

Overview of Axion Searches

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Why is the neutron electric dipole moment so small?



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Peccei-Quinn solution to the strong-CP problem





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- <u>Peccei & Quinn</u>: Postulate new U(1) symmetry that would be spontaneously broken.
- <u>Weinberg & Wilczek</u>: A new Goldstone boson (the axion)
- Remnant axion VEV nulls QCD CP violation.
- <u>Only free parameter</u>: Symmetry breaking scale (f_a).
- "Invisble Axion": f_a >> Weak Scale
- Two general classes of models
 - KSVZ [Kim (1979), Shifman, Vainshtein, Sakharov (1980)]: "QCD axion" or "hadronic axion"
 - DFSZ [Dine, Fischler, Srednicki (1981), Zhitnitsky (1980)]





"clean up" the Strong-CP problem



Axion couplings



General classes of couplings

Axion – Nucleon Axion – Electron Axion – Photon

 $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$ is a process with small model uncertainty Easily calculable Coupling used for haloscopes

Rate depends on "unification group" (that is, the particles in the loops), ratio of u/d quark masses, and mostly $\rm f_{PQ}$

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim \frac{\alpha}{f_{PQ}} (\frac{E}{N} - 1.95)$$



Variety of experiments

• Axions as Dark Matter

- Haloscopes: Microwave cavities in solenoid magnet
- Look for dark matter axions (low mass) converting to photons in B-Field
 - Sikivie PRL 51:1415 (1983)
- New techniques being explored: NMR, LC-circuit, Axion Wind

• Axions from the Sun

- Helioscopes: Axions generated from the sun
 - Sikivie PRL 51:1415 (1983)
 - Van Bibber et al. PhysRevD 39:2089 (1989)
 - CAST, IAXO
- Bragg scattering, noble liquids (g_{ae})

Axions in the Lab

- Photon regeneration and polarization changes
 - PVLAS, ALPS
- Modifications to short range forces
 - ARIADNE, Torsion-balance

Fabry-Perot Magnet L _____





Pierre Sikivie



Axion parameter space







New CAST Limit

Enabled by the IAXO pathfinder system



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New CAST limit on the axion-photon interaction

CAST Collaboration[†]

Hypothetical low-mass particles, such as axions, provide a compelling explanation for the dark matter in the universe. Such particles are expected to emerge abundantly from the hot interior of stars. To test this prediction, the CERN Axion Solar Telescope (CAST) uses a 9T refurbished Large Hadron Collider test magnet directed towards the Sun. In the strong magnetic field, solar axions can be converted to X-ray photons which can be recorded by X-ray detectors. In the 2013-2015 run, thanks to low-background detectors and a new X-ray telescope, the signal-to-noise ratio was increased by about a factor of three. Here, we report the best limit on the axion-photon coupling strength (0.66×10^{-10} GeV⁻¹ at 95% confidence level) set by CAST, which now reaches similar levels to the most restrictive astrophysical bounds.





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IAXO: the next Helioscope generation



*Please see Beljana Lakic's talk tomorrow in the DM parallel session

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Axion parameter space







The ADMX experimental layout





Microwave Cavity needs tunable resonance



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ADMX experimental layout









The Radiometer equation dictates strategy







Quantum-limited amplifiers



Microwave signal out

Bias tee



ADMX Tunable MSA Microwave signal in Tuning varactors MSA

3 mm

ADMX JPA

RC filtering for DC lines

Sean O'Kelley, Clarke Group, UC Berkeley < 1 GHz

Yanjie Qiu, Siddiqi Group, UC Berkeley > 1 GHz



ADMX recently operations

- Initial commissioning run Aug 9th Oct 3rd, 2016 (T_{phys} ~ 200 mK and B ~ 2 T)
- Oct Dec, 2016
 - · Upgrades to RF chain and heat sinking
- First science data run: January June, 2017









Raw data and hardware synthetic axion



Able to inject custom line-shape through weak port (blinded)





ADMX operations

Live Analysis

- Cavity frequency scanned until a desired signal-to-noise level is reached. 1.
- 2. Regions with power above trigger threshold are flagged as potential candidates
 - Statistical anomalies, external RF leakage, synthetic injected axions, or <u>AXIONS</u> a.
- Rescan candidates; do they persist. 3.
- If they persist they are transferred 4. to the detection committee
 - a. Several immediate checks...
 - b Switch to resonant mode that couple to axions (TEM mode).
 - Turn B-Field down (power as B²). C.

Further Offline Analysis

- Vary the bin size from time-series data.
- High Res analysis for ultra-sharp lines.













ADMX Main Cavity: Initial run 0.65-1 GHz













ADMX Science Prospects (1-2 GHz)



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ADMX Science Prospects (2-6 GHz)





ADMX Science Prospects (6-10 GHz)





Other groups: HAYSTAC (formally ADMX-High Frequency) 9.4 Tesla magnet and 1.5 liter cavity at Yale U.



Microwave Cavity (copper)





³He/⁴He Dilution **/** Refrigerator



9.4 Tesla, 10 Liter Magnet







HAYSTAC recent results



Results: B.M. Brubaker et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 118 (2017) 061302. Design details: S. Al Kenany et al., Nucl. Instrum. Methods A 854 (2017) 11-24.



Other Haloscopes coming online

Center for Axion and Precision Physics (CAPP) in South Korea

Bring online multiple experimental efforts over the next few years including microwave cavity searches (CULTASK, Toroid & multi-cell cavities)



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Figures from CAPP Patras 2017



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Other Haloscopes coming online ORGAN experiment

Oscillating Resonant Group AxioN Experiment (U. of Western Australia)

Exploring new cavity geometries and modes with sapphire disks.

Initial experiments aimed at 26-27 GHz.

Runs $A \rightarrow G$ are the 2018-2025 runs, with 14 T magnet and SQL Amps

Dashed lines rely on success of squeezed state amplifiers and magnet upgraded to 28 T





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Open resonator design with dipole magnet

Orpheus Project (UW)

Open resonator would usually not couple to axion field (positive and negative E-fields cancel).

Manipulating modes with dielectrics or alternating the magnetic field leads to a net axion coupling.

Resonant Mode in Periodic Dielectric Loaded Waveguide



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Solar



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Broadband design with dipole magnet: MADMAX



$$P/A = 2.2 \times 10^{-27} \,\mathrm{W} \,\mathrm{m}^{-2} \left(\frac{B_e}{10 \,\mathrm{T}}\right) \,C_{a\gamma}^{2} \cdot f(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$$

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Broadband design with dipole magnet: MADMAX

Multiple dielectrics can constructively interfere





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ight) C_{a\gamma}{}^2 \cdot eta^2$$

 eta^2 : power emitted by booster / power emitted by single mirror ($\epsilon=\infty$)

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MADMAX sensitivity projections



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Alternative strategy for high mass axions

- Look for an axion "wind" which acts as an effective RF magnetic field on electron spin via electron-axion coupling
- This axion induced RF excites magnetic transition in a magnetized sample (Larmor frequency) and produces a detectable signal
- The QUAX (QUest for AXion) experiment



 R. Barbieri et al., Searching for galactic axions through magnetized media: The QUAX proposal Phys. Dark Univ. 15, 135 - 141 (2017)

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The effective magnetic field
associated with the axion wind
$$B_a = \frac{g_p}{2e} \left(\frac{n_a h}{m_a c}\right)^{1/2} m_a V_E$$
$$B_a = 2.0 \cdot 10^{-22} \left(\frac{m_a}{200 \,\mu eV}\right) \text{ T,}$$
$$\frac{\omega_a}{2\pi} = 48 \left(\frac{m_a}{200 \,\mu eV}\right) \text{ GHz,}$$

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Going to lower masses (< 1 µeV): LC Circuit



Proposal for Axion Dark Matter Detection Using an LC Circuit PRL 112, 131301 (2014)



LC Circuit projections using various magnets





ABRACADABRA Experiment

A Broadband/Resonant Approach to Cosmic Axion Detection with an Amplifying B-field Ring Apparatus

Theory:



Toroidal geometry for zero-field detection



Interchangeable readout: broadband (low freq.) or resonant (high freq.)

YK, Safdi, Thaler, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2016

*figures from Yoni Kahn



Experiment:

Prototype specs:

 $R_{\rm in} = 3 \text{ cm}, R_{\rm out} = 6 \text{ cm}, h = 12 \text{ cm}, V = 680 \text{ cm}^3, B_{\rm max} = 1 \text{ T}, G = 0.085$



ABRA-10cm @ MIT

ABRACADABRA sensitivity projections



With same experimental parameters,

broadband for low frequencies, resonant for high frequencies

YK, Safdi, Thaler, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2016

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Very low mass axions (neV) NMR based experiment: CASPEr





CASPEr-Electric Experiment

EDM coupling to axion plays role of oscillating transverse B-field



Larmor frequency = axion Compton frequency → resonant enhancement.

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Axion/ALP-induced spin precession (axion wind) <u>CASPEr-Wind</u>

Nonrelativistic limit of the axionfermion coupling yields a Hamiltonian:



Larmor frequency = axion Compton frequency → resonant enhancement.



Axion Wind

CASPEr Anticipated Sensitivities



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Studying the axion!



Studying the axion is studying the halo!



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Summary

Axions: solve the Strong-CP problem and are a compelling DM candidate

Haloscopes such as ADMX have sensitivity to DM axions:
 ADMX Gen 2: Taking science data since Jan 2017
 First experiment to reach sensitivity to DFSZ axions!
 Anticipate continuous data taking up to 10 GHz

A number of other haloscopes taking data, coming online **HAYSTAC, CULTASK, ORGAN**

New ideas for both high and low mass axion searches already in R&D phases **Orpheus, MADMAX, QUAX, LC-circuit, ABRACADABRA, CASPEr, etc**

Information on galaxy dynamics to be learned from studying axion signal.

Discovery of the dark matter axion may be just around the corner!

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Backup slides



The CP Problem of Strong Interactions



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*from George Raffelt (DESY)



Key Microwave Cavity Design Constraints

$$\frac{df}{dt} \approx 1.68 \text{ GHz/year } \left(\frac{g_{\gamma}}{0.36}\right)^4 \left(\frac{f}{1 \text{ GHz}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\rho_0}{0.45 \text{ GeV/cc}}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{5}{SNR}\right)^2 \left(\frac{B_0}{8 \text{ T}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{V}{100l}\right)^2 \left(\frac{Q_L}{10^5}\right) \left(\frac{C_{010}}{0.5}\right)^2 \left(\frac{0.2 \text{ } K}{T_{sys}}\right)^2$$

- Maximize product of B²·V·Q_L·C_{Imn} to maximize axion-to-photon conversion power
 - B²V set by the magnet bore: (8T)²·(~100 liters)
- Loaded Quality factor Q_L = frequency/bandwidth

 $(Q_L \sim 10^5 \text{ for copper cavity } \sim 1 \text{ GHz})$

- Mode Form Factor C_{Imn}
- Tunability: must be able to shift resonant frequency over an appreciable range (typically 30-50%)



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Main Cavity Properties

Volume: 133 liters Q_{loaded}: 60,000 580 – 890 MHz (with current rods)

Dilution Refrigerator directly attached to top









Receiver Chain



Injection of swept power & fake axions

Reflection to look at antenna coupling

Hot / Cold load: Measure system noise temperature

SQUID at $T_{physical}$ ~ 300 mK Cavity at $T_{physical}$ ~ 150 mK

Total system noise ~ 0.5 K*

*includes attenuation + post-amplifier contributions.



Example of injected tone (fake axion) (Phase I with SQUID amplifiers)



Possible to instrument higher order modes





N-body simulations point to sharper line-shape

If true than haloscope experiments would naturally be even more sensitive

Currently we continue to operate with conservative isothermal halo



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If the simulations from the UW "N-body shop" are correct limits can be extended.



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Fit receiver chain to determine system noise

Example Cavity Noise Measurement Multiple MSA Biases





Sidecar DAQ: Mode Map



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*Recent Ph.D thesis of Christian Boutan (now at PNNL)



ADMX: Collaboration

















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Where to look in mass?

For PQ symmetry breaking **after** inflation analytical and lattice results point to 1-100 µeV masses.

For PQ symmetry breaking **before** inflation less constrained (could be << µeV masses)





Plot from Gray Rybka (UW)



ADMX site: University of Washington

ADMX DAQ & Controls



Cleanroom (with insert hanging) ADMX Magnet

Helium liquefier



Scan Rate from Dicke Radiometer equation

Rate determined from SNR

$$\frac{df}{dt} \approx 750 \ MHz/year \ \left(\frac{g_{\gamma}}{0.36}\right)^4 \left(\frac{5}{SNR}\right)^2 \left(\frac{f}{1 \ GHz}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{B_0}{8 \ T}\right)^4 \left(\frac{V}{100l}\right)^2 \left(\frac{Q_L}{10^5}\right) \left(\frac{C_{010}}{0.5}\right)^2 \left(\frac{0.2 \ K}{T_{sys}}\right)^2$$

- SNR is the Signal-to-Noise for detection (usually set to 5),
- *f* is the frequency being searched (where 1 GHz ~ $m_a = 4.1 \text{ ueV}$)
- T_{sys} is the total system temperature ($T_{sys} = T_{cavity} + T_{amps}$)
- To scan at this sensitivity would take > 100 years with original ADMX



Managing mode-crossings

- Transverse Magnetic (TM) modes move up in frequency as tuning rods are rotated
- Transverse Electric (TE) modes remain relatively static in frequency.
- When both mode's frequencies are degenerate there's a "mode crossing" in which the two modes "mix" and the resonant peak can disappear.
- The longer the cavity, the more TE modes there a in the tuning range.

Keep aspect ratios: Length / radius ~ 5.

 We step around mode crossings by using multiple tuning rods (metal and dielectric).





Challenge of moving to higher axion mass (frequency)

- Scaling single cavity to higher frequencies (f) Volume ~ (f)⁻³ !
- Quality factor also goes down as frequency increases ($Q_L \sim 10^5 \cdot (f)^{-2/3}$)
- Need to move to multi-cavity array's.

Frequency ~ 540 MHz $Q_L - 100,000$ Axion Mass ~ 2 µeV Volume - 135 liters



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Frequency ~ 2.4 GHz Axion Mass ~ 9 µeV Q_L – 60,000 Volume ~ 2.6 liters

Frequency ~ 10 GHz Axion Mass ~ 36 μ eV Q_L – 25,000 Volume – 0.025 liters





1" diameter



Can obtain axion phase space distribution immediately after discovery + reconfirmation



For example: Test N-body simulations from T. Quinn predicting long-suspected co-rotating galactic DM \rightarrow Softer spectrum? Narrower line = better Signal/Noise?



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For 2x frequency resolution, need 2x sample time. Half-power in each bin requires 4x samples. Total 8x integration time is easy!

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Test models of debris flow, narrowband caustic structure from recent infalls, etc.



If dark matter is multicomponent, these measurements could also provide valuable input to WIMP detection experiments.

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QUAX: Axion induced RF emission

A volume V_s of magnetized material, strong coupled in a microwave resonant cavity, will absorb energy from the axion wind and re-emit as rf power

> With magnetizing field B0 = 1.7 T => 48 GHz



$$P_{\rm out} = \frac{P_{\rm in}}{2} = \mathbf{3.8} \times \mathbf{10^{-26}} \left(\frac{m_a}{200\,\mu {\rm eV}}\right)^3 \left(\frac{V_s}{100\ {\rm cm}^3}\right) \left(\frac{n_S}{2 \cdot 10^{28}/{\rm m}^3}\right) \left(\frac{\tau_{\rm min}}{2\,\mu {\rm s}}\right) \, {\rm W}$$



Annual modulation is also easy



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CAST experiment @ CERN



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