

# Networks of Axion Strings - Scaling

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In the post-inflationary scenario, if PQ symmetry breaking occurs, a network of global cosmic strings are expected to form. At the time of the QCD phase transition, the previously scaling network of such defects will collapse by forming domain walls attached to strings. Given that all of the energy density of the string network is left behind into axion waves, in order to improve current estimates of axion dark matter density, estimates of the scaling density of axion strings are required. In this talk, I will review recent work on the dynamics of axion strings which uses extreme scale computing resources for simulating  $16384^3$  lattices. I will address and comment on the recent claims of logarithmic violations of scaling

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