Axions, Dark Matter and Cosmology

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The theta angle of the strong interactions

- The value of θ controls matter-antimatter differences in QCD



Measured today $|\theta| < 10^{-10}$ (strong CP problem)

Axions





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- The amount of axion DM produced depends on fa
- large fa, small curvature, oscillations start later->more DM



- small fa, large curvature, oscillations start earlier -> less DM



Theta evolution, Averaged SCENARIO I

 π

 θ

 $-\pi$

Theta evolution, Averaged SCENARIO I



Strings









- Axion DM scenarios









Axion mass at high Temperature

- Axion field starts to oscillate at T ~ GeV



 m_a



T [GeV]

Axion mass at high Temperature



SCENARIO I, N=1





SCENARIO I, N>1, Domain Walls stable-> cosmological disaster



SCENARIO I, N=1





SCENARIO I, N>1, break slightly degeneracy







Theta evolution, inflated SCENARIO I



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One misalignment angle singled out

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Axion dark matter $f_a[\text{GeV}]$ 10^{13} 10^{12} 10^{11} 10^{10} 10^{9} 1014 108 $10^6 \quad 10^5$ 10^{3} 107 10^{2} 104 10^{1} - Axion DM scenarios tuned (anthropic?) ok (tuned) Excluded Excluded (too much DM) sub ok **Excluded (too much DM)** ? tuned מתוור התוורי התווייי 10^{-7} 10^{-6} 10^{-5} 10^{-4} 10^{-3} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 10³ 1 10 10² 105 10⁴ 10^{6}

 $m_a[eV]$

Initial conditions set by :

Inflation smooth

 $\Omega_{\rm aDM} h^2 \simeq \theta_I^2 \left(\frac{80\,\mu {\rm eV}}{m_a}\right)^{1.19}$

Phase transition (N=1) strings+unstable DW's

Phase transition (N>1) strings+long-lived DWs







Detecting Axions



$$\rho_{\rm aDM} = 0.3 \frac{{\rm GeV}}{{\rm cm}^3}$$



 $\theta_0 = 3.6 \times 10^{-19}$

Detecting Axion (Dark Matter) in the lab

$$\rho_{\rm CDM} \simeq 0.3 \frac{\text{GeV}}{\text{cm}^3} = m_a n_a \simeq \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 f_a^2 \theta^2 \longrightarrow \theta \sim O(10^{-19})$$
velocities in the galaxy
$$v \lesssim 300 \text{ km/s} \sim 10^{-3} c$$
phase space density
$$\frac{n_a}{\frac{4\pi p^3}{3}} \sim 10^{29} \left(\frac{\mu \text{eV}}{m_a}\right)^4$$

occupation number is HUGE! _____ treat it like a classical coherent (NR) field

Roughly...

$$a(t) = a_0 \cos(m_a t)$$

Fourier-transform a(x) $\omega \simeq m_a(1+v^2/2+...)$ $\delta\omega = \frac{m_a v^2}{2}$ $\delta t \sim \frac{1}{\delta\omega} \sim 0.13 \text{ms} \left(\frac{10^{-5} \text{eV}}{m_a}\right)$ $\delta t \sim \frac{1}{\delta\omega} \sim 0.13 \text{ms} \left(\frac{10^{-5} \text{eV}}{m_a}\right)$ $\delta t \sim \frac{1}{\delta\omega} \sim 0.13 \text{ms} \left(\frac{10^{-5} \text{eV}}{m_a}\right)$



Axion DM in a B-field

$$\mathcal{L}_I = -C_{a\gamma} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{a}{f_a} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

- In a static magnetic field, the oscillating axion field generates EM-fields

$$\mathcal{L}_{I} = -C_{a\gamma} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \theta(t) \mathbf{B}_{ext} \cdot \mathbf{E}$$
Source

- Electric fields $\mathbf{E}_a = C_{a\gamma} \frac{\alpha \mathbf{B}_{ext}}{2\pi} \theta_0 \cos(m_a t)$ (amp independent of mass!)

- Oscillating at a frequency $\omega \simeq m_a$

-B-fields $\propto \nabla \theta$ $|\mathbf{B}_a| \sim \langle v \rangle |\mathbf{E}_a|$

Radiation from a magnetised mirror



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Radiation from a magnetised mirror : Power



Cavity experiments



ADMX-HF





ADMX-Fermilab





CARRACK (discontinued)



CAST-CAPP









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Cavity experiments (if time)

- Haloscope (Sikivie 83) "Amplify resonantly the EM field in a cavity"

 $P \sim Q |\mathbf{E}_a|^2 (V m_a) \mathcal{G} \kappa$ (on resonance)

- Past experiments Florida U., RBF, ADMX, CARRACK - Future endeavors: ADMX, ADMX-HF, YMCE, CAPP
- Parameters unexplored at low and high masses: WHY?

Cylindrical cavity (h/r=b) like ADMX but scaled

- Signal
$$(V \propto m_a^{-3})$$
 $P_{\text{out}} \propto V m_a \sim \frac{1}{m_a^2}$
- Noise $P_{\text{noise}} = T_{\text{sys}} \Delta \nu_a \propto m_a^2$
- Signal/noise in $\Delta \nu_a$ of time, t , $\frac{S}{N} = \frac{P_{\text{out}}}{P_{\text{noise}}} \sqrt{\Delta \nu_a t}$
- Scanning rate $\frac{1}{m_a} \frac{d\Delta m_a}{dt} \propto \frac{c_\gamma^4}{m_a^9}$

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- 3 main scenarios -> huge DM parameter space m < meV
- meV frontier extremely challenging for direct detection
- Axion dark matter experiments, more and better

... But still under critical

- IAXO huge magnet could host new EXPERIMENTS

Axion DM searches with IAXO?

Dish antenna and miniclusters

- Typical Dish antenna experiments fall a bit short, if the DM density is just $ho_{\rm CDM}=0.3{\rm GeV/cm^3}$
- 0.1-1 meV range is most interesting in Scenario-II
- S-II predicts miniclusters of axion CDM

$$M_{\rm mc} \sim 10^{-12} M_{\odot}$$

 $\Omega_{mc} / \Omega_{a\rm CDM} \sim O(1)$

Zurek et al 07, See also Kolb & Tkachev 94

- Encounter with the Earth (every 10⁴ years) $ho_{\rm CDM} imes 10^6, Q_a \sim 10^9, t \sim 3 {\rm days}$
- Even with a modest realistic experiment one can get a huge signal ! (if lucky...)

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do not go beyond this point

Dish antenna experiment?

Large freq ... Area vs volume

 $P \sim |\mathbf{E}_a|^2 A$ comparable if $Q \sim 10^4 \sim Am_a^2$ $P \sim Q |\mathbf{E}_a|^2 (V m_a) \mathcal{G} \kappa$

Mixed scheme?

If we could add the power emitted by many mirrors...

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Many dielectrics : MADMAX at MPP Munich

- Emission has large spatial coherence; adjusting plate separation -> coherence

$$\frac{P}{Area} \sim 2 \times 10^{-27} \frac{W}{m^2} \left(c_{\gamma} \frac{B_{||}}{10T} \right)^2 \left(\times \beta^2(\omega) \text{ boost factor} \right)$$

- Work in progress at Max Planck Institute fur Physik (Conceptual design)

One dielectric

Close to nu0, many layers

boost factor (N=10,40,80; n=3,nu0=20 GHz)

Outside nu0

When dielectrics are non-transparent, mild resonances appear that allow higher boosts

Comparison with cavities

Mechanical tolerances amplified

Many layers, Errors averaged to some extent smaller cavity-effect contribution

Comparison with cavities, at high frequency

Cavities become small,

In principle, dielectric stacks can be kept quite wide (Area effect)

MADMAX

A new QCD Dark Matter Axion search using a dielectric resonant cavity

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- Recap: Axion to photon conversion at surfaces
 - · The open cavity idea
 - Simulations of boost factor and transmission
 - Seed project at MPP
 - Proposed design for final experiment, plans

Experimental idea

Chose dielectric material:

- High dielectric constant (for large axion/photon conversion factor)
 - Low loss \rightarrow low tan δ (in order to reduce photon loss)
 - Stable

Cheap

 \rightarrow Sapphire (Al₂O₃) @23 C, 10 GHz:

$$\varepsilon_{\perp} = 9.35; \tan \delta_{\perp} = 3.10^{-5}$$

 $\varepsilon_{=} = 11.53; \tan \delta_{\perp} = 8.6.10^{-5}$

First simulations: the boost factor

It is possible to adjust disc setting to reach sizeable β over broad bandwidth

Bandwidth per setting: ~250MHz Precision of placement of high ε plates needed: ~few μm

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First measurements: transmission

Boost factor is coupled to transmission behavior

- 5 AIO₃ discs with diameter 100mm positioned within uncertaintiy ~ 1mm
 - Disc positions determine

transmission, reflection and boost factor (B) curves

Prediction (red) fits measurement (black) well.

→ Verification of boost by transmission measurement!

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First measurements: sensitivity

Inject fake axion signal with 3.10-21 W power

- Mesurement for one week (integrate signal): Receiver at Room Temp.
 - → Independent "blind" analysis
 - → found > 6σ signal succesfully

→ At LHe: noise level factor 100 better

→ Sensitivity at the level of 10⁻²³ W expected

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Prototype setup partly funded as seed project by:

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- Test correlation btw. transmission and boost factor
- Test needed disc prescision
- Evaluate uncertainties
- R&D on tiling

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Further plans

2016:

- Finish first test measurements at room temperature at MPI
- Test noise of preamplifier at LHe temperature
- Find additional collaborators for specific parts of project
- Start design of 10T magnet
- Develope technique to cover frequencies above 30 GHz
- R&D on production of large diameter high-ε discs

2017-2020:

- Demonstrate low noise performance, operation with many discs, scalability to 1m diameter, work in ~10 T environment
- Build prototype with preamp in LHe in cryostat and resonator in magnetic field

2020:

Start building full scale experiment

