SRF Cavity Search for Dark Photon



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Outline

Motivation of ultra-light dark matter search using Superconducting Radio Frequency (SRF) Cavity SRF Cavity Project for DPDM search SRF Cavity Project for cosmic DP Experimental group SRF with quantum quits Arrays to eliminate all the background noises Summary and Outlook

Motivation of ultralight dark matter

Various DM candidate



There's a broad spectrum of possible particles with varied masses and interaction strengths, making experimental searches challenging.

The ultra-light DM

QM: All matter exhibits both particle and wave properties.



Wavelengths at macroscopic scales, manifesting as a wavelike background field



(m~10⁻²² eV)

The de Broglie wavelength: galactic scales(kpc)

Astronomical observation (time, position, velocity, polarization, etc) Distinct from traditional dark matter detection (particle scattering)

enormous potential for development in this field

similar as the GWs detection



 $m_a \sim \mathrm{GHz} \sim 10^{-6} \mathrm{eV}$



Current DPDM search

Haloscope sensitivity largely depends on Q: Superconducting cavity has Q~10^{10}

to detect

how to make use it? 5 orders more than traditional cavity.

Axion limit webpage: https://github.com/cajohare/AxionLimits/blob/master/docs/dp.md

Result from Fermilab

R. Cervantes et al. (SQMS), Phys. Rev. D 110, 043022 (2024)

DPDM search Haloscope detail Frequency [GHz] 10^{0} 10^{-1} 10^{1} 10^{-9} 10^{-10} SHUKE Cosmology Kinetic mixing 10-11 10 10 DOSUE igaBREAD BRASS WISPDMX CAPP-2 APP CAPI AYSTA FAST SUPAX ADMX-Sideca **DRPHEU** SQMS + Beijing SR OFAR SQuAD **HAYSTAC** (Sun) Dark E-field ADMX-1 ADMX-2^{ADMX-3} 10^{-15} $ho_{\mathrm{DM}}=0.45~\mathrm{GeV}~\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$ 10^{-16} -5 10^{-6} 10^{-4} 10 Dark photon mase -1 MHz -0.5 MHz 0 -9 **CMB** distortion -11⁻ FAST ω ⁰¹ δο First tunable results with SQMS deepest exclusion limit -15 SRF scanning SHANHE Collaboration, Zhenxing Tang,... Jing -17 -6 -5 -1 0 -3 -2 Shu, Phys.Rev.Lett. 133 (2024) 2, 021005 $m_{A'} - 2\pi f_0^{max} [neV]$

Spectrum of Ultra-light Dark Matter

The Virial Theorem: the velocity of dark matter near Earth is approximately 10^-3 boosted by gravity.

$$a(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\rho_{\rm DM}}}{m_a} \cos(m_a t + \phi)$$

Frequency:
$$\omega_a \simeq \text{GHz} \; \frac{m_a}{10^{-6} \; \text{eV}}$$

Coherence:
$$\tau_a \simeq ms \; \frac{10^{-6} \; eV}{m_a}$$

Max Exp. Size:
$$\lambda_a \simeq 200 \text{ m} \frac{10^{-6} \text{ eV}}{m_a}$$

Axion DM as an example, same for other kinds (DPDM, etc)

$$\tau_a \sim 1/m_a \langle v_{\rm DM}^2 \rangle \sim Q_a/m_a \sim 10^6/m_a$$

Bandwidth of axion DM is 10⁻⁶

Detector bandwidth < 10⁻⁶ accelerate the scan rate

$$\lambda_a \sim 1/m_a \sqrt{\langle v_{\rm DM}^2 \rangle} \sim 10^3/m_a$$

Momentum width 10⁻³

SRF Cavity Project for DPDM

SRF Cavity

Significant $Q_0 > 10^{10}$ compared to copper cavity with $Q_0 \le 10^6$.

Superconducting Radio-Frequency (SRF) Cavities: extremely high $Q_0 \approx 10^{10} \rightarrow$ improve SNR $\propto Q_0^{1/4}$

I-cell elliptical niobium cavity with mechanical tuner, immersed in liquid helium at $T \sim 2 \text{ K}$

TM₀₁₀ mode: z-aligned \overrightarrow{E} , maximizes the overlap for dark photon dark matter (DPDM)

$$\epsilon \approx 10^{-16} \left(\frac{10^{10}}{Q_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{4 \text{ L}}{V}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{0.5}{C}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{100 \text{ s}}{t_{\text{int}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1.3 \text{ GHz}}{f_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{T_{\text{amp}}}{3 \text{ K}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

SHANHE Collaboration, Zhenxing Tang,... Jing Shu, Phys.Rev.Lett. 133 (2024) 2, 021005

Experimental operation

Parameters

	Value	Fractional Uncertainty
$V_{\rm eff} \equiv V C/3$	$693\mathrm{mL}$	< 1%
eta	0.634 ± 0.014	1.4%
$G_{ m net}$	$(57.30 \pm 0.14){ m dB}$	3.1%
Q_L	$(9.092 \pm 0.081) \times 10^9$	/
f_0^{\max}	$1.2991643795\mathrm{GHz}$	/
Δf_0	$11.5\mathrm{Hz}$	/
$t_{ m int}$	$100\mathrm{s}$	/

microwave electronics for DPDM searches

Step I: Measure Cavity property

I-2 connection: VTS measurement for the cavity property.

Step 2: calibration

I-3 connection: calibration by subtracting the line loss to get the total gain G_net.

Step 3: Do experiment

2-3 connection: tune the cavity resonant frequency to do the experiment

Scan Search with Mechanical Tuning

Tuner arm

Piezo

Cavity

Motor

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• Mechanical tuner scans resonant frequency f_0

with the step $\sim f_0/Q_{\rm DM}$

- Calibrate f_0 and its stability range Δf_0 in each scan
- Frequency drift $\delta f_d \leq 1.5$ Hz and microphonics

Conservatively choose $\Delta f_0 \approx 10 \text{Hz}$

Data analysis and constraints

Total 1150 scan steps with each 100 s integration time

Group every 50 adjacent bins and perform a constant fit to address small helium pressure fluctuation.

Normal power excess shows Gaussian distribution:

SHANHE Collaboration, Zhenxing Tang,... Jing Shu, Phys.Rev.Lett. 133 (2024) 2, 021005

First scan search with SRF and most stringent constraints in most exclusion space.

Few comment on $Q \gg Q_{\rm DM}$

simple fit function (constant): attenuation factor almost I

different from ADMX

Data analysis and constraints

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SRF Cavity Project for cosmic DP

Cosmic DP backgrounds

The Cosmic Axion Background

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New particles can also be served as the cosmic backgrounds.

- Relativistic
- Anisotropic

Modulated Signal from Galactic Dark Photons

How about galactic DP backgrounds? (Anisotropic backgrounds, from annihilation or decay?)

Perturbative cascade decay (broad 4-body spectrum)

Parametric resonance decay (relative sharp 2-body spectrum)

ADMX experiment (axion)

The very deep constrains for DP would give us much stringent constrains

Polarization

Longitudinal: from a heavy dark Higgs decay

Transverse: axion-DP coupling

T. Nitta et al. (ADMX), Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 101002 (2023)

Modulated Signal from Galactic Dark Photons

- Galactic dark photons from DM decay, e.g.: cascade decay from DM halo
- Vectorial observable $\propto \vec{A'}$
- \rightarrow angular-dependent signal $\propto C(\theta)$
- \rightarrow modulation as the Earth rotates
- Production is polarization-dependent, modulations for longitude and transverse modes are opposite

Yifan Chen, Chunlong Li, Yuxiang Liu, Yuxin Liu, Jing Shu, Yanjie Zeng, e-Print: 2402.03432 [hep-ph].

SRF Constraints for Galactic Dark Photons

Same dataset as DPDM search

Scanned range within galactic dark photon bandwidth \rightarrow combine all scan steps to analyze

Longitude mode has better sensitivity because of the larger spatial wave function $\sim \omega_{A'}/m_{A'}$

Gradient color region represents exclusion for different DM mass

Yifan Chen, Chunlong Li, Yuxiang Liu, Yuxin Liu, Jing Shu, Yanjie Zeng, e-Print: 2402.03432 [hep-ph].

A brief introduction to the team member

SHANHE collaboration

SHANHE (mountains and rivers)

Superconducting cavity for High-frequency gravitational wave, Axion, and other New particles in High Energy physics

Main collaboration

Institute of High Energy Physics Chinese Academy of Sciences

Supportive collaboration

Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences

量子科学与工程研究院 Institute for Quantum Science and Engineering

SRF in Peking University

First 9-cell for ILC

Peking University developed China's first superconducting radio frequency (SRF) accelerator cavity. (1994)

- Q ~ I.6 -2.4 E^I0 @ I6MV/m。
- equivalent level of international laboratories

Experimental facilities

Liquid helium system

2K pumping system

Vertical Dewar Cavity suspension Magnetic shielding

residual magnetism<10 mGs Static heat leak: < 1 W Cooling power: >200W@2K

SRF in IHEP

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International SRF Campaigns

Fermi-Lab SQMS

•SERAPH:

Single-bin search and ongoing scan searches

•Dark SRF:

Light-shining-wall search for dark photon

► DESY:

•MAGO 2.0

Mode transition from GW-induced cavity deformation

Axion search

TDR like

SHANHE collaboration

Using the existing I.3G cavity as a pathfinder

New designed cavity will be operated in the future.

Quantum qubits measure DPDM

$$\mathcal{H} = \omega_c a^{\dagger} a + \frac{1}{2} \omega_q \sigma_z + 2\chi a^{\dagger} a \frac{1}{2} \sigma_z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{int} &= \vec{d} \cdot \vec{E} \\ &= g(\sigma_+ + \sigma_-)(a + a^{\dagger}) \\ &\sim 2\chi a^{\dagger} a \frac{1}{2} \sigma_z \end{aligned}$$

Measuring only the photon number while completely ignore the phase (quantum non-demolition measurements).

> Quantum qubit (two level system) as a single photon detector

Using Ramsey interferometry to measure the photon number parity

Quantum qubits measure DPDM

 Wave-like dark matter background field will change the time evolution operator. For a coherent state, can be modeled as a displacement operator.

$$\hat{D}(\beta) = e^{\beta a^{\dagger} - \beta^{*}a}$$
, where $|\beta| = \sqrt{\rho_{DM} m_{DM} GV} \epsilon \tau$

- Acting on the cavity prepared in the vacuum state $\left| \langle 1 | \hat{D}(\beta) | 0 \rangle \right|^2 \approx \left| \langle 1 | \beta a^{\dagger} | 0 \rangle \right|^2 = |\beta|^2$
- For a large n Fock state, signal enhanced by (n+1). $\left| \langle n+1 | \hat{D}(\beta) | n \rangle \right|^2 \approx \left| \langle n+1 | \beta a^{\dagger} | n \rangle \right|^2 = |\beta|^2 (n+1)$
- Shorter coherence time $T_n = T_{cavity}^1/n$, More difficult to prepare
- Sensitivity mainly given by the background photon number \bar{n}_c

Quantum parity measurement

Ramsey interferometry in Bloach sphere

The qubit state is flipped if there is odd number of photons in the cavity.

Excited state probability

hidden Markov model to specify the probability

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Quantum qubits measure DPDM

DPDM: Using the Vacuum state to measure

DPDM: Using the Fock state (N=4) to measure

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A.V.. Dixit et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 141302 (2021)

A.Agrawal et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 132, 140801 (2024)

Even we use various clever ways to background noises, even beyond standard quantum limit, can we really to further suppress them?

One observation is that when using multiple sensors, the DM signals can be coherent among multiple sensors, while most backgrounds are not!

Can generalize

Consider the 2-level systems readout

• The displacement operator

$$\hat{D}(\beta) = e^{\beta a^{\dagger} - \beta^{*}a} \text{ where } \beta = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{DM} e^{i\phi_{DM}t}$$

Restricting to the two-level subspace

$$D(\beta) |g\rangle \simeq |g\rangle + \beta |e\rangle$$

• Dark matter signal

$$\left| \langle e | \hat{D}(\beta) | g \rangle \right|^2 \approx \left| \langle e | \beta a^{\dagger} | g \rangle \right|^2 = |\beta|^2$$

• Sensitivity mainly given by the background occupation number \bar{n}_{c}

Can apply to various systems

• SRF cavity

$$\eta_{DM} = \epsilon_{DM} \sqrt{\rho_{DM} \omega GV}$$

Transmon qubits

$$\eta_{DM} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{DM} \kappa d \sqrt{C \omega \rho_{DM}}$$

• Trapped ions

$$\eta_{DM} = e\epsilon_{DM} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{DM}}{m_{ION}\omega}}$$

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Density matrix

$$\rho = |\beta\rangle\langle\beta| \simeq \begin{pmatrix} 1 - |\beta|^2 & \beta^* \\ \beta & |\beta|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Density matrix with error

What you can measure is the population measurements (diagonal term) ?

$$\rho \to \mathcal{E}(\rho) = \begin{pmatrix} p_{T_1}\rho_{gg} + p_{\text{reset}}p_0 & p_{T_2}\rho_{ge} \\ p_{T_2}\rho_{eg} & p_{T_1}\rho_{ee} + p_{\text{reset}}p_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Relax and dephasing

$$p_{T_1} = e^{-\tau/T_1}$$
 and $p_{T_2} = e^{-\tau/T_2}$

Thermal population

 p_0 and $p_1 = 1 - p_0$ J. Shu, B. Xu, ... arXiv:2410.22413

$$SNR = \frac{S}{B} = \frac{p_{T_1}|\beta|^2}{p_{\text{reset}}p_1}$$

$$\frac{S}{\sqrt{B}} = \frac{p_{T_1}|\beta|^2}{\sqrt{p_{\text{reset}}p_1}}.$$

Two detectors

$$|\Psi\rangle = \hat{D}(\beta) |gg\rangle \simeq |gg\rangle + \beta |ge\rangle + \beta |eg\rangle$$

• Density matrix

$$\rho^{(2)} = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2\beta^2 & \beta & \beta & 0\\ \beta & \beta^2 & \beta^2 & 0\\ \beta & \beta^2 & \beta^2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + O(\beta^3) + \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \epsilon_A - \epsilon_B & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \epsilon_B & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_A & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Dark matter signal

$$\langle eg | \rho^{(2)} | eg \rangle + \langle ge | \rho^{(2)} | ge \rangle = \rho_{11}^{(2)} + \rho_{22}^{(2)} \sim 2\beta^2 + \epsilon_A + \epsilon_B$$

increases with N_q

Coherent signals are off-diagonal, how to measure them?

• Define

$$\mathcal{U}_{c} = \left(\sqrt{X}^{\dagger} \otimes \sqrt{X}^{\dagger}\right) ZZ\left(\sqrt{X} \otimes I\right) = \frac{\sqrt{X}}{\sqrt{X}}$$
Where $\sqrt{X} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{pmatrix}, ZZ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Use an unitary transformation realized by quantum gates

- Applying \mathcal{U}_c

$$\mathcal{U}_{c}\rho^{(2)}\mathcal{U}_{c}^{\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{i}{2} + i\beta^{2} & 0 & -i\beta \\ \frac{i}{2} - i\beta^{2} & \frac{1}{2} - 2\beta^{2} & 0 & \beta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i\beta & \beta & 0 & 2\beta^{2} \end{pmatrix} + O(\beta^{3}) + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \epsilon_{A} - \epsilon_{B}\right) & \frac{i}{2}\left(\epsilon_{A} + \epsilon_{B} - 1\right) & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{i}{2}\left(\epsilon_{A} + \epsilon_{B} - 1\right) & \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \epsilon_{A} - \epsilon_{B}\right) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\left(\epsilon_{A} + \epsilon_{B}\right) & \frac{i}{2}\left(\epsilon_{A} - \epsilon_{B}\right) \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{i}{2}\left(\epsilon_{A} - \epsilon_{B}\right) & \frac{1}{2}\left(\epsilon_{A} + \epsilon_{B}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

• Pure signal given by

$$\rho_{44}' - \rho_{33}' = \left(2\beta^2 + \frac{\epsilon_A + \epsilon_B}{2}\right) - \frac{\epsilon_A + \epsilon_B}{2} = 2\beta^2 \quad \text{No incoherent noise!!!}$$

Generalize to N nodes Four nodes

J. Shu, B. Xu, ... arXiv:2410.22413

The gates have infidelities, can be much smaller

Sensor type	\bar{n}_{r0}	Two-qubit gate infidelity $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$
Cavity	10^{-3} [46]	10^{-4} [47]
Transmon	10^{-3} [48, 49]	10^{-3} [50, 51]
Ions	10^{-2} [52]	10^{-3} [53, 54]

Summary and outlook

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- High-Q SRF is extremely interesting in Haloscope wave-like DM searches (get deepest constraints).
- DP backgrounds has rich information (polarization & angular distribution).
- When combined with QND methods, very powerful
- Can be extended to sensors arrays (quantum 2.0)
- In the future (axion, GWs, quantum qubit, etc), much more can be done.

Thank you!

Backup slides

Myself and other collaborations

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supportive collaborations

中國科學院物理研究所 Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Ph.D.: UChicago

Boya distinguished professor: PKU

Both theory and experimentalist

Top quark, Composite Higgs, EFT, DM, baryon asymmetry, PT, etc.

Wave-like DM & GWs

Job opening for people how has experience in axion DM searches (electronics like JPA, quantum qubit, etc)

Myself and other collaborations

