Hunting Axions Using Astrophysical Observation and Quantum Metrology

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Motivation and Introduction to Axion

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Axion Haloscope Array With \mathcal{PT} Symmetry

Motivation and Introduction to Axion

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Axion/Axion-like Particle

► Hypothetical pseudoscalar initially motivated by strong CP problem: Neutron electric dipole |∂|10⁻¹⁶ e.cm is smaller than 10⁻²⁶ e.cm.

 $\bar{\theta} = \theta_{\rm QCD} + \arg \, \det M_u M_d,$ Fine tuning!



Solution: introducing an dynamical field with effective potential

$$V\sim -m_{\Phi}^2 f_{\Phi}^2 \cos(ar{ heta}+rac{\Phi}{f_{\Phi}})$$

► Extra dimension predicts a wide range of axion mass. Dimensional reduction from higher form fields: e.g. $A^{M}(5D) \rightarrow A^{\mu}(4D) + \Phi(4D)$.

Cold dark matter candidate behaving like coherent wave:

$$\Phi(x^{\mu})\simeq \Phi_0(\mathbf{x})\cos\omega t; \qquad \Phi_0\simeq rac{\sqrt{
ho}}{m_{\Phi}}; \qquad \omega\simeq m_{\Phi}.$$

Amplifications of the signals:

Tabletop experiments on earth: $\rho_{\rm DM} \sim 0.4 \ {\rm GeV/cm^3}$; Astrophysical: larger ρ , e.g., GC or near Kerr black hole.

Hunting Axions with Event Horizon Telescope

Polarimetric Measurements

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Superradiance and Gravitational Atom

- Rotational and dissipational medium can amplify the wave around. [Zeldovichi 72']
- Superradiance: the wave-function is exponentially amplified from extracting BH rotation energy when λ_c ≃ r_g. [Penrose, Starobinsky, Damour et al]
- Gravitational bound state between BH and axion cloud:

$$\Phi(x^{\mu}) = e^{-i\omega t} e^{im\phi} S_{lm}(\theta) R_{lm}(r).$$

- Most efficient for (I, m) = (1, 1) state where $S_{11} \simeq Y_{11} \propto \sin \theta$.
- Self interaction saturating phase: Φ_{max} ≃ f_Φ. [Yoshino, Kodama 12', Baryakht et al 20']



Axion QED: Birefringence

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\Phi\gamma}\Phi F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}\partial^{\mu}\Phi\partial_{\mu}\Phi - V(\Phi),$$

Equation of motion for photon under axion background:

$$[\partial_t^2 - \nabla^2] A_{L,R} = \mp 2g_{\Phi\gamma} n^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \Phi k A_{L,R}.$$

Birefringent effect with different dispersion relations:

$$\omega_{L,R} \sim k \mp g_{\Phi\gamma} n^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \Phi.$$

The electric vector position angle of linear polarization is shifted by

$$\begin{array}{lll} \Delta\chi & = & g_{\Phi\gamma} \int_{\rm emit}^{\rm obs} n^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \Phi \ dl \\ & = & g_{\Phi\gamma} [\Phi(t_{\rm obs}, {\bf x}_{\rm obs}) - \Phi(t_{\rm emit}, {\bf x}_{\rm emit})], \end{array}$$

► This only depends on the initial and final background axion field values. $\Phi(t_{\text{emit}}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{emit}}) \sim f_{\Phi}$ from superradiant cloud.

Radiative Transfer with Axion Cloud (IPOLE simulation)

Radiative transfer in terms of linearly polarized Stokes parameters:

$$\frac{d(Q+i \ U)}{ds} = j_Q + i \ j_U + i \left(\rho_V^{\rm FR} - 2g_{\Phi\gamma}\frac{d\Phi}{ds}\right)(Q+i \ U).$$

Observable on the sky plane: EVPA $\chi \equiv \arg(Q + i \ U)/2$.

An almost face-on disk (17° for M87*):

$$\Phi \propto \cos \left[\omega t - \phi\right] \sin \theta \rightarrow \Delta \langle \chi(\varphi) \rangle \propto \mathcal{A}(\varphi) \cos \left[\omega t + \varphi + \delta(\varphi)\right].$$
Propagating wave along φ due to $l = 1, m = 1$:

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Axion Birefringence Around RIAF (IPOLE simulation)

$$\Delta \langle \chi(\varphi) \rangle = -\mathcal{A}(\varphi) \cos [\omega t + \varphi + \delta(\varphi)].$$

Benchmark: sub-Keplerian RIAF with vertical B.

Axion mass: $\alpha \equiv G_N M_{BH} m_{\Phi} \in [0.10, 0.44]$ with period [5, 20] days.



- Phase delay is well fit by $\delta(\varphi) \approx -5 \alpha \sin 17^{\circ} \cos \varphi$.
- The dominant washout/asymmetry of A(φ) = O(1)g_{Φγ}f_Φ comes from the lensed photon due to the incoherent phase!
- ► For smaller m_{Φ} , washout is negligible due to longer $\lambda_c \equiv 1/m_{\Phi}$.

Stringent Constraints on Axion-Photon Coupling

• Differential EVPA in the time domain:

$$\langle \chi(\varphi, t_j) \rangle - \langle \chi(\varphi, t_i) \rangle \simeq 2 \sin [\omega t_{\rm int}/2] \Delta \langle \chi(\varphi) \rangle$$

where $t_{\text{int}} \equiv t_j - t_i = 1$ day.

Uncertainty of azimuthal bin EVPA in EHT data



 \rightarrow dimensionless axion photon coupling $c \equiv 2\pi g_{\Phi\gamma} f_{\Phi}$.



• Weaker bound at small α is due to R_{11}/R_{max} and $\sin [\omega t_{\text{int}}/2]$.

Prospect for next generation EHT

- Horizon scale SMBH landscape with ngEHT (space, L2) Broader range of axion mass: 10⁻²² eV to 10⁻¹⁷ eV.
- Universal birefringence signals for direct emission only:



 Future improvements: Correlation between ΔEVPA at radius without lensed photon and different frequency; Longer observations; Better resolution of EVPA;

Better understanding of accretion flow and jet.



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Axion Haloscope Array

With \mathcal{PT} Symmetry

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Inverse Primakoff and Haloscope [P.Sikivie 83']

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \partial_t \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} - g_{\Phi\gamma} \left(\mathbf{E} \times \nabla \Phi - \mathbf{B} \partial_t \Phi \right).$$

- Inverse Primakoff: $\mathbf{J}_{\text{eff}}(t) = g_{\mathbf{\Phi}\gamma} \mathbf{B} \partial_t \Phi$.
- ► Sikivie cavity Haloscope: $(\partial_t^2 + \gamma \partial_t + \omega^2) \mathbf{E}_c = \partial_t \mathbf{J}_{eff}(t)$.
- Static B₀ and resonant when $\omega = m_{\Phi} \sim V^{-1/3} \sim O(1)$ GHz.



e.g. ADMX, HAYSTACK

Resonant Detection for Lower m_{Φ}

• Resonant LC circuit [P.Sikivie et al 14']: $m_{\Phi} = \omega_{\rm LC} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$.





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quantum-limited readout

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Resonant SRF Cavity with AC B₀ [Berlin et al 19']

$$\partial_t \mathbf{B}_0 = i\omega_0 \mathbf{B}_0, \quad \omega_1 - \omega_0 = m_{\Phi}.$$



 $Q_{\rm int} \equiv \omega/\gamma > 10^{10}$ due to the superconducting nature. ロト・アファイアー

Quantum noise limit for resonant detection

 Standard quantum limit for power law detection: [Chaudhuri, Irwin, Graham, Mardon 18']

resonant intrinsic noise S_{int} + flat readout noise S_r .

• Sensitivity to S_{sig} and S_{int} is the same.

 $SNR^2 \propto range$ where $S_{int} \gg S_r$.

Beyond quantum limit:

Squeezing S_r, e.g., HAYSTACK.

Increasing the sensitivity to S_{sig} , e.g., white light cavity in optomechanics/GW detection [Miao, Ma, Zhao, Chen 15'].



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White Light Cavity



- **Beam-splitting**: $\hbar g(\hat{a}\hat{b}^{\dagger} + \hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{b})$.
- ▶ Non-degenerate parametric amplifier: $\hbar G(\hat{b}\hat{c} + \hat{b}^{\dagger}\hat{c}^{\dagger})$.
- $\mathcal{PT}\text{-symmetry } (\hat{a} \leftrightarrow \hat{c}^{\dagger}) \text{ emerges when } g = G.$ $(\dot{\hat{a}} + \dot{\hat{c}}^{\dagger}) = -i(g g)\hat{b} i\alpha\Phi + \cdots;$ $\dot{\hat{b}} = -\gamma_r\hat{b} ig(\hat{a} + \hat{c}^{\dagger}) + \cdots.$
- Coherent cancellation leads to **double resonance**. S_{sig} is largely enhanced when $g \gg$ intrinsic dissipation γ : $S_{sig}^{WLC}(\Omega) = \frac{2\gamma_r \alpha^2 S_{\Phi}(\Omega)}{(\gamma + \gamma_r)^2 + \Omega^2} \left(\frac{g^2}{\gamma^2 + \Omega^2}\right).$

Resonator Chain Haloscope

Generalization to chain detector:

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-invariant mode: $\hat{A}_i \equiv \hat{a}_i + \hat{c}_i^{\dagger}$
 $\dot{\hat{A}}_1 = -i\alpha\Phi + \cdots,$
 $\dot{\hat{A}}_i = -ig\hat{A}_{i-1} + \cdots,$
 $\dot{\hat{b}} = -\gamma_r\hat{b} - ig\hat{A}_n.$

n+1-times resonance!



The whole Hamiltonian is explitely *PT* broken.

► *S*_{sig} is *n*-times enhanced:

$$S_{\rm sig}^{\rm RC}(\Omega) = \frac{2\gamma_r \alpha^2 S_{\Phi}(\Omega)}{(\gamma + \gamma_r)^2 + \Omega^2} \left(\frac{g^2}{\gamma^2 + \Omega^2}\right)^n.$$

Binary Tree Haloscope



- ► Fully \mathcal{PT} -symmetric setup with $\hat{a}_{ij} \leftrightarrow \hat{c}_{ij}^{\dagger}$ brings strong robustness.
- Multi-probing sensors leads to coherent enhancement:

$$S_{\mathrm{sig}}^{\mathrm{BT}}(\Omega) = 2^{2n-2} S_{\mathrm{sig}}^{\mathrm{RC}}(\Omega).$$

Signal to Noise Ratio and Physics Reach





• g/γ can be as large as $Q_{\rm int}$.

- Large n_{occ} at low frequency for LC circuit makes the enhancement ineffective.
- ▶ High Q_{int} and constant n_{occ} for SRF with BT can cover $m_{\Phi} > kHz$ QCD axion dark matter potentially.

Hunting axion cloud with EHT polarimetry: Most dense axion field saturating Φ ≃ f_Φ.

PT-symmetric array of axion dark matter detectors: Multi-resonant systems strongly enhances the sensitivity to signals.

Astrophysical observations and quantum metrology can play huge rules in the fundamental physics!

Thank you!

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Appendix

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Axion Coupling to the Standard Model

• Axion Fermion coupling: $\partial_{\mu} \Phi \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \psi / f_{\Phi}$, non-linearization of a chiral global symmetry $\sim \partial_\mu \Phi J^\mu_5/f_{\Phi}.$ Stellar cooling, DM wind/gradient.



• Axion Gluon coupling: $\Phi \operatorname{Tr} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} / f_{\Phi}$, generated from anomaly/triangle loop diagram. Oscillating EDM.



• Axion Photon coupling: $\Phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} / f_{\Phi}$, from mixing with neutral π_0 . Photon conversion to axion, inverse Primakoff, birefringence.

Axion Field Value

$$\Phi(x^{\mu}) = e^{-i\omega t} e^{im\phi} S_{lm}(\theta) R_{lm}(r),$$



► R_{11} at the emission point of the ring can be near the maximum, e.g. : whose radius r_{max} moves farther with smaller $\alpha \equiv G_N M_{BH} m_{\Phi} \equiv r_g / \lambda_c$.



► The wave function **peaks at the equatorial plane of the black hole** since $S_{11} \simeq Y_{11} \propto \sin \theta$.

► Self interaction saturating phase where $\Phi_{\text{max}} \simeq f_{\Phi}$.

[Yoshino, Kodama 12', Baryakht et al 20']



Radiative Transfer and Birefringence



• $\Delta \chi = g_{\Phi \gamma} [\Phi_f - \Phi_i]$ only applies to point-like source in vacuum.

Extended sources, plasma and general relativity effect?

Radiative transfer in terms of linearly polarized Stokes parameters:

$$\frac{d(Q+i\ U)}{ds} = j_Q + i\ j_U + i\left(\rho_V^{\rm FR} - 2g_{\Phi\gamma}\frac{d\Phi}{ds}\right)(Q+i\ U).$$

 ρ_V^{FR} : astrophysical faraday rotation, frequency dependent. $2g_{\Phi\gamma} \frac{d\Phi}{ds}$: gradient of axion field along geodesics, achromatic.

Observable on the sky plane: EVPA $\chi \equiv \arg(Q + i U)/2$.

Since $\Phi \propto \cos \omega t$, source size $> \lambda_c \equiv 1/m_{\Phi}$ can wash out the EVPA oscillation.

EHT Polarization Data Characterization

Four days' polarization map with slight difference on sequential days:



Uncertainty of the azimuthal bin EVPA from polsolve:



ranging from $\pm 3^{\circ}$ to $\pm 15^{\circ}$ for the bins used.

Linearly polarized radiation from dense axion field:

Oscillating axion background \rightarrow **EVPA oscillates**.

Dissectiong superradiant axion cloud:

Superradince brings large density of axion cloud carrying angular momentum. $\rightarrow \Delta EVPA(\varphi)$ is like a propagating wave along φ .

Stringent Constraints from EHT polarimetric measurements:

Using differential EVPA in time domain, the uncertainty of azimuthal bin EVPA data on 4 days (2 pairs) can already constrain axion-photon coupling to previously unexplored region.

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Axion QED: Inverse Primakoff Effect

Axion-electrodynamics modifies Maxwell equations:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho - g_{\Phi\gamma} \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \Phi$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \partial_t \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} - g_{\Phi\gamma} \left(\mathbf{E} \times \nabla \Phi - \mathbf{B} \partial_t \Phi \right)$$

 Neglecting spatial derivative, background B₀ and axion dark matter Φ leads to effective current

$$J_{\mathrm{eff}}(t) \sim g_{\Phi\gamma} B_0(t) \sqrt{
ho_{\mathrm{DM}}} \cos m_{\Phi} t.$$

 Inverse Primakoff effect: the conversion of axion to an oscillating EM field under background B₀.

$$\Phi \xrightarrow{} \gamma \qquad \gamma \qquad \gamma \qquad \varphi \xrightarrow{} virtual \gamma \qquad B_0$$

Astrophysical Birefringence from Soliton Core

$$\Delta \Theta_{\gamma} = g_{a\gamma}[a(t_{\rm obs}, \mathbf{x}_{\rm obs}) - a(t_{\rm emit}, \mathbf{x}_{\rm emit})],$$

Large initial axion field values in galaxy center: soliton core. Fuzzy dark matter [Hu et al 00'], with de Broglie wavelength ~ kpc scale suppressing small scale structures and a soliton core formed inside GC.



Balance between quantum pressure and gravitational self interaction.

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Birefringence from Soliton Core Axion

Ultralight axion dark matter forms soliton core in the galaxy center.

$$\Delta \chi = g_{\Phi \gamma} [\Phi(t_{\mathrm{obs}}, \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{obs}}) - \Phi(t_{\mathrm{emit}}, \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{emit}})],$$



- Linearly polarized photon from pulsar. [Liu, Smoot, Zhao, 19']
- Polarized radiation from Sgr A*. [Yuan, Xia, YC, Yuan et al 20']

Search Strategies

A region with:

- Large axion density Outside black hole?
- Source for linearly polarized photon Stable initial position angle.

Search for:

- Position angle oscillates with time; Axion is an oscillating background field.
- Oscillation amplitude change as a function of spatial distribution. Extended light source.

Scenarios: EHT-SMBH

Later we will see to a **radiation ring** instead of a point source is necessary for polarimetric probing of axion.

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Event Horizon Telescope: an Earth-sized Telescope

- For single telescope with diameter D, the angular resolution for photon of wavelength λ is around ^λ/_D;
- VLBI: for multiple radio telescopes, the effective D becomes the maximum separation between the telescopes.







on the moon from the Earth. $\langle \Box \rangle \langle \Box \rangle \langle \Box \rangle$

As good as being able to see

Supermassive Black Hole (SMBH) M87*



To see the shadow and the ring, an excellent spatial resolution is necessary.

- One of the most massive black hole ever known: $6.5 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$;
- Nearly extreme Kerr black hole: $a_J > 0.8$;
- Almost face-on disk with a 17° inclination angle;
- Rich astrophysical information under extremal condition;
- What else can we learn?

Axion cloud can't keep growing exponentially. What's the fate of it?

- Self interaction of axion becomes important for f_a < 10¹⁶ GeV. [Yoshino, Kodama 12', Baryakht et al 20']
- ▶ Black hole **spins down** until the superradiance condition is violated for $f_a > 10^{16}$ GeV. [Arvanitakia, Dubovsky 10']
- Formation of a binary system leads to the decay/transition of the bound state. [Chia et al 18']
- Electromagnetic blast for strong (large field value) axion-photon coupling. [Boskovic et al 18']

Weakly Saturating Axion Cloud

When the field value is large enough, one should take into account the non-perturbative axion potential:

$$V = \mu^2 f^2 \left(1 - \cos \frac{a}{f} \right) = \frac{\mu^2 a^2}{2} - \frac{\mu^2 a^4}{24f^2} + \dots;$$

• A quasi periodic phase where superradiance and non-linear interaction induced emission balance each other with $\Phi_{peak} = a_0/f \sim 1$.



[Yoshino, Kodama 12' 15', Baryakht et al 20']

Black Hole Spin Measurements [Arvanitakia et al 10' 14']



• Comparing the timescale between the superradiance and BH accretion, a BH with large spin can typically exclude axion with $f_a > 10^{16}$ GeV.



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Gravitational Collider [Chia et al 18']



- Resonant transition from one bound state to another happens when orbital frequency Ω matches the energy gap.
- Due to the GW emission of the binary system, Ω(t) slowly increases and scan the spectrum.
- Orbits could float or shrink dependent on the transition.

Average effect due to the limited resolution and angular dependent phase:

$$\int_0^{\Delta\phi} \cos(\mu t + m\phi) d\phi = rac{\sin(m\Delta\phi/2)}{m\Delta\phi/2} \cos(\mu t + m\Delta\phi/2).$$

- ▶ In the past, we only saw a point instead of a ring, $\Delta \phi = 2\pi$, no birefringent effect.
- ► A subset of the EHT configuration previously measured the position angle at precision of ~ 3°. It's reasonable to expect better precision.

Misalignment Production of QCD Axion

- For QCD axion, m_Φ f_Φ ~ Λ²_{QCD} predicts a thin line in the parameter space.
- Cosmological parameter: initial misalignment angle $\theta_i \equiv \Phi_i / f_{\Phi}$.



- Assuming $\theta_i \sim 1$ leads to the most natural region of QCD axion dark matter $m_{\Phi} \sim 10^{-6} \text{eV} \sim \text{GHz}$.
- Different cosmological evolutions can still provide a viable dark matter candidate in other region, e.g., PQ symmetry broken before inflation.

Property of Axion Dark Matter

Galaxy formation: virialization gave $\sim 10^{-3}c$ velocity fluctuation, thus kinetic energy $\sim 10^{-6}m_{\Phi}c^2$ currently. Effectively coherent wave:

$$\Phi(ec{x},t) = rac{\sqrt{2
ho_{\Phi}}}{m_{\Phi}} \cos\left(\omega_{\Phi}t - ec{k}_{\Phi}\cdotec{x} + \delta_0
ight).$$

• Bandwidth:
$$\delta \omega_{\Phi} \simeq m_{\Phi} \left\langle v_{\mathrm{DM}}^2 \right\rangle \simeq 10^{-6} m_{\Phi}$$
, $Q_{\Phi} \simeq 10^6$.

- Correlation time: τ_Φ ≃ ms 10⁻⁶eV/m_Φ.
 Power law detection is used to make integration time longer than τ_Φ.
- ► Correlation length: $\lambda_d \simeq 200 \text{ m} \frac{10^{-6} \text{eV}}{m_{\Phi}} \gg \lambda_c = 1/m_{\Phi}$. Sensor array can be used within λ_d .

Higher Frequency Electromagnetic Resonant Detection

Difficult to detect $m_{\Phi} \gg \text{GHz}$ axion dark matter due to short λ_c .



- I Dielectric Haloscope: discontinuity of E-field leads to coherent emission of photons from each surface, up to 50 GHz. [A.Caldwell et al 17']
- ► II Plasma Haloscope: using tunable cryogenic plasma to match axion mass, up to 100 GHz. [M.Lawson et al 19']
- III Topological Insulator: quasiparticle in it mixing with E field becomes polariton whose frequency can be tuned by magnetic field, up to THz. [D.J.E.Marsh et al 19']

Quantization of Cavity/Circuit Mode

In Coulomb gauge, vector potential can be quantized

$$ec{\mathcal{A}_k}(ec{r},t) = \sum_k \left(rac{1}{2\omega_k}
ight)^{1/2} \hat{a}_k u_k(ec{r}) e^{-i\omega_k t} + h.c..$$

where $u_k(\vec{r})$ form a complete orthonormal set for a given boundary condition and $[\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_{k'}] = \delta_{kk'}$.

► The Hamiltonian for each mode reduces to harmonic oscillator $H_{\text{cavity}} = \frac{1}{2} \int \left(\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2\right) d^3 \vec{x} = \sum_k \omega_k \left(\hat{a}_k^{\dagger} \hat{a}_k + \frac{1}{2}\right).$

In the interaction picture, the coupling to axion is

$$H_{\mathrm{int}} = \int g_{\Phi\gamma} \Phi \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}_0 d^3 \vec{x} = lpha \Phi (\hat{a} + \hat{a}^{\dagger}), \quad lpha \simeq g_{\Phi\gamma} B_0 \sqrt{m_{\Phi} V}.$$

Circuit mode can be quantized in the same way

$$H_{\rm LC} = \frac{\hat{Q}^2}{2C} + \frac{\hat{\phi}^2}{2L} = \omega_{\rm LC} \left(\hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

A quantum-mechanical system interacting with the environment:

System mode \hat{a} couples to infinite degrees of freedom \hat{w}_{ω} :

$$i\hbar\sqrt{2\gamma_r}\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty}rac{d\omega}{2\pi}[\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{w}_{\omega}-\hat{a}\hat{w}_{\omega}^{\dagger}]+\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty}rac{d\omega}{2\pi}\hbar\omega\hat{w}_{\omega}^{\dagger}\hat{w}_{\omega}.$$

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Fourier transformation: 0-dim localized mode â couples to an 1-dim bulk w_ξ (transmission line):

$$i\hbar\sqrt{2\gamma_r}\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{w}_{\xi=0}+\mathrm{h.c.}+i\hbar\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty}d\xi\hat{w}_{\xi}^{\dagger}\partial_{\xi}\hat{w}_{\xi}.$$

• Equations of motion for \hat{a} and outgoing mode \hat{w}_{0_+} :

$$\dot{\hat{a}} = -\gamma_r \hat{a} + \sqrt{2\gamma_r} \hat{w}_{0_-}; \qquad \hat{w}_{0_+} = \hat{w}_{0_-} - \sqrt{2\gamma_r} \hat{a}$$

Single Mode Resonator as Quantum Sensor

- For a resonator \hat{a} probing weak signal Φ : $\alpha \left(\hat{a} + \hat{a}^{\dagger} \right) \Phi$
- Readout for outgoing mode $\hat{v}_r \equiv \hat{w}_{0_+}$:

$$\hat{v}_r = \frac{\Omega - i\gamma_r}{\Omega + i\gamma_r}\hat{u}_r + \frac{\sqrt{2\gamma_r}\alpha}{\Omega + i\gamma_r}\Phi.$$
 γ_r

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- Vacuum fluctuation in incoming mode û_r ≡ ŵ₀, with white noise power spectral density S_r = 1.
- Resonant signal spectrum $S_{sig} = \frac{2\gamma_r \alpha^2}{\gamma_r^2 + \Omega^2} S_{\Phi}(\Omega).$

Scan rate:
$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{2\gamma_r \alpha^2}{\gamma_r^2 + \Omega^2} d\Omega = \frac{\alpha^2}{2\pi}$$

Trade-off between peak sensitivity and bandwidth by tuning γ_r.

Intrinsic loss and fluctuation

However, intrinsic loss proportional to γ exists, characterized by the quality factor Q_{int} ≡ ω/γ.



• According to the **fluctuation-dissipation theorem**, there is intrinsic noise $S_{int}(\Omega) = \frac{4\gamma\gamma_r}{(\gamma+\gamma_r)^2+\Omega^2}S_{u_a}$ whose PSD contains both vacuum and thermal fluctuations:

$$S_{u_a} = n_{\text{occ}} \equiv \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\exp(\omega/T) - 1}\right) \simeq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & T \ll \omega; \\ \frac{T}{\omega} & T \gg \omega. \end{cases}$$

Standard quantum limit for power law detection: resonant S_{int}+ flat S_r. [Chaudhuri et al 18']

Beam splitting coupling



Use an additional capacitor to couple two LC circuits:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}C_1\dot{\phi}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}C_2\dot{\phi}_2^2 + \frac{1}{2L_1}\phi_1^2 + \frac{1}{2L_2}\phi_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}C_0(\dot{\phi}_1 - \dot{\phi}_2)^2.$$

Conjugate momentum to \u03c6_i involves mixing. Interaction potential:

$$eta\hbar\sqrt{\omega_1\omega_2}(\hat{a}_1-\hat{a}_1^\dagger)(\hat{a}_2-\hat{a}_2^\dagger)\sim \hat{a}_1\hat{a}_2^\dagger+h.c.,$$

Non-Degenerate Parametric amplifier coupling



Use a DC voltage and a Josephson junction to couple two LC circuits:

$$V = -\frac{\hbar I_J}{2e_0} \cos(\omega_0 t + \frac{2e_0}{\hbar}(\phi_2 + \phi_3))$$

= $-\frac{\hbar I_J}{2e_0} \cos(\omega_0 t + \kappa_2(a_2 + a_2^{\dagger}) + \kappa_3(a_3 + a_3^{\dagger}))$
 $\sim \frac{\hbar I_J}{4e_0} \kappa_2 \kappa_3 [a_2 a_3 + a_2^{\dagger} a_3^{\dagger}],$

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An additional U(1) vector can have kinetic mixing with electromagnetic photon field through

 $\varepsilon F_{\mu\nu}F^{\prime\mu\nu}.$

- It appears generally in theory with extra-dimension with a broad mass window predicted.
- Cold dark matter candidate behaving like coherent wave:

From Axion QED to Kinetic Mixing Dark Photon

$$abla imes \mathbf{B} = \partial_t \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} - g_{\mathbf{\Phi}\gamma} \left(\mathbf{E} imes
abla \mathbf{\Phi} - \mathbf{B} \partial_t \mathbf{\Phi}
ight)$$

Axion dark matter leads to an effective current under background B₀ with |J_{eff}(t)| ~ g_{Φγ}B₀(t)√ρ_{DM} cos m_Φt.

$$-\frac{1}{4}\left(\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}+\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^{\prime}\tilde{F}^{\prime\mu\nu}\right)+\frac{1}{2}m_{\gamma^{\prime}}^{2}\tilde{A}_{\mu}^{\prime}\tilde{A}^{\prime\mu}-eJ_{\mathrm{EM}}^{\mu}\tilde{A}_{\mu}+\varepsilon m_{\gamma^{\prime}}^{2}\tilde{A}_{\mu}\tilde{A}^{\prime\mu}.$$

• Similarly, in the interaction basis, the background dark photon behaves as an effective electromagnetic current with $J^{\mu}_{\text{eff}} = \varepsilon m^2_{\gamma'} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{\prime\mu}$.

Effective current induced magnetic field

- In a space screened by electromagnetic shielding, the effective current can induce a transverse magnetic field
- ► For axion:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{B}_a &\approx & |\vec{J}_a^{\mathrm{eff}}| \ V^{1/3}, \\ &\approx & 10^{-17} \mathrm{T} \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-11} \ \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}} \right) \left(\frac{\mathcal{B}_0}{1 \ \mathrm{T}} \right) \left(\frac{V^{1/3}}{1 \ \mathrm{m}} \right) \end{array}$$

For kinetic mixing dark photon (with a factor of 1/3 due to the isotropic wave-funtion):

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{B}_{dp} &\approx & |\vec{J}_{dp}^{\mathrm{eff}}| \ V^{1/3}, \\ &\approx & 10^{-16} \mathrm{T} \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{10^{-6}} \right) \left(\frac{m_{dp}}{10 \mathrm{Hz}} \right) \left(\frac{V^{1/3}}{1 \mathrm{ m}} \right) \end{array}$$

► V is the volume of the EM shielding room. Magnetic field signal is the strongest at the corner of the room.