

Particle-Physics Constraints from Stars





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Low-mass particles (neutrinos, axions and friends, hidden photons, low-mass carriers of new forces, ...) can be probed by stars.

- Particles from the Sun and their detection
- Impact of new energy-loss channels on low-mass stars
- Supernova 1987A
- Neutron-star cooling
- Axion conversion in pulsar magnetospheres
- Superradiance of ultra-light bosons from black holes

In this lecture focus on the astrophysics of these arguments (often not so clear to particle physicists) and not so much on the latest results for all types of particles



http://earthspacecircle.blogspot.com/2013/07/stellar-evolution.html









Particles from the Sun



2002 Solar Neutrinos (R.Davis, M.Koshiba) 2015 Solar Nu Oscillations (A.McDonald)





Search for solar axions with CAST and future IAXO



Excess events in XENON1T DM search. Solar axions? arXiv:2006.09721

Neutrinos from the Sun







Solar radiation: 98 % light (photons) 2 % neutrinos At Earth 66 billion neutrinos/cm² sec

Hans Bethe (1906–2005, Nobel prize 1967) Thermonuclear reaction chains (1938)

Hydrogen Burning



Solar Neutrinos from Nuclear Reactions



All components of pp chains (blue) have been measured

Very recently direct experimental evidence for CNO fluxes (orange) in Borexino arXiv:2006.15115 (06/2020) Nature 587 (2020) 577

Favors higher flux, but cannot decide between "high" and "low" CNO abundance

Solar Neutrino Spectroscopy with Borexino



Region of interest: Crucial background beta decay of ²¹⁰Bi

²¹⁰Pb
$$\xrightarrow{\beta^{-}}_{22.3 \text{ yr}}$$
 ²¹⁰Bi $\xrightarrow{\beta^{-}}_{5 \text{ d}}$ ²¹⁰Po $\xrightarrow{\alpha}_{138.4 \text{ d}}$ ²⁰⁶Pb

Reduction and stabilization by controlling convective flows in scintillator



Borexino Collaboration:

Experimental evidence of neutrinos produced in the CNO fusion cycle in the Sun Nature 587 (2020) 577

Thermal Neutrinos: Production Processes



Figure 1. Processes for thermal neutrino pair production in the Sun.

Vitagliano, Redondo & Raffelt, arXiv:1708.02248

Solar neutrino flux at keV energies

- Thermally produced neutrinos and antineutrinos dominate at keV energies
- Future detection opportunities?



Vitagliano, Raffelt & Redondo, JCAP 1712 (2017) 010 [arXiv:1708.02248]

Grand Unified Neutrino Spectrum (GUNS) at Earth



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Often shown GUNS plot, but has many issues Probably should be retired



Experimental Tests of the "Invisible" Axion

P. Sikivie

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Experiments are proposed which address the question of the existence of the "invisible" axion for the whole allowed range of the axion decay constant. These experiments exploit the coupling of the axion to the electromagnetic field, axion emission by the sun, and/or the cosmological abundance and presumed clustering of axions in the halo of our galaxy.

Primakoff effect:

Axion-photon transition in external static E or B field (Originally discussed for π^0 by Henri Primakoff 1951)



Pierre Sikivie:

Macroscopic B-field can provide a large coherent transition rate over a big volume (low-mass axions)

• Axion helioscope: Look at the Sun through a dipole magnet

 Axion haloscope: Look for dark-matter axions with A microwave resonant cavity

Let's point a magnet at the sun...



...and look for X-Rays!

By CAST student Sebastian Baum



LHC Magnet Mounted as a Telescope to Follow the Sun



Searching for Solar Axions with CAST



New CAST limit on the axion-photon interaction, Nature Physics 13 (2017) 584 [1705.02290]

Next Generation Axion Helioscope (IAXO)



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

- Lighter (no iron yoke)
- Bores at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{room}}$
- 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



(Baby) IAXO Sensitivty Forecast



Physics potential of the International Axion Observatory (IAXO) JCAP 1906 (2019) 047, arXiv:1904.09155

Observation of Excess Electronic Recoil Events in XENON1T

arXiv:2006.09721 (17 June 2020) ~ 150 citations



Caused by solar axions or other particles from the Sun?

keV-Range Energy Depositions

Nuclear recoil

Electronic recoil (ER)



Dark-matter WIMPs

Coherent scattering of 10 MeV solar neutrinos



Solar neutrinos with large dipole moments



Solar axions (keV energies)

keV-mass bosonic DM particles (ALP-like, hidden photons, ...)

Observation of Excess Electronic Recoil Events in XENON1T



arXiv:2006.09721 (17 June 2020), accepted in PRD

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Solar Axions/ALPs



XENON1T Results for Solar Axions/ALPs



Gao+ 2006.14598v4 (includes xenon form factor of arXiv:2012.02508)

See also Dent+ 2006.15118

According to limits from stellar energy losses, XENON1T excess cannot be caused by solar axions/ALPs



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Galactic Globular Cluster M55









 No new star formation in globular clusters











Planetary Nebulae

Hour Glass Nebula



Eskimo Nebula

Planetary Nebula NGC 3132 Planetary Nebula IC 418







Upper Red Giant Branch of Globular Clusters



Straniero et al., arXiv:2010.03833

Viaux et al., arXiv:1308.4627

TRGB in 46 Globular Clusters [Cerny+ 2012.09701]



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Tip of the Red-Giant Branch in the Galaxy NGC 4258

THE ASTROPHYSICAL JOURNAL, 835:28 (17pp), 2017 January 20

JANG & LEE



Figure 7. $QT - (F555W - F814W)_0$ CMDs of NGC 4258 from five different reduction methods : ALLFRAME on drc, IRAF/DAOPHOT on drc, ALLFRAME on flc, DOLPHOT on flc, and DOLPHOT on flt (from left to right). Edge detection responses are shown by the solid lines. Note that the estimated TRGB magnitudes (dashed lines) agree very well.

NGC 4258 hosts a water megamaser → Quasi-geometric distance determination → Among the best absolute TRGB calibrations

Determinations of the Hubble Constant



Freedman et al. 2019, ApJ 882:34

Recent Published H_0 Values



Freedman et al. 2020 ApJ 891:57

Brightness and Core Mass at TRGB

Raffelt & Weiss, Astron. Astrophys. 264 (1992) 536





Fig. 2. Core mass at helium flash, \mathcal{M}_{tip} , and mass-coordinate of the ignition point, \mathcal{M}_{ig} , as a function of F_{ν} for $\mathcal{M} = 0.80$, $Z = 10^{-4}$, and $Y_0 = 0.22$ (see Table 2).

Fig. 3. Absolute surface brightness as a function of core mass for the $Z = 10^{-4}$ runs of Table 2. The curves are marked with the relevant F_{ν} values.

Parametric study: Vary standard neutrino losses with a fudge factor F_{ν} ($F_{\nu} = 1$ standard, $F_{\nu} = 0$ no losses at all, etc.)

- Helium ignition point (mass coordinate \mathcal{M}_{ig})
- Core mass at ignition \mathcal{M}_{tip}
- Bolometric brightness at ignition M_{tip}

Neutrinos from Thermal Processes



Particle Emission from Red-Giant Core or White Dwarf

Large Neutrino Dipole Moment

- Requires BSM physics
- Direct coupling to EM field
- Enhances plasmon decay



Axions (or friends) with direct coupling to electrons

 Bremsstrahlung emission by degenerate electrons



 $\mu_{
m v} < 1.5 imes 10^{-12} \mu_{
m B}$ (95% CL)

 $g_{ae} < 1.6 \times 10^{-13}$ (95% CL)

Axion Bounds from TRGB Calibrations



Bounds from "water megamaser" galaxy NGC 4258, compared with stellar evolution theory (95% CL)

 $g_{ae} < 1.6 \times 10^{-13}$ $\mu_{\nu} < 1.5 \times 10^{-12} \mu_{\rm B}$

XENON1T interpretation:

 $g_{ae} \sim 30 \times 10^{-13}$ $\mu_{\nu} \sim 20 \times 10^{-12} \mu_{\rm B}$

Updated TRGB Calibrations Capozzi & Raffelt, arXiv:2007.03694

New Distance Determinations in the Galaxy

- Best galactic TRGB calibration with globular cluster ω Centauri
- Depends on distance determination
- Kinematical distance determination using Gaia DR2 data (Baumgardt+ 2019, arXiv:1811.01507, used by Capozzi & Raffelt) d = 5.24 ± 0.05 kpc μ = 13.597 ± 0.021 mag
- TRGB calibration with 46 globular clusters (Cerny+ 2012.09701, 17 Dec 2020), using ω Cen as a distance anchor based on Detached Eclipsing Binaries (DEBs) d = 5.44 ± 0.27 kpc μ = 13.68 ± 0.11 mag
- ω Cen distance based on Gaia EDR3 data (Soltis+ 2012.09196, 16 Dec 2020) to improve TRGB Hubble estimate $d = 5.24 \pm 0.11 \text{ kpc}$ $\mu = 13.595 \pm 0.047 \text{ mag}$
- ω Cen distance based on Gaia EDR3 data (Maíz Apellániz+ 2101.10206 28 Jan 2021) d = 5.25 ± 0.27 kpc μ = 13.60 ± 0.11 mag



New TRGB Calibration from 22 Globular Clusters

Straniero et al., arXiv:2010.03833 (8 Oct. 2020)





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Crab Nebula – Remnant of SN 1054

二十一日没三年三月乙已出東南方大中祥将四月十一日没三年三月乙已出東北方近濁有芒甚至丁已凡十三月没至和元年五月已去出天開東南可數寸成餘年正月丁五見南斗點前天福五年四月两夜出東東北方近濁有芒甚至丁已凡十三法犯次将歷屏星西北方近濁有芒甚至丁已凡十三法犯次将歷屏星西北方近濁有芒甚至丁已凡十三六八月乙已出東北方近濁有芒甚至丁已凡十三六八月乙已出東北方近濁有芒甚至丁已凡十三六八月乙已出東北方近濁有芒甚至丁日月丁卯犯月天前星西北大如桃遠行經軒轅太星入太倒道一日没三年三月乙已出東南方大中祥将四月大中祥将四月四月五月四月四月四月四月一月

Core-Collapse Supernova Explosion

End state of a massive star $M \gtrsim 6-8 M_{\odot}$

Collapse of degenerate core

Bounce at ρ_{nuc} Shock wave forms explodes the star Grav. binding E $\sim 3 \times 10^{53}$ erg emitted as nus of all flavors



- Huge rate of low-E neutrinos (tens of MeV) over few seconds in large-volume detectors
- A few core-collapse SNe in our galaxy per century
- Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity



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Supernova 1987A 23 February 1987

Neutrino Signal of Supernova 1987A



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

Cooling Time Scale

Exponential cooling model: $T = T_0 e^{-t/4\tau}$, constant radius, $L = L_0 e^{-t/\tau}$ Fit parameters are T_0 , τ , radius, 3 offset times for KII, IMB & BST detectors



SN 1987A Axion Limits from Burst Duration

- Raffelt, Lect. Notes Phys. 741 (2008) 51 [hep-ph/0611350] Burst duration calibrated by early numerical studies "Generic" emission rates inspired by OPE rates $f_a \gtrsim 4 \times 10^8$ GeV and $m_a \lesssim 16$ meV (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Chang, Essig & McDermott, JHEP 1809 (2018) 051 [1803.00993] Various correction factors to emission rates, specific SN core models $f_a \gtrsim 1 \times 10^8$ GeV and $m_a \lesssim 60$ meV (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Carenza, Fischer, Giannotti, Guo, Martínez-Pinedo & Mirizzi, JCAP 10 (2019) 016 & Erratum [1906.11844v3] Beyond OPE emission rates, specific SN core models: similar to Chang et al. $f_a \gtrsim 4 \times 10^8$ GeV and $m_a \lesssim 15$ meV (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Carenza, Fore, Giannotti, Mirizzi & Reddy [arXiv:2010.02943] Including thermal pions $\pi^- + p \rightarrow n + a$ (factor 3 larger emission) $f_a \gtrsim 5 \times 10^8$ GeV and $m_a \lesssim 11$ meV (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Bar, Blum & D'Amico, Is there a supernova bound on axions? [1907.05020] Alternative picture of SN explosion (thermonuclear event) Observed signal not PNS cooling. SN1987A neutron star (or pulsar) not yet found. (but see "NS 1987A in SN 1987A", Page et al. arXiv:2004.06078)

Supernova Remnant in Cas A (SN 1680?)

Chandra x-ray image

Non-pulsar compact remnant

Neutron Star Cooling



Potekhin & Chabrier: Magnetic neutron star cooling and microphysics [1711.07662]

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Axion Limits from Neutron Star Cooling

Selection of pulsars at different age:

- Umeda, Iwamoto, Tsuruta, Qin & Nomoto, astro-ph/9806337
- A. Sedrakian, arXiv:1512.07828 (hadronic axions)
- A. Sedrakian, arXiv:1810.00190 (non-hadronic axions)

Supernova Remnant Cas A (320 years)

- Leinson, arXiv:1405.6873
- Hamaguchi, Nagata, Yanagi & Zheng, arXiv:1806.07151

Supernova Remnant HESS J1731-347 (27 kyears)

- Beznogov, Rrapaj, Page & Reddy, arXiv:1806.07991 $g_{an}^2 < 0.77 \times 10^{-19}$
- Leinson, arXiv:1909.03941 $g_{an}^2 < 1.1 \times 10^{-19}$

 $C_n m_a \lesssim 2 \text{ meV}$

Limits broadly comparable to SN 1987A bounds (m_a tens of meV range)

- Protons superconducting bremsstrahlung from neutrons
- Neutron-axion coupling can be very small or vanish

Cooling of Neutron Star in Cas A



Measured surface temperature over 10 years reveals unusually fast cooling rate

- Neutron Cooper pair breaking and formation (PBF) as neutrino emission process?
- Evidence for extra cooling (by axions)?

Leinson, arXiv:1405.6873

Axion Bounds from Magnetic WDs and NSs



- Buschmann, Co, Dessert & Safdi: X-Ray Search for Axions from Nearby Isolated Neutron Stars, arXiv:1910.04164
- Dessert, Long & Safdi: X-Ray Signatures of Axion Conversion in Magnetic White Dwarf Stars, PRL 123 (2019) 061104, arXiv:1903.05088

Radio Search for Axion Dark Matter in Pulsars



See Josh Foster, 9 Oct 2020, https://indico.cern.ch/event/950670/

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Superradiance

Initially slow particle scattering in the ergoregion speeds up by extracting angular momentum and energy from the BH;

Waves similarly increase in amplitude

Particles/waves trapped in orbit around the BH repeat this process continuously



Superradiance condition:

Angular velocity of particle slower than angular velocity of BH horizon



(m = magnetic quantum number)

Particles in orbits that satisfy the SR condition are amplified: "Black hole bomb"

Kinematic, not resonant condition

Black Hole Spins

Five currently measured black holes combine to set limit: $2 \times 10^{-11} > \mu_* > 6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ eV}$

$$3 \times 10^{17} < f_a < 1 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$



Masha Baryakhtar, Talk at Invisibles 2016, https://indico.cern.ch/event/464402/

Gravitational Wave Signals



Arvanitaki, Baryakhtar, Dimopoulos, Dubovsky & Lasenby, arXiv:1604.03958

Masha Baryakhtar, Talk at Invisibles 2016, https://indico.cern.ch/event/464402/

Direct Constraints on the Ultralight Boson Mass from Searches of Continuous Gravitational Waves

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Superradiance limits from LIGO O2 all-sky search for periodic GWs



FIG. 2. 95% C.L. exclusion regions in the plane $m_b - M_{BH}$ assuming a maximum distance d = 1 kpc (left plot) and d = 15 kpc (right plot), a black hole initial adimensional spin $\chi_i = 0.998$, and three possible values for t_{age} : 10³, 10⁶, 10⁸ yr (left plot) and 10³, 10^{4.5}, 10⁶ yr (right plot). The larger light gray area is the accessible parameter space. As expected, the extension of the excluded region decreases for increasing t_{age} (corresponding to darker color).

See also: Search for ultralight bosons in Cygnus X-1 with Advanced LIGO, arXiv:1909.11267

Axions and Stars



Opportunities for detection

Astrophysical Bounds (Energy loss of stars)

Super Radiance







IAXO Solar Axion Telescope

Axion conversion in neutron star magnetospheres