

Axion, a brief introduction

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Some useful literature:

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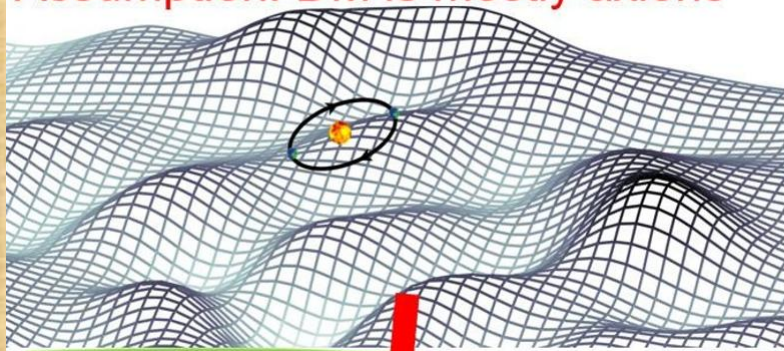
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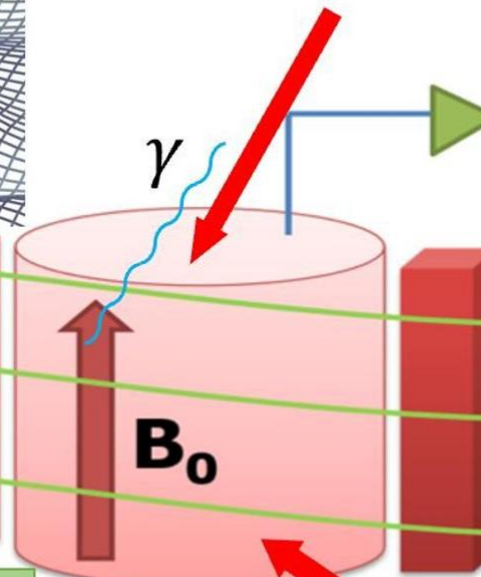
Haloscope: a high-Q resonance cavity pickup of the signal

Resonant cavities (Sikivie, 1983)
Assumption: DM is mostly axions

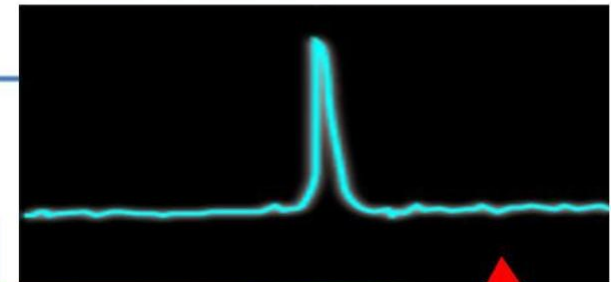


Axion DM field
Non-relativistic
Axion mass $\sim$ Frequency

Cavity's size smaller than De Broglie wavelength of Axion

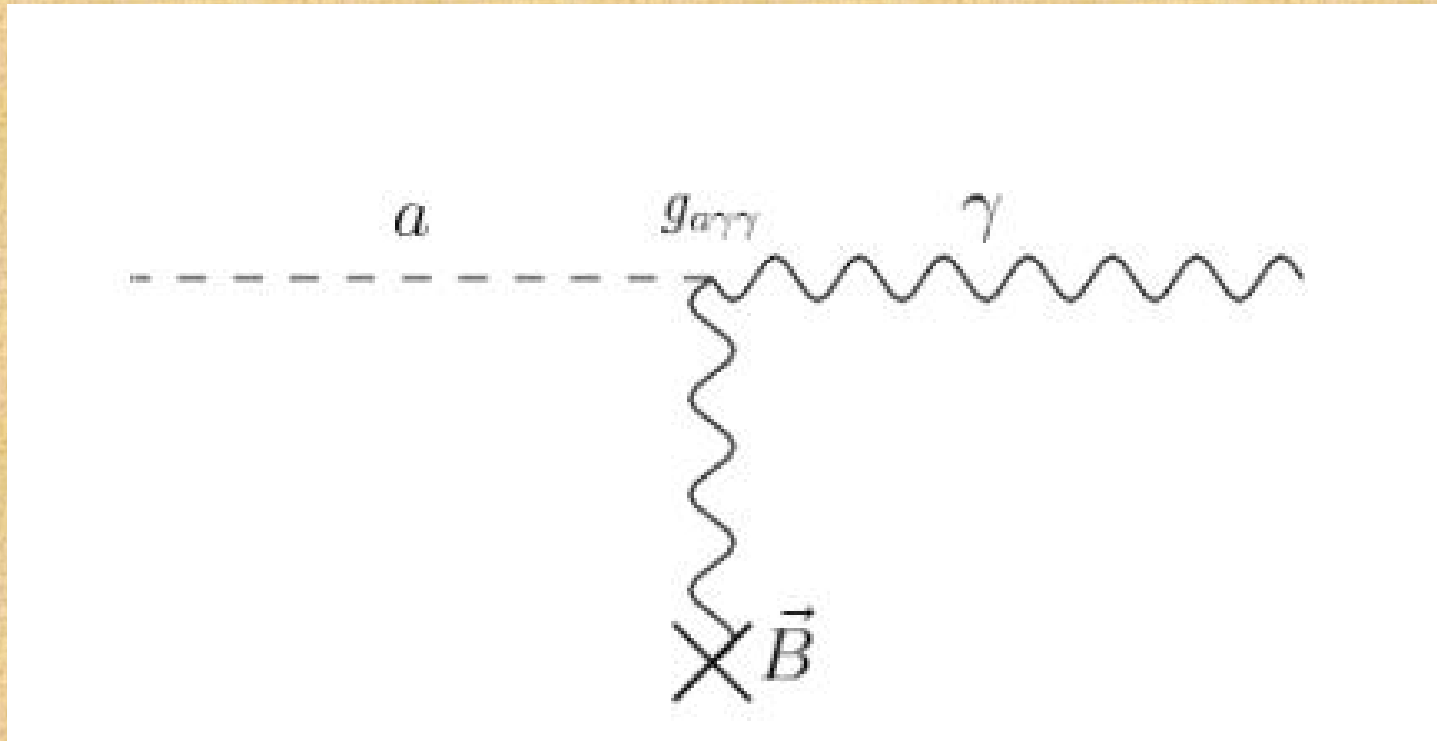


Primakoff conversion of
Axion DM into
Microwave photons
Inside cavity



If Cavity tuned to the
Axion frequency,
Conversion is boosted
By resonant factor Q
(Quality factor)

The inverse Primakoff effect:



The Sikivie electrodynamics

The Maxwell equations are modified:

$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} = -\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} a F \bar{F} = -g_{a\gamma} a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B},$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= \rho_e + g_{a\gamma} \vec{B} \cdot \nabla a \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} &= g_{a\gamma} \vec{E} \times \vec{\nabla} a - g_{a\gamma} \vec{B} \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} + \vec{j}_e \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t},\end{aligned}$$

The signal power:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \partial_t \mathbf{B} - \partial_t^2 \mathbf{E} &= -g_{a\gamma\gamma} B_0 \partial_t^2 a \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \Rightarrow -\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} - \partial_t^2 \mathbf{E} &= -g_{a\gamma\gamma} B_0 \partial_t^2 a \hat{\mathbf{z}}\end{aligned}$$

$$-\sum_m (\omega_m^2 + \partial_t^2) E_m(t) \mathbf{e}_m(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_n^*(\mathbf{x}) = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} B_0 \partial_t^2 a(t) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_n^*(\mathbf{x}).$$

The signal power:

$$\left(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2 - i \frac{\omega \omega_n}{Q_n} \right) E_n(\omega) = g_{a\gamma\gamma} B_0 \frac{\kappa_n}{\lambda_n} \omega^2 a(\omega).$$

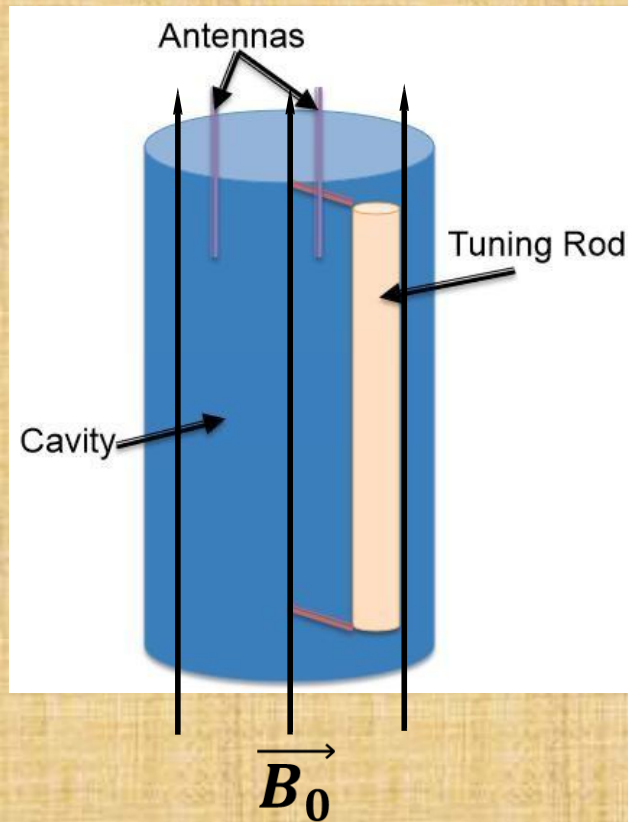
$$\begin{aligned} U_n &= \frac{1}{2} \langle E_n^2(t) \rangle \int d^3\mathbf{x} \left[|\mathbf{e}_n(\mathbf{x})|^2 + |\mathbf{b}_n(\mathbf{x})|^2 \right] \\ &= \lambda_n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} |E_n(\omega)|^2 \\ &= g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B_0^2 \frac{\kappa_n^2}{\lambda_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\omega^4 |a(\omega)|^2}{(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \omega_n^2 / Q_n^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The signal power:

$$C_{mnl} = \frac{\kappa_{mnl}^2}{V \lambda_{mnl}} = \frac{(\int d^3\mathbf{x} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{mnl}^*(\mathbf{x}))^2}{V \int d^3\mathbf{x} \varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) |\mathbf{e}_{mnl}(\mathbf{x})|^2},$$

$$P_{\text{sig}} = \left(g_\gamma^2 \frac{\alpha^2}{\pi^2} \frac{\hbar^3 c^3 \rho_a}{\chi} \right) \left(\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \omega_c \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_0^2 V C_{mnl} Q_L \frac{1}{1 + (2\delta\nu_a/\Delta\nu_c)^2} \right),$$

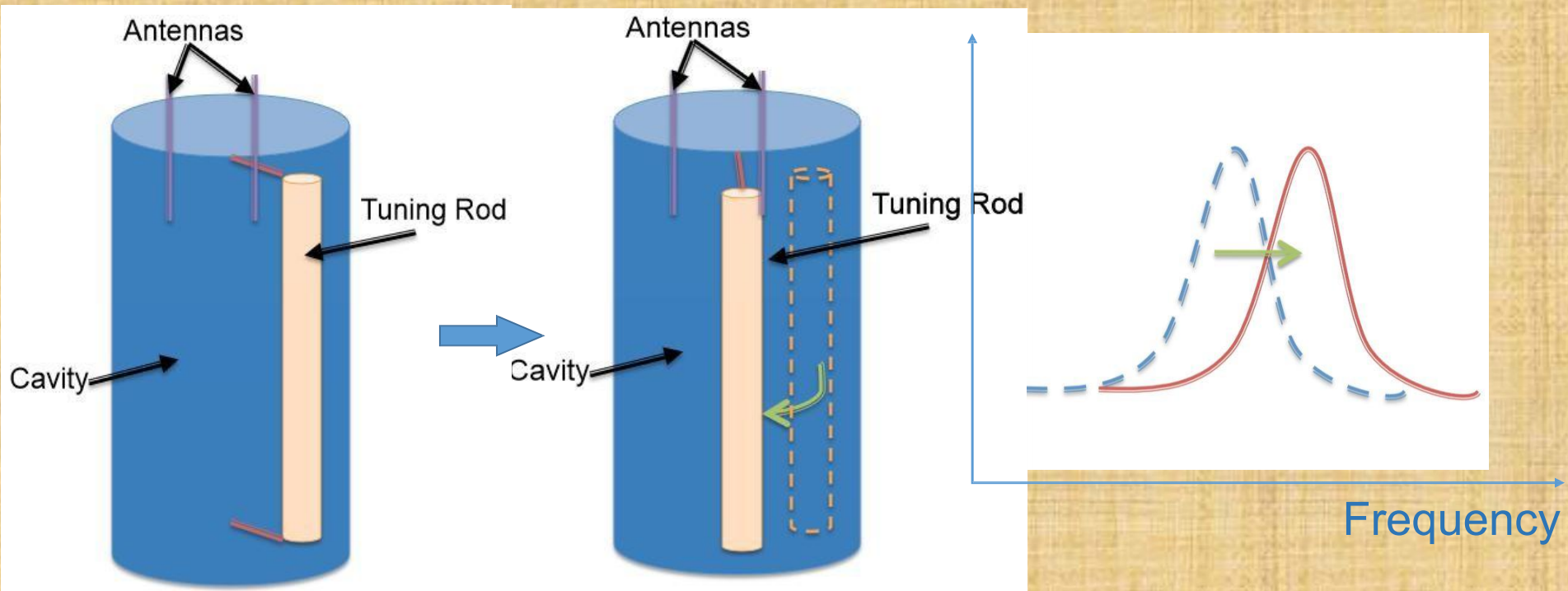
Detect Axion Dark Matter: Haloscope



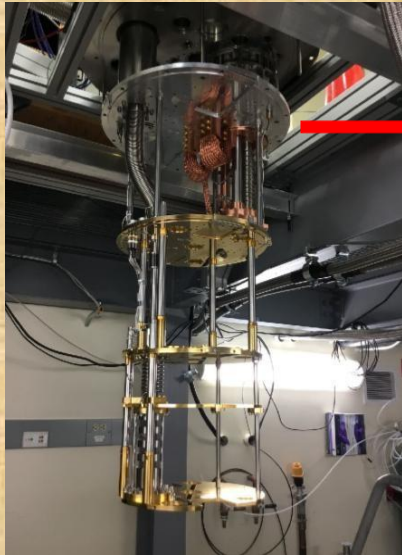
$$P_{signal} = \frac{Q\beta}{(1+\beta)^2} g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \left(\frac{\rho_a}{m_a} \right) B_0^2 V C_{010}$$

- Halo axions convert into EM excitation of TM modes of the cavity.
- Equilibrium between axion-stimulated excitation of the mode and spontaneous de-excitation due to thermal relaxation.
- Equilibrium population controlled by axion conversion rate, cavity's quality factor Q
- Power transfer increased by coherence between cavity E-field and axion field

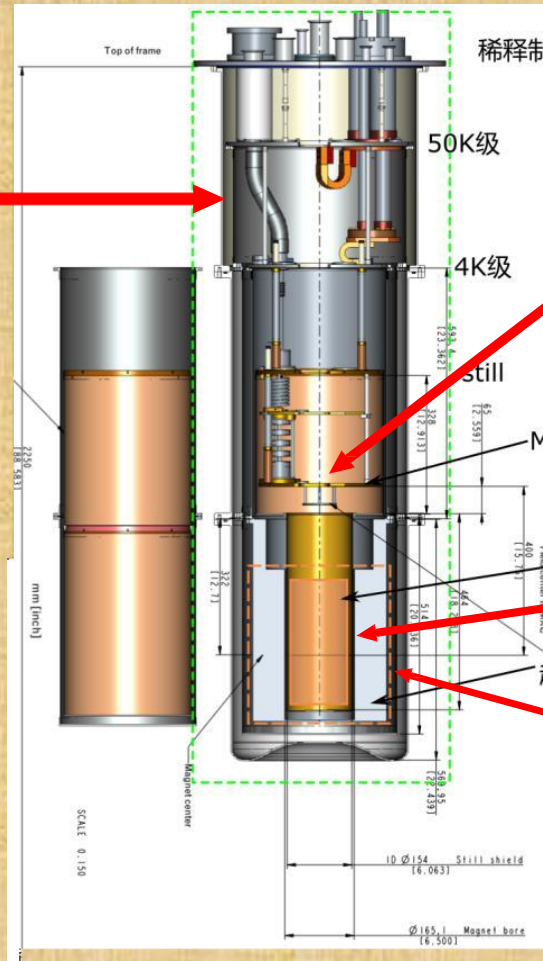
Tunable resonance frequency: cavity inside a low temperature chamber



Resonant Cavity Haloscope Structure



Dilution fridge



稀释制冷机主体

50K级

4K级

Still

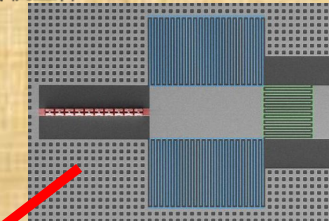
MXC (混合室) 级

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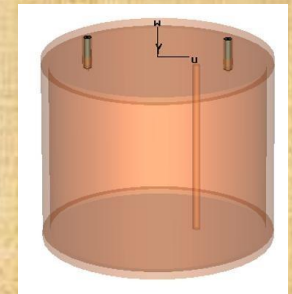
超导磁体

Still shield

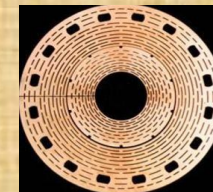
Magnet bore



Amplifier (JPA or TWPA)+ Readout



Microwave Cavity
(+ freq. tuning structure)



Superconducting solenoid

ADMX (Axion Dark Matter eXperiment)

Florida(1995-2012)

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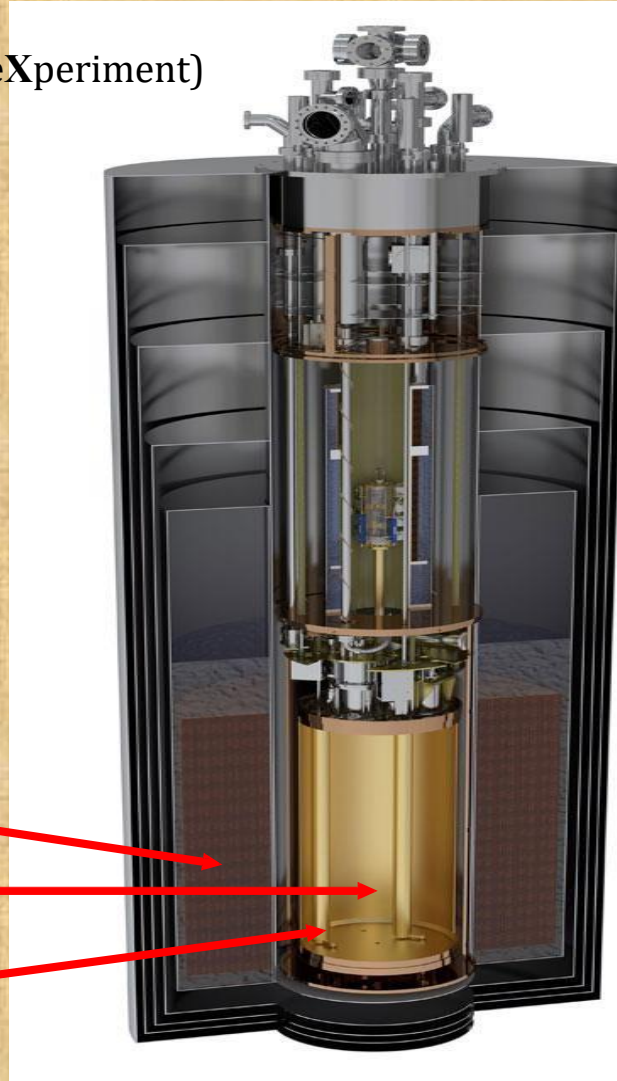
Washington(2012+, Gen2)

ADMX - High Freq
“Sidecar” R&D for 4+GHz.
Now running for
5-7 GHz scan.

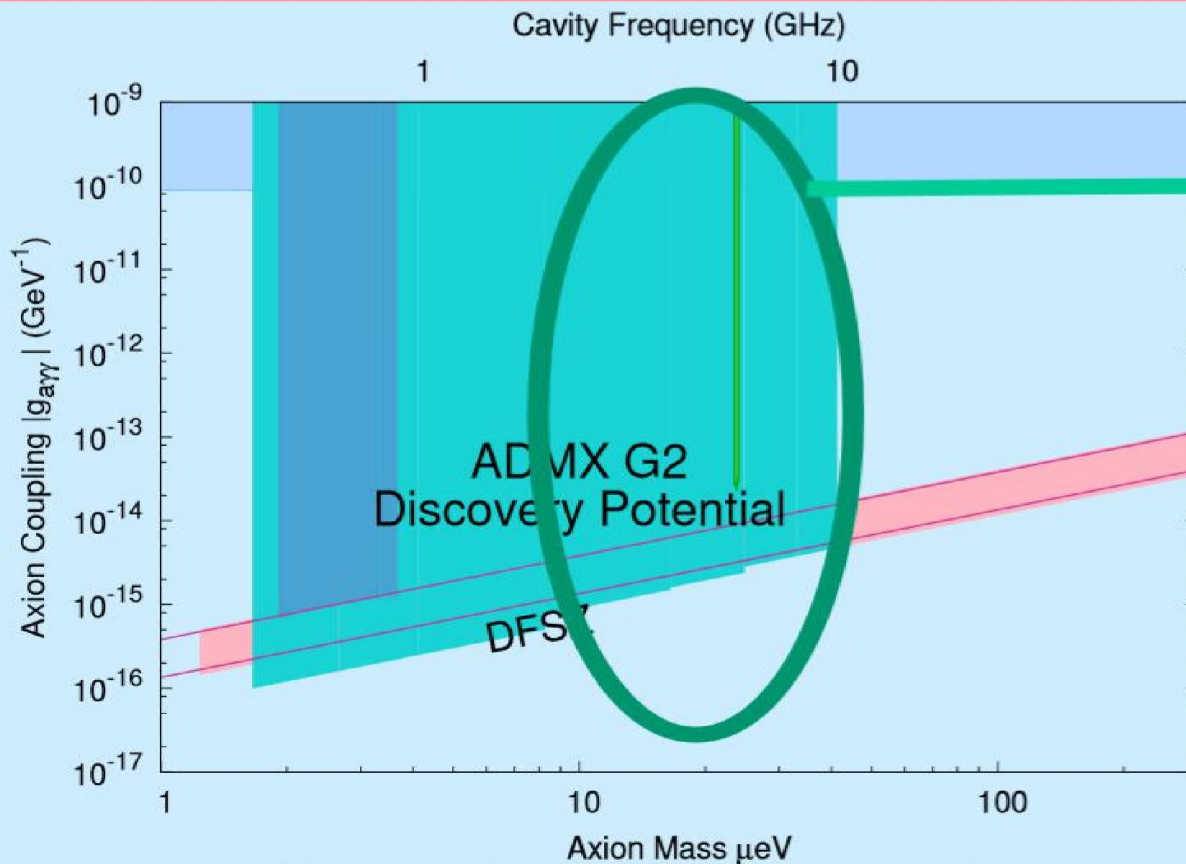
9T Magnet

Microwave Cavity

Tuning Rods



ADMX G2, next steps Multicavity Systems



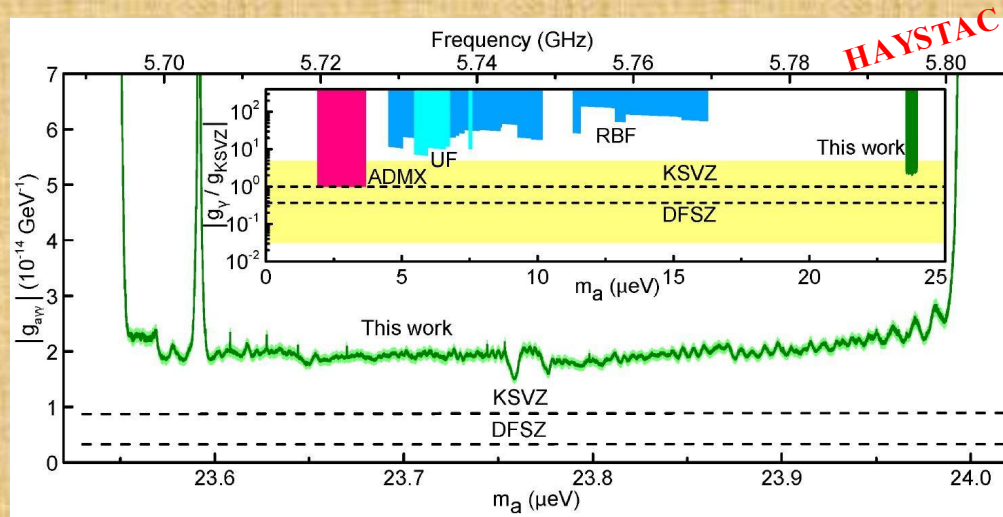
4-8 GHz resonators in design.

This would be beyond our currently approved 3yr funding. Goals for years 3-6.

W. Wester, Fermilab, Workshop on Particle Physics and Cosmology, Zurich Aug 2018

HAYSTAC

(Haloscope at Yale Sensitive to Axion CDM)



Benjamin M. Brubaker, HAYSTAC first results, 2018

$$23.55 < m_a < 24.16 \mu\text{eV}$$



Resonance Cavity highlights

Narrow-band detection: high-Q, good bkg veto, supreme sensitivity

Signal from inside:

EM 1~10GHz signal: Low requirement on experimental location

Affordable techniques:

Relatively lower cost:

Compared to other fundamental particle searches

Scale-able experiment

Experimental Design

Components	Parameters
Superconducting Magnet	Field strength: 14T Bore: 50mm Height: 20-30cm
Resonant Cavity: Design frequency: 8-10GHz (Corresponding m_a : 33-41 μ eV)	$V=0.18L$ $Q \sim 10^5$ TM_{010} ($C_{010}=0.69$) (Test run at 8 GHz)
Cryogenics System	Physical Temperature: 10mK~100mK below electronic noise
Receiver System (include amplifiers, etc.)	Noise temperature: Combining thermal and electronic noises, the target temperature is about 0.5K

Operation at 8 GHz:

- Signal Power: $P_{\text{signal}} \approx 10^{-23} W$
 - Scan Rate:
 $\frac{df}{dt} \sim 254.24 MHz/year(\text{KSVZ}) = 4.68 MHz/year(\text{DFSZ})$
 - At $\nu = 8 \text{ GHz}$:
 - $\frac{S}{N} = \frac{P_{\text{signal}}}{k_B T_s} \sqrt{\frac{\delta t}{\delta \nu_a}} \sim 3$, Signal Band: $\delta \nu_a = \frac{\nu}{Q_a} = 8000 Hz$
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- $\delta t \sim 8.3 h(\text{KSVZ}) \sim 61.0 h(\text{DFSZ})$

R&D towards higher freq.

For better sensitivity and faster scan rates:

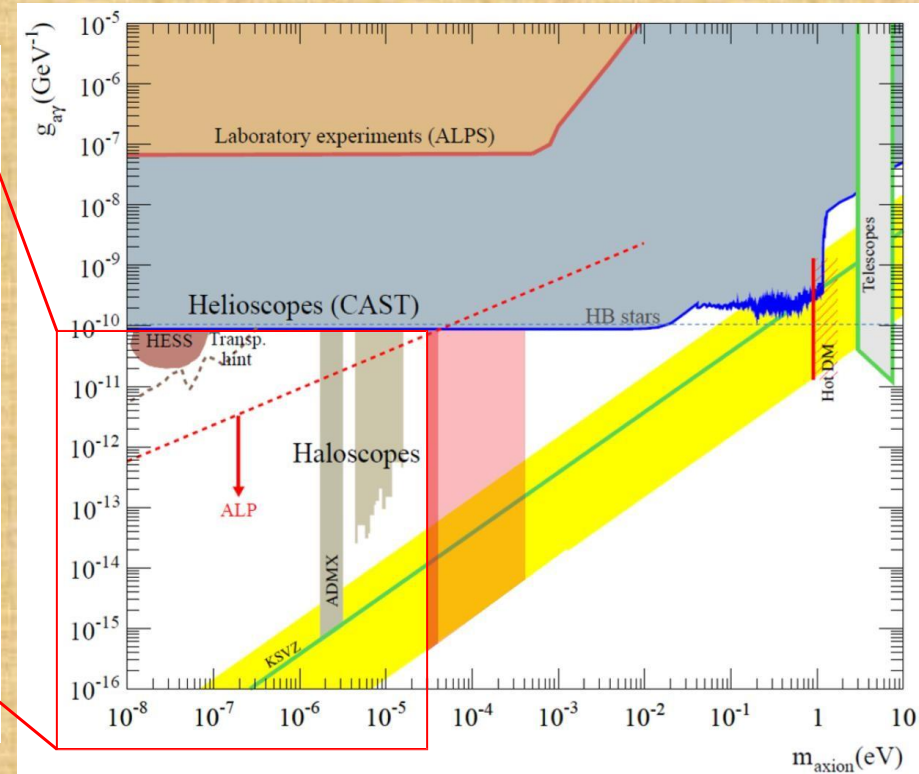
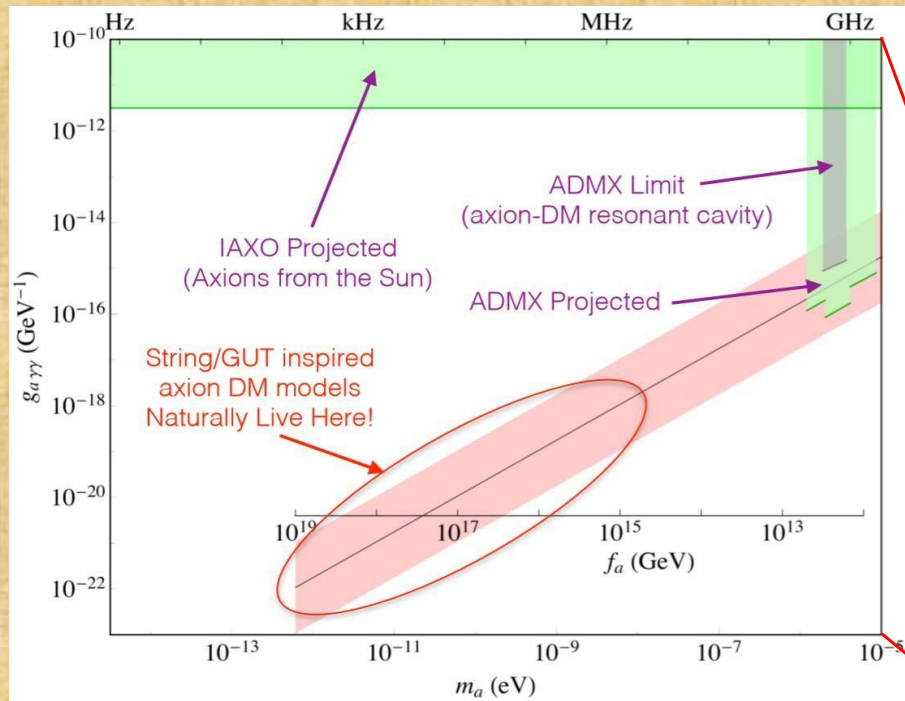
Lower (noise) temperatures
Higher magnetic field
Larger effective volume
Improved cavity Q factor

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$$\frac{S}{N} = \frac{P_{signal}}{k_B T_s} \sqrt{\frac{\delta t}{\delta \nu_a}}$$

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \left(\frac{S}{N} \right)^{-2} \frac{Q_a}{Q_L} \left(\frac{P_{signal}}{k_B T_s} \right)^2$$

Future goals: (b) GUT/String inspired axion (& alike)



Quantum interferometry and axion haloscope

based on arxiv 2201.08291
with Yu Gao & Zhihui Peng

The quantum properties of the Cavity

Modern cryogenic technology can sustain $\sim 20\text{mK}$ or lower temperature

$$n(\omega_a, T) = \frac{1}{e^{\omega_a/k_B T} - 1}$$

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The Quantum picture of the Cavity

The axions has a long de-Broglie Wavelength and long coherent time, thus

$$a \approx a_0 \cos(\omega_a t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\rho_a}}{m_a} \cos(\omega_a t)$$

The Quantum picture of the Cavity

The axion photon coupling is

$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

The Quantum picture of the Cavity

The interaction Hamiltonian is

$$\begin{aligned} H_I &= - \int d^3x \mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} \\ &= \left(g_{a\gamma\gamma} \frac{\sqrt{2\rho_a}}{m_a} B_0 \int d^3x \hat{z} \cdot \vec{E} \right) \cos(\omega_a t) \end{aligned}$$

The Quantum picture of the Cavity

The electric field operator in the cavity can be expanded

$$\vec{E} = i \sum \sqrt{\frac{\omega_k}{2}} [a_k \vec{U}_k(\vec{r}) e^{-i\omega_k t} - a_k^\dagger \vec{U}_k^*(\vec{r}) e^{i\omega_k t}]$$

where $\vec{U}_k(\vec{r})$ is the cavity modes

The Quantum picture of the Cavity

The transition probability is

$$\begin{aligned} P &\approx \left| \langle 1 | \int_0^t dt H_I | 0 \rangle \right|^2 \\ &\approx g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \frac{\rho_a}{m_a^2} B_0^2 \sum_k \omega_k \left| \int d^3x \hat{z} \cdot \vec{U}_k^* \right|^2 \\ &\times \frac{\sin^2[(\omega_k - \omega_a)t/2]}{4[(\omega_k - \omega_a)/2]^2} \end{aligned}$$

The Quantum picture of the Cavity

The transition rate is

$$R \approx g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \frac{\rho_a}{m_a^2} B_0^2 V \sum_k C_k \omega_k \delta(\omega_k - \omega_a) \approx g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \frac{\rho_a}{m_a^2} B_0^2 C_{\omega_a} V Q$$

where

$$C_k = \frac{\left| \int d^3x \hat{z} \cdot \vec{U}_k \right|^2}{V \int d^3x |\vec{U}_k|^2}$$

The Quantum picture of the Cavity

The transition rate is enhanced by the cavity quality factor Q even for a single transition.

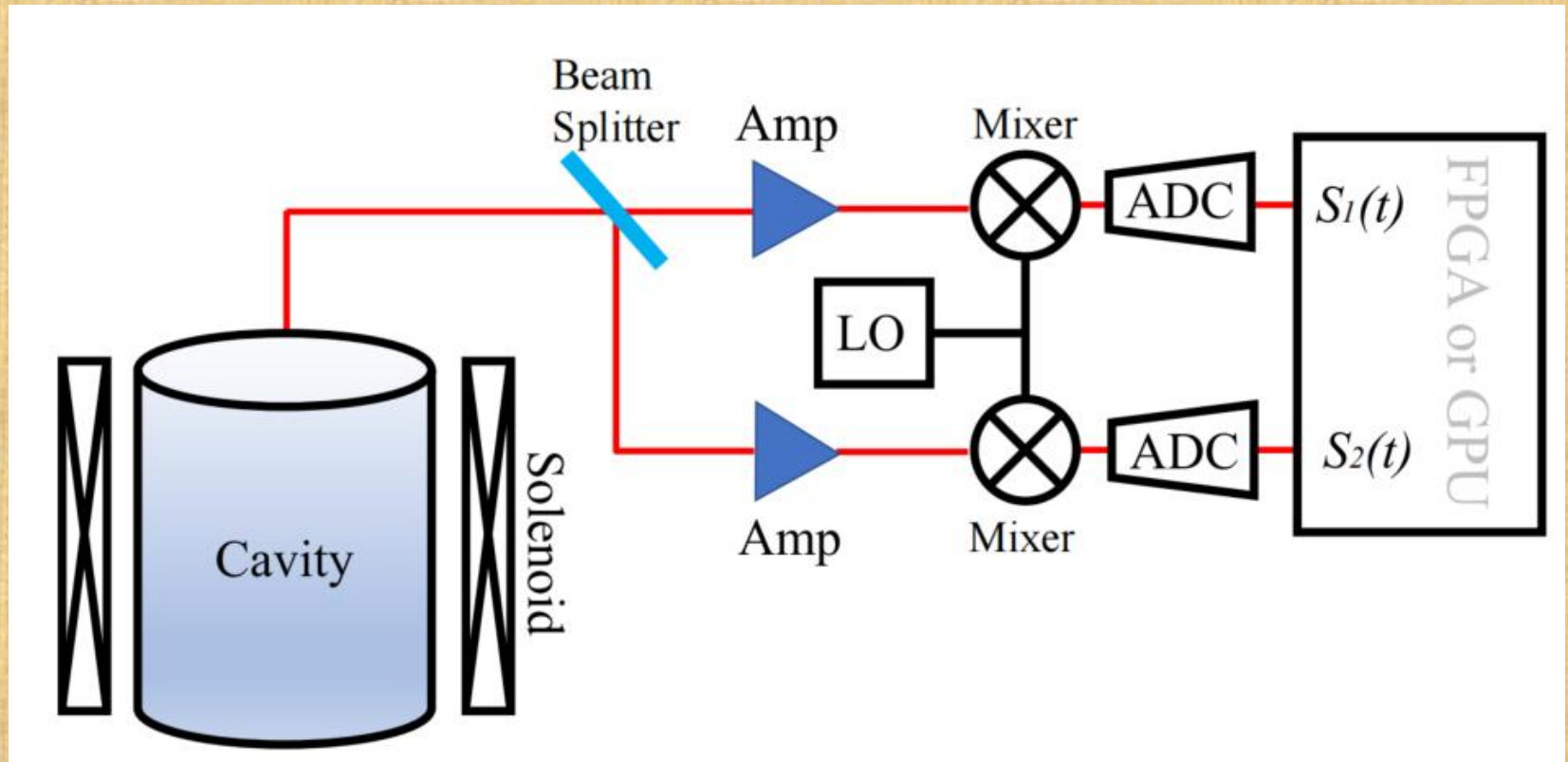
Typical photon emitting rate of the cavity is order of 10Hz.

The bottleneck of the haloscope

The linear amplifier with a moderate bandwidth adds noise temperature order of $T_{\text{eff}}=10\text{K}$

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{P_{\text{sig}}}{k_B T_{\text{eff}}} \sqrt{\frac{t}{b}}$$

The quantum interferometry



The quantum interferometry (HBT type)

The beam splitter gives two output fields in channel 1 and 2

$$\hat{r}_1 = (\hat{r} + \hat{\nu}_m)/\sqrt{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{r}_2 = (\hat{r} - \hat{\nu}_m)/\sqrt{2}$$

$\hat{r}$ denotes the signal and $\hat{\nu}_m$ denotes the noises.

The quantum interferometry (HBT type)

Then measuring

$$\hat{I}_1 = (\hat{r}_1 + \hat{r}_1^+)/2$$

and

$$\hat{Q}_2 = -i(\hat{r}_2 - \hat{r}_2^+)/2$$

as the real and imaginary part of the
field envelopes.

The quantum interferometry (HBT type)

After amplification and mixing, the
two path read out is

$$S_i(t) = G_i \hat{r}(t) + \sqrt{G_i^2 - 1} h_i^+(t) + \nu_{m,i}^+(t)$$

The quantum interferometry (HBT type)

The two path instantaneous power
function is

$$\langle S_1^*(t) S_2(t) \rangle = G_1 G_2 (\langle \hat{r}^+(t) \hat{r}(t) \rangle + N_{12})$$

where N_{12} is the power of correlated
noise in channel 1 and 2

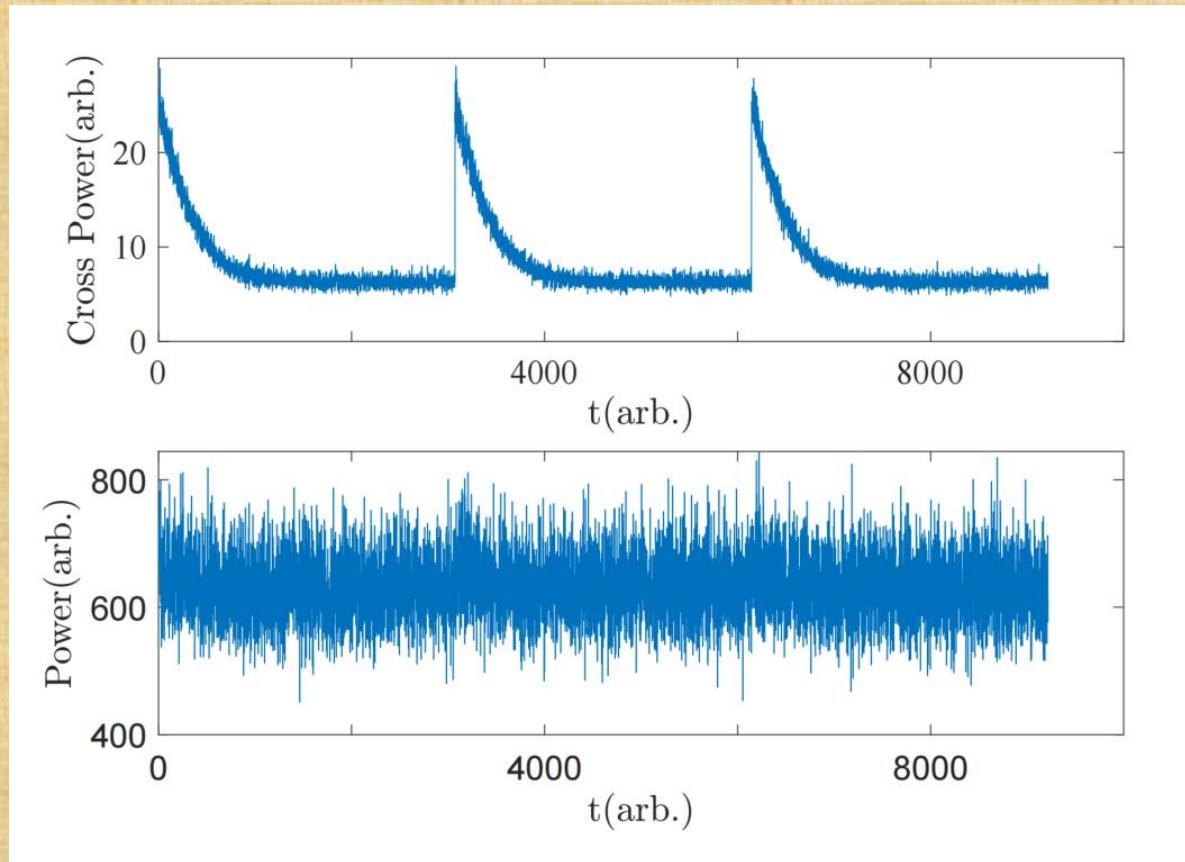
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the effective temperature of N_{12} is
typically 80 mK.

simulated signal



Axions and Inflation

- Cosmological scale correlation length:

Structures should be Inflated away.

- Structures formed after inflation:

Correlation length should be much smaller than the horizon

A toy example of axion monodromy:

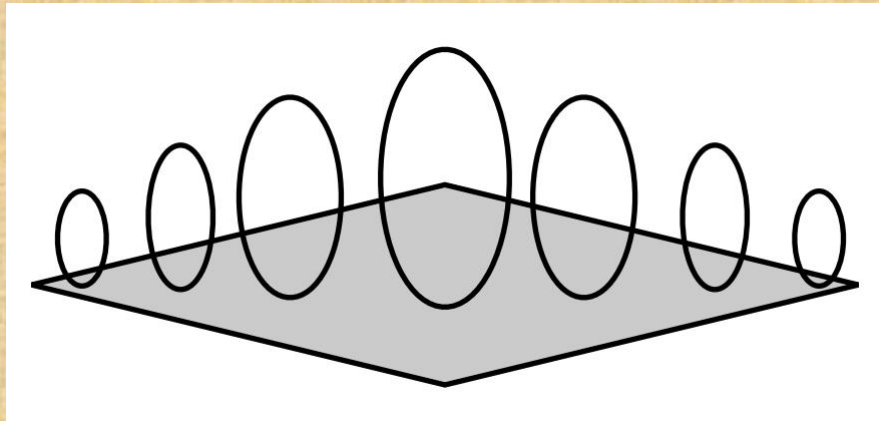
(4+d)-dimensional gauge field is integrated over a circle in a compact space y :

$$\phi = \int_{S^1} A_1$$

$$A_1 = \phi(x) \eta_1(y)$$

axion is massless if $\Delta\eta_1 = 0$ S^1 is exact periodicity.

Otherwise axion is massive if S^1 is only homologically trivial.



The effective four dimensional potential:

$$V(a) = V_{\text{non-periodic}}(a) + \Lambda^4 \cos\left(\frac{a}{F_a}\right)$$

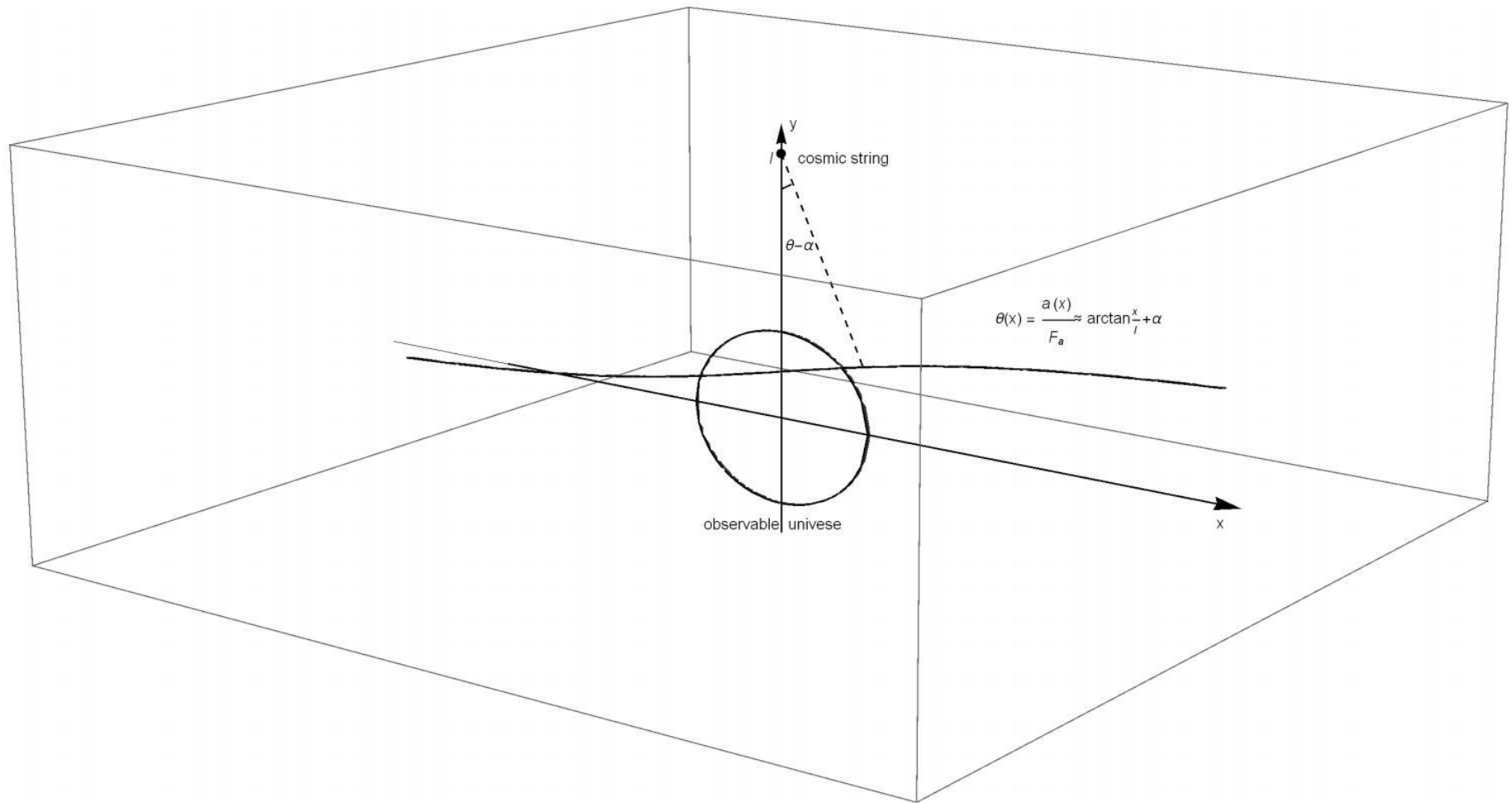
where the second term is due to string instantons.

$$m_0 = \frac{\Lambda^2}{F_a}, \quad \lambda_0 = -\frac{\Lambda^4}{F_a^4}$$

$$\Lambda^2 \sim M_{Pl} \Lambda_0 e^{-S/2} \quad \Lambda_0 \sim [10^4 \text{GeV}, \quad 10^{18} \text{GeV}]$$

$$V_{\text{non-periodic}}(\phi) = \mu^{4-p} \phi^p$$

Initial fluctuation:



The initial field configuration

- define a parameter l

$$\Delta\theta = \theta - \alpha = \frac{a(x)}{F_a} - \alpha = \arctan \frac{x}{l - y}$$

- Since $x \ll l$, $y \ll l$

$$a(\vec{x}) \approx \arctan\left(\frac{x}{l}\right)F_a + \alpha F_a = \bar{a}_0 \arctan(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}) + \Sigma$$

$\vec{k} = (1/l, 0, 0)$ defines a preferred direction

$$(\partial_t^2 + 3H\partial_t + \frac{k^2}{R^2})a(\vec{k}, t) = 0$$

- for small k modes, $2\pi(k/R)^{-1} \ll H^{-1}$ protected by topology.
- for large k modes, frozen by causality

$$2\pi(k/R)^{-1} \gg H^{-1}$$

$$a(\vec{k}, t) \sim a(\vec{k})$$

The amplitude of fluctuation is scale dependent

- We have a pivot scale: $(1/k') \gtrsim (1/k) = l$

$$\arctan(kx) \propto \int (e^{-|k'/k|}/k') e^{-ik'x} dk'$$

- After inflation a domain wall at $\theta = 0$ is outside the observable region.

The energy density ratio

- When $p=2$

$$\rho_a/\rho \propto R$$

- When $p=4$

Remains a constant

Decay of the alps

- When $p=2$

$$\frac{\rho_a}{\rho} \sim 1.7 \times 10^{-37} \text{GeV}^{-2} \frac{F_a^3}{m}$$

- When $p=4$

$$\frac{\rho_a}{\rho} \sim \frac{15 \bar{a}_0^2}{g_* \pi^2 T_B^4 t_B^2}$$

- For both case the ratio is about 10^{-3}

The hemispherical power asymmetry

$$\Delta T(\hat{n}) = (1 + A\hat{p} \cdot \hat{n})\Delta T_{iso}(\hat{n})$$

- Scale dependent:

$A=0.072$ for $l_0 < 600$

Amplitude fluctuations due to the quantum effects

$$\rho(\vec{x}) = (1/2)m^2\bar{a}^2(\vec{x})$$

- When the field perturbation is small:

$$\frac{\delta\rho_a(\vec{x})}{\rho_a(\vec{x})} \approx 2\frac{\delta a(\vec{x})}{\bar{a}(\vec{x})} \sim \frac{H_I}{\pi\bar{a}(\vec{x})}$$

The curvature perturbation:

- When the fluctuation spectrum is flat:

$$P_{\Phi,a} \approx \left(\frac{\rho_a}{\rho}\right)^2 \left(\frac{H_I}{\pi \bar{a}}\right)^2$$

- Therefore :

$$\delta P_{\Phi,a} \propto 2\delta a \bar{a}$$

The power asymmetry is:

- On large scale:

$$\frac{\Delta P_{\Phi}}{P_{\Phi}} = \frac{2\Delta a}{\bar{a}} \frac{P_{\Phi,a}}{P_{\Phi}} \approx 0.07$$

- Since $\frac{\Delta a}{\bar{a}} = \frac{\bar{a}_0}{\Sigma} \arctan(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}_{dec})$

the asymmetry is scale dependent:

$$A(k) \propto \frac{e^{-kl}}{k}$$

The CMB G-Z effect gives a quadrupole coefficient:

- The temperature fluctuation is

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T}(\hat{n}) = 0.066\mu^2 \frac{\rho_a}{\rho} \left(\frac{\bar{a}_0}{\Sigma}\right)^2 (\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}_{de})^2 + ..$$

where

$$\mu = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n}$$

thus there is a bound

$$\left(\frac{\rho_a}{\rho}\right) \left(\frac{\bar{a}_0}{\Sigma}\right)^2 (kx_{de})^2 \lesssim 4.40 \times 10^{-4}$$

The non-Gaussian bound:

- The Planck mission indicate very small non-Gaussian: $f_{NL} \lesssim 0.01\% \times 10^5$

and $f_{NL} = (5/4)(\rho/\rho_a)(P_{\Phi,a}/P_{\Phi})^2$

- Therefore : $\frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{P_{\Phi,a}}{P_{\Phi}} \right)^2 \lesssim \frac{\rho_a}{\rho}$

