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Quantum RF (QRF)

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Rydberg Programs at Infleqtion



Rydberg-atom RF Sensors for Direction Finding and Geolocation (RADARS)



1st goal is to develop a cold Rydberg atom microwave direction finder at mm-Wave, with ...

- ...higher sensitivity than traditional systems
- ...elimination of systematic effects, specifically: Doppler effects in hot atom sensors

2nd goal is to develop a hot Rydberg atom microwave direction finder at UHF, with ...

- ...higher sensitivity than traditional systems
- ...sub-wavelength angle-of-arrival



Science of Atomic Vapors for New Technologies (SAVaNT)



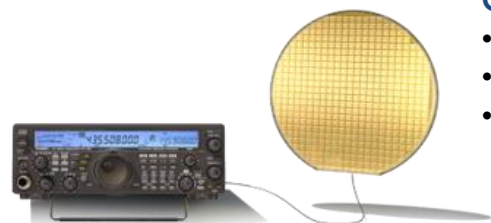
Goals:

- Push sensitivity below blackbody radiation limit
- Control instantaneous bandwidth

Scientific research-focused



Quantum Apertures (QA)



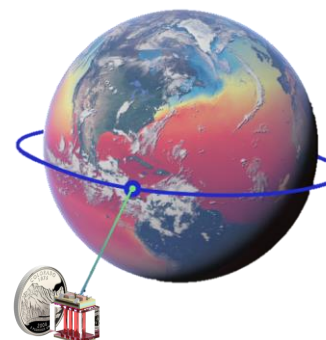
Goals:

- Demonstrate 10 MHz to 40 GHz
- Reduce aperture shape/size
- Detect & process commonly used waveforms

System development-focused



Quantum Atomic Rydberg Radiometer for Earth Measurements (QuARREM)



Goals:

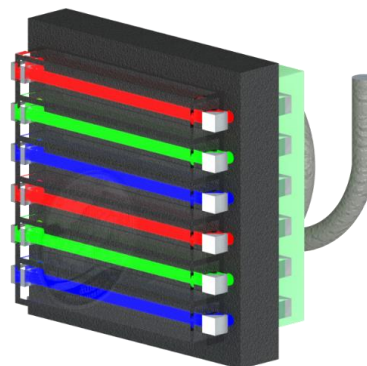
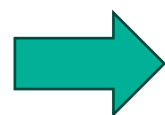
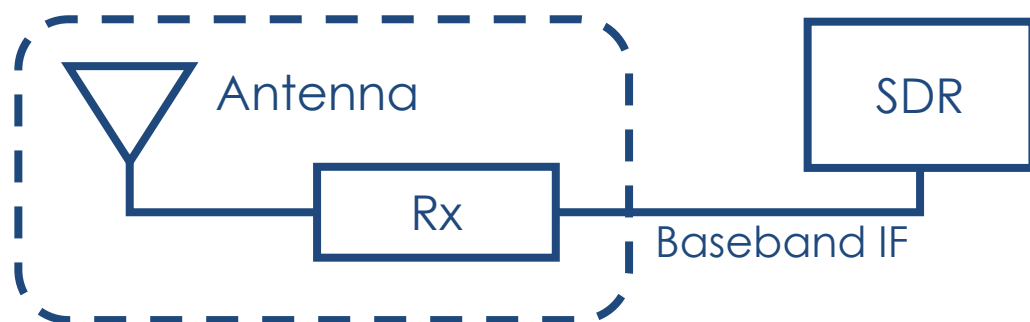
- Demonstrate Rydberg V-band 'backend' receiver
- Compare QRF architectures to classical radiometry
- Develop testbenches and noise characterization techniques to facilitate measured comparisons
- Concept development around absolute calibration for in-measurement traceability chains



What is Quantum RF

Quantum RF (QRF):

Replaces RF antenna & analog Rx components



Multi-Channel

Integrated atomics, micro-optics & electro-magnetics in 1 cm³ vapor cell



Convergence

Unique Capabilities:

- Continuously **tunable** across a broad range of frequencies (.01 ~ 300 GHz)
- **Sensitive** down to blackbody rad limit
- Supports both **NB (kHz)** & **WB (10MHz+)** modes of operation
- Physically **small**, independent of frequency / wavelength
- **Resilient** to EMP & Radiation
- Simultaneously **replaces** multiple Rx systems with single multi-channel device

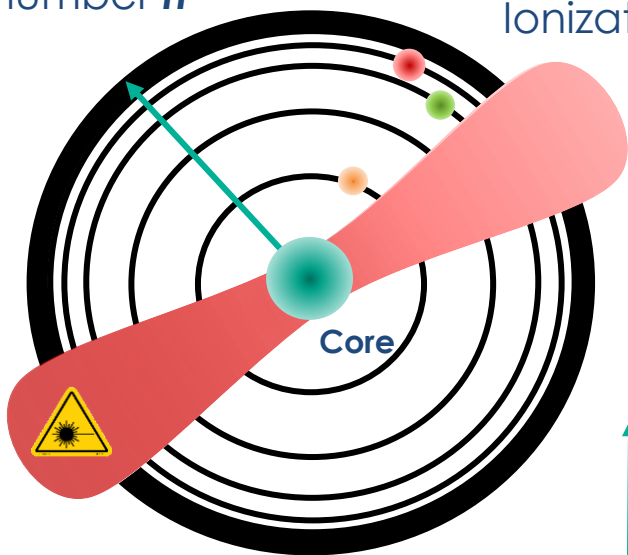


How does it work

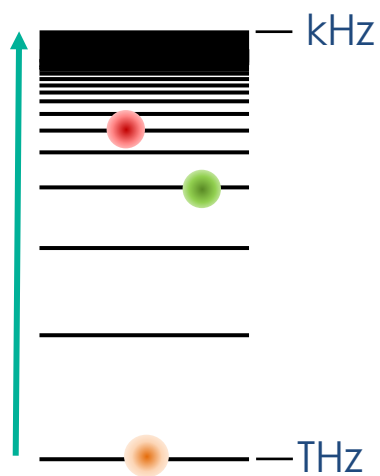
Rydberg Atom

Principle quantum number n

Outer Valence State before Ionization



Principle quantum number n

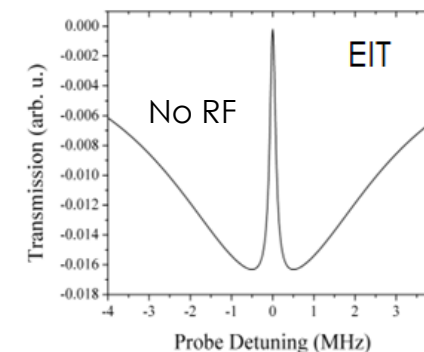


Rydberg Atom Receiver (Rx)

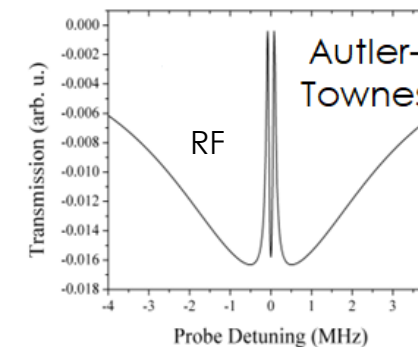
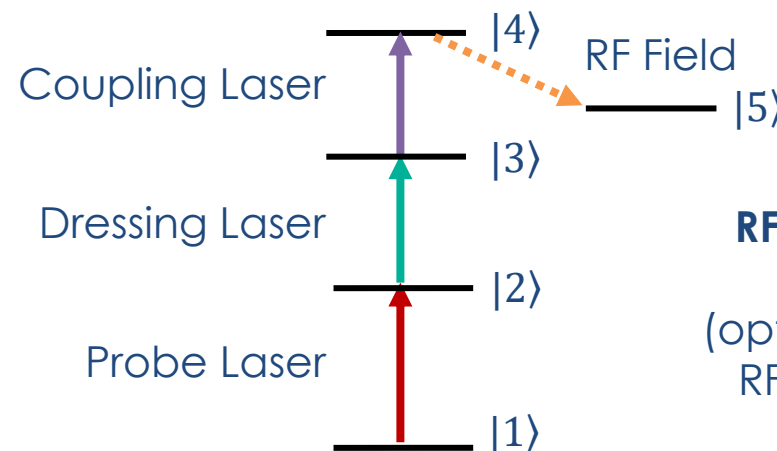
Laser Excitation

RF Interaction

Optical Detection



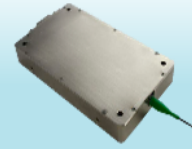
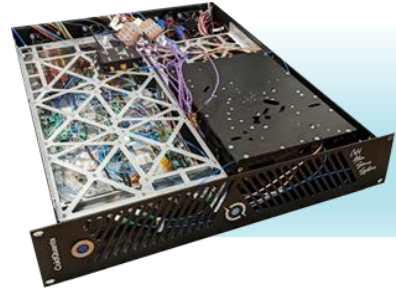
3-Photon Laser Excitation



RF signal is **transduced** onto probe beam (optical carrier), similar-to RF photonics, but with **no antenna**

Quantum RF Technology Roadmap

Laser/Control Unit



Apertures



Receive Only

Transmit/Receive

Today

2025

2028

Sensors



Mounted



Manpack



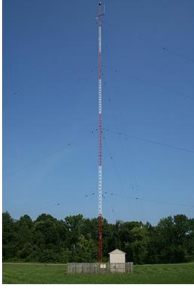







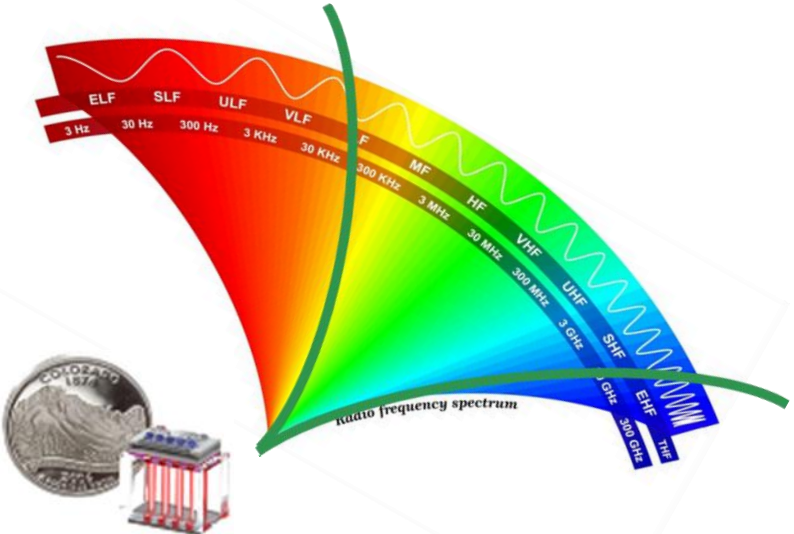
Dismount



Quantum RF Applications

- Broad spectrum scanning with a single sensor using a QRF frontend
- HF Communications leveraging smaller antennas and direct conversion to I/Q eliminates large RF components
- Enhanced Cognitive Radio
 - Spectrum agility far greater than currently available today
 - Leverage Broad Spectrum Scanning to enhance spectrum awareness
 - QRF inherently provides LPI/LPD
- Tactical Communications
 - Works with existing Legacy Channels (VULOS, SINCGARS, SATURN)
 - Tactical MANET Networks

 <p>ELF Extremely Low Frequency Frequency: 3 KHz to 30 KHz Wavelength: 100 km to 10 km</p>	 <p>LF Low Frequency Frequency: 30 KHz to 300 KHz Wavelength: 10 km to 1 km</p>	 <p>MF Medium Frequency Frequency: 300 KHz to 3 MHz Wavelength: 1 km to 100 m</p>	 <p>HF High Frequency Frequency: 3 MHz to 30 MHz Wavelength: 100 m to 10 m</p>
 <p>VHF Very High Frequency Frequency: 30 MHz to 300 MHz Wavelength: 10 m to 1 m</p>	 <p>UHF Ultra High Frequency Frequency: 300 MHz to 3 GHz Wavelength: 1 m to 100 mm</p>	 <p>SHF Super High Frequency Frequency: 3 GHz to 30 GHz Wavelength: 100 mm to 10 mm</p>	 <p>Omni <i>Quantum Cells Cover LF-SHF Today</i></p>



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