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Axion Magnetic Resonance:

A Novel Enhancement in Axion-Photon Conversion

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The SM of elementary particle physics is incredibly successful, but...

- Why is time reversal preserved in QCD?
- How to UV complete gravity? ($[G_N] = M^{-2}$)
- What is the nature of dark matter?

Axions are

- originally motivated by the strong CP problem;
- natural light states that appear in many UV models;
- interesting non-thermal DM candidates.





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How to lift the $P_{a\gamma} \propto m_a^{-4}$ suppression?



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- Axion magnetic resonance is poised to deepen the experimental reach (*e.g.* ALPS-II) that has great potential to ...
 - enhance the axion-photon conversion;
 - pinpoint parameter space should any anomaly arises;
 - scan parameter space that has never been tested on the ground!

Thank you!

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https://github.com/ChenSun-Phys/cosmo_axions
 https://github.com/ChenSun-Phys/high_z_candles
 https://github.com/ChenSun-phys/snr_ghosts
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A Simple Derivation of the Resonance

The Good'ol Oscillation



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$$i\partial_{z} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{1} \\ \psi_{2} \\ \psi_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{1}^{2}/2\omega & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{2}^{2}/2\omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{3}^{2}/2\omega \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{1} \\ \psi_{2} \\ \psi_{3} \end{bmatrix}$$





$$\begin{bmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\frac{m_a^2}{2\omega}z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(0) \\ \psi_2(0) \\ \psi_3(0) \end{bmatrix}$$







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What if B(z) is not perfectly helical?

$\dot{\theta} = \dot{\theta}(z)$ is not constant



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Repeat same exercise for different m_a



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- sub-percent error in field irregularity easily achieved: $\int |\mathbf{B}| dz \approx 10 \text{ T} \cdot \text{m}$ $\left[(\int B_x(z) dz)^2 + (\int B_y(z) dz)^2 \right]^{1/2} < 0.05 \text{ T} \cdot \text{m}$

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- Particularly helpful if we want to examine a particular region hinted by astrophysical anomalies
- How do we reach resonance at lower frequencies to scan smaller m_a ?


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