



# Search for dark photon dark matter using large-scale superconducting quantum computers as detectors

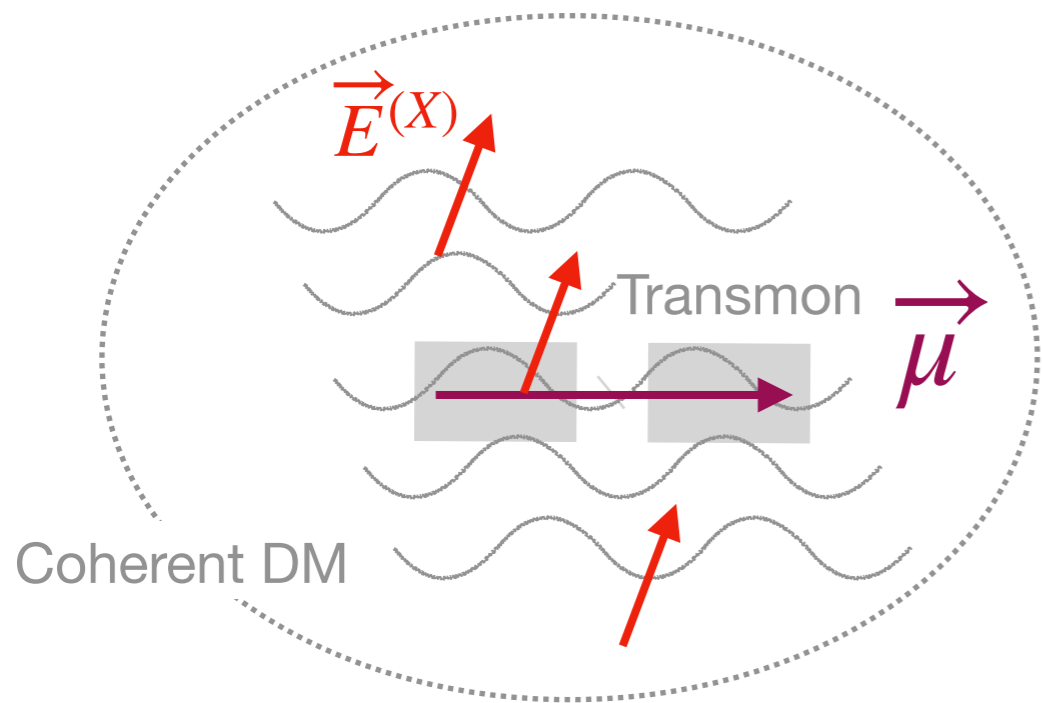
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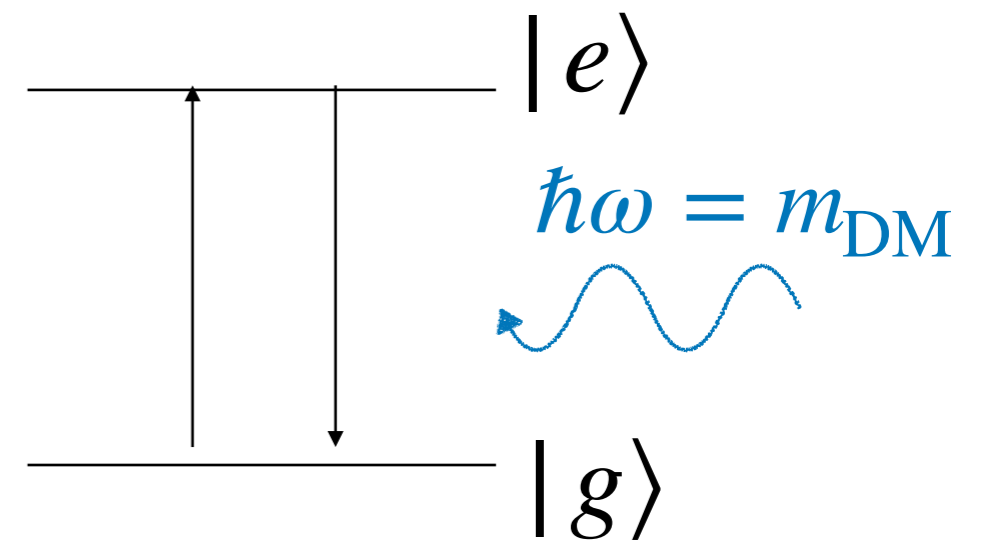


Quantum computers are DM detectors

# E-field from the DM is Qubit drive pulse



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**Excitation rate after  $\tau$ :**

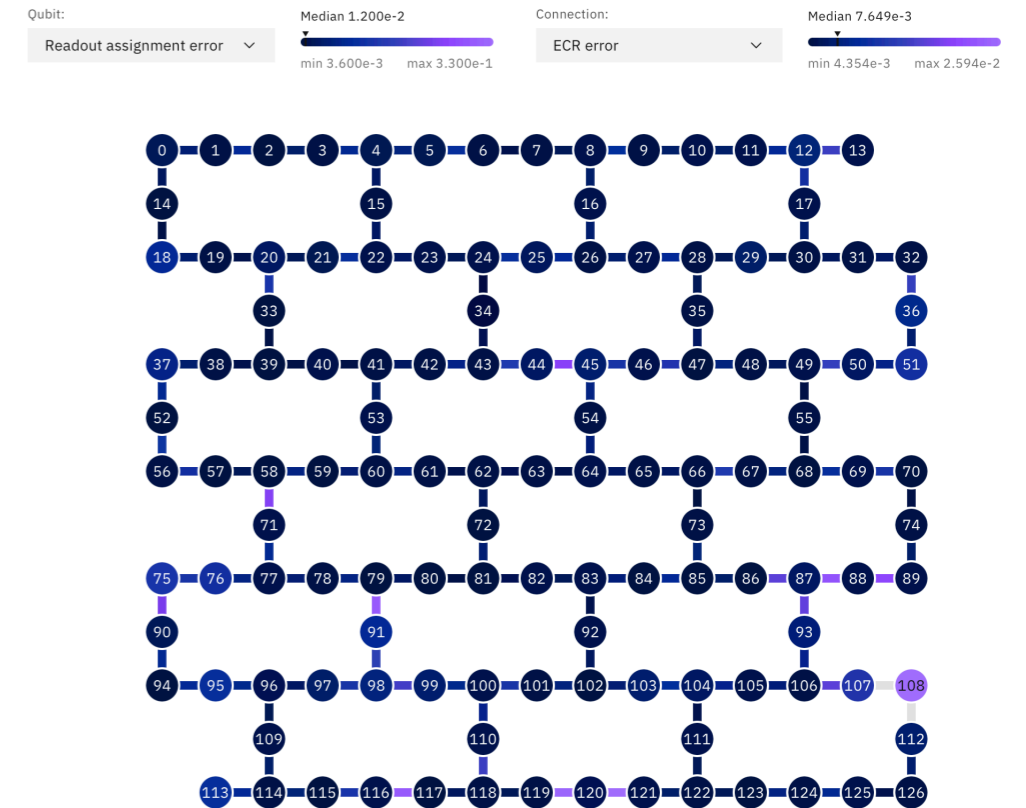
Moroi et al. PRL **131**, 211001 (2023)

$$p \simeq 0.12 \times \kappa^2 \cos^2 \Theta \left( \frac{\epsilon}{10^{-11}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{f}{1 \text{ GHz}} \right) \left( \frac{\tau}{100 \text{ } \mu\text{s}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{C}{0.1 \text{ pF}} \right) \left( \frac{d}{100 \text{ } \mu\text{m}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{0.45 \text{ GeV/cc}} \right)$$

# Out detector



# Kawasaki



as of 16th Sep 2024

127

Qubits

3.2%

EPLG

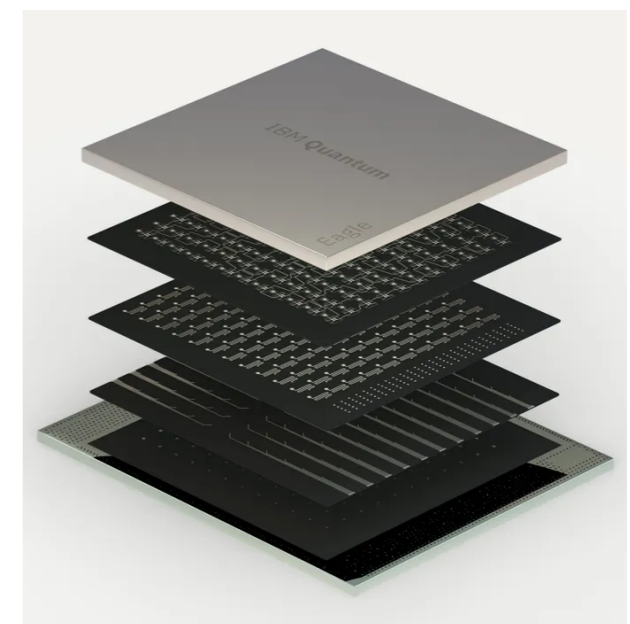
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CLOPS

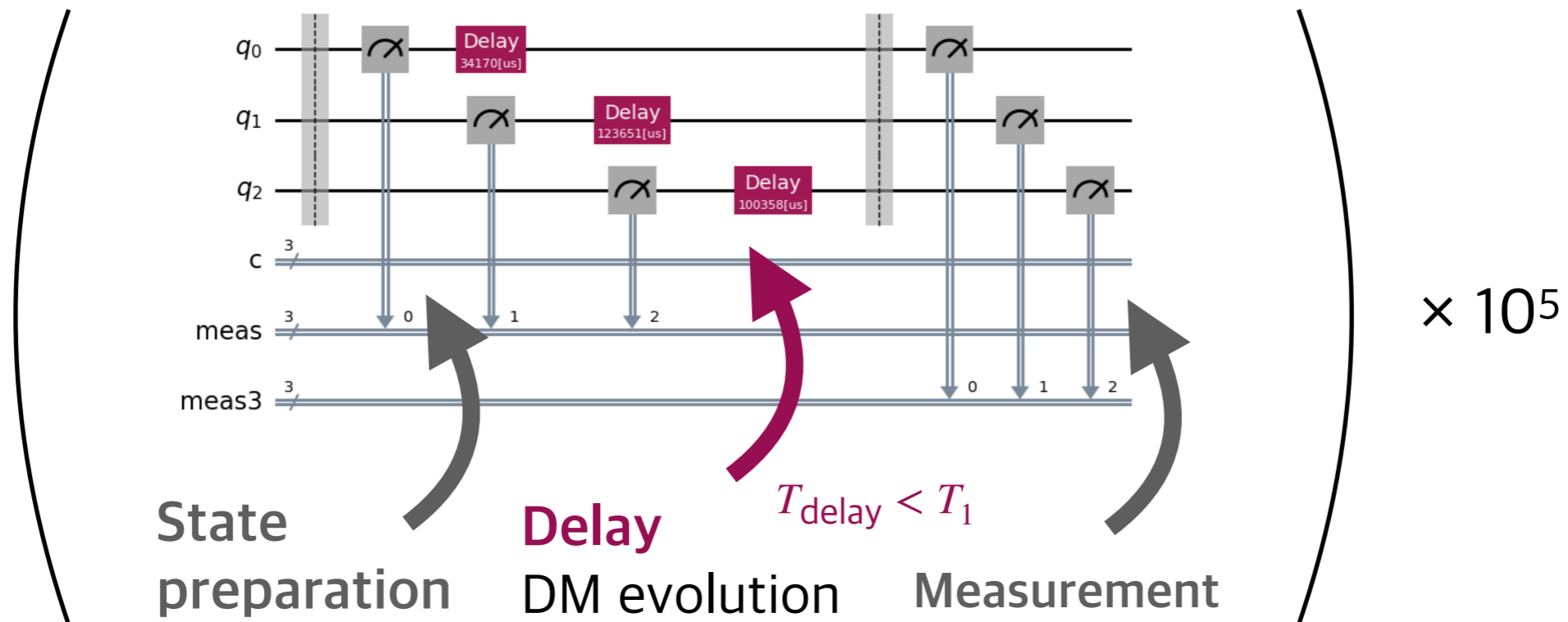
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Median ECR error:	7.134e-3
Median SX error:	2.449e-4
Median readout error:	1.130e-2
Median T1:	197.19 us
Median T2:	140.62 us

127-bit Eagle processor



e.g.  $n_q=3$   $n_q=127$  in actual experiment



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def submit(delay, shots=100000, ncircuits=600, session=None, batch=None):
    circuits = []
    for i in range(ncircuits):
        qr = QuantumRegister(nq)
        cr0 = ClassicalRegister(nq)
        cr1 = ClassicalRegister(nq)
        # Create a quantum circuit with 3 qubits and 3 classical bits
        qc = QuantumCircuit(qr, cr0, cr1)

        qc.measure(qr, cr0)

        # Add a delay of T/2 to each qubit
        for iq in range(nq):
            qc.delay(int(T/2*1000+delay_factor), iq, 'qs')
            qc.delay(int(delay), iq, 'us')

        # Measure each qubit
        qc.measure(qr, cr1)

        # Visualize the circuit
        qc.draw('mpl')

        circuits.append(qc)

    circuits[0].draw('mpl')

    qc_compiled = transpile(circuits, backend, initial_layout = list(range(nq)), optimization_level=0, scheduling_method='asap')

    sampler = None
    if session:
        sampler = Sampler(session=session)

    elif batch:
        sampler = Sampler(mode=batch)

    job = sampler.run(qc_compiled, shots=shots)
  
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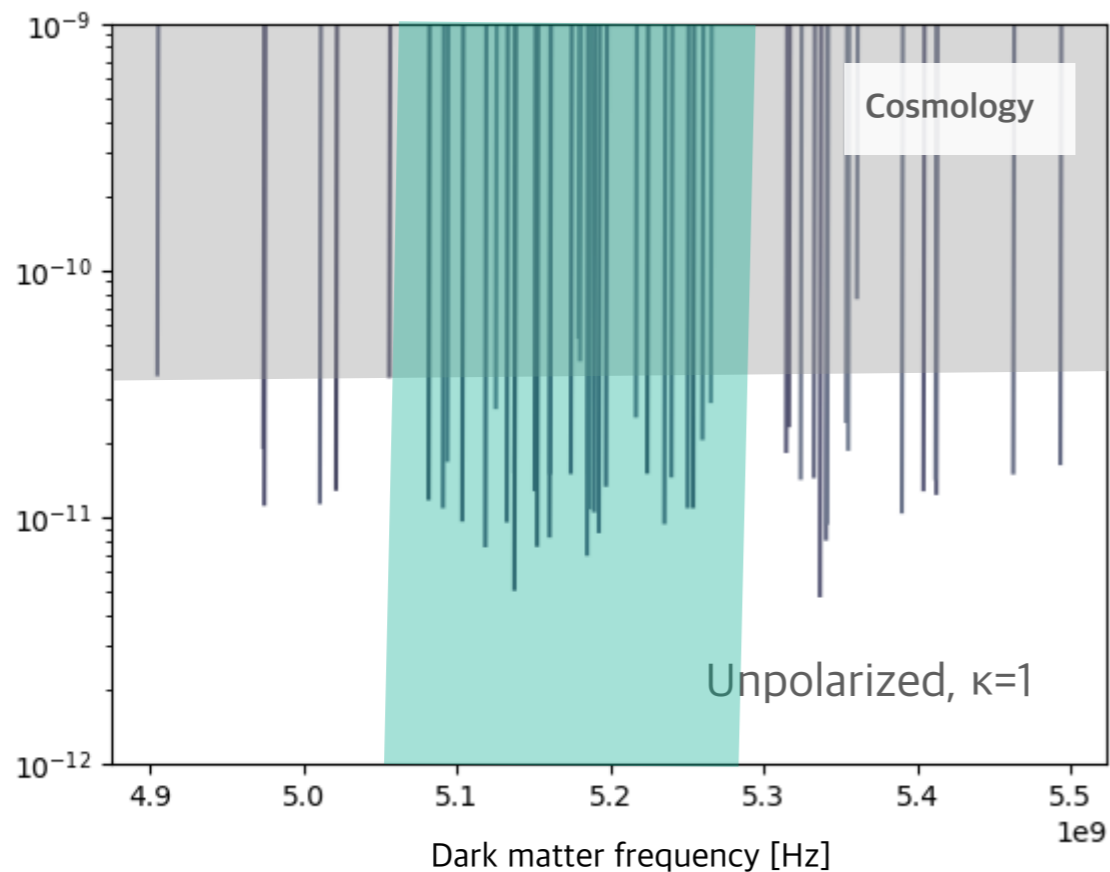
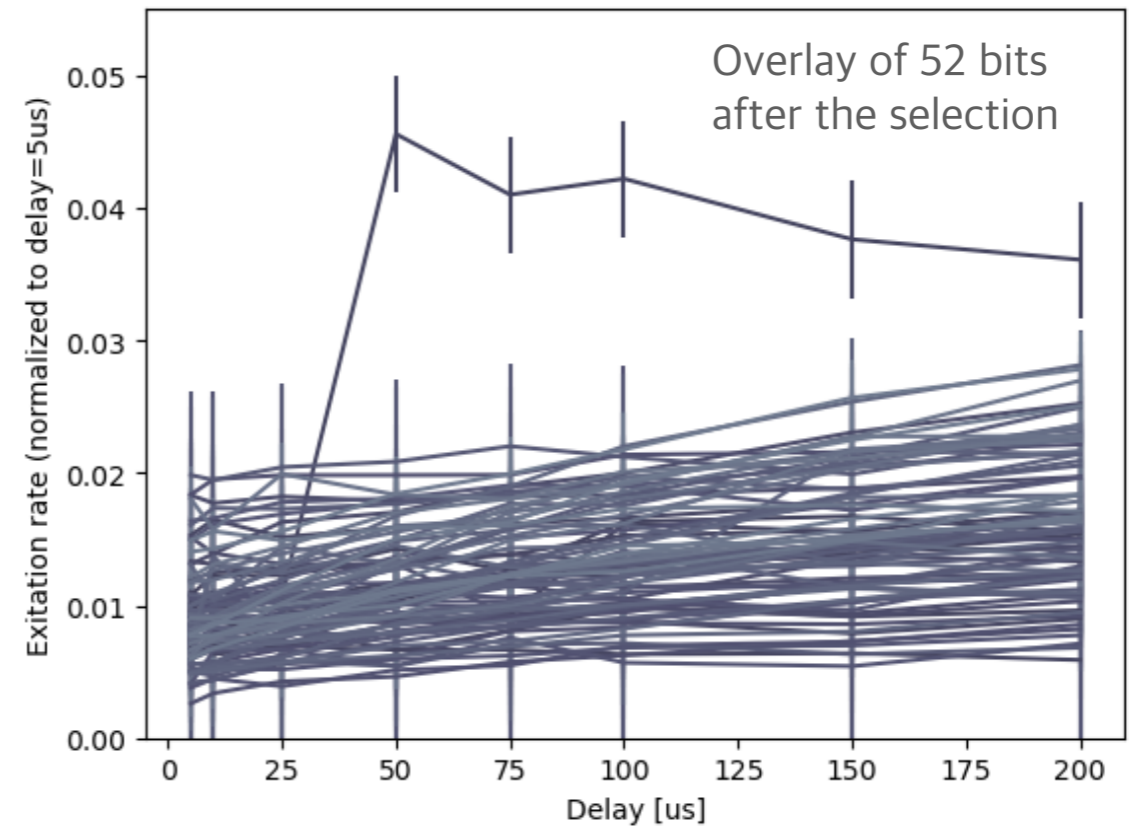
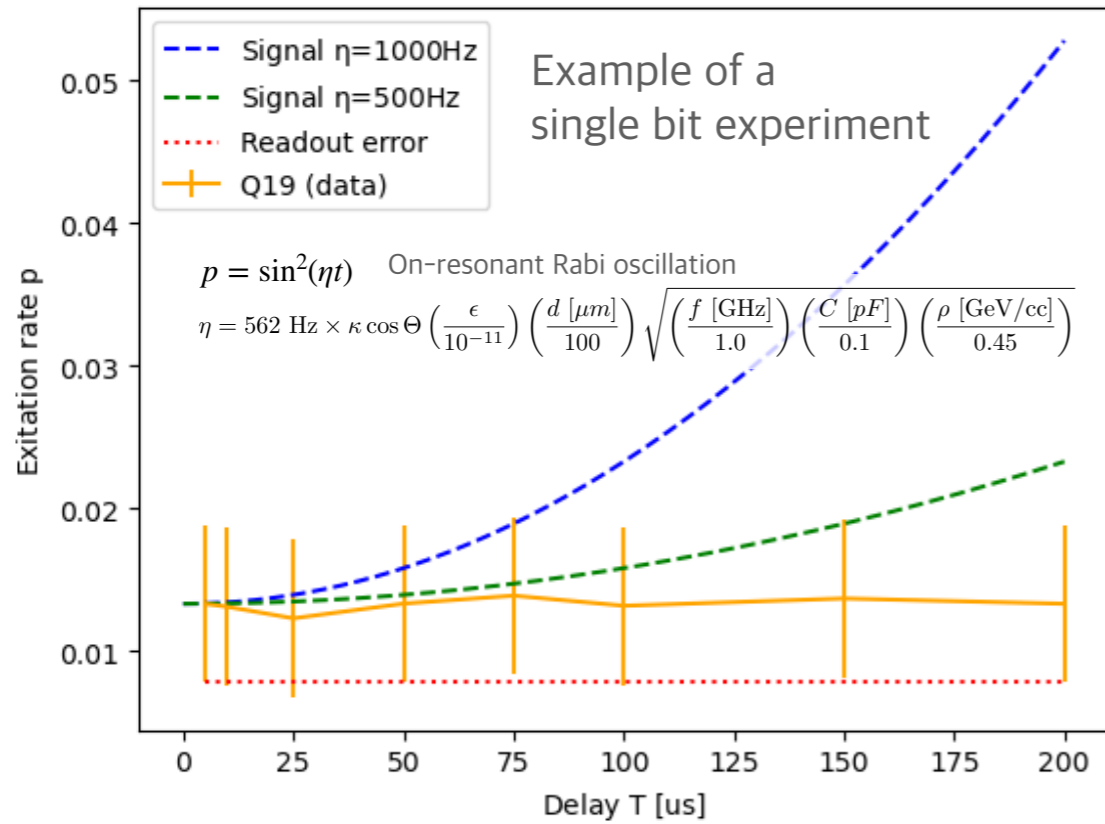
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Submit a script like this

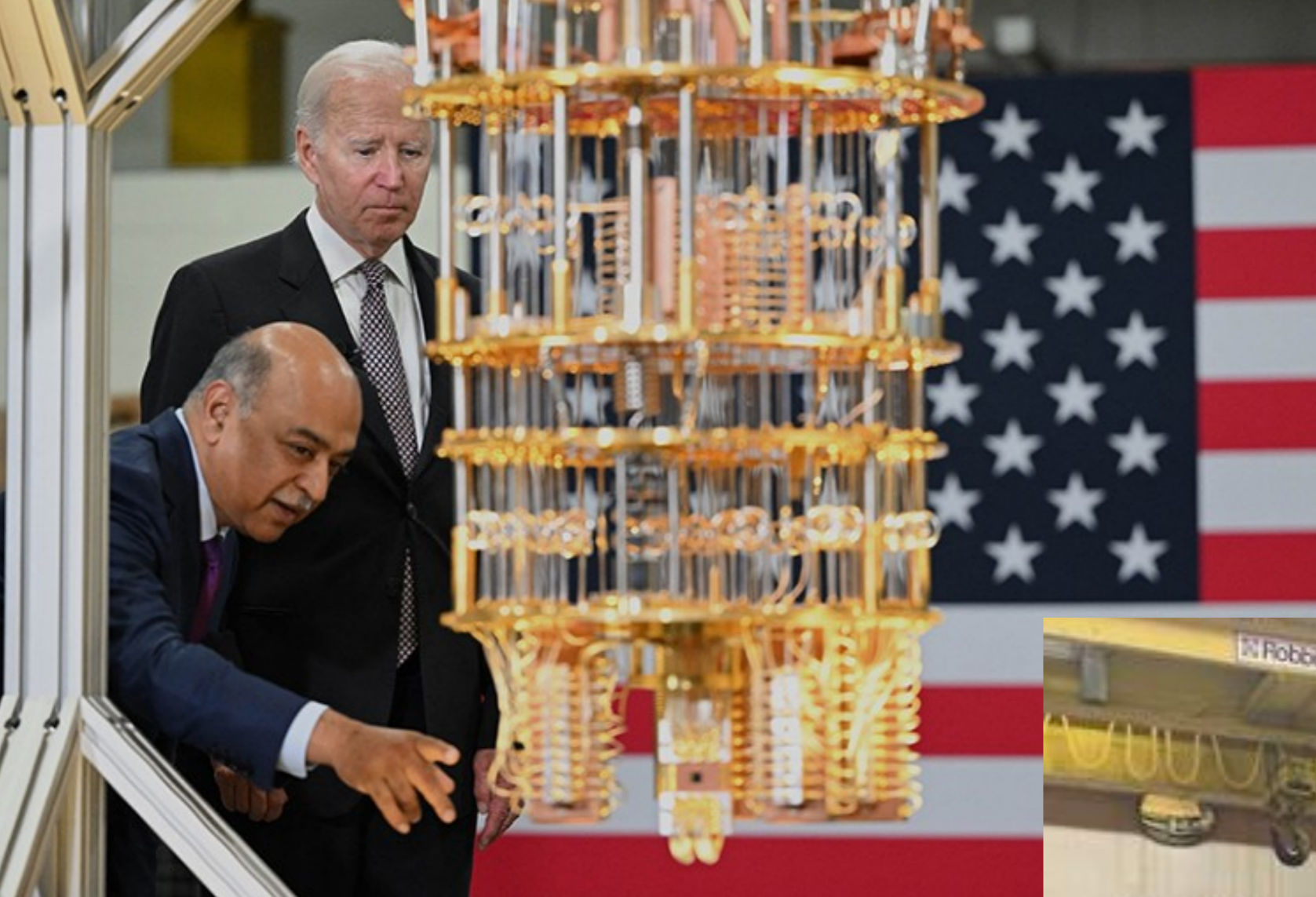
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✔ Script-based dark matter search



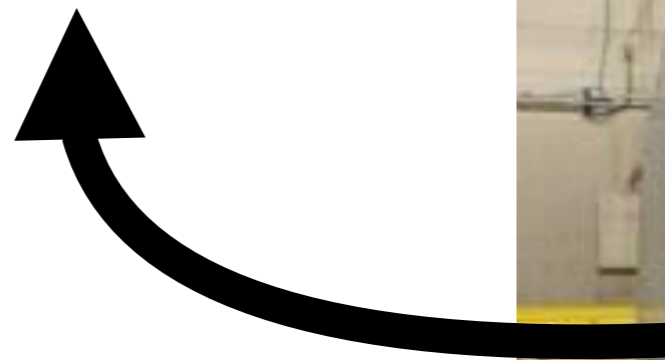


- Nothing (very) suspicious found
- **Limit setting is nearly impossible**
- IBM doesn't publish qubit design, packaging etc..
  - Need a dedicated reverse engineering
  - Assuming a typical transmon and loose packaging for now (likely optimistic).
- **Sensitivity limited by the uncertainty on the RO error**
- Width not considered yet
  - **But probably have some width in sensitivity** due to the off-resonant Rabi oscillation response.



# Outlook - Axion

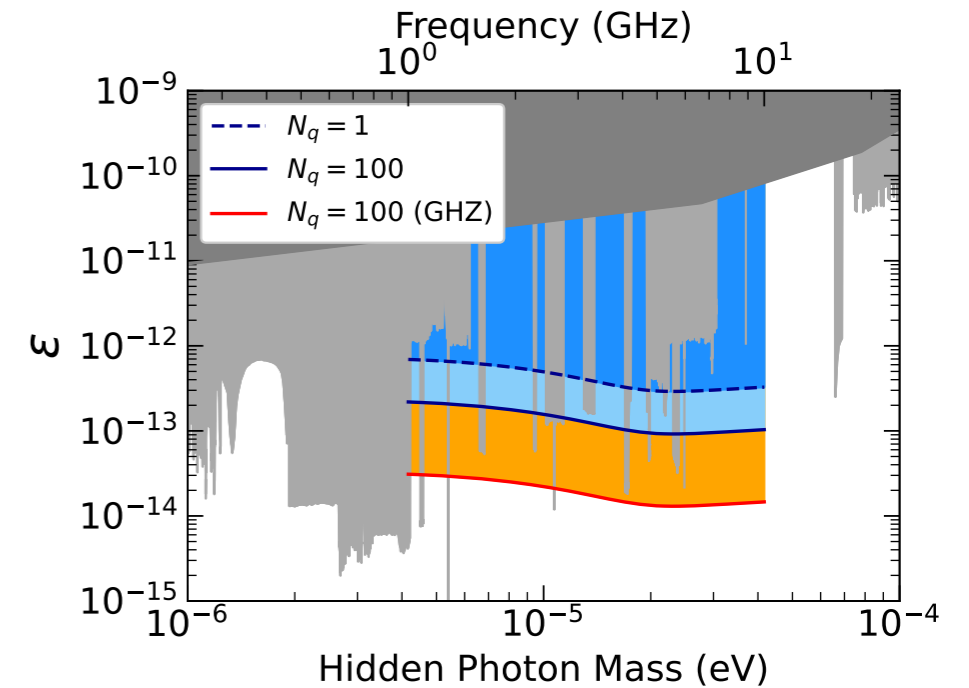
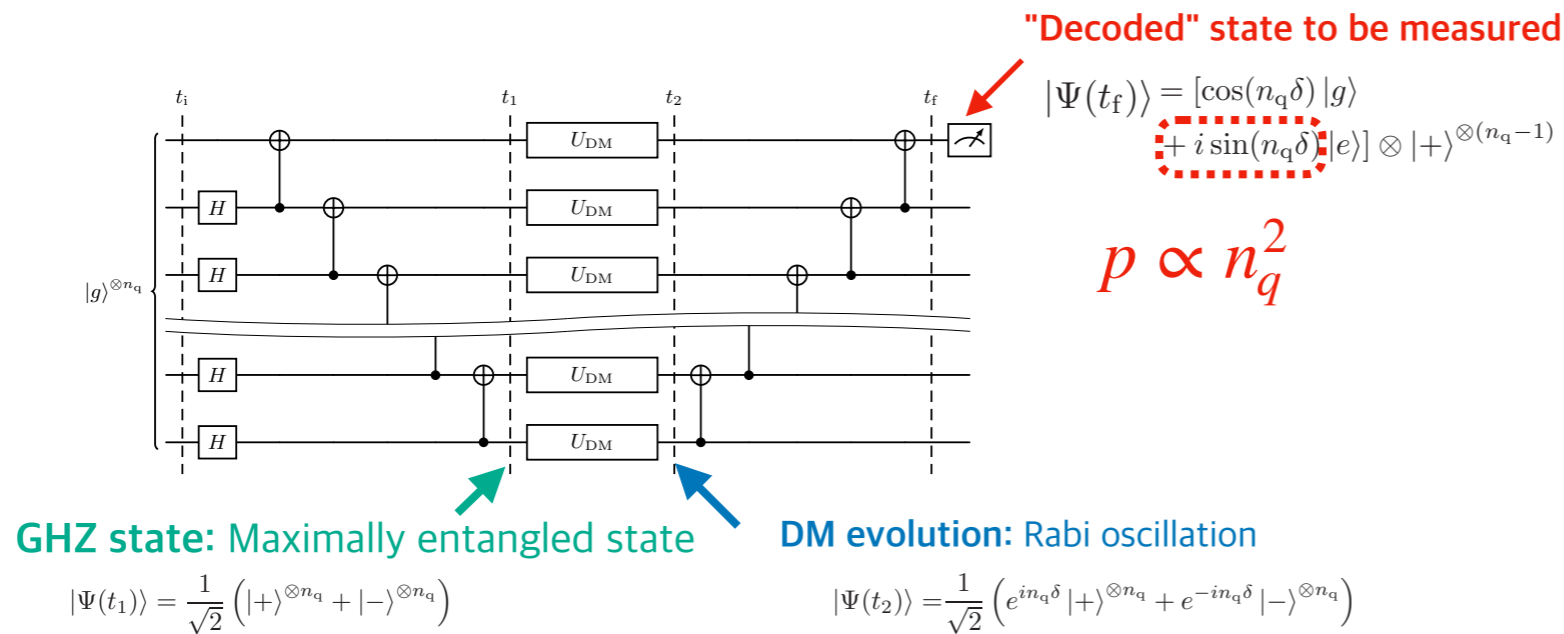
Unlikely to happen at this point.  
Only if the quantum industry ends.





# Towards deeper sensitivity: Multi-bit interference

Sichanugrist et al.  
PRL 133 (2), 021801



# Towards wide-band: ac Stark shift

Adding one more CW tone at  $\omega = \alpha_{\text{drive}}$

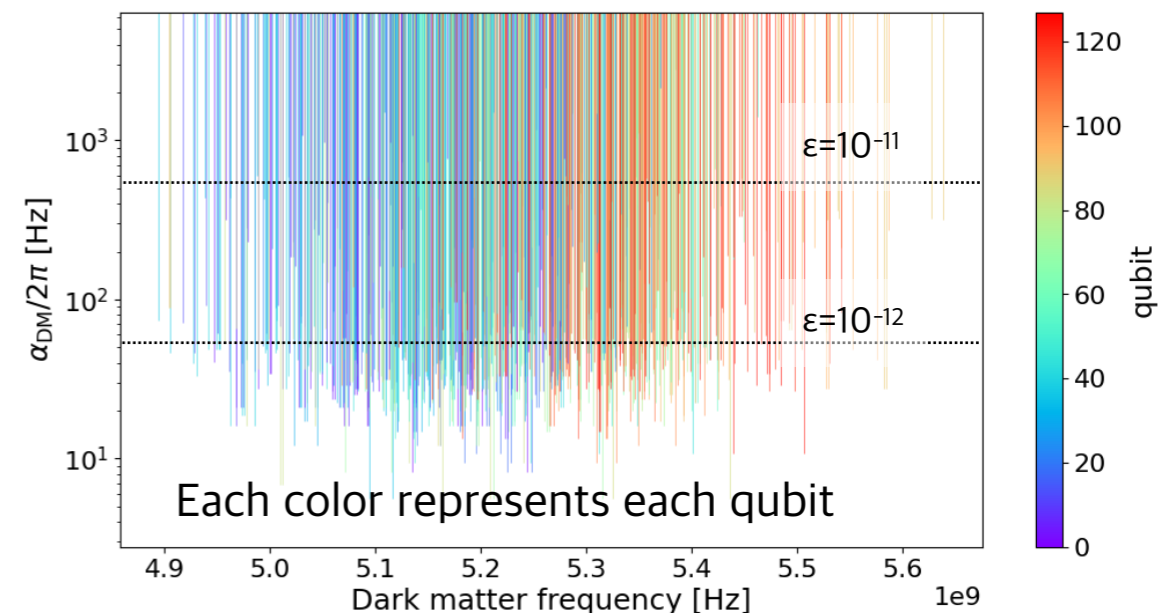
Rabi oscillation is driven by DM when  $\omega_{\text{DM}} = \omega_q \pm \alpha_{\text{drive}}$

$$\langle X(t) \rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\alpha_{\text{DM}}}{2} t\right)$$

$$\langle Y(t) \rangle = \pm \sin\left(\frac{\alpha_{\text{DM}}}{2} t\right) \cos(\alpha_{\text{drive}} t \pm \phi_{\text{DM}})$$

$$\langle Z(t) \rangle = \pm \sin\left(\frac{\alpha_{\text{DM}}}{2} t\right) \sin(\alpha_{\text{drive}} t \pm \phi_{\text{DM}})$$

Upper limit on the DM drive strength (in the unit of Rabi freq.)





# Search for dark photon dark matter using large-scale superconducting quantum computers as detectors

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### Quantum computer as DM detector

**Coherent E-field from DM**

Coherent DM Dark photon QCD axion, ALP...

**Qubit drive pulse**

$h\omega = m_{DM}$

**Excitation rate after  $\tau$ :** Moroi et al. PRL 131 (21), 211001

$$p_{j_e}(\tau) \approx 0.12 \times \kappa^2 \cos^2 \Theta \left( \frac{\epsilon}{10^{-11}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{f}{1 \text{ GHz}} \right) \times \left( \frac{\tau}{100 \mu\text{s}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{C}{0.1 \text{ pF}} \right) \left( \frac{d}{100 \mu\text{m}} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\rho_{DM}}{0.45 \text{ GeV/cm}^3} \right)$$

### Experiment in an actual QC

**IBM Kawasaki 127 bit**

- $T_1$  average: 202  $\mu\text{s}$
- Ave. readout error: 0.1%
- $10^5$  sampling per bit Completed in ~60s

**Signal:  $|e\rangle$  fraction**

- Proportional to the delay

Example of a single bit experiment

Signal:  $|e\rangle$  fraction

Proportional to the delay

Error bar in the data includes stat. + sys. Sys. error DM: low. the excitation rate w/  $T_1$ -5ps and the readout error reported by calibration. Likely too conservative!

### First Result @Fixed frequency

Unpolarized,  $\kappa=1$ , 90%CL

CAST-CAPP

**Selection on qubits used:**

- $T_1 > 100 \mu\text{s}$
- Readout error  $< 2\%$ ,  $p(T = 5 \mu\text{s}) / \text{Readout error} < 2 \rightarrow 52$  bits selected

**No anomalous increase in the excitation rate observed.**

**Tentative limit & Outlook**

- Transmon design/parameter assumed: Quoted from the [pheno paper](#)
- Chip package effect not considered yet: The DM-induced E-field is likely suppressed by the chip package ( $\kappa \ll 1$ ).
- Width not considered yet: May have O(1MHz) sensitivity width from qubit's off-resonant response
- Systematic dominant: Better understanding on noise can still boost a lot

### Towards deeper sensitivity: $n_q^2$ -enhancement

Why just delay?  $\rightarrow$  Gate operation

Sichanugrist et al. PRL 133 (2), 021801

**"Decoded" state to be measured**

$$|\Psi(t_f)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |0\rangle^{\otimes n_q} + e^{i\phi} |1\rangle^{\otimes n_q} \right)$$

Fraction of  $|e\rangle$  readout  $\sim n_q^2 \delta^2$

**GHZ state: Maximally entangled state**

$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |+\rangle^{\otimes n_q} + |-\rangle^{\otimes n_q} \right)$$

**DM evolution: Rabi oscillation**

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( e^{i\alpha} |+\rangle^{\otimes n_q} + e^{-i\alpha} |-\rangle^{\otimes n_q} \right)$$

- Entanglement enables "summation" of the phase acquired in each bit.
- Signal rate  $\propto n_q^2$  instead of  $n_q$
- Technical requirements:
  - Qubit frequencies need to be aligned
  - Per-bit  $T_1 > O(\text{ms})$  and QEC  $\rightarrow$  Reasonable in FTQC era?

### Towards a wide-band search

- SQUID-based tuning  $\rightarrow$  See Karin Watanabe's poster
- Use of Floquet qubit resonance

**"Floquet qubit"**

Hamiltonian of a qubit driven at two frequencies (one on resonance):

$$H(t) = -\frac{\omega_q}{2} \sigma_z + \left[ \alpha_{\text{drive}} \cos \omega_d t \right] \sigma_x + \left[ \alpha_{\text{DM}} \cos(\omega_{\text{DM}} t + \phi_{\text{DM}}) \right] \sigma_x$$

$H_d(t)$   $H_{\text{DM}}(t)$

- Floquet theory: "For  $H(t+T) = H(t)$ , there exist solutions  $e^{-i\epsilon_n t} |\psi_n(t)\rangle$  where  $|\psi_n(t+T)\rangle = |\psi_n(t)\rangle$ "
- $\epsilon_n$ : quasienergies
- Apply to  $H_d(t) \rightarrow$  Periodic solutions = Floquet qubit is approximately  $|0_F\rangle = |+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$  and  $|1_F\rangle = |-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$  with quasienergies  $\pm \alpha_{\text{drive}}$
- This Floquet qubit is resonant at  $\omega_q \pm \alpha_{\text{drive}}$  ("AC Stark shift" of the qubit)
- $|0_F\rangle$  and  $|1_F\rangle$  have  $\times \sim 2.5$  enhanced coherence times ("spin locking")

**DM search via qubit dynamics**

When  $\omega_{\text{DM}} = \omega_q \pm \alpha_{\text{drive}}$  qubit-frame Pauli expectation values evolve as

$$\langle X(t) \rangle = \cos \left( \frac{\alpha_{\text{DM}} t}{2} \right)$$

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$\rightarrow$  Probe DM frequency by scanning  $\alpha_{\text{drive}}$  and observing  $\langle X \rangle$ ,  $\langle Y \rangle$ ,  $\langle Z \rangle$

**Demonstration and Results**

$\langle X \rangle$  and  $\langle Z \rangle$  with  $\alpha_{\text{drive}} \sim 20$  MHz and artificial  $\alpha_{\text{DM}} \sim 1$  MHz on an IBM device

Each color represents each qubit

Preliminary observed limits (90% CL) on  $\alpha_{\text{DM}}$

Upper limit of  $> 50$  Hz reads  $\times 10^{-4}$  with assuming a standard transmon design,  $\kappa=1$ , and no systematics assigned.

