

# JOINT TUFTS/MIT COSMOLOGY SEMINAR

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*Some new probes of axions,  
vanilla (QCD) and donut  
(string-inspired).*

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I will begin by reviewing the standard lore and existing limits to the QCD axion. I will then explain the possible implications of the recent claimed detection of primordial B-mode CMB polarization for the QCD axion dark matter hypothesis. I will then discuss ongoing work to probe the ultra-light axion like particles seen in some realizations of string theory, using the CMB.

Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 2:30 pm  
Robinson Hall, Room 250  
Tufts University

Refreshments at 2:00 in Knipp Library, Room 251