

# MoSi Superconducting Single Photon Detectors

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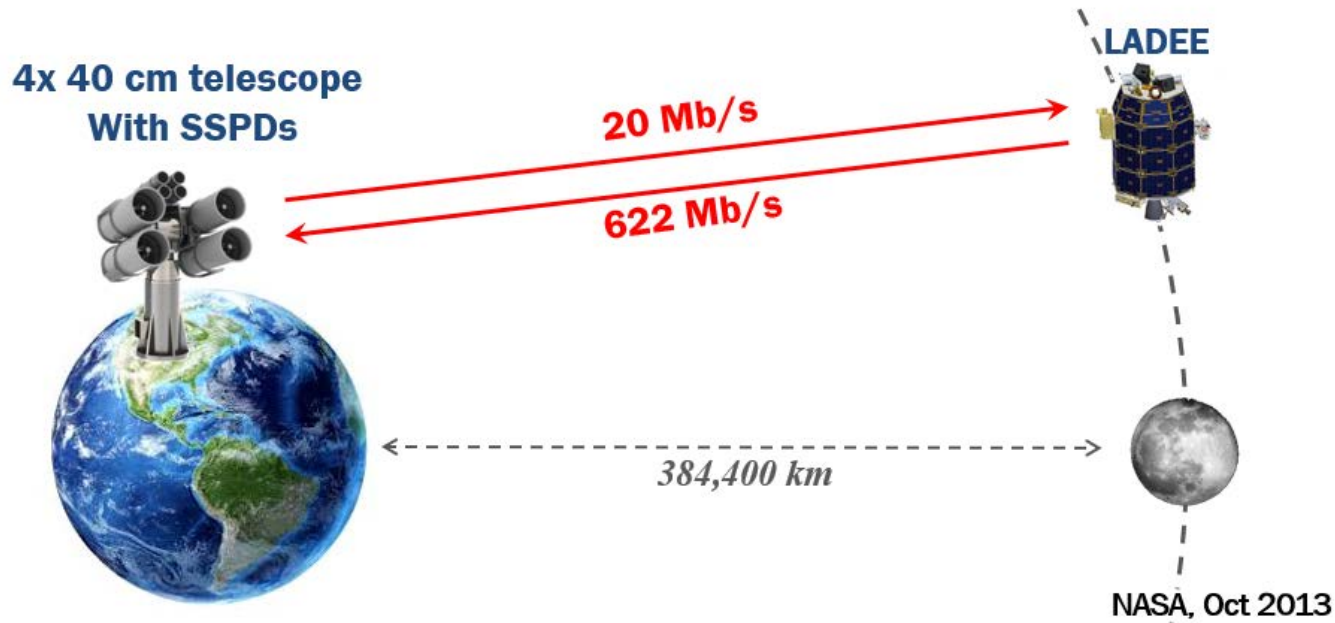
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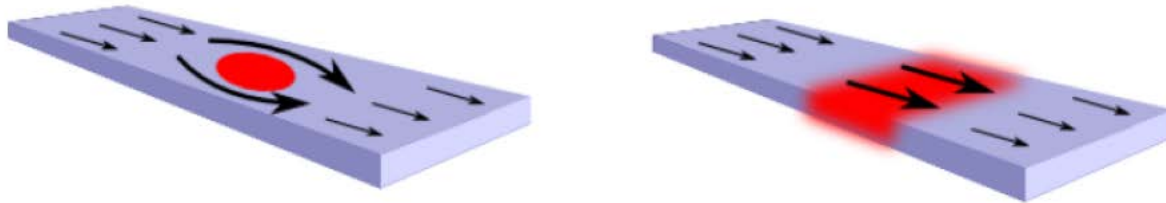
- ‘Noise equivalent power’  $\sim 0.01$  photon/sec
- High speed: jitter 10-100 ps, reset time 1-10 ns

## Lunar Laser Communications Demonstration (NASA)



# SSPD

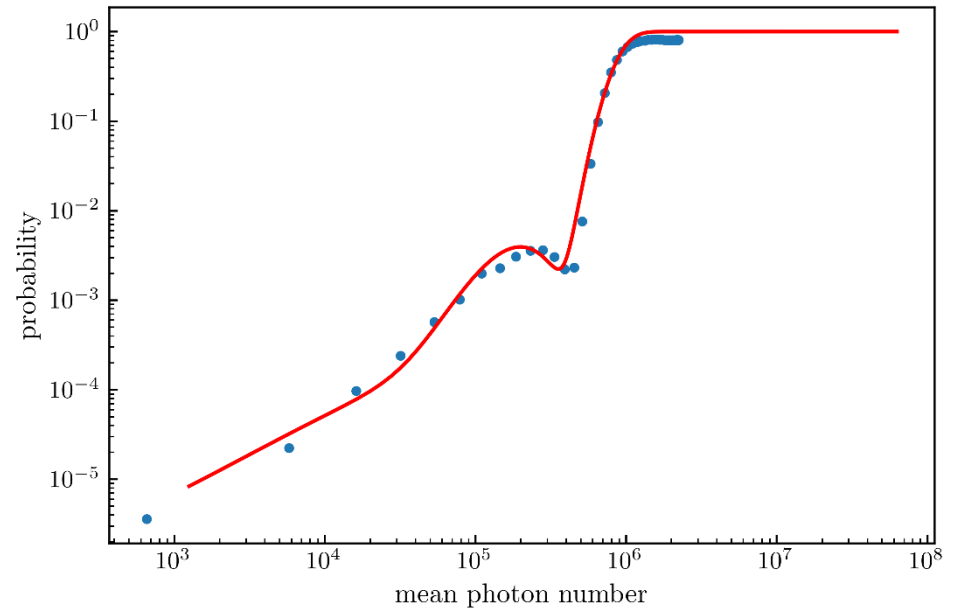
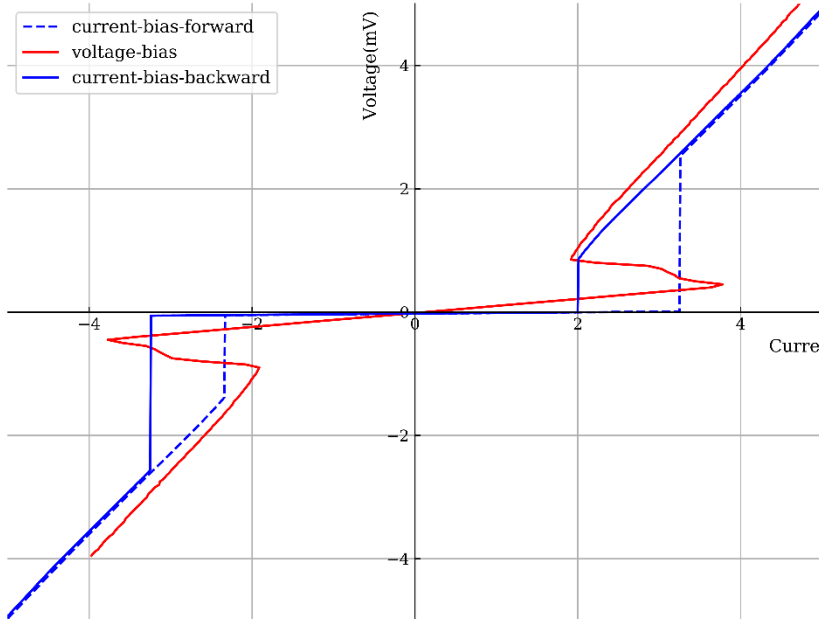
- Absorbed photon breaks up Cooper pairs
- High speed, low noise, large wavelength range
- Normal core hotspot v. Diffusive hotspot?



- Superconductivity Properties
- Quantum Detector Tomography

# Result

IV-curve for 210nm MoSi detector



$$p(\mu, \eta, \{p_k\}) = 1 - e^{-\eta\mu} \sum_{k=0}^K (1 - p_k) \frac{(\eta\mu)^k}{k!}$$

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