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Superconducting Nanowire Single Photon Detectors for Dark Matter Detection and HEP

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Superconducting nanowire single photon detectors (SNSPDs) are the most advanced sensors available for time-resolved single photon counting from the ultraviolet to the infrared. We will discuss recent advances in SNSPD technology, including demonstration of dark count rates below $1e-5$ cps, scaling to large-format arrays (up to 400 kpix), single-photon sensitivity at wavelengths as long as $29\ \mu\text{m}$, ultra-high time resolution (as short as 3ps FWHM at visible wavelengths), and ultra-high count rates (1.5 Gcps). We will discuss the prospects for extending these performance metrics even further, and discuss potential applications of SNSPD technology in HEP, including dark matter detection.

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