# Direct detection of Axion dark matter with MADMAX

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## Strong CP Problem

- CP violation in strong sector
  - QCD Lagrangian has a CP violating term that is controlled by  $\theta$  parameter (  $-\pi < \theta < \pi$ )
  - This term leads to a neutron electric dipole moment

 $d_n = (2.4 \pm 1.0) \,\theta \, \times 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{e\,fm}$ 

- Current experiments give upper bound of  $|d_n| < 1.8 \times 10^{-13} \, {\rm e\,fm}$  leading to  $|\theta| < 0.8 \times 10^{-10}$
- Strong CP problem = fine tuning problem: Why is a free parameter  $\theta$  so small?
- Solution: Peccei Quinn mechanism provides a dynamic reason for the small value of θ by introducing a new U(1) symmetry that is spontaneously broken at a high energy scale f<sub>a</sub>; generating a newlight neutral pseudo scalar boson that is called 'Axion'



#### **Axion properties**

- All properties of axions controlled by just one parameter: f<sub>a</sub>
  - Models with  $f_a \sim f_{EW}$  excluded a long time ago, new models (KSVZ and DFSZ) have  $f_a$  (O(10<sup>10</sup>) GeV) >>  $f_{EW}$
  - Tiny mass  $[\mathbf{m}_{a} \approx m_{p} f_{p} / \mathbf{f}_{a} \ll eV]$ ,
  - Very weakly interacting [suppressed by f<sub>a</sub>]
  - $\tau_{axion} > t_{Universe}$
- Axion like particles (ALPS) =  $m_a \times f_a$  not constant

QCD Axion = DM candidate motivated by particle physics since 40 years

#### How to see the axion ?

- Convert it to a photon in magnetic field (inverse primakoff effect)
  - Several experimental constraints



Axion search very rich in experimental challenges

#### Axion/ALP direct searches



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Plot from https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits

#### Axion mass range

#### MADMAX goals:

- Probe the QCD axion mass: 40-180 μeV
- Tunable in frequency coverage: 10-45 GHz
- Traditional cavity experiments have many limitations to operate above 40 µeV, therefore new technologies are required to probe this range



#### Dielectric haloscope: principles

In an external magnetic field  $B_e$  the axion field a(t) sources an oscillating electric field  $E_a$ 

 $E_a \cdot \epsilon \sim 10^{-12} \text{ V/}_{\text{m}}$  for  $B_e = 10 \text{ T}$ 

 $E_a$  is different in materials with different  $\varepsilon$ 

At the surface,  $E_{\parallel}$  must be continuous  $\rightarrow$  Emission of electromagnetic waves



#### Dielectric haloscope: principles

• **Constructive interference** (and resonance) of coherent photon emission at dielectric layers surface (leaky resonators cavities)



• Axion mass scan : by positioning discs with μm precision at 4K under 10 T (50 MHz step)

#### The MADMAX collaboration

• Formed in 2017. 10 institutes: French (2), German (6), Spanish (1) and US (1)  $\rightarrow$  ~50 people



#### MADMAX prototypes

- Validate the new concept of dielectric haloscope using several prototypes
  - Construct the prototypes using sapphire ( $\epsilon$  = 9.36) dielectric disks
  - Test the prototypes at CERN using 1.6 T Morpurgo dipole magnet during beam shutdown period
- Prototypes to probe the region::  $m_a \sim 80 \mu eV$ , f  $\sim 20 GHz$



CB100



P200



OB300 (upcoming)

Name	Setup	Goal	Available
CB100	3 fixed disks, $\phi$ = 100mm	RF studies + First physics	2021
P200	1 moveable disk, $\phi$ = 200 mm	Piezo-motor + mechanics	2021
OB300	3 moveable disks, $\phi$ = 300 mm	Scan ALPs	2024

#### I participated to CB100 data taking, P200 data analysis and OB300 simulations

#### CB100: First ALP search

• Goal: To understand the RF response of the system and perform an ALP search



CB100 booster prototype





Magnetic field availability was very stable - 95% during 21 days of data taking in 2023 (10 hours in 2022)

#### CB100: Stable Data monitoring 2023



### CB100: Understanding the booster RF behaviour

- Simulate the LNA response (ADS) to reproduce the noise temperature data
- Simulate booster+taper system (COMSOL) and calibrate boost factor shape including systematics β<sup>2</sup> = O(1000) at ~19 GHz



Paper in preparation (to be completed end of the year)

#### P200: Disk positioning system

- Precise control of 200 mm diameter sapphire disk position with three piezo motors
  - Position error  $\Delta d$  = target position (controller) measured position (interferometer)



#### P200: Test results

- Motors tested in 2022 at room temperature (DESY), at cryogenic temperatures (CERN), and in magnetic field (CERN MORPURGO)
  - Motors/mechanics work at cold temperature (5K) and high magnetic field (1.6 T)
  - The accuracy of piezo motor positioning better than 10  $\mu$ m



Paper in preparation

#### OB300 booster



Goals of the study:

- 1) Measure the disk planarity,
- 2) Perform simulations of disk position and ordering to optimize boost factor,
- 3) Predict electric field and compare it with measurements.

#### OB300: Disk planarity measurements at CPPM



Planarity of 4 sapphire disks of 1 mm thickness measured with O(1)  $\mu$ m precision



- ~ 500 points of measurement
- 52 μm RMS
- Bowl shape coming from the manufacturing process

300 mm

sapphire

disk

#### **OB300: 3D Simulations**



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- Simulation based on the theoretical paper: arXiv:1906.02677
  - Calculate  $\beta^2$  by recursive Fourier propagation of EM fields
  - Use an optimizer to maximize the boost factor by varying the distances
  - First result obtained using ideal flat disks to serve as a benchmark
  - $\beta^2$  is similar to CB100, but P  $\propto\beta^{2*}A$

Power boost factor: 
$$\beta^2 = \frac{P_{\text{total}}}{P_{\text{mirror}}}$$



#### **OB300: Boost factor optimization**

- Among 192 configurations, some orientation and ordering are preferred
  - Best  $\beta^2$  is 1000 compared to 2000 for flat disks



#### Conclusion

- Axions can solve the strong CP problem and the dark matter problem
- MADMAX dielectric haloscope to probe the axion mass range around 100 μeV that is favoured by post-inflationary scenarios
- MADMAX currently in the prototyping phase to validate the dielectric haloscope concept
  - CB100 two data taking completed in March 2022 and March 2023 at CERN (paper in preparation)
  - P200 disk positioning system shown to work at 5K temperature and 1.6 T magnetic field
  - OB300 final prototype to be assembled in the coming weeks
- I participated to CB100 data taking, P200 data analysis and OB300 simulations

## Future plan

	Name setup		Goals		
	P200	1 moveable disk $\phi$ = 200 mm	Analysis ongoing, a	a paper in making	
	$\begin{array}{c} \text{CB100} & 3 \text{ fixed disks} \\ \phi = 100 \text{mm} \end{array}$		Experimental run at cold and in magnetic field at CERN 2024		
	CB200	4 fixed disks $\phi$ = 200 mm	Experimental run in mag	netic field at CERN 2024	
	OB300	3 moveable disks $\phi$ = 300 mm	Assembly and Calibration Dec 2023, experimental run at cold in 2025/2026		
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P C	roto boosters B 100, P200	We are here!!! <sup>4</sup> m	ide proto cryostat agnet (CERN)	Am	Final MADMAX booster inside 10 T magnet

## Thank you

## Magnet

- European Innovation partners: CEA Saclay and Bilfinger Noell
- FoM: B<sup>2</sup>A = **100 T<sup>2</sup>m<sup>2</sup>**





X [m]

480 MJ!

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## PQ mechanism

New field:  $\Phi = R(t, \mathbf{x}) \exp[i\theta(t, \mathbf{x})]$ 

The potential favors  $\theta$  = 0, thus solving the strong CP problem

Original PQ mechanism already disproved, two modified PQ mechanisms (KSVZ and DFSZ) are the object of interest for current experiments



Arxiv: 2308.16003

## Neutron Electric dipole moment (nEDM)



#### $H = -\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{E}$

 $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{d}\mathbf{\sigma}$  is the electric dipole moment, E is electric field d is odd under CP, while E is even

The combined term leads to CP violation

## Sources of axions



#### **Axion scales**



#### Disk interpolated measurements





#### All the disk faces similar to each other

#### Disk interpolated measurements





#### Déformation 3D grossit x500



Disk 4 face A shape visualized by multiplying the surface height by 500



Disk 1 faces has less deviations in the surface measurement (lower rms values) than disk 2

#### P200 tests

![](_page_32_Picture_1.jpeg)

P200 in cryostat

## OB calibration (1/2)

Boost factor determined using Bead Pull Method (non-resonant perturbation theory) + Lorentz reciprocity theorem J. Egge, JCAP 04 (2023) 064

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## OB calibration (2/2)

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**Measure boost factor (+ systematics)** 

[paper in preparation]