ADMX-VERA: A large volume haloscope for higher axion frequencies

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Haloscopes for higher frequencies





$$\frac{d\nu}{dt} \propto B_0^4 \mathbf{V}^2 C^2 Q_L T_{\rm sys}^{-2} \left(\frac{\beta}{1+\beta}\right)^2$$

The volume of cylindrical cavities at high frequencies becomes smaller, making QCD-axion-sensitive highfrequency axion searches difficult

ADMX-VERA cavities with high volumes



Single and triple wedge cavity resonant frequencies depend only on the width of the volume space

Multiple-cell beehive cavity that share the resonant frequency among all cells

Advantages of ADMX-VERA cavities



Challenges of the thin shell cavity

• Misalignment in cavity can localize modes and limit wire antenna coupling

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- Summing trees can coherently add signals through impedance matching from multiple slot antennas
 - Used in CMB experiments before, and will be the first time to be used in axion haloscope searches



Basic summing tree structure for eight slot antennas

Based on work from Chao-Lin Kuo et al., Millimeter and Submillimeter Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy IV, 7020, 415–428. SPIE, (2008)

Quantum sensors

• Quantum sensors will be used to decrease noise from the signal

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• KI-TWPAs are quantum-limited parametric amplifiers with wide bandwidths using traveling wave periodic structures



Klimovich, Nikita Sergeevich (2022) Traveling Wave Parametric Amplifiers and Other Nonlinear Kinetic Inductance Devices. Dissertation (Ph.D.), California Institute of Technology

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C. Braggio et al., arXiv:2403.02321 [quant-ph]

Current progress and discovery potential



Data taken for warm single-wedge cavity dark photon search and now in analysis phase In progress: cryogenic single-wedge cavity characterization



Future axion discovery potential of ADMX-VERA



- High frequency axion experiments face a small volume problem
- ADMX-VERA has two cavity designs: tunable thin shell cavity and beehive cavity which both increase volume
- Summing trees with slot antennas address low antenna coupling issues
- KI-TWPAs and SMPDs can be used for quantum sensing
- ADMX-VERA is currently using its single wedge cavity for dark photon searches

The ADMX Collaboration





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Axion signal conversion power

• The axion signal conversion power depends on various factors

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$$P_{\text{sig}} = \omega_c \frac{U}{Q_L} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+\beta} \right) = g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \frac{\rho_a}{m_a^2} \frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \omega_c B_0^2 V C Q_L$$

*Assumes $Q_a \gg Q_L$

U: Total energy of a specific mode $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$: Axion to photon coupling (value varies depending on model) ρ_a : Axion density in galaxy halos m_a : Axion mass β : Cavity coupling parameter (Q_0/Q_r)

 ω_c : Cavity resonant frequency

B₀: Average external magnetic field *V*: Cavity volume

*Uses natural units and assumes cavity is resonant to axion frequency

C: Form factor, depends on internal electric field of mode and external magnetic field

$$C = \frac{\left| \int_{V} d^{3}x \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \right|^{2}}{B_{0}^{2}V \int_{V} d^{3}x \varepsilon_{r} \left| \vec{E} \right|^{2}}$$

 Q_L : Loaded quality factor, including losses of cavity (Q_0) and receiver (Q_r)

$$\frac{1}{Q_L} = \frac{1}{Q_0} + \frac{1}{Q_r}$$

For an empty cylindrical cavity inside an external B-field in the *z*-direction, the **TM**₀₁₀ **mode** has the highest form factor at 0.69

