Searches for Axion Dark Matter from Micro-eV to Milli-eV: ADMX and Broadband Detector R&D

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Outline

- Motivation
- Resonant cavity technique
- ADMX recent results
- ADMX 1-2 GHz and 2-4 GHz frequency bands
- R&D: Broadband axion search with a Coaxial Dish Antenna

WIMPs Vs. Axions

- WIMPs and WIMP-like
 - Dramatic progress in attempted WIMP detection over last decade- many models previously considered promising are now excluded.
 - Direct searches will become background limited by neutrinos over next 10 years.



• Axions and ALPs

- Previous experiments not sensitive enough to test most important models.
- Relatively few experiments.
- New techniques needed to reach required sensitivity.



Predictions In "Post Inflation" Window



Classical "post inflation" axion window: fine tuning not required for axions to make up 100% of observed dark matter

Growing Diversity of Techniques To Find Axions



LC Circuit (DMRADIO, ABRACADABRA, SLIC)



"Dish Antenna" BRASS



"Light Shining Through Walls" (ALPS)



Solar Axions (CAST, IAXO)



Dielectric Radiators (MADMAX, ORPHEUS)



NMR (ARIADNE, CASPER)



Maxwell's Equations with an Axion

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho_Q - g_{a\gamma} \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla a$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \dot{\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{J} + g_{a\gamma} (\mathbf{B}\dot{a} - \mathbf{E} \times \nabla a) \approx J + J_a(t)$$
Fictitious electric current

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \dot{\mathbf{B}} = 0$$

- The *a* field is a classical field representing axion dark matter density, oscillating with a frequency corresponding to the axion mass ($\omega = m_a c^2/\hbar$).
- In a background magnetic field, axion is responsible for a new source term which resembles an oscillating electric current

$$\boldsymbol{J_a}(t) = g_{a\gamma} \boldsymbol{B} a_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

See e.g. Irastorza & Redondo 2018

Oscillating Fictitious Current Produced by Axions in Magnetic Field



$$\boldsymbol{J}_{\boldsymbol{a}}(t) = g_{a\gamma} \boldsymbol{B}_{\boldsymbol{0}} a_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\omega = \frac{m_a c^2}{\hbar}$$

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Magnetic Field Response to Axion Current

- The fictitious current $J_a(t)$ can source a real magnetic field.
- Basis for signal generation in "LC oscillator" experiments.



DMRadio ABRACADABRA ADMX SLIC

Electric Field Response to Oscillating Axion Current

- Small electric response field appears parallel to imposed magnetic field.
- This case applies for wavelength small with respect to size of apparatusconducting surfaces "far" away from volume of interest.



Pumped Cavity Mode

- Power buildup occurs when cavity resonance frequency is matched to axion mass.
- Signal Power ${\sim}10^{\text{-}22}\text{-}10^{\text{-}23}\,\text{W}$ at 1 GHz for typical cavity and magnet parameters

TM₀₁₀ Mode



Experiments Signal RBF (1980s) antenna ADMX HAYSTAC CAPP/CULTASK KLASH **CAST- RADES** Magne 1 1 Pierre Sikivie, "Experimental Tests of \overrightarrow{B}_0 the Invisible Axion"

1983 PRL





Tuning The Resonator

Tuning Rods





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Low Noise Electronics

- To reach sensitivity of DFSZ axion models requires noise levels that were beyond state-of-the-art a few years ago.
- Possible because of developments in Quantum Information Science community for applications such as Qubit readout:
 - Microstrip Squid Amplifiers (Clarke group @ UC Berkeley)
 - Josephson Parametric Amplifiers (Siddiqi group @ UC Berkeley).
 - **Traveling Wave Parametric Amplifiers** (MIT Lincoln Labs). Wide instantaneous bandwidth.
- Post amplification at 4 Kelvin using commercially available HFET technology.
- Cold RF system needs capability for in-situ calibration and diagnostic functions.





Operating Procedure

- The cavity frequency is scanned over a region until the desired SNR is achieved.
- Convolution with filter matched to expected axion line shape.
- Typically we have ~10⁶ independent measurements on each axion linewidth, averaged to reduce noise by $\sqrt{10^6}$
- We then examine the combined power spectrum for signs of excess
- Excess power regions can be statistical fluctuations, synthetically injected signals, RF interference, or axions
- Excess power regions are rescanned to see if they persist
- Persistent candidates are subjected to a variety of confirmation tests: for example: magnet field changes or probing with other cavity modes.
- We do blind signal injection, so we always have candidates



Current ADMX Limits





Scalability of Cavity- Based Axion Searches to Higher Frequency

- Resonant cavity technique works best for wavelength ~ 1 meter- the most convenient scale to build magnets and resonators.
- As we move up in frequency **f**,
 - Volume per cavity decreases as f⁻³
 - Resonator quality factor decreases as f^{-2/3}
 - Noise power from Standard Quantum Limit increases as f.
- Need to increase number of cavities, magnetic field, Q to maintain signal power as frequency increases.

Scan Rate Vs Frequency & other parameters





Example of frequency scale-up: Tuning rod actuation

- Rapid growth in system complexity to maintain signal power as frequency increases. •
- "Swiss watch problem" ٠
- Not yet clear how far miniaturization can continue. ٠

High frequency cavity array concept













♦ More Layers

1 K plate 1 K Vertical Cold Fingers Mixing Chamber Cold Plate 100 mK Vertical Cold Finger Layer 1: Piezoelectric Rotary A Layer 1: 1K plate Layer 1: 100 mK Layer 1 Top Pl Layer 1: 100 mK Cavity Array B Layer 1: 100 mK Botttom Plate

Layer 2



R&D Towards High Frequency (>4 GHz) Resonators

- Explore systems that allow simultaneous tuning of many sub elements with only a few mechanical motions.
- HAYSTAC and CAPP developing similar concepts.
- Common feature of these schemes is requirement for extreme mechanical tolerances & precise motion.



Comb cavity (FNAL)





"Pizza" Cavity (U. Florida)



Array of posts (LLNL)

ADMX Cavities up to 4 GHz

<u>Used in 2016-2018 Runs</u> 580-890 MHz 136 Liters



<u>2019-2020</u> 800-1500 MHz Large tuning rod 116 Liters



2020-2021 4-Cavity Array 8 piezoelectric actuators 1500-2300 MHz 77 Liters







Magnets

- Current ADMX magnet
 - 8.5-Tesla x 60 cm solenoid (normally operated at 7.6 Tesla)
 - Nb-Ti superconductor at 4 Kelvin
 - 25 years old-- Manufactured in 1993 by Wang NMR, Livermore CA.
- A step up to higher field requires different superconductor technology.
 - NbTi -> 10 Tesla
 - Nb₃Sn -> 15 Tesla
 - BI-2212, YBCO -> 30 Tesla or more, but technology is not yet mature.
 - Use of high field materials implies high costs and long lead times.
 - A 30-Tesla solenoid for next generation axion search may cost ~\$20M and take 5 years to build.

ADMX 7.6 Tesla NbTi



1,000 YBCO: B ⊥ Tape plane **2**900 Bi-2212: OST NHMFL 100 bar 4.2 4,⁸⁰⁰ 700 OP ■ Bi-2223: B ⊥ Tape plane (prod.) Nb₃Sn: Internal Sn RRP® urrent Density (005 005 XEXE **J**400 NbTi ₩<u></u>300 Mire 200 Nhole 100 0 10 20 25 30 35 40 45 5 15 April Applied Magnetic Field (T) 2014

NHMFL 30 Tesla YBCO





ADMX 2-4 GHz Requirements and Sensitivity Goals

- Design study for ADMX 2-4 GHz is underway as part of the DOE Dark Matter New Initiatives program.
- Considering options for magnet upgrades, cavity design, electronics.
- Aim for data taking starting 2024.

	2018 Achieved Run	Baseline Requirement	Target Performance	
Frequency Range	680-800 MHz	2-4 GHz	2-4 GHz	
Volume	139 Liters	80 Liters	80 Liters	
Q	60000	30,000	90,000	
B Field	7.6 T	7.6 T	12.0 T	
Form Factor	0.4	0.4	0.4	
Noise Temperature	350 mK	350 mK	325 mK	
Live Time Fraction	40%	70%	70%	
Amplifier Squeezing	1	1	1.4	
Operations Days	150	1000	1000	
Dark Matter Sensitivity				
for DFSZ Coupling	0.45 GeV/cc	0.65 GeV/cc	0.12 GeV/cc	
Dark Matter Sensitivity				
for KSVZ Coupling	0.09 GeV/cc	0.15 GeV/cc	0.02 GeV/cc	



ADMX Collaboration



Collaborating Institutions: University of Washington University of Florida University of California, Berkeley Washington University St. Louis Sheffield University Pacific Northwest National Lab Lawrence Livermore National Lab Los Alamos National Lab Fermilab

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R&D at Fermilab: Broadband Searches with Coaxial Dish Antenna

Axion Induced Radiation from A Magnetized Metal Slab

- D. Horns, J. Jaeckel, A. Lindner, A. Lobanov, J. Redondo, A. Ringwald, arXiv:1212.2970. Chris Hill, arXiv:1508.04083
- Axions interact with a static magnetic field producing an oscillating parallel electric field in free space

 $\boldsymbol{E} = g \boldsymbol{B}_{0} \theta_{0} \cos(m_{a} t)$

- A conducting surface in this field emits a plane wave perpendicular to surface to satisfy the boundary condition E =0
- Radiated power is low:

$$P_{signal} = 8.27 \cdot 10^{-26} W \cdot \left(\frac{A}{10 \ m^2}\right) \left(\frac{B_{\parallel}}{10 \ \text{Tesla}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\rho_{DM}}{0.3 \ GeV/cm^3}\right) \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{3.92 \cdot 10^{-16} \ GeV^{-1}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 \ \mu eV}{m_a}\right)^2 \left$$

• But no detector tuning is required!





"Dish antenna" (Horns et al.)

Broadband Experiments with Single Photon Counters

• $\sim 10^{-26}$ W is ok if you can detect single photons at rates of events/day



Single Photon Detection from μeV to meV

- Numerous groups pursuing single photon detection technologies.
- Examples based on new superconducting device concepts:
 - SNSPDs- reaching background counts below 1/day at ~1 eV. Talk by Sae Woo Nam
 - KIDs- approaching thresholds of 4 meV. Low background expected. Talk by Omid Noroozian
 - TES
 - Quantum Capacitance Detectors. meV thresholds demonstrated. High dark rate.
 - Qubits. 30 µeV Talk by Dave Schuster.
 - Current biased SIS Junctions. 60 μeV threshold claimed with low dark counts L. Kuzmin et al., Patras 2019
- Broadband photodetection is very challenging. Probably not possible in some of these architectures (e.g. qubits)
- Not ready yet for axion experiments
 but good prospects for next decade.



U. Chicago/ Fermilab Qubit sensor (Dixit, Chou, Schuster)

"Broadband Radiometric Axion Search": BRASS collaboration (University of Hamburg, MPI- Bonn, DESY)

Conceptual Design for BRASS

- BRASS project proposes broadband search with large arrays of permanent magnets.
- We would like to find a solution that can use a conventional large bore solenoid.

- □ Broadband Radiometric Axion/ALP SearcheS:
 - -- Flat, permanently magnetized surface (Halbach array; 100 m², B~1T)
 - -- Focusing the signal with a parabolic reflector
 - -- Broadband recording (16+ GHz bandwidth, spectral resolution of 10⁻⁷).
 - -- Correlating signals from multiple modules
 - -- Natural synergy with VLBI and ALMA/APEX developments at MPIfR



B ₀ ² V (T ² m ³)	Magnet	Application/ Technology	Location	Field (T)	Bore (m)	Len (m)	Energy (MJ)	Cost (\$M)
12000	ITER CS	Fusion/Sn CICC	Cadarache	13	2.6	13	6400	>500
5300	CMS	Detector/Ti SRC	CERN	3.8	6	13	2660	>4581
650	Tore Supra	Fusion/Ti Mono Ventilated	Cadarache	9	1.8	3	600	
430	Iseult	MRI/Ti SRC	CEA	11.75	1	4	338	
320	ITER CSMC	Fusion/Sn CICC	JAEA	13	1.1	2	640	> 50 ²
290	60 T out	HF/HTS CICC	MagLab	42	0.4	1.5	1100	
250	Magnex	MRI/Mono	Minnesota	10.5	0.88	3	286	7.8
190	Magnex	MRI/Mono	Juelich	9.4	0.9	3	190	
70	45 T out	HF/Nb ₃ Sn CICC	MagLab	14	0.7	1	100	14
12	ADMX	Axion/NbTi mono	U Wash	7	0.5	1.1	14	0.4
5	900 MHz	NMR/Sn mono	MagLab	21.1	0.11	0.6	40	15



ITER Central Solenoid Module at General Atomics 2.6 m bore x 13 Tesla

Mark Bird, NHMFL

Coaxial Dish Antenna Concept

- Parabolic light concentrator for rays moving in radial direction.
- Efficient collection of light inside a solenoid magnet.
- Can be implemented at milliKelvin temperatures.



Design Legacy- 19th Century Lighthouse Mirrors



Bordier-Marcet's 'Fanal Sidereal Reflector. (1809)



Fanal Sidereal Lantern. (1811)

In 1809, Bordier-Marcet invented the 'Fanal Sidereal' reflector where two parabolic reflecting surfaces were placed one above the other. Each of the reflecting surfaces had a central hole where the lamp flame was placed. The Fanal Sidereal reflector was first used in the harbor lighthouse in Honfleur, France and the design was patented in 1812.

From https://uslhs.org/reflectors

Coaxial Dish Antenna Optics

- How to collect rays emitted from a cylindrical surface?
- Revolved parabolic surface
- Light rays emitted perpendicular to cylindrical wall are focused after two reflections.
- Allows efficient light collection from a circular bore with length up to 1.4 * diameter





Comsol Simulation

• Standard EM simulation with a volume- filling fictitious electric current.

 $\boldsymbol{J}_{\boldsymbol{a}}(t) = g_{a\gamma} \boldsymbol{B} a_0 e^{-i\omega t}$

- Revolved parabolic reflector and walls are treated as perfect electric conductors.
- Upper boundary of volume is a nonreflecting "perfectly matched layer".



Possible Pilot Experiment: Axion Search with 4- Tesla MRI Magnet





3D Printed Antenna



MRI magnet at ANL

Broadband Search Summary

- Motivated by scaling issues for resonant cavity detector.
- Will require very large magnets to get small numbers of photons.
- Futuristic sensitivity to QCD axion requires photon counting detector technology that doesn't exist yet!
- Small scale pilot experiment could explore new regions for axion like particles well above KSVZ coupling.

Extra Slides



Example: THz Axion Search with MRI Magnet

- 1 m diameter x 10 Tesla magnet. 1.4 m length (Similar to existing "ultra high field MRI")
- 1 THz energy threshold using TES or MKID detectors in development.
- Assume 1 Event per day background & 100 day integration (note: background measured with magnet turned off)



Quantum Sensor R&D for Axion Detection

- Axion detection is natural application for quantum sensors.
 - Current Microstrip Squid Amplifiers (MSAs) and Josephson Parametric Amplifiers (JPAs) with noise close to standard quantum limit.
 - Future: Squeezed states prepared by JPAs, Qubit photon counters.



Aluminum qubit on a sapphire substrate in a copper resonant cavity. A single photon in the cavity produces a qubit frequency shift (Dave Schuster, Akash Dixit, Aaron Chou)



JPAs used for ADMX-G2 I. Siddiqi, UC Berkeley



Qubit sensitivity to Axions (A. Chou, FNAL)





f_A : One Parameter Controls Everything

- f_A is the "axion decay constant", an unknown energy scale in the theory.
- Determines axion mass and all couplings

$$m_A = 5.70(7) \, \left(\frac{10^9 \,\mathrm{GeV}}{f_A}\right) \mathrm{meV}$$

Coupling to gluon field

$$\frac{\frac{a}{f_a}G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}}{\frac{a}{f_a}F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}}$$

Coupling to electromagnetic field

Coupling to fermions

$$\frac{\partial_{\mu}a}{f_a}\bar{\Psi}_f\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_5\Psi_f$$

 f_A Originally identified with the electroweak symmetry breaking scale by Peccei and Quinn (~100 GeV), predicting axion mass to be ~ 100 keV.

Signal Power

• Signal power:

$$P = 4 \cdot 10^{-22} \text{ W} \left(\frac{V}{200 \ \ell}\right) \left(\frac{B_0}{8 \text{ Tesla}}\right)^2 C_{nl} \left(\frac{g_{\gamma}}{0.97}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm a}}{0.5 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ g/cm}^3}\right) \left(\frac{m_{\rm a}}{1 \text{ GHz}}\right) \left(\frac{\min(Q_{\rm L}, Q_{\rm a})}{1 \times 10^5}\right)$$

Form Factor C_{nl} overlap of cavity mode $E \cdot B_0$ Dark Matter Density ρ_a Axion Mass m_a Resonator Quality Factor $Q_L \sim 10^5$ Axion velocity dispersion $Q_a \sim 10^6$ Couplings to Photon $g_{\gamma} \sim 0.97$ for KSVZ model $g_{\gamma} \sim 0.36$ for DFSZ



ADMX magnet conceptual design studies at NHMFL



Existing 32 T Magnet



- Similar field and bore possible.
- Less REBCO required than all-NI system.
- Quench protection of nested NI-REBCO/LTS system required.



Existing 15 T, 25 cm 5 LTS





Potential 26 T, 16 cm Potential 30 T, 16 cm NI-REBCO + 5 LTS NI-REBCO +4 LTS

H. Bai

Long Term Prospects for REBCO Magnets?

- Investment in large scale REBCO toroids and solenoids for compact fusion reactors.
- Power output claimed to scale as B⁴
- REBCO magnet technology will need to go from 3 cm scale of current state of the art to meter scale.



MIT and newly formed company launch novel approach to fusion power

Goal is for research to produce a working pilot plant within 15 years.

Reactor concept https://arxiv.org/pdf/1409.3540.pdf

Experimental approaches: Effect of Dielectric





Experimental approaches Dielectric haloscopes:

- Mixing of axion with photon in extrenal B-field
 → Sources oscillating E-field
- Many surfaces with transition of ε:
- → Coherent emission of photons from each surface
- Interference effects can be exploited





"Quasi broadband" approach Also works for kinetic mixing → Sensitive to hidden photon, no B-field needed

Patras 2018

Signal to Noise Ratio- Example

- $T_{Noise} = \frac{1}{k_B} \frac{Noise Power}{Bandwidth}$
- Suppose we have $T_{Noise} = 0.5 \ Kelvin$
- $P_{noise} = k_B T_{Noise} * Bandwidth = 0.5 \cdot 1.4 \times 10^{-2} W/Hz \cdot Bandwidth$
- Bandwidth of axion is due to halo velocity dispersion $\frac{\Delta f}{f} \sim 10^{-6}$
- $\sim 1~\text{kHz}$ at 1 GHz axion frequency

• So
$$P_{noise} \sim 10^3 Hz \cdot \frac{10^{-23} W}{Hz} = 10^{-20} W$$

Still about three orders of magnitude larger than the signal!

Noise reduction by averaging

World's Most Sensitive RF Receiver



You might have an axion if the signal...

- Can't be seen in the room outside of the magnetic field
- Persists all the time
- Follows the Lorentzian lineshape of the cavity
- Is suppressed in non TM010 modes
- Was not a blind "synthetic axion" signal injected by the calibration team
- Scales with the B² of the magnet
- Has an annual frequency modulation

No signal candidates yet