# **MADMAX** - Theoretical Foundations

#### **Theory: Astro**

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### **Theoretical Astroparticle Physics Research Topics**



## Cosmology

• 2013: Planck CMB sky map



**Particle Physics** 

#### • 2012: LHC Higgs-boson discovery



Cosmological puzzles	<ul> <li>Intrinsic fine tuning problems</li> </ul>
? Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry	? Hierarchy Problem (m <sub>H</sub> << M <sub>Planck</sub> )
? Particle Identity & Origin of Dark Matter	? Strong CP Problem $(\Theta_{QCD} << 1)$
? Dark Energy = Cosmological Constant	? Small Neutrino Masses (m <sub>v</sub> << m <sub>H</sub> )

#### $\rightarrow$ axions are well-motivated dark matter candidates



$$V(\theta) = \frac{m_{\pi}g_{\pi}(\gamma)(\omega + m_{\pi}^{2})^{2}}{2} \theta(m_{\pi}Q(\theta)h_{d})^{2} \qquad [Peccei, Quinn, '77]$$

$$QCD \text{ vacuum energy } \leftarrow \text{ effective chiral Lagrangian}$$

$$V(\theta) = \frac{m_{\pi}^{2}f_{\pi}^{2}}{2} \frac{m_{u}m_{d}}{(m_{u} + m_{d})^{2}} \theta^{2} + O(\theta^{4})$$

$$\uparrow + c \ a \rightarrow a + \text{ const.}; \text{ zero theta parameter}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha_{s}}{\partial \mu a} \left( \frac{1}{\mu a} \frac{|eeae}{\pi} \frac{P_{\text{comotor}}(h_{\theta})}{f_{\pi} a} \frac{1}{f_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{m_{u}m_{d}}{g_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{1}{f_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{m_{u}m_{d}}{g_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{1}{f_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{e^{G\theta}}{g_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{1}{f_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{e^{G\theta}}{g_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{1}{f_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{e^{G\theta}}{g_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{1}{f_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{e^{G\theta}}{g_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{1}{f_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{e^{G\theta}}{g_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{1}{f_{\pi}^{2}} \frac{1}{f_{\pi$$

## Constraints on the Peccei-Quinn (PQ) scale $f_{PQ}$



Bounds from Axion Searches Cosmological Axion Bounds Astrophysical Axion Bounds

 $\begin{cases} \text{Peccei-Quinn Scale} \\ f_a \gtrsim 6 \times 10^8 \,\text{GeV} \end{cases}$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Axion Mass} \\ m_a \end{array} \simeq 0.6 \end{array} \right. \text{meV} \left( 10^{10} \, \text{GeV} / f_{\rm PQ} \right) \end{array} \end{array}$ 

### What is the axion dark matter mass?





### Scenario 2

Peccei-Quinn symm. breaking after inflation



- + thermally prod. axions
- + axions from string decay
- + axions from domain wall decay controversial results O(10) uncertainty

#### **Axion Search Experiments**







## New CAST limit on the axion-photon interaction

#### **CAST Collaboration<sup>†</sup>**

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 9 T 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  $\times 10^{-10}$  GeV<sup>-1</sup> at 95% confidence level) set by CAST, which now reaches similar levels to the most restrictive astrophysical bounds.

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## The dark-matter axion mass

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**Abstract.** We evaluate the efficiency of axion production from spatially random initial conditions in the axion field, so a network of axionic strings is present. For the first time, we perform numerical simulations which fully account for the large short-distance contributions to the axionic string tension, and the resulting dense network of high-tension axionic strings. We find nevertheless that the total axion production is somewhat *less* efficient than in the angle-averaged misalignment case. Combining our results with a recent determination of the hot QCD topological susceptibility [1], we find that if the axion makes up all of the dark matter, then the axion mass is  $m_a = 26.2 \pm 3.4 \,\mu\text{eV}$ .

#### Calculation of the axion mass based on hightemperature lattice quantum chromodynamics

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Unlike the electroweak sector of the standard model of particle physics, quantum chromodynamics (QCD) is surprisingly symmetric under time reversal. As there is no obvious reason for QCD being so symmetric, this phenomenon poses a theoretical problem, often referred to as the strong CP problem. The most attractive solution for this<sup>1</sup> requires the existence of a new particle, the axion<sup>2,3</sup>—a promising dark-matter candidate. Here we determine the axion mass using lattice QCD, assuming that these particles are the dominant component of dark matter. The key quantities of the calculation are the equation of state of the Universe and the temperature dependence of the topological susceptibility of QCD, a quantity that is notoriously difficult to calculate<sup>4-8</sup>, especially in the most relevant high-temperature region (up to several gigaelectronvolts). But by splitting the vacuum into different sectors and re-defining the fermionic determinants, its controlled calculation becomes feasible. Thus, our twofold prediction helps most cosmological calculations<sup>9</sup> to describe the evolution of the early Universe by using the equation of state, and may be decisive for guiding experiments looking for dark-matter axions. In the next couple of years, it should be possible to confirm or rule out postinflation axions experimentally, depending on whether the axion mass is found to be as predicted here. Alternatively, in a pre-inflation scenario, our calculation determines the universal axionic angle that corresponds to the initial condition of our Universe.



Figure 3 | The relation between the axion's mass  $m_A$  and the initial angle  $\theta_0$  in the pre-inflation scenario and the axion's mass range in the postinflation scenario. For the pre-inflation scenario, our result is shown by the blue line; the error (s.e.m.) is smaller than the line width. The postinflation scenario corresponds to  $\theta_0 = 2.155$  with a strict lower bound on the axion's mass of  $m_A = 28(2) \mu eV$ . The thick red line shows our result for the axion's mass for the post-inflation case: for example,  $m_A = 50(4) \mu eV$  if one assumes that axions from the misalignment mechanism contribute 50% to dark matter. Our final estimate is  $50 \mu eV < m_A < 1,500 \mu eV$  (the upper bound assumes that only 1% is the contribution from the misalignment mechanism, the rest comes from other sources—for example, topological defects). An experimental set-up to detect post-inflationary axions is given in Supplementary Information. The slight bend around  $m_A \approx 10^{-5} \mu eV$ corresponds to an oscillation temperature at the QCD transition<sup>23,24</sup>.



#### MADMAX Goal - probe QCD axion DM scenarios

 $\nu_a \, [\text{GHz}]$ 



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#### **Dielectric Haloscopes: A New Way to Detect Axion Dark Matter**

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We propose a new strategy to search for dark matter axions in the mass range of  $40-400 \mu eV$  by introducing dielectric haloscopes, which consist of dielectric disks placed in a magnetic field. The changing dielectric media cause discontinuities in the axion-induced electric field, leading to the generation of propagating electromagnetic waves to satisfy the continuity requirements at the interfaces. Large-area disks with adjustable distances boost the microwave signal (10–100 GHz) to an observable level and allow one to scan over a broad axion mass range. A sensitivity to QCD axion models is conceivable with 80 disks of 1 m<sup>2</sup> area contained in a 10 T field.

#### based on

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Dish Antenna Dielectric Layers

[Horns et al., JCAP'13, 1212.2970]

[Jaeckel, Redondo, PRD'13, 1308.1103]



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## MADMAX

### **MAgnetized Disc and Mirror Axion eXperiment**





## **Axion-Photon Interaction: Eqs. of Motion** Vacuum

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - J^{\mu}A_{\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\partial_{\mu}a\partial^{\mu}a - \frac{1}{2}m_{a}^{2}a^{2} - \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4}F_{\mu\nu}\widetilde{F}^{\mu\nu}a$$

• Euler-Lagrange Eqs. 
$$J_{a}^{\nu} \equiv -g_{a\gamma}\partial_{\mu}(\widetilde{F}^{\mu\nu}a) = -g_{a\gamma}\widetilde{F}^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}a$$
$$\partial_{\mu}F^{\mu\nu} = J^{\nu} - g_{a\gamma}\widetilde{F}^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}a,$$
$$(\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\mu} + m_{a}^{2}) a = -\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4}F_{\mu\nu}\widetilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$
• Modified Maxwell Eqs.  
• Bianchi Identity
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho - g_{a\gamma}\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla a,$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \dot{\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{J} + g_{a\gamma} (\mathbf{B}\dot{a} - \mathbf{E} \times \nabla a)$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0,$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0,$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \dot{\mathbf{B}} = 0,$$
$$\ddot{a} - \nabla^{2}a + m_{a}^{2}a = g_{a\gamma}\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}.$$



#### **Single Interface & Dark Matter Axions**



$$\mathbf{E}_{a}(t) = -\frac{g_{a\gamma}\mathbf{B}_{e}}{\epsilon} a(t)$$

$$a(t) = a_0 e^{-im_a t}$$

$$\rho_a = \frac{m_a^2 |a_0|^2}{2} = f_{\rm DM} \frac{300 \text{ MeV}}{\text{cm}^3}$$

$$m_a = 5.70(6)(4) \,\mu\text{eV} \left(\frac{10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{f_a}\right)$$

$$\lambda_a = \frac{2\pi}{m_a v_a} = 12.4 \text{ m} \left(\frac{100 \,\mu\text{eV}}{m_a}\right) \left(\frac{10^{-3}}{v_a}\right)$$

$$v_a \lesssim 10^{-3}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_a(t) = -\frac{\mathbf{E}_0}{\epsilon} e^{-im_a t}$$

 $\mathbf{E}_0 \equiv g_{a\gamma} \mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{e}} a_0$ 

### Single Interface & Dark Matter Axions



Continuity requirements

 $\mathbf{H}_{\parallel,1} = \mathbf{H}_{\parallel,2}$ Continuity of  $\mathbf{H}_{\parallel}$ 

 $E_{\parallel,1} = E_{\parallel,2}$ Continuity of  $\mathbf{E}_{\parallel}$   $E_1^{\gamma} + E_1^a = E_2^{\gamma} + E_2^a$ 

- axion induced E field  $\mathbf{E}_0 \equiv g_{a\gamma} \mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{e}} a_0$  $C_{a\gamma} = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{\mathcal{N}} - 1.92(4)$  $g_{a\gamma} = -\frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} C_{a\gamma} = -2.04(3) \times 10^{-16} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \left(\frac{m_a}{1 \,\mu\text{eV}}\right) C_{a\gamma}$
- propagating EM waves  $\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{H}_{\gamma} + \omega \epsilon \mathbf{E}_{\gamma} = 0$ 
  - wave number  $k = n\omega$

$$H_{\gamma} = \pm (\epsilon/n) E_{\gamma}$$
$$\epsilon/n = \sqrt{\epsilon/\mu}$$

$$-\frac{\epsilon_1}{n_1} E_1^{\gamma} = \frac{\epsilon_2}{n_2} E_2^{\gamma},$$
$$E_1^{\gamma} + E_2^{a} = E_2^{\gamma} + E_2^{a}$$

#### **Single Interface & Dark Matter Axions**



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- propagating EM waves

$$E_1^{\gamma} = + (E_2^a - E_1^a) \frac{\epsilon_2 n_1}{\epsilon_1 n_2 + \epsilon_2 n_1},$$

$$E_2^{\gamma} = -(E_2^a - E_1^a) \frac{\epsilon_1 n_2}{\epsilon_1 n_2 + \epsilon_2 n_1},$$

$$H_{1,2}^{\gamma} = -(E_2^a - E_1^a) \frac{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 n_2 + \epsilon_2 n_1},$$

• physical fields (t, x) - real parts of the following expressions

 $E_{1,2}^{a} e^{-i\omega t}$ ,  $E_{1,2}^{\gamma} e^{-i(\omega t - k_{1,2}x)}$ , and  $H_{1,2}^{\gamma} e^{-i(\omega t - k_{1,2}x)}$ 

#### **Perfect Mirror & Dark Matter Axions**



• axion induced E field

$$E_2^a = -E_0$$

$$E_0 = 1.3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ V/m} \frac{B_e}{10 \text{ T}} C_{a\gamma} f_{\text{DM}}^{1/2}$$
  
 $C_{a\gamma} = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{\mathcal{N}} - 1.92(4)$ 

propagating EM waves

$$E_1^{\gamma} = 0 \ (\text{and} \ H_{1,2}^{\gamma} = 0)$$

 $E_2^{\gamma} = E_0$ 

• power per unit area A in the positive x-direction (cycl. av. energy flux density)

$$\frac{P_{\gamma}}{A} = \bar{S}_{2}^{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2} \overline{\left[\text{Re}\left(\mathbf{E}_{2}^{\gamma}\right) \times \text{Re}\left(\mathbf{H}_{2}^{\gamma}\right)\right]_{x}} = \frac{E_{0}^{2}}{2} = 2.2 \times 10^{-27} \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^{2}} \left(\frac{B_{\text{e}}}{10 \text{ T}}\right)^{2} C_{a\gamma}^{2} f_{\text{DM}}$$

• photon flux  $F_{\gamma} = \frac{P_{\gamma}}{A \omega} = \frac{12}{\mathrm{m}^2 \mathrm{day}} \left(\frac{100 \ \mu \mathrm{eV}}{m_a}\right) \left(\frac{B_{\mathrm{e}}}{10 \ \mathrm{T}}\right)^2 C_{a\gamma}^2 f_{\mathrm{DM}}$ 

## Power Boost Factor $\beta^2$



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• power per unit area A in the positive x-direction

$$\frac{P}{A} = \beta^2 \frac{E_0^2}{2} = 2.2 \times 10^{-27} \beta^2 \frac{W}{m^2} \left(\frac{B_e}{10 \text{ T}}\right)^2 C_{a\gamma}^2$$

• boost factor  $\beta(\nu_a) \equiv |E_{\text{out}}(\nu_a)/E_0|$ 

#### Enhancement of 10<sup>4</sup>-10<sup>5</sup> w.r.t. Magnetized Mirror

#### **Power Boost Factor** β<sup>2</sup>



#### **Power Boost Factor** $\beta^2$ - **Reflectivity**



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#### Dielectric haloscopes to search for axion dark matter: theoretical foundations

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**Abstract.** We study the underlying theory of dielectric haloscopes, a new way to detect dark matter axions. When an interface between different dielectric media is inside a magnetic field, the oscillating axion field acts as a source of electromagnetic waves, which emerge in both directions perpendicular to the surface. The emission rate can be boosted by multiple layers judiciously placed to achieve constructive interference and by a large transverse area. Starting from the axion-modified Maxwell equations, we calculate the efficiency of this new dielectric haloscope approach. This technique could potentially search the unexplored high-frequency range of 10–100 GHz (axion mass 40–400  $\mu \rm eV$ ), where traditional cavity resonators have difficulties reaching the required volume.

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# Dielectric haloscopes: sensitivity to the axion dark matter velocity

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**Abstract.** We study the effect of the axion dark matter velocity in the recently proposed dielectric haloscopes, a promising avenue to search for well-motivated high mass (40–400  $\mu eV$ ) axions. We describe non-zero velocity effects for axion-photon mixing in a magnetic field and for the phenomenon of photon emission from interfaces between different dielectric media. As velocity effects are only important when the haloscope is larger than about 20% of the axion de Broglie wavelength, for the planned MADMAX experiment with 80 dielectric disks the velocity dependence can safely be neglected. However, an augmented MADMAX or a second generation experiment would be directionally sensitive to the axion velocity, and thus a sensitive measure of axion astrophysics.

& [Brun et al., <u>http://inspirehep.net/record/1592484/files/madmax\_white\_paper.pdf]</u> White Paper

## Conclusions

• axion dark matter mass search range?

 $m_A = 26.2 \pm 3.4 \,\mu \text{eV}$  [Klaer, Moore,'17]

 $\rightarrow$  Still depends on the scenario realized in nature (1 vs. 2)

• strongly growing exp. efforts to find the axion towards  $m_A \sim 100~\mu eV$  HAYSTAC, ORGAN, CAPP, ORPHEUS, QUAX, ...

 $\rightarrow$  MADMAX is expected to be competitive towards  $m_A \sim 100 \; \mu eV$ 



• MADMAX: unique potential with respect to seamless broadband m<sub>A</sub> scans

### → MADMAX Talk by Bela Majorovits