

MiMeS: Misalignment Mechanism Solver

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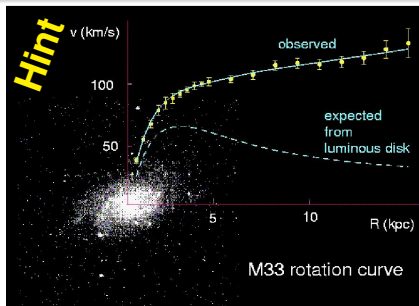
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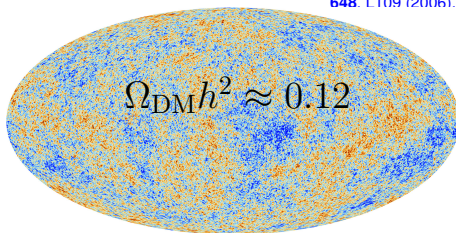
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- Mostly electrically neutral.
- Stable or very slow decay rate.
- Non-Baryonic.
- Cold/Warm and non-relativistic today.

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$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + 3H(t) \frac{d}{dt} \right) \theta(t) + \tilde{m}_a^2(t) \sin \theta(t) = 0 ,$$

where $\theta = A f_a$, with A the axion field, and f_a some energy scale that characterises the potential (Peccei-Quinn breaking scale).

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MiMeS simulates the evolution of the axion/ALP, for (virtually) any cosmological scenario and axion/ALP (thermal) mass.

Some time at the very early Universe, $\tilde{m}_a \ll H(T)$,¹ with

$$\ddot{\theta} + 3H \dot{\theta} \approx 0.$$

The solution is

$$\theta = \theta_{\text{ini}} + C \int_0^t dt' \left(\frac{a(t' = 0)}{a(t')} \right)^3.$$

So, $\dot{\theta} \sim a^{-3}$. Since we are interested in θ at much later times (once the potential becomes relevant), $\dot{\theta} \approx 0$.² Therefore, we can start integration at some point ($t = t_{\text{ini}}$) with $3H \gg \tilde{m}_a$, and set $\theta(t = t_{\text{ini}}) = \theta_{\text{ini}}$ and $\dot{\theta}(t = t_{\text{ini}}) = 0$.

¹ This is an assumption that MiMeS has to make, for the sake of generality.

² Standard misalignment mechanism. For the kinetic one see [R. T. Co, L. J. Hall and K. Harigaya, Phys. Rev. Lett. **124** \(2020\) no.25, 251802 \[arXiv:1910.14152 \[hep-ph\]\]](#), [C. F. Chang and Y. Cui, Phys. Rev. D **102** \(2020\) no.1, 015003 \[arXiv:1911.11885 \[hep-ph\]\]](#), or [B. Barman, N. Bernal, N. Ramberg and L. Visinelli, \[arXiv:2111.03677 \[hep-ph\]\]](#).

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Then, we get the “WKB”-approximate solution

$$\theta(t) \approx \theta_{\text{ini}} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{m}_a(T_{\text{osc}})}{\tilde{m}_a(T)}} \left(\frac{a}{a_{\text{osc}}} \right)^{-3/2} \cos \left(\int_{t_{\text{osc}}}^t dt' \tilde{m}_a(t') \right) .$$

The advantage of this approximation is that we get an easy formula for the axion/ALP energy density today:

$$\rho_{a,0} = \gamma^{-1} \frac{s_0}{s_{\text{osc}}} \frac{1}{2} f_a^2 m_a \tilde{m}_{a,\text{osc}} \theta_{\text{ini}}^2 ,$$

where γ the amount of entropy injection between T_{osc} and today. ³

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Serious disadvantages of the approximate results:

- The approximations can be tested against numerical results in a case-by-case basis; there is no way to tell if they will work in new models and cosmological scenarios.
- There is no available tool that can help us reproduce published results obtained by numerical integration; people use their own ***private*** code.
- If someone wants to simply see if an ALP model is compatible with a cosmological scenario, they have to develop their own private code; the overall effort of the community increases.

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Important: θ_{peak} is the peak of the oscillation. So, J can be used to determine how θ_{peak} changes with time. By definition, at $\theta = \theta_{\text{peak}}$, $p \sim \dot{\theta} = 0$. This means that we can find $\rho_{a,0}$ on the peak of today's θ , as

$$\rho_{a,0} = \gamma^{-1} \frac{s_0}{s_*} m_a \tilde{m}_{a,*} \frac{1}{2} f_a^2 \theta_{\text{peak},*}^2 f(\theta_{\text{peak},*}) ,$$

where T_* the temperature at which adiabaticity was reached, and γ the entropy injection between T_* and today (i.e. $s_0 = \gamma a_*^3 s_*$).

The starting condition should be:

- At a point with $\dot{\theta} = 0$.
- At some T_{ini} with $3H(T_{\text{ini}})/\tilde{m}_a(T_{\text{ini}}) \gg 1$.
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The stopping condition should be:

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MiMeS: Why?

We need accurate code that solves the EOM, but most importantly we need *Reproducible* results!

MiMeS is:

- MiMeS is a C++ header-only library that contains various templated classes; there is no “installation” and no special procedures, just include the header files.
- MiMeS comes with a `python` interface so that everybody can use it.
- MiMeS is distributed under the MIT license; you can do whatever you want with it, and I am *not* responsible.

MiMeS also

- Is *easy* to use; anyone can run it and see if their model can work or check against the literature.
- Is reasonably fast; less than 0.05 s for the scenarios tested.
- Provides full access to results and their errors, which can help

MiMeS relies on `NaBBODES`⁴ for the numerical integration, and `SimpleSplines`⁵ for the various interpolations.

Advantages:

- You only need to have the standard C++ library.
- The two libraries are developed by myself, so their integration with MiMeS is seamless.
- There is always going to be a compatible version of these libraries that works with MiMeS.

Disadvantages:

- These are not well tested libraries.
- No community of contributors; if it doesn't work, I have to fix it.
- Slow development.

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There are several ways you can get a stable version of MiMeS:

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`git clone -b stable https://github.com/dkaramit/MiMeS.git`.
This is the preferred way, as it is guaranteed to be the latest stable version.

2

Go to mimes.hepforge.org/downloads, and download it.

3

Go to github.com/dkaramit/MiMeS/releases, and download a released version.

You can get the most up-to-date code – not always the most stable one – including the latest version of NaBBODES and SimpleSplines, by running

```
1  git clone https://github.com/dkaramit/MiMeS.git
2  cd MiMeS
3  git submodule init
4  git submodule update --remote
```

Configure (and make)

There is no need to install anything if you are going to use MiMeS in a C++ program. The only thing you *must* do is run

```
1    bash configure.sh
```

Alter that, you can include the header file `MiMeS/MiMeS.hpp`, and you are good to go.

However, you can also run

- `make lib`, in order to produce the (shared) libraries. This is needed in order to run the `python` interface.
- `make examples`, in order to compile the examples in `MiMeS/UserSpace/Cpp`.
- `make exec`, in order to produce some test executables (in `MiMeS/exec`). You just need to run then in order to see if you get any segfaults.

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Template arguments

You need to choose what numeric type to use. This is done by the template argument `LD` which should be `double` (fast) or `long double` (accurate).¹³

You also need to tell `MiMeS` which integration strategy to use. This is done by choosing template arguments:

- `Solver` can be set to 1 for Rosenbrock (semi-implicit Runge-Kutta). The `Method` argument in this case can be:
 - `RODASPR2<LD>` (4th order).
 - `ROS34PW2<LD>` (3rd order).
 - `ROS3W<LD>` (2rd order, *very bad*).
- `Solver` can be set to 2 for explicit RK. The `Method` argument can be:
 - `DormandPrince<LD>` (7th order)
 - `CashKarpRK45<LD>` (5th order, *very bad*).
 - `RK45<LD>` (5th order, *very bad*).

¹³ You could choose `float`, but we live in 2021.

In order to call the `python` interface of MiMeS, we need to first call `make lib` in the root directory of MiMeS.

Before that, we can take some time to decide what the template arguments and compilation options should be. In the file `MiMeS/Definitions.mk`, you can change the variables:

- `LONGpy=long` will compile the library with `long double` numeric types. `LONGpy=` will compile the library with `double` numeric types.
- `SOLVER` and `METHOD`, as in the template arguments.

Also, in the same file, you can change compilation options:

- **Compiler:**
 - `CC=g++` in order to use the GNU C++ compiler.
 - `CC=clang -lstdc++` in order to use the `clang` C++ compiler.
- **Optimization level:**
 - `OPT=O0`: No optimization.
 - `O=O1`, `O2`, or `O3`: all these perform mostly the same (read the compiler documentation for more information on the optimization).
 - `OPT=Ofast`: full optimization (fast, but dangerous).

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Define everything and solve in just a few lines of code!

```

1 from time import time; from sys import stderr #you need these in order to print the time in stderr
2
3 #add the relative path for MiMeS/src
4 from sys import path as sysPath; sysPath.append('../src')
5
6 from interfacePy.AxionMass import AxionMass #import the AxionMass class
7 from interfacePy.Axion import Axion #import the Axion class
8 from interfacePy.Cosmo import mP #import the Planck mass
9
10 def main():
11     # AxionMass instance
12     axionMass = AxionMass(r'../src/data/chi.dat',0,mP)
13
14     # define  $\tilde{m}_a^2$  for  $T \leq T_{\min}$ 
15     TMin, chiMin=axionMass.getTMin(), axionMass.getChiMin()
16
17     axionMass.set_ma2_MIN( lambda T,fa: chiMin/fa/fa )
18
19     # define  $\tilde{m}_a^2$  for  $T > T_{\max}$ 
20     TMax, chiMax=axionMass.getTMax(), axionMass.getChiMax()
21
22     axionMass.set_ma2_MAX( lambda T,fa: chiMax/fa/fa*pow(TMax/T,8.16))
23
24     #in python it is more convenient to use relative paths
25     inputFile="..UserSpace/InputExamples/MatterInput.dat"
26
27     ax = Axion(0.1, 1e16, 500, 1e-4, 1e3, 10, 1e-2, inputFile, axionMass,
28               1e-2, 1e-8, 1e-2, 1e-10, 1e-10, 0.85, 1.5, 0.85, int(1e7))
29
30     ax.solveAxion()
31
32     print("theta_i=",ax.theta_i,"t\t\t\t","f_a=",ax.fa,"GeV\n","theta_osc~=",
33          ax.theta_osc,"t","T_osc~=",ax.T_osc,"GeV_\n","Omega_h^2=",ax.relic)
34
35     #once we are done we should run the destructor
36     del ax,axionMass
37
38
39 if __name__ == '__main__':
40     _=time()
41     main()
42     print(round(time()-_,3),file=stderr)

```

Notice: C++ and python are quite similar!

```

1 #include<iomanip>
2 #include"MiMeS.hpp"
3
4 using numeric = long double;//make life easier if you want to change to double
5
6 int main(){
7     mimes::util::Timer _timer_;//use this to time it!
8
9     // use chi_PATH to interpolate the axion mass.
10    mimes::AxionMass<numeric> axionMass(chi_PATH,0,mimes::Cosmo<numeric>::mP);
11
12    /*set  $\tilde{m}_a^2$  for  $T > T_{\max}$ */
13    numeric TMax=axionMass.getTMax(), chiMax=axionMass.getChiMax();
14
15    axionMass.set_ma2_MAX(
16        [&chiMax,&TMax](numeric T, numeric fa){ return chiMax/fa/fa*std::pow(T/TMax,-8.16);}
17    );
18
19    /*set  $\tilde{m}_a^2$  for  $T \leq T_{\min}$ */
20    numeric TMin=axionMass.getTMin(), chiMin=axionMass.getChiMin();
21
22    axionMass.set_ma2_MIN(
23        [&chiMin,&TMin](numeric T, numeric fa){ return chiMin/fa/fa;}
24    );
25
26    /*this path contains the cosmology*/
27    std::string inputFile = std::string(rootDir)+
28        std::string("/UserSpace/InputExamples/MatterInput.dat");
29
30    /*declare an instance of Axion*/
31    mimes::Axion<numeric, 1, RODASPR2<numeric>> ax(0.1, 1e16, 500, 1e-4, 1e3, 10, 1e-2,
32        inputFile, &axionMass, 1e-2, 1e-8, 1e-2, 1e-10, 1e-10, 0.85, 1.5, 0.85,
33        int(1e7) );
34
35    /*solve the EOM!*/
36    ax.solveAxion();
37
38    std::cout<<std::setprecision(5)
39    <<"theta_i="<<ax.theta_i<<std::setw(25)<<"f_a="<<ax.fa<<"_GeV\n"<<"theta_osc~="<<ax.theta_osc
40    <<std::setw(20)<<"T_osc~="<<ax.T_osc<<"GeV_\n"<<"Omega_h^2="<<ax.relic<<"\n";
41
42    return 0;
43 }
```

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What we saw:

- MiMeS solves the axion/ALP EOM.
- MiMeS treats both the mass and the underlying cosmology as user inputs.
- MiMeS allows the user to change a number of other things, from the plasma RDOFs to the convergence conditions.

MiMeS **may be amended in the future because:**

- MiMeS should allow the user to consider different initial value of ζ ; the "kinematic" MiMeS might come soon.
- MiMeS should be able to handle non-vanishing RHS; *i.e.* solve the "driven" dumped time-dependent pendulum.
- MiMeS should be able to compare against searches on the fly.

Thank you!

Language	files	blank	comment	code
C/C++ Header	35	677	444	1595
C++	20	483	198	1106
Python	22	483	367	1000
SUM:	77	1643	1009	3701



Backup

(equations, derivations, tables)

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + 3H(t) \frac{d}{dt} + \tilde{m}_a^2(t) \right) \theta(t) = 0 .$$

Reparametrize by introducing

$$\theta_{\text{trial}} = \exp \left[i \int dt \left(\psi(t) + 3/2 i H(t) \right) \right] .$$

The Eome, then becomes just

$$\psi^2 = \Omega^2 + i \dot{\psi} ,$$

with $\Omega^2 = \tilde{m}_a^2 - \frac{9}{4}H^2 - \frac{3}{2}\dot{H}$. The solution takes the form

$\psi = \pm \sqrt{\Omega^2 + i \dot{\psi}}$. However, for $\dot{\psi} \ll \Omega^2$ and $\dot{\Omega} \ll \Omega^2$, it can be approximated as

$$\psi \approx \pm \Omega + \frac{i}{2} \frac{d \log \Omega}{dt} .$$

So, after applying the initial conditions, the EOM is solved by

$$\theta(t) \approx \theta_{\text{ini}} \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_{\text{ini}}}{\Omega(t)}} \left(\frac{a}{a_{\text{ini}}} \right)^{-3/2} \cos \left(\int_{t_{\text{ini}}}^t dt' \Omega(t') \right) .$$

Taking $t_{\text{ini}} = t_{\text{osc}}$ (*i.e.* $\dot{\theta}(t_{\text{osc}}) = 0$, which is not generally good), have

$$\theta(t) \approx \theta_{\text{osc}} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{m}_a|_{t=t_{\text{osc}}}}{\tilde{m}_a(t)}} \left(\frac{a}{a_{\text{osc}}} \right)^{-3/2} \cos \left(\int_{t_{\text{osc}}}^t dt' \tilde{m}_a(t') \right) ,$$

where $\theta_{\text{osc}} = \theta|_{t=t_{\text{osc}}}$. This equation is further simplified if we assume that $\theta_{\text{osc}} \approx \theta_{\text{ini}}$ (again not really good), *i.e.*

$$\theta(t) \approx \theta_{\text{ini}} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{m}_a|_{t=t_{\text{osc}}}}{\tilde{m}_a(t)}} \left(\frac{a}{a_{\text{osc}}} \right)^{-3/2} \cos \left(\int_{t_{\text{osc}}}^t dt' \tilde{m}_a(t') \right) .$$

Adiabatic invariant – I

Given a system with Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}(\theta, p; t)$, the equations of motion are

$$\dot{p} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \theta} , \quad \dot{\theta} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p} .$$

Also,

$$d\mathcal{H} = \dot{\theta} dp - \dot{p} d\theta + \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial t} dt .$$

If this system exhibits closed orbits (e.g. if it oscillates), we define

$$J \equiv C \oint p d\theta ,$$

where the integral is over a closed path (e.g. a period, T), and C indicates that J can always be rescaled with a constant. If the Hamiltonian varies slowly during a cycle,

$$\frac{dJ}{dt} = C \oint \left(\dot{p} d\theta + p d\dot{\theta} \right) = C \int_t^{t+T} \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial t'} dt' \approx T \left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}(t')}{\partial t'} \right|_{t'=t} \approx 0 .$$

So, J is an adiabatic invariant!

Adiabatic invariant – II

The Hamiltonian that results in the EOM

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{p^2}{f_a^2 a^3} + V(\theta) a^3 ,$$

with

$$p = f_a^2 a^3 \dot{\theta}$$
$$V(\theta) = \tilde{m}_a^2 f_a^2 (1 - \cos \theta) .$$

If \mathcal{H} varies slowly – $\dot{\tilde{m}}_a(T)/\tilde{m}_a \ll \tilde{m}_a$ and $H \ll \tilde{m}_a$, then

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \frac{\oint p d\theta}{\pi f_a^2} = \frac{1}{\pi f_a^2} \oint \sqrt{2 (\mathcal{H}(\theta) - V(\theta) a^3)} f_a^2 a^3 d\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi f_a^2} \int_{-\theta_{\text{peak}}}^{\theta_{\text{peak}}} \sqrt{2 (\mathcal{H}(\theta_{\text{peak}}) - V(\theta) a^3)} f_a^2 a^3 d\theta \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi f_a} \int_{-\theta_{\text{peak}}}^{\theta_{\text{peak}}} \sqrt{V(\theta_{\text{peak}}) - V(\theta) a^3} d\theta \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \tilde{m}_a a^3 \int_{-\theta_{\text{peak}}}^{\theta_{\text{peak}}} \sqrt{\cos \theta - \cos \theta_{\text{peak}}} d\theta , \end{aligned}$$

is the adiabatic invariant – up to a multiplication with a constant.

C++ Input

AxionMass class – Definition via file

In order to define an instance of the `AxionMass` class that interpolates the \tilde{m}_a , use the constructor:

```
1 template<class LD>  
2 mimes::AxionMass<LD>(std::string chi_PATH, LD minT=0, LD maxT=mimes::Cosmo::mP)
```

The arguments are:

- 1 `chi_Path`: Relative or absolute path to data file with T (in GeV), $\chi(T)$ (in GeV^4).
- 2 `minT, maxT`: Interpolation limits. These are used in order to stop the interpolation at the closest temperatures that exist in the data file. This means that the actual interpolation limits are $T_{\min} \geq \text{minT}$ and $T_{\max} \leq \text{maxT}$. Beyond these limits the axion mass is assumed to be constant.

The definition of \tilde{m}_a^2 beyond T_{\min} and T_{\max} can be changed to realistic function, using `mimes::AxionMass<LD>::set_ma2_MIN(std::function<LD(LD,LD)> ma2_MIN)` and `mimes::AxionMass<LD>::set_ma2_MAX(std::function<LD(LD,LD)> ma2_MAX)`. These definitions may need the actual values of $T_{\min, \max}$ and $\chi(T_{\min, \max})$. These are obtained from

- `template<class LD> LD mimes::AxionMass<LD>::getTMin()`: This function returns the minimum interpolation temperature, T_{\min} .
- `template<class LD> LD mimes::AxionMass<LD>::getTMax()`: This function returns the maximum interpolation temperature, T_{\max} .
- `template<class LD> LD mimes::AxionMass<LD>::getChiMin()`: This function returns $\chi(T_{\min})$.
- `template<class LD> LD mimes::AxionMass<LD>::getChiMax()`: This function returns $\chi(T_{\max})$.

Note that all `std::function<LD(LD,LD)>` can be any callable object that takes T and f_a and returns \tilde{m}_a^2 .

AxionMass class – Definition via function

In order to define an instance of the `AxionMass` class via a function, use the constructor:

```
1 template<class LD>  
2 mimes::AxionMass<LD>(std::function<LD(LD,LD)> ma2)
```

Here, `ma2` can be any callable object that takes T and f_a and returns \tilde{m}_a^2 .

Axion class – Expected input

The constructor of the `Axion` class is

```
1 template<class LD, const int Solver, class Method>
2 mimes::Axion<LD, Solver, Method>(LD theta_i, LD fa, LD umax, LD TSTOP,
3     LD ratio_ini, unsigned int N_convergence_max, LD convergence_lim,
4     std::string inputFile, AxionMass<LD> *axionMass, LD initial_step_size=1e-2,
5     LD minimum_step_size=1e-8, LD maximum_step_size=1e-2,
6     LD absolute_tolerance=1e-8, LD relative_tolerance=1e-8, LD beta=0.9,
7     LD fac_max=1.2, LD fac_min=0.8, unsigned int maximum_No_steps=10000000)
```

The input that `MiMeS` expects is:

- 1 `theta_i`: Initial angle.
- 2 `fa` The PQ scale.
- 3 `umax`: Once $u = \log a/a_i > umax$, the integration stops. Typical value: ~ 500 .
- 4 `TSTOP`: Once $T < TSTOP$, integration stops. Typical value: 10^{-4} GeV.
- 5 `ratio_ini`: Integration starts at u with $3H/\tilde{m}_a \approx ratio_ini$. Typical value: $\sim 10^3$.
- 6 `N_convergence_max`, `convergence_lim`: Integration stops when the relative difference between two consecutive peaks is less than `convergence_lim` for `N_convergence_max` consecutive peaks.
- 7 `inputFile`: Relative (or absolute) path to a file that describes the cosmology. The columns should be: u T [GeV] $\log H$, with acceding u . Entropy injection should have stopped before the lowest temperature of given in `inputFile`.
- 8 `axionMass`: Instance of `mimes::AxionMass<LD>` class. In C++ this instance is passed as a pointer to the constructor of the `mimes::Axion<LD, Solver, Method>` class, while in python it is simply passed as a variable.

Axion class – Optional input

The optional input, relative to the RK algorithm, is:

- 1 `initial_stepsize`: Initial step-size of the solver. Default value: 10^{-2} .
- 2 `minimum_stepsize`: Lower limit of the step-size. Default value: 10^{-8} .
- 3 `maximum_stepsize`: Upper limit of the step-size. Default value: 10^{-2} .
- 4 `absolute_tolerance`: Absolute tolerance of the RK solver. Default value: 10^{-8} .
- 5 `relative_tolerance`: Relative tolerance of the RK solver. Default value: 10^{-8} .
- 6 `beta`: Aggressiveness of the adaptation strategy. Default value: 0.9.
- 7 `fac_max, fac_min`: The step-size does not change more than `fac_max` and less than `fac_min` within a trial step. Default values: 1.2 and 0.8, respectively.
- 8 `maximum_No_steps`: If integration needs more than `maximum_No_steps` integration stops. Default value: 10^7 .

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AxionMass class – Definition via file

The actual constructor of the `AxionMass` in the `python` interface is `AxionMass(*args)`. However, it is intended to be used in *only* two ways. In order to define an instance of the `AxionMass` class that interpolates the \tilde{m}_a , use the constructor as:

```
1 AxionMass(chi_PATH, minT=0, maxT=Cosmo.mP)
```

The arguments are the same as in the `C++` case.

The definition of \tilde{m}_a^2 beyond T_{\min} and T_{\max} can be changed using `AxionMass.set_ma2_MIN(ma2_MIN)` and `AxionMass.set_ma2_MAX(ma2_MAX)`. These definitions may need the actual values of $T_{\min, \max}$ and $\chi(T_{\min, \max})$. These are obtained from

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- `AxionMass.getChiMin()`: This function returns $\chi(T_{\min})$.
- `AxionMass.getChiMax()`: This function returns $\chi(T_{\max})$.

The difference between the `C++` case is that `ma2` cannot be any callable object; it has to be a regular function that takes T and f_a and returns \tilde{m}_a^2 .

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```
1 Axion(theta_i, fa, umax, TSTOP, ratio_ini, N_convergence_max, convergence_lim, inputFile,  
2   axionMass, initial_step_size=1e-2, minimum_step_size=1e-8, maximum_step_size=1e-2,  
3   absolute_tolerance=1e-8, relative_tolerance=1e-8, beta=0.9, fac_max=1.2, fac_min=0.8,  
4   maximum_No_steps=10000000)
```

All the arguments are the same as in the C++ case. The only difference is that the `AxionMass` instance (`axionMass`) is not passed as a pointer, as there is no direct way to do it in `python`. However, the underlying object is the same, as it is converted internally using `ctypes`.

Files and compilation variables

There are some paths to file that the user can provide in order to use different data for the RDOF, anharmonic factor, and χ (optional).

These paths are stored as strings in `MiMeS/src/misc_dir/path.hpp` when `bash configure.sh` is run.

These paths can be changed by changing the following variables in `MiMeS/Paths.mk`:

- `cosmoDat`: Relative path to data file with T (in GeV), h_{eff} , g_{eff} .
- `axMDat`: Relative path to data file with T (in GeV), h_{eff} , g_{eff} . This variable can be omitted if the user intends to define all masses via functions.
- `anFDat`: Relative path to data file with θ_{peak} , $f(\theta_{\text{peak}})$.

It is advisable that if the paths change `bash configure.sh` and `make` should be run.

Template arguments

You need to choose what numeric type to use. This is done by the template argument `LD` which should be `double` (fast) or `long double` (accurate).¹⁴

You also need to tell `MiMeS` which integration strategy to use. This is done by choosing template arguments:

- `Solver` can be set to 1 for Rosenbrock (semi-implicit Runge-Kutta). The `Method` argument in this case can be:
 - `RODASPR2<LD>` (4th order).
 - `ROS34PW2<LD>` (3rd order).
 - `ROS3W<LD>` (2rd order, *very bad*).
- `Solver` can be set to 2 for explicit RK. The `Method` argument can be:
 - `DormandPrinceRK45<LD>` (7th order)
 - `CashKarpRK45<LD>` (5th order, *very bad*).
 - `RK45<LD>` (5th order, *very bad*).

¹⁴ You could choose `float`, but we live in 2021.

Definitions.mk

In order to call the `python` interface of MiMeS, we need to first call `make lib` in the root directory of MiMeS.

Before that, we can take some time to decide what the template arguments and compilation options should be. In the file `MiMeS/Definitions.mk`, you can change the variables:

- `LONGpy=long` will compile the library with `long double` numeric types. `LONGpy=` will compile the library with `double` numeric types.
- `SOLVER` and `METHOD`, as in the template arguments.

Also, in the same file, you can change compilation options:

- **Compiler:**
 - `CC=g++` in order to use the GNU C++ compiler.
 - `CC=clang -lstdc++` in order to use the `clang` C++ compiler.
- **Optimization level:**
 - `OPT=O0`: No optimization.
 - `O=O1`, `O2`, or `O3`: all these perform mostly the same (read the compiler documentation for more information on the optimization).
 - `OPT=Ofast`: full optimization (fast, but dangerous).