Tuning in to Axion Dark Matter with the ADMX Experiment

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Tuning into Dark Matter

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My primary interest: Explaining how our physical reality works (This is why I get up in the morning)





Always wanted to do something with space



Harvey Mudd College (B.S. in Physics) 2000 JPL Table Mountain Facility (HMC/Pomona 1-m telescope) JPL Keck Telescope Interferometer (landed a summer job before graduate school)

> MIT (Ph.D in Physics) 2006 AMS-02 Experiment (Cosmic Rays)







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The Nature of Dark Matter

One of the premier unsolved mysteries in physics

<u>1980s</u>

Vera Rubin: Galaxy rotation curves did not make sense without a large unseen mass Performed systematic surveys... put the issue of dark matter at the forefront of physics & cosmology







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Additional indirect evidence continues to build

Bullet cluster

X-ray imaging (hot gas) and Gravitational Imaging (majority gravitating mass) shows separation after collision Primordial Nucleosynthesis: Ratios of Hydrogen, Helium, Lithium limit number atoms in the universe. It has to be something else!!!

Neutrinos are close but don't cut it (to small a fraction).







Primordial

Meanwhile... another mystery of physics:

Why is the neutron electric dipole moment so small?



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Peccei-Quinn Solution to the Strong-CP problem

Something conserved implies a Symmetry

- Peccei & Quinn: Postulated new U(1) symmetry that would be spontaneously broken.
- Weinberg & Wilczek: A new Goldstone boson (dubbed the axion)
- Remnant axion vacuum expectation value nulls QCD CP violation.
- Only free parameter: Symmetry breaking scale (f_a)
- "Invisble Axion": $f_a >> Weak Scale$ (dark matter candidate)
- Two general classes of models
 - KSVZ [Kim (1979), Shifman, Vainshtein, Sakharov (1980)]
 - Couples to leptons
 - **DFSZ** [Dine, Fischler, Srednicki (1981), Zhitnitsky (1980)]
 - Couples to quarks & leptons



minimum - Daniel Grin



Roberto Peccei 1942-2020



Helen Quinn







Frank Wilczek





The Mass Range of Dark Matter Candidates



Credit to: xkcd.com (Aug. 20, 2018) "A webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language."



Axion mass range

Lower bound set by size of dark matter halo size of dwarf galaxies				Upper b SN1987A and	oound set by white dwarf cooling time	
		eV				
10 -22	10 -18	10 -14	10 -10	10 -6	10 -2	
10 -8	10-4	1	10 ⁴	10 ⁸	10 ¹²	1
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Adapted from Lindley Winslow DPF slide



Axion Couplings



General classes of couplings

Axion – Nucleon Axion – Electron Axion – Photon

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

Rate depends on "unification group" (the particles in the loops), ratio of u/d quark masses. The U(1) charges at the axion vertex cancel with little model dependence

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

Types of axion experiments

Laboratory Experiments: Lasers (light shining through walls) & 5th force experiments







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Axion Dark Matter Searches: The Haloscope Technique





Power transfer from axion field to cavity field

Weak coupling Takes many swings to fully transfer the wave amplitude.

Number of swings is equivalent to cavity *Quality factor (Q)*.

Narrowband cavity response \rightarrow iterative scan through frequency space.





ADMX started at LLNL

- Built off pioneering experiments at U. of Florida and Rochester/Brookhaven/Fermilab in late 1980s
- ADMX started with the purchase of large (8T 60-cm bore) Solenoid from Wang NMR (located in Livermore over by Costco). 16 MJ of stored energy (220 amps)
- Installed in the early 1990s and took data there with continuous upgrades until 2010. System then moved to the University of Washington







I joined as postdoc in 2006



ADMX experiment









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Microwave Cavity needs tunable resonance





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Josephson Parametric Amplifiers (JPAs)



*figures courtesy of Shahid Nawaz

ADMX Gen-2: Main Cavity & Sidecar Cavity





New Traveling Wave Parametric Amplifier (TWPA)

 Use long array of junctions. Phase match with pump (now directional 2-port device)



Broadband amplifier

- Potentially useful for frequency multiplexed axion searches (large # of cavities with complimentary frequency coverage).
- Provided to ADMX by Lincoln Lab
- Test on Sidecar cavity system





Traveling Wave Parametric Amplifier (TWPA)



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Data-Taking Mode

- Lowest attenuation on the output line
- Highest attenuation on the input lines
- Signal path in blue. Weak port is terminated unless SAG is being injected.

Majority of time spent here collecting data *SAG: Synthetic Axion Generator



Noise Calibration Mode

- Receiver chain provides means for measuring key RF parameters, such as quality factor
- Two types of noise measurement
- 1) Heating of the 'hot-load' via dc current (by design)
- 2) Heating of the quantum amplifier package via an RF switch

Performed semi-regularly (every few months)



ADMX Run 1C: Tuning & Coupling





ADMX Run 1C: Persistent Signal at 896.45 MHz!





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- Switch to frequency locked 4cavity array for 1.4-1.9 GHz



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ADMX-Extended Frequency Range (2-4 GHz)

DOE HEP sponsored *Dark Matter New Initiative* project Picks up where ADMX-G2 ends (~1.9 GHz) Currently in Design and Prototyping Phase Aiming for construction start FY25. Aimed to be installed at Fermilab!

New MRI magnet being acquired (9.4 T – 800 mm bore) > 8x stored energy of ADMX-G2

	ADMY C2 Marriet	ADMY FEB Massat
	ADMA-G2 Magnet	ADMA-EFK Magnet
Peak Field	7.6 T	9.4 T
Bore diameter	530 mm	800 mm
Magnet length	1117 mm	3100 mm
Cryostat diameter	1295 mm	2580 mm
Stored Energy	16.5 MJ	140 MJ
Weight	6 tons	45 tons
Helium consumption	3 liters/ hour	0.35 liters/hour
Current	204 Amps	220 Amps
Persistent current	No	Yes
Orientation	Vertical	Horizontal
Manufacturer	Wang NMR	GE Medical Systems
Manufacture date	1993	2003



9.4 T 800 mm bore MRI magnet

ADMX-Extended Frequency Range





Overall System Concept

- 18 cavities each instrumented with their own quantum amplifier chain and readout.
- In-phase amplitude combing digitally at room temperature





- Takes full advantage of coherence of axion signal relative to incoherent noise
 - SNR goes as \sqrt{N} cavities coherently combined.
 - Scan rate goes as SNR² ~ N. Factor of 18 x faster scanning than non-locked individual cavities
- Maximal flexibility, system repeatability and mass production



Resonator Design currently clamshell cavity

- Current baseline cavity cell is ~1 m long copper cavities with copper tuning rods.
- Two sets of tuning rods diameters (2-3 & 3-4 GHz with same clamshells)
- Piezoelectric actuators for frequency tuning & antenna coupling











Postdoc Nick Du mounting scale length prototypes in dilution refrigerator

Tuning rod wired for thermal timeconstant studies of sapphire axles



What about using superconductors for cavities?

- Extremely low RF resistance is ideal for high Q resonators
- Standard for accelerator cavities with typical $Q_0 \cong 10^{10}$ in zero magnetic field
- ADMX Copper cavities, $Q_0 \cong 10^4 10^5$
- Axion $Q_a > 10^6$



Accelerator Cavity. Image credit: Fermilab SQMS







The Challenge for ADMX SRF cavities

- **Meissner Effect:** the expulsion of magnetic field upon superconduction (Below critical fields B_{c1} , B_{c2} in Type II SCs)
- **Problem:** SRF cavity quality factor quickly degrades in external magnetic fields due to breakdown of Meissner Effect
 - Development of vortices' or fluxons with magnetic field (normal regions) in Type II Superconductors
 - Magnetic vortices' motion drive up the surface resistance.
 - Maximal loss for surfaces perpendicular to magnetic field with greatest Lorentz forces (end caps) on the fluxons.







Possible Solution: Hybrid Material Cavity



- Since vortex losses are minimal for surfaces parallel to field, only coating the walls of the cavity cuts out most dissipative part
- For an empty cavity, Q of the TM_{010} mode improves by a factor of (1 + L/R) when the barrel is coated with a thin-film superconductor.



Test Cavity Geometries: Multi-mode Measurements with NbTi Clamshell

- Cavity machined out of NbTi Square stock
- Looked at first 3 TM modes Q
- HFSS simulations of the cavity structure yields the geometric factor estimate for each mode and sub-surface
- This over-constrained problem allows us to calculate the wall vs. endcap resistance

Geometric Factor (Ω)	TM ₀₁₀	TM ₀₁₁	TM ₀₁₂
Walls	448	464	512
Top End Cap	4060	2194	2407
Bottom End Cap	4375	2173	237
Total End Caps	2106	1092	1195







NbTi Clamshell Cavity RF losses in Field: endcaps vs walls

- Applied method to show the endcap degradation in a Bulk NbTi clamshell cavity
- NbTi: $B_{c2} > 14 T$, $T_c \cong 8.3 K$
- Thesis work of UW grad student Tom Braine









T. Braine et al. Multi-mode analysis of surface losses in a superconducting microwave resonator in high magnetic fields. *Rev Sci Instrum* 1 March 2023; 94 (3): 033102. <u>https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0122296</u>



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Simulations allow calculation of Geometric Factors



Need to maintain high form-factor minimizernumber of mode-LLNL-PRES-856462



B-field tolerant SRF cavity development worldwide

Worldwide there has been excellent progress on field-tolerant SRF cavities for axion searches 3 potential materials (NbTi, Nb3Sn, and YBCO)

- NbTi sputtered cavities as inspired by QUAX group
- Nb3Sn on Niobium led by SQMS (Sam Posen & Anna Grasselino)
- Nb3Sn on Copper collaboration with Florida Statue U. (Lance Cooley)
- HTC (EuBCO+APC) superconducting cavities CAPP





Recent SQMS results with Nb3Sn



Near term 'Hybrid'-SRF ADMX Sidecar (Installing now)

- Sidecar is a 'test'-bed for new axion tech atop the main experiment cavity
- Copper clamshell design with piezoactuated rotor and TWPA readout
- Tuning rod is hollow Nb with a Nb₃Sn coating. (1.75" Diameter) from SQMS!



Copper Cavity Produced by U. Sheffield.



Nb3Sn Tuning Rod from SQMS







ADMX-EFR Run Times Estimates



Parameter	Unit	Threshold	Objective
Cavity system full tuning range	GHz	2-4	2-4
Magnetic Field Average	Tesla	9.1	9.4
N Cavities		16	18
Volume per cavity	Liters	12.1/10.4	
Cavity Q ₂ at 4 GHz *		54,000	180,000
Cavity TM010 form factor *		-5%	0.4-0.5
Maximum Cavity Physical Temperature	mК	100	100
Maximum Electronics Physical			
Temperature	mК	25	25
JPA Noise Temperature at 4 GHz *	mК	200	200
JPA Gain	dB	15	21
JPA Tuning range/ Circulator Bandwidth	GHz	0.5	1
Insertion loss (cavity to JPA, max)	dB	2	2
System Noise Temperature at 4 GHz *	mК	500	440
Amplifier squeezing speed up factor		1	1.4
Cavity locking error	% BW	15	5
Power combining efficiency	%	95%	99%
Time Fraction Initial Scan	%	21	28

Instantaneous scan rate to be updated as results of prototyping become clearer. 3 cavity configuration (0.99, 1.00 and 1.005 m) allows to fill in mode-crossings.

Skipped (Mode Crossings) $\sim (10~\pm~3)\%$



ADMX-EFR Run Times Estimates



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3 years Threshold: Q ~ Copper Cavity skips mode crossings Objective: Q ~ 3 x Q Copper Cavity Includes mode crossings

Q > 27 x Q_{copper} would allow same DFSZ experiment with only 4 cavities (save cost)

Could run 2-3 GHz & 3-4 GHz simultaneously

Could drive down < DFSZ

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Recently joined the SQMS quantum center at Fermilab.

Prototypes in process of being tested



Squeezing the vacuum (HAYSTAC group)



Squeezed Vacuum Used to Accelerate the Search for a Weak Classical Signal

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m max}$ 50.01Signal visibility (normal vs squeezed 0.001 $\omega/2\pi$ 2010 ω/κ_l Signal over background 1 MHz from cavity

Demonstrated in lab. Factor of 2.5 increased scan rate!

Figures from Phys. Rev. X 9, 021023 – Published 3 May 2019





Dish Antenna Type Experiments (Broadband)

 $2\sqrt{2}R$

R



MADMAX (Max Planck Institute)

Will probe 40-400 µeV range (10-100 GHz) 10 T field & ~80 disks

Prototype phase using dipole magnet at CERN

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

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



Similar production concept as microwave cavities. Magnetic field allows axions to convert to photons near a surface such as a mirror or dielectric

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Does not use high resonance of a cavity (broadband searches)

Variety of detectors that m could be employed -superconducting nanowires -quantum cap. detectors -KID/TES

BREAD (Fermilab)





ARE AXIONS DARK MATTER?

Maybe! We are getting closer to finding out!

Thank You!



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Axions: A solution to two major mysteries in physics and cosmology



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