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Dark Matter Substructure and Axion Astronomy

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Axions as the Dark Matter

• QCD axion introduced as a solution to the strong CP problem

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} \supset \left(\bar{\theta} - \frac{a}{f_a}\right) \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \text{Tr}G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$$

- Axion-like particles motivated by UV theories
- Viable DM candidate, rich phenomenology
- Generic photon coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm EM} \supset g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

ABRACADABRA

A Broadband/Resonant Approach to Cosmic Axion Detection with an Amplifying B-field Ring Apparatus

• Ampere's law modified by axions

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} - g_{a\gamma\gamma} \left(\mathbf{E} \times \nabla a - \mathbf{B} \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} \right)$$

- Time-varying axions induces magnetic flux
- Broadband and Resonant readout modes
- Protoype built data and analysis soon



Axion Signal at Direct Detectors

• Experiments measure axion field up to some scaling

$$\Phi(t) = \sqrt{A} \sum_{i}^{N_a} \cos\left[m_a \left(1 + \frac{v_i^2}{2}\right)t + \phi_i\right]$$

- Calculable power spectral density
 - exponential distribution at each frequency

$$\langle S_{\Phi\Phi}(f) \rangle = A \frac{\pi f(v)}{m_a v} + S_{\Phi0}$$



Likelihood Analysis Framework

• Compute the likelihood of observed data assuming model and parameters

$$p(S_{\Phi\Phi}|M,\theta) = \prod_{k} \frac{1}{\lambda_k(\theta)} e^{-S_{\Phi\Phi}(k)/\lambda_k(\theta)}$$
$$\lambda_k(\theta) = \langle S_{\Phi\Phi}(f|M,\theta) \rangle$$

• Test Statistic (TS) as a goodness-of-fit test

$$TS = 2\log \frac{p(S_{\Phi\Phi}|M_{\text{signal}},\hat{\theta})}{p(S_{\Phi\Phi}|M_{\text{null}},\hat{\hat{\theta}})}$$



Signal Analysis Example



Annual Modulation

- Lab velocity varies over the year
 - ± 30 km/s
- Gravitational focusing by sun
- Apparent time-dependent speed distribution



DM Substructure

- Local substructure contributes to local speed distribution
- Small dispersion
- Significant annual modulation



Time-Dependent Data Analysis



Signal Analysis Example



Signal Analysis Example

SHM Signal Verification



Stream Reconstruction



Current Status

- Working, well-tested analysis framework
- ABRACADABRA results soon
- How can we help you?

Backup Slides

Substructure-Enhanced Sensitivity

