The Hunt for ALPs.

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[wikipedia]



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 - No explanation of the origin of dark energy and dark matter (DM)
- Plenitude of DM candidates, notably:
 - Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs), such as neutralinos
 - Very Weakly Interacting Slim (=ultralight) Particles (WISPs), such as axions
- Stand out because of their convincing physics case and the variety of experimental probes



[Kim,Carosi 10]



Natural Candidates for WISPs: Nambu-Goldstone Bosons

Nambu-Goldstone boson arising from breaking of global, e.g. U(1), symmetry

> Hidden Higgs field:

$$H_h(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[v_h + h_h(x) \right] e^{ia(x)/v_h}$$

Massive modulus, massless phase:

 $m_{h_h} \sim v_h \qquad m_a = 0$

Interactions with SM particles small, if scale of symmetry breaking much larger than SM Higgs vacuum expectation value,

$$v_h \gg v = 246 \text{ GeV}$$





[Raffelt]



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> Coefficients C_{ag} , $C_{a\gamma}$ determined by loops over particles charged under hidden U(1). C_{af} can arise at tree or loop level.

- Global symmetry not necessarily exact: Nambu-Goldstone boson will acquire a small mass vanishing in the limit that the global hidden symmetry is exact
 - Example in SM: Pions pseudo Nambu-Goldstone bosons of chiral symmetry breaking in QCD ... mass vanishes for vanishing quark masses



Natural Candidates for WISPs: Nambu-Goldstone Bosons

- Often, there is more than one global symmetry and therefore more than one Nambu-Goldstone boson
 - Global lepton number symmetry: Majoron [Chikashige et al. 78; Gelmini, Roncadelli 80]
 - Global family symmetry: Familon

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \frac{C'_{ig}}{f_{a'_i}} a'_i G^b_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{b,\mu\nu} - \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \frac{C'_{i\gamma}}{f_{a'_i}} a'_i F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{C'_{a'_i f}}{f_{a'_i}} \partial_\mu a'_i \overline{\psi}_f \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi_f$$

> The particle corresponding to the linear combination

$$\frac{A(x)}{f_A} \equiv \frac{C'_{ig}}{f_{a'_i}} a'_i(x)$$



[Wilczek 82; Berezhiani, Khlopov 90]

is called Axion (= laundry detergent): it cleans up the strong CP problem

[Peccei,Quinn 77; Weinberg 78; Wilczek 78]

- Particle excitations of the fields orthogonal to the axion field are called Axion-Like-Particles (ALPs)
- String theory suggests a plenitude of ALPs [Witten 84; Conlon 06; Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Dubovsky, Kaloper, March-Russell, 10; Cicoli, Goodsell, AR, 12

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- > Large search space for axion and ALP CDM in photon coupling $g_{i\gamma} \sim \alpha/(2\pi f_i)$ vs. mass

[Arias et al. 12]



[Döbrich,Redondo 13]



Astro-Hints on Axion/ALPs?

- Modest hints for excessive
 - energy losses of stars in various evolutionary stages,
 - transparency of the universe for TeV gamma rays,
 - soft X-ray radiation from galaxy clusters











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[Raffelt 14]



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 - White dwarf luminosity function (WDLF) [Isern et al. 08-12]





> Systematic tendency of stars to cool more efficiently than predicted:





Excessive energy losses of RGs, HBs and WDs can all be explained at one stroke by production and emission of ALP with coupling both to electrons and photons:



$$g_{a\gamma} = C_{a\gamma} \alpha / (2\pi f_a)$$

$$\alpha_{26} = g_{ae}^2 / (4\pi) / 10^{-26}$$

$$g_{ai} = C_{ai}m_i/f_a$$

[Giannotti, Irastorza, Redondo, AR arXiv:1512.08108]





Neutron star in Cas A:



- Measured surface temperature over 10 years reveals unusually fast cooling rate
- Hint on extra cooling by axion/ALP due to nucleon bremsstrahlung

$$N + N \rightarrow N + N + a$$

Required coupling to neutron:

$$g_{an} = (3.8 \pm 3) \times 10^{-10}$$



[Leinson 14]



Samma ray spectra from distant AGNs should show an energy and redshift dependent exponential attenuation, due to pair production at Extragalactic Background Light (EBL)





Indication of anomalous gamma transparency: attenuation observed by IACT and Fermi-LAT too small [Aharonian et al. 07; de Angelis,Roncadelli et al. 07;...;Horns,Meyer 12;...;Rubtsov,Troitsky 14]



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Required photon coupling overlaps with preferred region from HBs in GCs

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[Boyer et al., Soft excess in Coma as observed by EUVE `04]



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$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} \gtrsim \sqrt{0.5/\Delta N_{\text{eff}}} \times 1.4 \times 10^{-13} \,\text{GeV}^{-1}$$

for $m_a \lesssim 10^{-12} \,\text{eV}$



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- Photon-ALP conversion leads to spectral deviations of cluster thermal bremsstrahlung spectrum





Hints for Axion/ALPs: Strong Motivation for Hunts

Light-shining-through-walls



> Helioscopes

> Fifth-force searches











Axion/ALP Experiments Worldwide

An incomplete selection of (mostly) small-scale experiments:

Experiment	Туре	Location	Status	
ALPS II		DESY	preparation	
CROWS	Light-shining-	CERN	finished	
OSQAR	through-a-wall	CERN	running	
REAPR		FNAL	proposed	
CAST		CERN	running	
IAXO	Helioscopes	?	proposed	
SUMICO		Tokyo	running	
ADMX		Seattle	running	
CASPEr	Haloscopes	Mainz	preparation	
QUAX		Legnaro	preparation	

[adapted from Axel Lindner `14]



> Any Light Particle Search (ALPS) at DESY (in coll. with AEI, UHH)





[Anselm 85;van Bibber et al. 87]



Currently best limits from LSW: ALPS (DESY) and OSQAR (CERN)





> ALPS II at DESY (in coll. with AEI, U FL, UHH, U Mainz)



Crucial test of ALP explanation of excessive HB star energy loss and AGN spectra at VHE





> Beyond ALPS II?

Exp.	Photon flux (1/ s)	Photon E (eV)	B (T)	L (m)	B∙L (Tm)	PB reg.cav.	Sens. (rel.)	Mass reach (eV)
ALPS I	3.5·10 ²¹	2.3	5.0	4.4	22	1	0.0003	0.001
ALPS II	1·10 ²⁴	1.2	5.3	106	468	40,000	1	0.0002
"ALPS III"	3·10 ²⁵	1.2	13	400	5200	100,000	27	0.0001
European XFEL	< 10 ¹⁸	1.104	5.3	106	562	1	0.001	0.01
PW laser	10 ²⁰ 1/ pulse	2.3	10 ⁶	10 ⁻⁵	10	1	0.0003	0.5

[Lindner 14]



> With a multi - 10 M€ project one could even probe well beyond the IAXO reach.

However:

- It is to be shown first that ALPS II performs as expected
- Magnets as being developed for an LHC energy upgrade are essential
- *ALPS III" not before 2025



[Lindner 14]



Most sensitive until now: CERN Axion Solar Telescope (CAST)

- Superconducting LHC dipole magnet
- X-ray detectors

$$P(a \leftrightarrow \gamma) = 4 \frac{(g_{a\gamma}\omega B)^2}{m_a^4} \sin^2\left(\frac{m_a^2}{4\omega}L_B\right)$$







Proposed successor: International Axion Observatory (IAXO)

- Dedicated superconducting toroidal magnet with much bigger aperture than CAST
- Extensive use of X-ray optics
- Low background X-ray detectors





[Armengaud et al (IAXO CDR) 1401.3233]



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$$P_{\rm out} \sim g^2 \mid \mathbf{B}_0 \mid^2 \rho_{\rm DM} V Q / m_a$$

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Ongoing: ADMX (Seattle), exploiting high Q cavity in 8 T SC solenoid

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> ADMX able to probe about 1.5 decades in axion/ALP mass:





Haloscope Searches: Open Resonator

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[Rybka et al. 15]

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- technique allows to probe higher masses suggested in post-inflationary SSB scenario





- Socillating axion/ALP DM in a background magnetic field carries a small electric field component [Horns,Jaeckel,Lindner,Lobanov,Redondo,AR 13]
 - Equations of motion for a plane wave $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{||} \\ a \end{pmatrix} \exp(-i(\omega t kz)).$

$$\left[(\omega^2 - k^2) \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) + \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & -g_{a\gamma} |\mathbf{B}| \omega \\ -g_{a\gamma} |\mathbf{B}| \omega & m_a^2 \end{array} \right) \right] \left(\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{A}_{||} \\ a \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right).$$

axion mixes with A-component PARALLEL to the external B-field

- "Dark matter" solution
$$v = \frac{k}{\omega}$$
; $\omega \simeq m_a (1 + v^2/2 + ...)$
 $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{||} \\ a \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{\text{DM}} \propto \begin{pmatrix} -\chi_a \\ \chi_a \end{pmatrix} \exp(-i(\omega t - kz)).$
It has a small E field! $\chi_a \sim \frac{g_a \gamma |\mathbf{B}|}{m_a}$

[Redondo: talk at DESY 14]



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- Simple broadband experiment: spherical dish antenna



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> Dish antenna may probe higher axion/ALP masses:



[Horns,Lindner,Lobanov,AR 14]



> Several pilot dish antenna experiments searching for hidden photon DM:



FUNK (Karlsruhe)

??? (Tokyo)



Several pilot dish antenna experiments searching for hidden photon DM: >

10⁻⁵



Coulomb 10⁻⁶ СМВ CAST Solar lifetime 10^{-7} FIRAS and hC 10⁻⁸ Mixing parameter χ 10⁻⁹ HB 10⁻¹⁰ 10⁻¹¹ Allowed 10-12 HP 10⁻¹³ 10⁻¹⁴ 10⁻¹⁵ Result 10⁻¹⁶ 10^{-10} 10⁻⁸ 10^{-12} 10⁻⁶ 10⁻⁴ 10⁻² 10⁰ 10² 10⁴ 10^{6} Hidden photon mass m_{γ} [eV] ??? (Tokyo) [Suzuki et al. 15]

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> Several pilot dish antenna experiments searching for hidden photon DM:

First prototype setup at MPI



??? (MPI Munich)

[Caldwell et al. 15]



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MRT search for transverse magnetization due to precession of nuclear spins in polarized sample in presence of eletric field

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evi

pickup

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[Graham, Rajendran 13]

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		(n)	(μ)			Sensitivity
1.	Xe	$1.3 \times 10^{22} \frac{1}{\mathrm{cm}^3}$	$0.35\mu_N$	$100 \mathrm{~s}$	10 T	$10^{-16} \frac{T}{\sqrt{Hz}}$
2.	³ He	$2.8 \times 10^{22} \frac{1}{\mathrm{cm}^3}$	$2.12\mu_N$	$100 \mathrm{~s}$	20 T	$10^{-17} \frac{\mathrm{T}}{\sqrt{\mathrm{Hz}}}$



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> QUAX (INFN):

ESRT search









Fifth Force: Search for Axion-Mediated Forces

- > ARIADNE: Proposed experiment based on precision magnetometry to search for axion-mediated spin-dependent forces
- Combining techniques used in NMR and short-distance tests of gravity



FIG. 1 (color online). A source mass consisting of a segmented cylinder with *n* sections is rotated around its axis of symmetry at frequency ω_{rot} , which results in a resonance between the frequency $\omega = n\omega_{\text{rot}}$ at which the segments pass near the sample and the resonant frequency $2\vec{\mu}_N \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{ext}}/\hbar$ of the NMR sample. Superconducting cylinders screen the NMR sample from the source mass and (not shown) the setup from the environment.



[Arvanitaki, Geraci 14]



Conclusions

- Strong physics case for axion and ALPs:
 - Axion and ALPs occur naturally as NG bosons from breaking of well motivated symm.
 - Solution of strong CP problem
 - Candidates for dark matter
 - Explanation of astrophysical hints (energy losses of stars; AGN spectra; soft X-rays from clusters)
- Large parts in axion and ALPs parameter space can be tackled in the upcoming decade by a number of terrestrial experiments:
 - Light-shining-through-a-wall experiments (ALPS II, ...)
 - Helioscopes (IAXO, ...)
 - Haloscopes (ADMX, CASPEr, QUAX, ...)
 - Fifth-force experiments (ARIADNE, ...)
- Stay tuned!



Summary of Astrophysical Hints for Axion/ALPs



[AR,Rosenberg,Rybka, Review of Particle Physics, Update 2016]





Axion/ALP bounds from Penrose BH superradiance

- If ALP Compton wavelength of order black hole size:
 - Bound states around BH nucleus formed
 - Occupation numbers grow exponentially by extracting rotational energy and angular momentum from the ergosphere
 - Forming rotating Bose-Einstein condensate emitting gravitational waves
 - For BH lighter than 10[^]7 solar masses, accretion can not replenish spin
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FIG. 1 (color online). Axionic Black Hole Atom: The spinning black hole "feeds" superradiant states forming an axion Bose-Einstein condensate. The resulting bosonic atom will emit gravitons through axion transitions between levels and annihilations and will emit axions as a consequence of self-interactions in the axion field.

[Arvanitaki,Dimopoulos,Dubovsky,Kaloper,March-Russell 10]



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Stellar BH spin measurements exclude

 $6 \times 10^{-13} \, {\rm eV} < m_A < 2 \times 10^{-11} \, {\rm eV}$



Reliability of prediction of axion DM abundance?

> Temperature dependence of axion mass from topological susceptibility:



[Borsanyi et al. 15]



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