State of the art in Superconducting Radio Frequency Technology: from accelerators to quantum

This talk will give an overview of the forefront SRF technology R&D that is being conducted at Fermilab and other laboratories. It will include the dramatic leaps in superconducting RF technology (SRF), that enable a series of highly efficient user facilities in Basic Energy Sciences, Nuclear physics, Fusion and High Energy Physics. Application of the SRF technology towards Quantum Computing and Dark sector searches will be discussed. It will be a journey into the mystery of the SRF cavities surface nanostructure, and will highlight the key role of surface and material science in the progress of superconducting accelerator technologies.

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Has received several awards for the discovery of nitrogen doping of SRF cavities, which has dramatically increased the efficiency of SRF resonators by more than a factor of two, among which: DOE Early Career Awardee in 2014, Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in 2017, IEEE PAST Award 2017, Frank Sacherer Prize from the European Physical Society and USPAS prize.

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