

A Way of Axion Detection with Mass $10^{-4}\text{eV} \sim 10^{-3}\text{eV}$ using Cylinder with Low Electric Conductivity

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A dark matter axion with mass m_a induces an oscillating electric field in a cylindrical sample placed under a magnetic field B parallel to the cylinder axis. When the cylinder is made of a highly conductive material, the induced oscillating current primarily dissipates the axion energy at the surface. In contrast, if the cylinder is composed of a material with low conductivity, e.g. $\sigma = 10^{-3}\text{eV}$, the axion energy is dissipated mainly inside the bulk of the cylinder. Within the QCD axion model, the dissipated power P is estimated as $P \approx 2.8 \times 10^{-28} \text{W} g^2 (L/100\text{cm}) (10^{-4}\text{eV}/m_a) (B/10\text{T})^2 (\rho_a/0.3\text{GeV cm}^{-3})(yx^2/(\epsilon^2 + y^2))$, with parameters $y \equiv \sigma/m_a = 10$, $x \equiv m_a R \approx 10$, axion mass m_a , radius $R = 2\text{cm}$, length $L = 100\text{cm}$, electric permittivity $\epsilon = 10$ and axion energy density ρ_a . For the coupling constants, we take $g(\text{KSVZ}) = -0.96$ and $g(\text{DFSZ}) = 0.37$. Using an LC circuit tuned to a quality factor $Q = 10^6$, the signal-to-noise ratio is given by $P(Q \sqrt{\delta\omega \text{ to } b/2\pi})/P_t \approx 10 g^2 (m_a/10^{-4}\text{eV})^{-3/2} (T/100\text{mK})^{-1} \sqrt{\text{to } b/60\text{s}}$, where P_t is the thermal noise power at temperature $T = 100\text{mK}$ and bandwidth $\delta\omega = 10^{-6}m_a$. By choosing appropriate values of conductivity and cylinder radius for example, $\sigma/m_a = 10$ and $m_a R \geq 10$, the detection of dark matter axions is feasible in the mass range $m_a = 10^{-4}\text{eV} \sim 10^{-3}\text{eV}$.

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