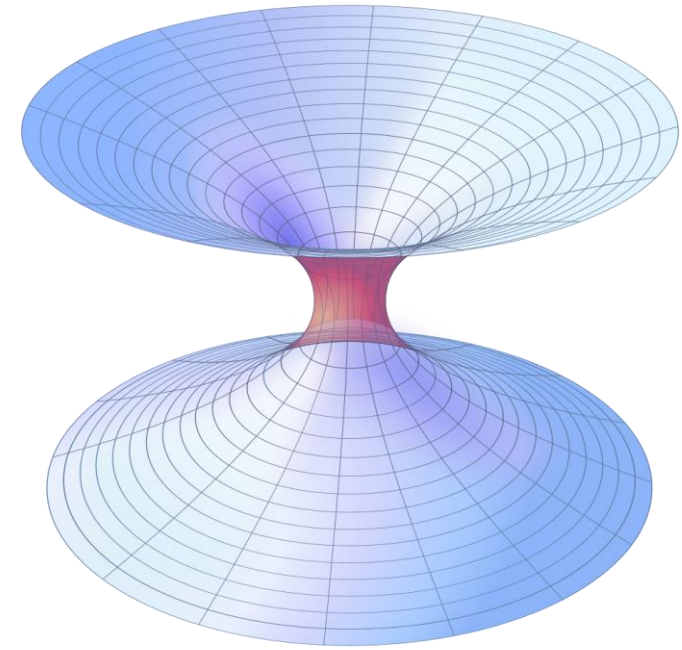
**>100,000**

SQUARE FEET OF  
SQMS FACILITY &  
OFFICE SPACE IN USE

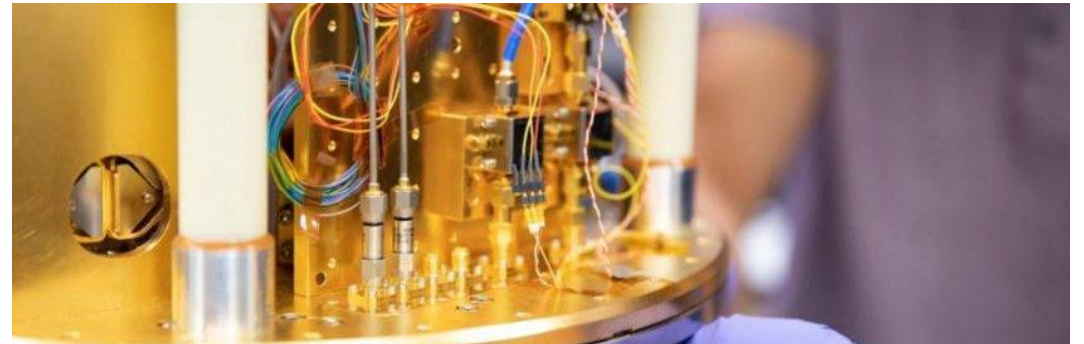
**10** NEW FACILITIES / TESTBEDS UNDER  
DEVELOPMENT OR IN PROCUREMENT

# QuantISED

- **Q**uantum **I**nformation **S**cience (QIS) **E**nabled **D**iscovery is our grants program for lab and university projects
- QuantISED 1.0 projects ran in 2018 and 2019, with awards renewed in 2021 and 2022
- QuantISED is focused on:
  - QIS for HEP - using quantum information science to accomplish HEP goals
  - HEP for QIS - using HEP techniques and knowledge to advance QIS for societal benefit



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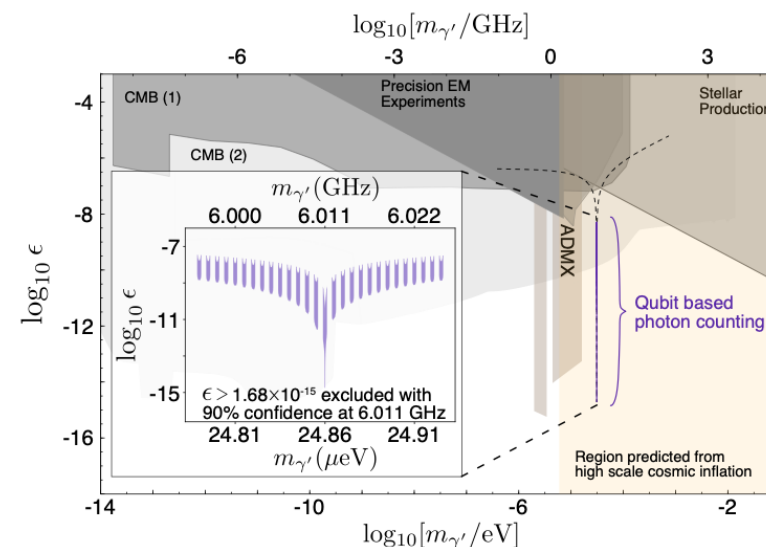


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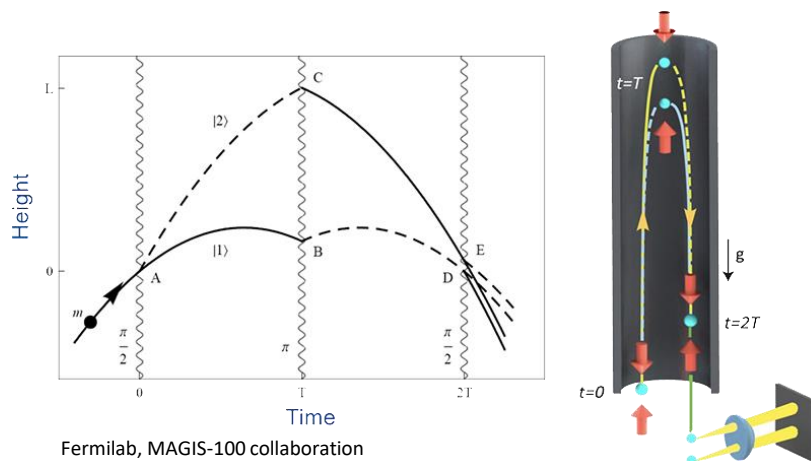
# QuantISED 1.0 Success Stories

World record search for dark photon dark matter using a superconducting qubit readout to reduce noise nearly 16 dB below SQL



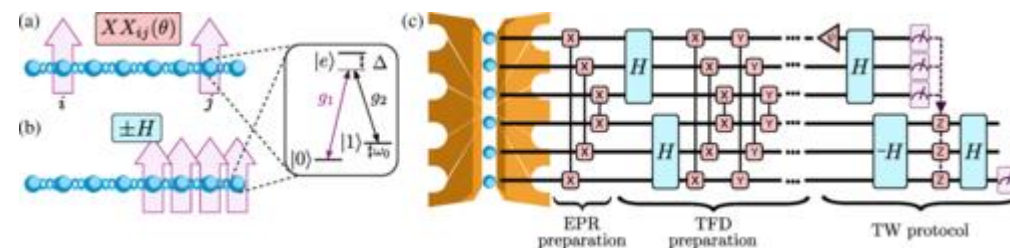
A. V. Dixit, et al.,  
Phys.Rev.Lett. 126 (2021)  
14, 141302

Beginning of the MAGIS-100 project to construct a 100m atom interferometer for probing dark matter, gravitational waves



Fermilab, MAGIS-100 collaboration

Discovery of new many-body teleportation techniques and design of implementation for Rydberg, trapped-ion, and SC systems



T. Schuster et al., Phys. Rev. X 12, 031013



# QuantISED 2.0

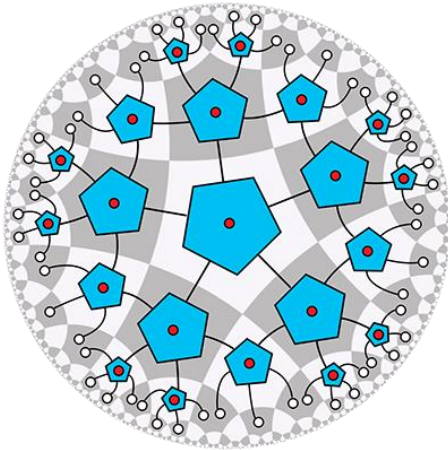
- QuantISED 2.0 launched May 2024
- Differentiator from QuantISED 1.0 - push beyond demonstration into real discovery science
- Received a very high volume of interest – community (both HEP and QIS) is very interested in pursuing these projects
- Award announcements coming soon!



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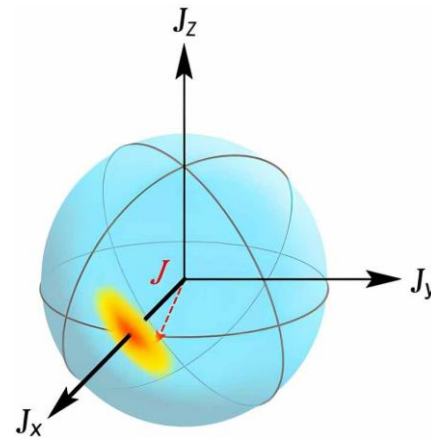
# QuantISED 2.0 Topics

**Theory** – theoretical research that leverages new methods from QIS to shed light on HEP topics. Quantum gravity, scrambling, holography, simulation, algorithms.



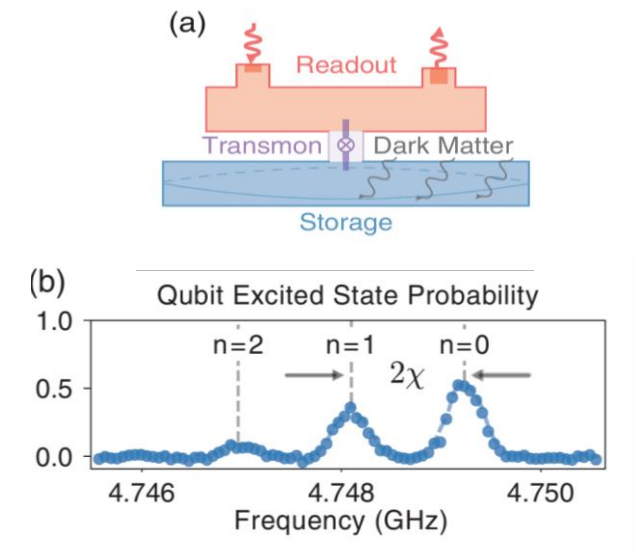
Phys. Rev. A 101, 042305 (2020)

**Sensing** – creating, manipulating, measuring precise quantum states for metrological advantage; bringing QIS/AMO/condensed matter techniques into HEP space



New Journal of Physics. 25. 10.1088/1367-2630/acdb90.

**Pathfinders** – new experimental concepts with potential of opening new vistas onto fundamental science



Dixit et al., PRL 126 (2021)

# Looking Ahead: Realizing Our QIS Vision

## Seize the NQI Opportunity

Integrate the potential renewal of NQI into our programs (SQMS and other) and maximize mutual relevance to HEP.

## Unite the QIS-HEP Cutting Edges

Use SQMS and other national lab facilities as a base of QIS excellence and a nexus for interdisciplinary collaboration.

## Open New Horizons

Build a robust HEP-QIS community by providing opportunities for researchers to collaborate and cross over.

Launch QuantISED 2.0 proposals – and plan for what's next, through workshops and future funding.

**Thank you!**

**2025:**



**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF  
Quantum Science  
and Technology**