# Review on recent axion search and R&D toward higher mass region

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### My main business: superconducting accelerators

HIE-ISOLDE@CERN Heavy ion Linac (10MeV/u, rare isotopes)

ESS@Lund Proton Linac (2 GeV, 5MW)

LHC@CERN proton collider (14 TeV)

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### Confine electromagnetic waves inside RF resonant cavities Charged particles synchronized with RF can be accelerated



## De Broglie wavelength $\lambda_B$ of cold dark matter

We are moving in the galaxy halo of dark matter with speed of 220 km/s

 $\frac{v}{c} \sim 0.07\%$  *Nonrelativistic*  $\lambda_B = \frac{196 \text{ MeVfm}}{mv}$ 

SUSY: m > 1 TeV (?)

 $\lambda_B < \frac{196 \text{ MeVfm}}{0.7 \text{ GeV}} = 0.3 \text{ fm}$ 



https://www.symmetrymagazine.org/article/wimps-in-the-dark-matter-wind Artwork by Sandbox Studio, Chicago with Corinne Mucha

#### Nuclear recoil to detect it

## Lighter dark matter candidates

If  $m < 10 \ \mu \mathrm{eV}$ 

$$\lambda_B > \frac{2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ eVm}}{0.07\% \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}} = 28 \text{ cm}$$



This type of dark matter behaves like a *wave* in a laboratory-scale  $\rightarrow$  Strong synergy with accelerator technology What to search? (Dark photons)

- Axions: a byproduct to cancel the strong CP
- Quantum Chromodynamics (theory of strong force)

$$L_{QCD} \supset -\frac{1}{4} G^{a}_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu a} + \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \theta G^{a}_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu a}$$

- This term generates electric dipole moment in neutron
- Theory:  $d_n \sim 4.5 \times 10^{-15} \theta$  ecm
- Experiment:  $|d_n| < 2.9 \times 10^{-29}$  ecm  $\rightarrow |\theta| < 0.7 \times 10^{-11} \ll 1$

#### Naturalness without anthropic solutions

Introduce a new global chiral U(1) field a

$$\frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \left(\theta + \frac{a}{F_a}\right) G^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu a} \to 0 \text{ (after SSB)}$$

SSB $\rightarrow$  A pNG boson appears as byproduct



### Various experimental searches

Source $\setminus$ Coupling	Photons	Fermions	nEDMs
Dark matter	ADMX, CAPP, MADMAX, DM Radio,	QUAX-ae, GNOME, CASPEr-wind,	CASPEr-electric, srEDM,
Solar	CAST, IAXO		
Laboratory	ALPS (II)	ARIADNE	



# Quantum state of dark matter

#### Thermal equilibrium

The dark matter is cooled down by interaction with other field (eg radiation) in thermal equilibrium

$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T) - 1}$$

$$\hat{\rho}_{th} = \frac{1}{1+\bar{n}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\bar{n}}{1+\bar{n}}\right)^n |n\rangle \langle n$$

Thermal axion cannot explain the abundance of dark matter

WIMP

Density matric is diagonal → incoherent

#### Coherent state

Axion loses kinetic energy nonthermally by damped coherent oscillation in the PQ potential





 $\rightarrow$  axion

# Coherent state $\rightarrow$ (semi-)classical waves $\hat{\mathcal{E}}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega}{2\epsilon_0 V}} \left[ \hat{a}e^{-i(\omega t - \boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r})} - \hat{a}^{\dagger}e^{i(\omega t - \boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r})} \right]$ $\hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle \qquad |\alpha|^2: \text{ mean } \# \text{ of photons in Poisson distribution}$ $E \equiv \langle \alpha | \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{r}, t) | \alpha \rangle = i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega}{2\epsilon_0 V}} \left[ \alpha e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})} - \alpha^* e^{+i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})} \right]$ $\rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2\right) E = 0$

- The axion coherent state generates a coherent photon field inside a static magnetic field
- A coherent state is an eigenstate of the electric field operator

 $\rightarrow$  Expectation value of the electric field follows Maxwell equation

 $\rightarrow$  Dark matter axion search is a matter of classical microwave sensing

# *Classical* electrodynamics is the mean to hunt axions



Courtesy: Gray Rybka, PATRAS2022



# Standard quantum limit of coherent state



# Semi-classical: Parametric Amplifier (in ADMX)



- Nonlinear optics (Kerr effect) for frequency mixing
- No real electron/hole current

 $\rightarrow$  Free from the noise source of transistors

 $\rightarrow$  One can reach  $k_B T_{SQL} = h\nu$  by cooling down



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## Another use of JPA: Squeezed state (not in ADMX)

$$\widehat{H} = \left(\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega + \hbar\left(\frac{E^{*}}{2}\widehat{a}^{2} + \frac{E}{2}\widehat{a}^{\dagger 2}\right)$$

Nonlinear term added by parametric oscillation



# HAYSTAC (Yale University + Berkley)



Courtesy: Michael Jewell, "Updated Results from HAYSTAC's Quantum-Enhanced Search for Dark Matter Axions"

Issue of high-frequency resonators for dark matter search An RF cavity (ADMX-type) becomes  $V \sim f^{-3}$ An over-sized cavity cancels the signal Dark matter Dark Photon mode mode matter mode Photon mode

Signal:  $\propto VQ$ The signal is lost by higher frequency The dark matter is cold  $\rightarrow$  De Broglie wavelength is long

Spatial integral is cancelled!

 $\rightarrow$  We needed an idea to keep the resonator size huge with high frequency without having phase shifts

# Three ideas toward heavier axion dark matter

Multiple small cavities



ADMX-EFR @ US CAST-CAPP @ CERN



ORGAN @ Australia ADMX-Orpheus @ US MADMAX @ DESY





# MADMAX (DESY)

- Enhance the coherent microwave signal generated on the dielectric surface
- Dipole magnet

Courtesy: Antonios Gardikiotis, "Advances in searching for galactic axions with a Dielectric Haloscope"









# One technical challenge of dielectric-disk haloscope

Resonant cavity search including plasma haloscope

$$P_{S} = (1.0 \times 10^{-22} \text{ W}) \times \left(\frac{V}{136 \text{L}}\right) \left(\frac{B}{6.8 \text{T}}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{C}{0.4}\right) \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{0.97}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{\rho}{0.45 \text{ GeV/cm}^{3}}\right) \left(\frac{f}{650 \text{ MHz}}\right) \left(\frac{Q}{50000}\right)$$

Dish antenna

Wider A!

In-situ measurement observable

higher Q!

$$P_{S} = (8.27 \times 10^{-26} \text{ W}) \times \left(\frac{A}{10 \text{ m}^{2}}\right) \left(\frac{B}{10 \text{ T}}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{3.92 \times 10^{-16} \text{ GeV}^{-1}}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{\rho}{0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^{3}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ }\mu\text{eV}}{m_{a}}\right)^{2}$$

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Fixed by mechanical design

Dielectric-disk haloscope:

**Higher** 
$$\beta$$
!  
 $P_S = (2.2 \times 10^{-27} \text{ W}) \times \left(\frac{A}{1 \text{ m}^2}\right) \beta^2 \left(\frac{B}{10 \text{ T}}\right)^2 C_{a\gamma}^2$  How to measure  $\beta$ 

 $\rightarrow$  Cavity-based search may be simpler to just measure Q



### Axion-plasmon mixing in a cavity

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abla}^2 a + m_a^2 a &= g_{a\gamma} oldsymbol{ ext{E}} \cdot oldsymbol{ ext{B}}_{ ext{e}} \,, \end{aligned}$$

 $\epsilon = 0$  gives and resonance inside a plasma

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{g_{a\gamma}\mathbf{B}_{e}a}{\epsilon} = -g_{a\gamma}\mathbf{B}_{e}a \left(1 - \frac{\omega_{p}^{2}}{\omega_{a}^{2} - i\omega_{a}\Gamma}\right)^{-1}$$

At the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = \omega_a$ 

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{n_e e^2}{m_e \epsilon_0}} \quad \text{In the Drude model}$$



Natural plasma (ionized gas, free e<sup>-</sup> in metal, etc) in a cylinder

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_t + B_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}; \quad \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_t + E_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}; \quad \mathbf{B}_e = B_e \hat{\mathbf{z}},$$

$$\left( \boldsymbol{\nabla}_t + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) \times \left( \mathbf{B}_t + B_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) = -i\omega \left( \mathbf{E}_t + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_z E_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) - i\omega g_{a\gamma} a B_e \hat{\mathbf{z}} ,$$

$$\left( \boldsymbol{\nabla}_t + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) \times \left( \mathbf{E}_t + E_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) = i\omega \left( \mathbf{B}_t + B_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) .$$



$$\frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - k^2} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial^2 r} + r \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} \right) + r^2 \omega^2 \epsilon_z E_z + r^2 \omega^2 g_{a\gamma} B_{\rm e} a = 0 \,,$$

<u>Transverse magnetic mode (TM modes) couples to axions at higher frequency</u> However, *natural* plasma is

- Not suitable in a cryogenic environment
- $\omega_p$  is not tunable to scan m<sub>a</sub>

 $\rightarrow$  **Artificial** plasma by metamaterial<sub>21</sub>

# Cavity filled with 1D wire metamaterial

Free electrons inside wires behave like 1D plasma

$$\begin{split} n_e &= n \frac{\pi r^2}{a^2} \quad ; \quad m_{eff} = \frac{e^2 \pi r^2 n}{2\pi} \log \frac{a}{r} \\ \omega_p^2 &= \frac{n_e e^2}{m_{eff}} = \frac{2\pi}{a^2 \log(a/r)} \; . \end{split}$$

For example, r = 0.5 mm, a = 5 mm gives  $\omega_p/2\pi \sim 16$  GHz Free from the size of the cavity itself

Changing the spacing *a* tunes the plasma frequency



# Prototype wire-filled cavities



Resonance frequency of the lowest TM mode  $3.48 \text{ GHz} \rightarrow 14.4 \text{ GHz}$ With the artificial plasma by the wire metamaterial

# One important lesson from ADMX



Status and Future Plans of ADMX"



mode	f₀ [GHz]	$\mathbf{Q}_{0}$
TE	11.347	20780
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TE	11.359	20917
TM110	11.421	4152.6
TEM	11.502	5678.7
TEM	11.502	5293.8

The same and much severer issues in plasma haloscope





 $\rightarrow$  Photonic bandgap to avoid parasite mode during tuning (?)



• Challenge: parallel B-field on the large area of a metal surface

Courtesy: Le Hoang Nguyen, "Development, Calibration and Current Status of the BRASS-p Experiment" Courtesy: Stefan Knirck, "BREAD: Broadband Reflector Experiment for Axion Detection"

# BRASS-p (DESY) & BREAD (Fermilab) ext M Parabolic 2 Mirror 2 $\frac{2}{2}$ Averaged horizontal field Rstrength is approx 0.9 Tesla

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### PA may not be available at higher f $\rightarrow$ single photon sensors



Superconducting single photon sensors may be a solution in the future  $\rightarrow$  Although one loses phase information, zero background at cold may be better

# Conclusion

- Axion dark matter behaves like coherent waves
  - Microwave technology developed in the particle accelerator community is a mean to address axions
- The axion search around 1 GHz is going to the quantum regime
  - The classical microwave technology is approaching the standard quantum limit and quantum optics is being implemented
- To address heavier axions, several methods have been proposed
  - Multiple cavities, dielectric disks, plasma haloscope, dish antenna
  - Plasma haloscope is being demonstrated
    - Tuning and mode mixing will be the next challenge
  - Different pros and cons in each idea
- Single photon sensors may be necessary for such heavier axions

# backup

#### Dark photon: massive extra U(1) gauge bosons Extra bosons are classic: Grand Unified theories



# Axion: only 3 possible (non-gravitational) interactions with standard model particles



→ nuclear spin interacts with an oscillating electric dipole moment (EDM) in presence of effective electric field.

#### defines QCD axion

→ nuclear spin interacts with an effective magnetic field

#### Spin precession



Courtesy: Alex Sushkov "The quantum limits on magnetic resonance searches for axion-like dark matter"

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# Classical: amplifier based on transistors



- Amplification of microwaves (typically  $> \times 100$ ) via electron or hole current in the transistors
- Noise sources
  - Resistance' thermal noise
  - Shot noise of currents (dominating)
- $\rightarrow$  The effective noise temperature is always limited by a certain value
- → One cannot reach standard quantum limit by cooling down  $k_B T_{SQL} = h\nu < k_B T_s$   $\otimes$

Implementation: Josephson Parametric Amplifier



$$L_J = \frac{L_{J0}}{\sqrt{1 - (I/I_0)^2}} = L_{J0} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} (I/I_0)^2 + \dots \right)$$



- The nonlinearity is induced from Josephson junctions inside SQUID
- Although SQUID is a superconducting quantum device, microwave's behavior is classical (→ semi-classical)

# To be dark matter axions: before or after inflation



 $\rightarrow$  How to access heavier dark matter axions in the post inflationary scenario?

# ADMX (Washington University → Fermilab)



 $\sim 5~ imes$  scan speed of current ADMX

#### Challenge: phase lock of all the cavities (S. Knirck)

Courtesy: Gray Rybka, "Current Status and Future Plans of ADMX"

Multiple cavities to address heavier axions

**ADMX-EFR** 







 $m_{\rm a}c^2$  (µeV)

 $\rightarrow$  Multiple cavity option with a recycled magnet

# Cavity filled with 1D wire metamaterial



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# Influence of cavity quality factor



- Denser wires  $\rightarrow$  Lower Q dominated by wire loss  $\rightarrow$  uniform distribution
- Higher  $Q \rightarrow$  Simpler cavity like behavior

# Prototype wire-filled cavities (2/2)





- ✓ Plasma-like phenomenon (cut-off) was observed
- Challenge in parasite modes
  - Mechanical tolerance, antenna design, electrical contacts of wires



- Axion search before the beginning of neutron experiments
- To do: establish tuning mechanism

#### Courtesy: Stefan Knirck, "BREAD: Broadband Reflector Experiment for Axion Detection"

#### BREAD (Fermilab) $\nu$ [THz] $\mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{ext}}$ 1000 0.0010.010.110 100 $10^{-8}$ $10^{-9}$ CAST 9 $2\sqrt{2}R$ $10^{-10}$ Stella **Felescope** $\begin{array}{c} & 10^{-11} \\ \underline{O} \\ \underline{O$ $10^{-1}$ BREAD Haloscope $A_{\rm dish} = 10 \text{ m}^2$ QCD axion models $B_{\rm ext} = 10 \text{ T}$ $10^{-14}$ $SNR = 5, \epsilon_{sig} = 0.5$ 10 days $10^{-15}$ 1000 days Rin solenoid 1000 days, NEP/100 $10^{-1}$ magnet (e.g., MRI) Innovative antenna design inspired by lighthouse mirrors 0.01 0.110100 1000 $m_a \, [\text{meV}]$