

# **Axion Landscape**



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New 750 GeV boson? few-sigma hint @ CMS & ATLAS many theory papers since Dec 2015







## **Bestiarium of Low-Mass Bosons**



#### Weakly Interacting Sub-eV Particles (WISPs)

• Axions (1 parameter family  $m_a f_a \sim m_\pi f_\pi$ ) Solves strong CP problem Could be dark matter

#### • Axion-like particles (ALPs) Generic two-photon vertex, could be dark matter (2 parameters $m_a$ and $g_{a\gamma}$ )

#### String axions

(almost massless pseudoscalars in string theory) One of them may solve CP problem

#### Hidden photons

Low-mass gauge bosons from U'(1)(kinetic mixing parameter  $\chi$  and mass  $m_{\gamma'}$ )

#### Chameleons

Scalars in certain models of scalar-tensor gravity Motivated by dark energy Environment-dependent properties

## **The CP Problem of Strong Interactions**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_{q} \bar{\psi}_{q} (iD - m_{q}e^{i\theta_{q}})\psi_{q} - \frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu a}G_{a}^{\mu\nu} - \Theta \frac{\alpha_{s}}{8\pi} \frac{CP - odd}{quantity} \sim \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

Remove phase of mass term by chiral transformation of quark fields

$$\psi_q \to e^{-i\gamma_5 \theta_q/2} \psi_q$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_q \bar{\psi}_q (iD - m_q) \psi_q - \frac{1}{4} GG - \underbrace{\left(\Theta - \arg \det M_q\right)}_{-\pi \le \overline{\Theta} \le +\pi} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G\tilde{G}$$

♦  $\overline{\Theta}$  can be traded between quark phases and  $G\tilde{G}$  term

- ✤ No physical impact if at least one  $m_q = 0$
- Induces a large neutron electric dipole moment (a T-violating quantity)

Experimental limits: 
$$|\overline{\Theta}| < 10^{-11}$$
 Why so small?

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   Peccei-Quinn solution:
   Make Θ dynamical, let system relax to lowest energy

## **38 Years of Axions**

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 23 JANUARY 1978 VOLUME 40, NUMBER 4 A New Light Boson? Steven Weinberg Lyman Laboratory of Physics, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138 (Received 6 December 1977) It is pointed out that a global U(1) symmetry, that has been introduced in order to preserve the parity and time-reversal invariance of strong interactions despite the effects of instantons, would lead to a neutral pseudoscalar boson, the "axion," with mass roughly of order 100 keV to 1 MeV. Experimental implications are discussed. VOLUME 40, NUMBER 5 PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 30 JANUARY 1978 Problem of Strong P and T Invariance in the Presence of Instantons F. Wilczek<sup>(a)</sup> Columbia University, New York, New York 10027, and The Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton, New Jersey 08540<sup>(b)</sup> (Received 29 November 1977) The requirement that P and T be approximately conserved in the color gauge theory of strong interactions without arbitrary adjustment of parameters is analyzed. Several possibilities are identified, including one which would give a remarkable new kind of very light, long-lived pseudoscalar boson. a certain class of theories<sup>4,5,7</sup> the parameter  $\theta$  is One of the main advantages of the color gauge physically meaningless,<sup>4,5</sup> or dynamically detertheory of strong interactions is that so many of the observed symmetries of strong interactions mined.<sup>7</sup> In this case, if the strong interaction conserves P and T, we shall say the conservaseem to follow automatically as a consequence of the gauge principle and renormalizability—P, T, tion is automatic.

I regard a theory of type (i) as very unattrac-

C, flavor conservation, the  $3 \oplus 3^*$  structure of chi-

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## **The Cleansing Axion**









"I named them after a laundry detergent, since they clean up a problem with an axial current." (Nobel lecture 2004)

## **Phenomenological Axion Properties**

#### **Gluon coupling** (generic), defines normalization of axion scale $f_a$

$$\mathcal{L}_{aG} = \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \frac{a}{f_a} G \tilde{G} \qquad a \cdots g_a \qquad g_a \qquad$$

**Mass** (generic) depends on up/down quark masses

$$m_a = rac{\sqrt{m_u m_d}}{m_u + m_d} \, rac{m_\pi}{f_\pi f_a} pprox rac{6 \, \mu \mathrm{eV}}{f_a / 10^{12} \, \mathrm{GeV}}$$

**Axion-photon coupling** (model dependent) Generic from  $a - \pi - \eta$  mixing



## **Axion Bounds**



Astrophysical Bounds (Energy loss of stars)



## **Opportunities for detection**

## **Galactic Globular Clusters**



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## Limits on Axion-Electron Coupling from GC M5



## Supernova 1987A Energy-Loss Argument





Emission of very weakly interacting particles would "steal" energy from the neutrino burst and shorten it. (Early neutrino burst powered by accretion, not sensitive to volume energy loss.)

#### Late-time signal most sensitive observable

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Ordinary Matter 5% (of this only about 10% luminous)



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## **Creation of Cosmological Axions by Re-alignment**

## $T \sim f_a$ (very early universe)

- U<sub>PQ</sub>(1) spontaneously broken
- Higgs field settles in "Mexican hat"
- Axion field sits fixed at  $a_i = \Theta_i f_a$



#### $T \sim 1 \text{ GeV} (H \sim 10^{-9} \text{ eV})$

- Axion mass turns on quickly by thermal instanton gas
- Field starts oscillating when  $m_a \gtrsim 3H$
- Classical field oscillations (axions at rest)



#### Axions are born as nonrelativistic, classical field oscillations Very small mass, yet cold dark matter

## Axion Cosmology in PLB 120 (1983)

#### THE NOT-SO-HARMLESS AXION

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		Lyman Laboratory of Physics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA	
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	The product GeV are found	Frank WILCZEK	
		Institute for Theoretical Physics, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106, USA	
		Received 10 September 1982	
		We identify a new cosmological problem for models which solve the strong CP puzzle with an invisible axion, unrelated to the domain wall problem. Because the axion is very weakly coupled, the energy density stored in the oscillations of the classical axion field does not dissipate rapidly; it exceeds the critical density needed to close the universe unless $f_a \leq 10^{12}$ GeV, where $f_a$ is the axion decay constant. If this bound is saturated, axions may comprise the dark matter of the universe.	

## **Galactic WIMP vs Axion Dark Matter**

#### Local dark matter density around 0.3 GeV/cm<sup>3</sup>

#### WIMPs: Typical mass 100 GeV

• Local number density:

 $3000 \text{ m}^{-3} \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\text{WIMP}}}$ 

**Dilute gas of particles** 

#### Axions: Typical mass 10 $\mu eV$

• Local number density:

 $3 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3} \frac{10 \, \mu \text{eV}}{m_a}$ 

• Typical galactic virial velocity:

$$v_{
m gal} \sim 10^{-3} c$$

• Typical de Broglie wavelength ("localisation")

$$\lambda \sim \frac{2\pi}{m_a v_{\text{gal}}} \sim 100 \text{ m} \frac{10 \,\mu\text{eV}}{m_a}$$

Minimal occupation number

$$f \sim 10^{25} \left(\frac{10 \,\mu eV}{m_a}\right)^4$$

Highly degenerate Bose gas!

#### **Bose-Einstein Condensation of Dark Matter Axions**

P. Sikivie and Q. Yang

170 citations Department of Physics, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611, USA (Received 8 January 2009; revised manuscript received 23 July 2009; published 9 September 2009)

> We show that cold dark matter axions thermalize and form a Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC). We obtain the axion state in a homogeneous and isotropic universe, and derive the equations governing small axion perturbations. Because they form a BEC, axions differ from ordinary cold dark matter in the nonlinear regime of structure formation and upon entering the horizon. Axion BEC provides a mechanism for the production of net overall rotation in dark matter halos, and for the alignment of cosmic microwave anisotropy multipoles.

- Axions ~ WIMP dark matter on scales >> axion de Broglie wavelength?
- Larger-range correlation established by BEC dynamics? (Observable?)
- BEC formation caused by gravitational interactions possible?
- See also Erken, Sikivie, Tam & Yang, arXiv:1111.1157
  - Saikawa & Yamaguchi, arXiv:1210.7080
  - Noumi, Saikawa, Sato & Yamaguchi, arXiv:1310.0167
  - Davidson & Elmer, arXiv:1307.8024, Davidson, arXiv:1405.1139
  - Berges & Jaeckel, arXiv:1402.4776
  - Guth, Hertzberg & Prescod-Weinstein, arXiv:1412.5930

## **Axion Dark Matter Driving Oscillators**



Oscillating axion field (DM)  $\rightarrow$  Oscillating  $\Theta$  term

- Drives oscillating neutron EDM
- Drives oscillating E-field in microwave cavity w/ B-field

Assume axions are the galactic dark matter:  $\rho_a \sim 300 \text{ MeV/cm}^3$ 

$$\rho_a = \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 \Phi_a^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 (\Theta f_a)^2 \sim \Theta^2 (m_\pi f_\pi)^2 \sim \Theta^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4$$

$$\Theta(t) = a(t)/f_a \sim 3 \times 10^{-19} \cos(m_a t)$$

Neutron EDM oscillating with  $\omega = m_a$ 



Axion-induced electric field oscillating with  $\omega = m_a$ 

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## Landscape of Cavity Experiments



**ADMX-HF** 



# **ADMX-Fermilab**

CARRACK (discontinued)









## South Korea's Nobel dream

The Asian nation spends more of its economic output on research than anywhere else in the world. But it will need more than cash to realize its ambitions.

BY MARK ZASTROW

Beind the doors of a drab brick building the provided that the doors of a drab brick building taking shape. So the first-floor lab space is under construction, and one glass door, taped shut, leads directly to a pit in the ground. But at the end of the hall, in a pristine lab, sits a gleaming cylindrical apparatus of cooper and gold. It's a prototype of a device that might one day answer a major mystery about the Universe by detecting a particle called the axion -a possible component of dark matter.

If it succeeds, this apparatus has the potential to rewrite physics and win its designers a Nobel prize. "It will transform Korea, there's no question about it," says physicist Yannis Semertzidis, who leads the US\$7.6-millionper-year centre at South Korea's premier technical university, KAIST. But there's a catch: no one knows whether axions even exist. It's the kind of high-risk, high-reward project

## Searching for Axions in the Anthropic Range



 $\delta B \sim n\mu_N \frac{d_N E}{2\mu_N B - m_a} \sin\left(\left(2\mu_N B - m_a\right)t\right) \sin\left(2\mu_N B t\right)$ 

## Polar Crystal



Lead Titanate

#### **CASPEr experiment Precise magnetometry to measure tiny deviations from Larmor frequency**

Graham & Rajendran, arXiv:1101.2691 Budker, Graham, Ledbetter, Rajendran & Sushkov, arXiv:1306.6089

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#### **Resonantly Detecting Axion-Mediated Forces with Nuclear Magnetic Resonance**

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FIG. 1 (color online). A source mass consisting of a segmented cylinder with *n* sections is rotated around its axis of symmetry at frequency  $\omega_{\text{rot}}$ , 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.



FIG. 2 (color online). Projected reach for monopole-dipole axion mediated interactions.

#### ARIADNE: Axion Resonant InterAction DetectioN Experiment A.Geraci, A.Arvanitaki, A.Kapitulnik, Chen-Yu Liu, J.Long, Y.Semertzidis, M.Snow (to be supported by NSF and/or DoE?)

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## **Axion Searches**



## Looking for axion-like particles (ALPs)

## **Search for Solar Axions**





**Axion Helioscope** (Sikivie 1983)



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- Tokyo Axion Helioscope ("Sumico") (Results since 1998, up again 2008)
- CERN Axion Solar Telescope (CAST) (Data taking 2003–2015)

Alternative technique: Bragg conversion in crystal Experimental limits on solar axion flux from dark-matter experiments (SOLAX, COSME, DAMA, CDMS ...)

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## **CERN Axion Solar Telescope (CAST)**











## Any Light Particle Search II (ALPS-II) at DESY



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## Shining TeV Gamma Rays through the Universe



Figure from a talk by Manuel Meyer (Univ. Hamburg)

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## Next Generation Axion Helioscope (IAXO) at CERN



Need new magnet w/ – Much bigger aperture:  $\sim 1 \text{ m}^2$  per bore

- Lighter (no iron yoke)
- Bores at T<sub>room</sub>
- Irastorza et al.: Towards a new generation axion helioscope, arXiv:1103.5334
- Armengaud et al.: Conceptual Design of the International Axion Observatory (IAXO), arXiv:1401.3233









## **Axion and Axion-Like Particle Searches**



## **Dow Jones Index for Axions: The Rally Continues**

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