



Investigation of unit cell configuration for the booster section of MADMAX

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Axion Electrodynamics



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$${\cal L}=-{1\over 4}{\cal F}_{\mu
u}{\cal F}^{\mu
u}-j^\mu A_\mu+{1\over 2}\partial_\mu a\;\partial^\mu a-{1\over 2}{m_a}^2 a^2~-~{g_{a\gamma}\over 4}a\;{\cal F}_{\mu
u}{ ilde {\cal F}}^{\mu
u}$$

• Solve EOM under external homogenous magnetic field B_e :

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{E} &= 0 \\ -\epsilon \, \dot{\boldsymbol{E}} &= g_{a\gamma} \boldsymbol{B}_{\boldsymbol{e}} \dot{\boldsymbol{a}} \\ \ddot{\boldsymbol{a}} &- \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{a} + m_a^2 \boldsymbol{a} &= g_{a\gamma} \, \boldsymbol{E} \cdot \boldsymbol{B}_{\boldsymbol{e}} \end{aligned}$$

• Axion induced electric field:

$$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{a}} = -\frac{g_{\mathbf{a}\gamma}\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{e}}}{\epsilon}\mathbf{a} = 1.3 \times 10^{-12} \,\mathrm{V} \,\mathrm{m}^{-1} \times \left(\frac{B_{\mathbf{e}}}{10 \,\mathrm{T}}\right) \frac{C_{\mathbf{a}\gamma}f_{DM}^{1/2}}{\epsilon}$$

scaled
field
strength
a
E

$$P/A = 2.2 \times 10^{-27} \text{ W m}^{-2} \left(\frac{B_e}{10 \text{ T}}\right)^2 C_{a\gamma}^2 \cdot f(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$$

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Problem statement



□ The goal is to find approaches to the modelling of the booster that help reduce the system's complexity

- Fewer disks
- Fewer degrees of freedom

Additionally, we would like to facilitate the reconstruction of high boost factors, while gaining an understanding of how the system works, in order to learn how to control the booster curve

- Using simulations, we aim to gather the best solutions for a specific modelling of the booster, in order to assess the range of freedom the model gives
- Based on the data gathered, specifically the disk position, we can look for correlations between neighbouring solutions, in order to identify simple "rules" to control the system

□ So far, we have examined the performance of "symmetric cells"

Case study: Symmetric cell approach

□ The booster can be naively divided in three sections:

- Mirror matching + Booster section + Antenna matching
- ❑ We assume that the booster section is comprised of repeating <u>symmetric cells</u>
 - System's degrees of freedom are the distances between disks in one cell
- Simple matching to lossless mirror obtained with one additional vacuum gap





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Target of optimization

The booster acts (naively) as a transmission line or filter, so we want to understand how to control it

- we aim to reconstruct unimodal booster curves, since they are some of the most basic filter shapes
- Target Lorentzian distribution with predefined
 FWHM
- How can we control the booster peak: shift, widen, amplitude?
- Compare booster curve to target distribution via Least Square Sum





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- □ Check goodness of continuation:
 - Performance of booster $\rightarrow 1$
 - Agreement with target \rightarrow 2
 - Smoothness of solution \rightarrow 3 + 4



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Data collection strategy: shift continuation

- Disks per cell = 1, cells = 3, Freq. width = 50.0 MHz1500 14.0 GHz 13.7 GHz 13.4 GHz Power Boost 1000 13.1 GHz 12.8 GHz 12.5 GHz 12.2 GHz 500 11.9 GHz 11.6 GHz 11.3 GHz 11.0 GHz 0 11 12 13 14 Freq [GHz] _og10[Integral FWHM] Normalized peak width 3.16 Log10[Max Booster] 10.750 1.004 1.004 3.14 10.725 1.002 3.12 1.002 10,700 3.10 1.000 1.000 10.675 3.08 0.998 0.998 3.06 10.650 3.04 0.996 0.996 10.625 12 13 14 12 13 14 11 11 Freq. Center [GHz] Freq. Center [GHz] Spacing Mirror Matching [mm] 14 Boundaries Freq. Center [GHz] 6.9 – – Disk 6.6 13 6.3 12 6.0 5.7 11 13 12 14 -3 3 11 -6 0 6 Freq. Center [GHz] Centered disk position in cell [mm]
- □ We notice that width and position continuation seem to be quite stable and yield smooth variations of disk positions
 - Using a short booster we can test the validity of this claim

Normalized peak position





Disks per cell: 1 # Cells: 3

- Comparing solution between global optimization (INDEPENDENT RESULTS) and local continuation (CORRELATED RESULTS)
- Compare booster amplitude























Increasing number of cells

- We try to increase the number of cells in the booster
 - The system is more unstable with respect to these changes
 - We do not notice a smooth transition between booster curves anymore
 - Using local optimization is not the optimal strategy
 - Continuation of number of cells seems to not work well









2.93

2.25

Log10[Width (

0.21 0.0 +0.47 k / target width -1.15 +1.83

-2.51

-3 19

0.21

- Beyond this value the target ٠ FWHM is not reconstructed correctly
- Results consistent between ٠ independent and correlated samples
- Increasing the number of cells ٠ renders the system very resonant





 The equidistant disk configuration appears to be highly resonant, thus only very narrow boosters have noticeable amplitudes





 Including more disks in the unit cell allows for larger booster curves







 Still, only relatively narrow peaks are reconstructed correctly when the the number of cells increases, while wide ones are not supported by the system





• Good reconstruction of narrow peaks





 Symmetric unit cells seems a good candidate for short boosters since they become more and more resonant in long boosters





□ The symmetries we include in the system seem to work fine when moving the booster curve and in a slightly more limited capacity in widening the booster curve

□ Increasing the number of cells seems to be much more difficult

- The system becomes more resonant as we increase the number of cells → This is a contradiction to the request for a "wide" boost factor curve
- Mainly narrow boosters with high amplitude or faint wide boosters
- This is not a good solution for long boosters, since it renders the system unstable and does not allow a meaningful increase in power boost [FWHM booster integral]
 - Reasonable candidate for short booster or resonant booster (narrow peaks)



□ Instead of symmetries we plan to study the variation of the "local Q-factor" across the booster:

- Impedance transformation should keep the local Q-factor constant,
- unit cells repeat exactly, so the same impedance transformation occurs at every cell, regardless of the position in the booster → This leads to very different local conditions along the booster

An idea would be to optimize trying to keep local Q-factor roughly constant (might work well for medium boosters)

• After gaining understanding of how the system works, relax this requirement to aid constructive interference and gain from long boosters

Thank you for your attention !