

Experimental Search for Physics beyond the SM:
Strong CP (non-)Violation, EDMs, Axions / hidden Photons,
and other beyond the SM particles from the Sun.

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Lectures 3&4

→ exercises?

→ Ongoing research!

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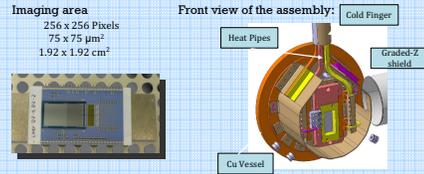
X-ray telescope + future CCD system:

A back-up CCD system :

- Electronics
- New CCD chip:
 - Lower background (better selection of materials)
 - **Lower threshold** (~200 eV)
 - Better energy resolution (<160 eV (FWHM) @ 6 keV)
 - Mechanical design, cooling system (CERN: engineers, Cryolab)
 - Decoupling of telescope and detector: Simplification of alignment

Imaging area
256 x 256 Pixels
75 x 75 μm^2
1.92 x 1.92 cm^2

Front view of the assembly:



Micromegas detectors for the CAST experiment

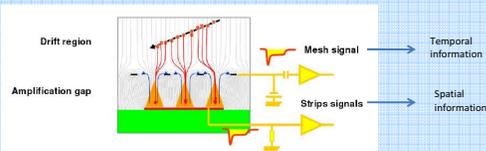
Micromegas detector concept

The Micromegas detector is a gaseous detector which consists of a readout that allows to obtain **temporal** and **spatial information** from any ionizing process that has been taken place in the detector chamber.

The detector is split into the: a) drift or conversion region, b) amplification region.

In the drift region the initial ionization occurs, where each kind of event produces a particular **electron cloud pattern** (defined by volume, shape, etc) which is **proportional to the energy** of the event.

The **amplification region** allows to increase the **signal intensity** at the readout planes.



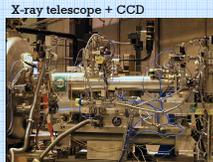
CAST detectors, Phase II-³He

New generation Micromegas



Typical Rates	
MM	3 cts/h (2-10 keV)
CCD	0.18 cts/h (1-7 keV)

Sunrise detectors



Sunset detectors
(2 new Micromegas)

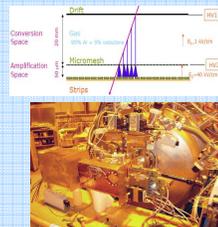


New generation Micromegas

2nd generation Micromegas:

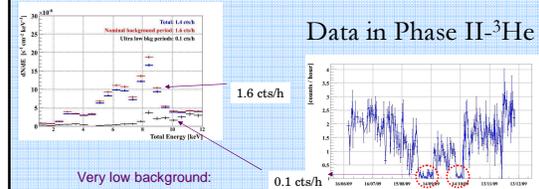
- Novel manufacturing technique (*microbulk* technology)
- Materials selected based on low intrinsic radioactivity
- Improved shielding (modified TPC shielding)

Good potential for very-low background rates



See also
2010 JINST 5 P01009
2010 JINST 5 P02001

Data in Phase II-³He



Very low background:

1.6 cts/h

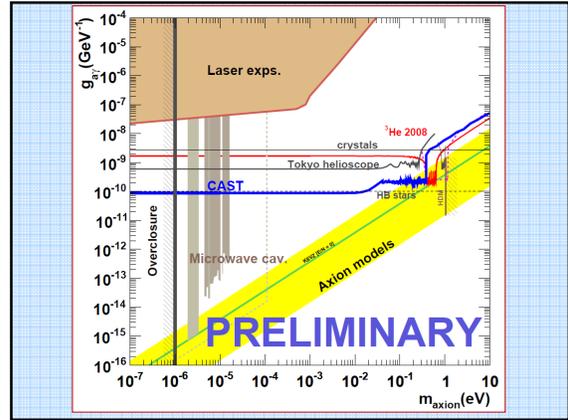
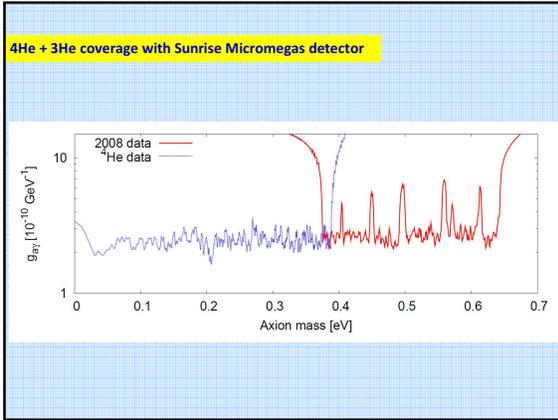
0.1 cts/h



Studies underway:

complete simulation of the whole chain:
Geometry, physics processes, readout

Identical setup to be put in Canfranc Underground Laboratory to further study the effects in a very low background environment.



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Cosmological bounds on sub-MeV mass axions

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Abstract. Axions with mass $m_a \geq 0.7 \text{ eV}$ are excluded by cosmological precision data because they provide too much hot dark matter. While for $m_a \geq 20 \text{ eV}$ the $a \rightarrow 2\gamma$ lifetime drops below the age of the universe, we show that the cosmological exclusion range can be extended to $0.7 \text{ eV} < m_a < 300 \text{ keV}$, primarily by the cosmic deuterium abundance: axion decays would strongly modify the baryon-to-photon ratio at BBN relative to the one at CMB decoupling. Additional arguments include neutrino dilution relative to photons by axion decays and spectral CMB distortions. Our new cosmological constraints complement stellar-evolution and laboratory bounds.

JCAP02 (2011) 003

...byproduct → New solar axion-ID

→ exercise!

Remember:

$$|q| = \frac{m_a^2 - m_\gamma^2}{2E} = \pi/L_{\text{coh}}$$

Axion-photon conversion probability

A plot showing the axion-photon conversion probability versus axion mass m_a in eV. The x-axis ranges from 10^1 to 10^3 eV, and the y-axis ranges from 10^{-11} to 10^{-6} . Several curves are shown for different axion masses: 0.11 MeV (red), 0.1 MeV (orange), 0.05 MeV (yellow), 0.01 MeV (green), and the overall spectrum (blue). A 'CAST →' label is present.

converted axion spectrum

■ $\Delta m=0, \Delta P=0 \rightarrow$ @ resonance
(E)=4.48 keV

$$|q| = \frac{m_a^2 - m_\gamma^2}{2E}$$

■ $\Delta m=0.001, \Delta P=0.037$;
(E)=5.36 keV \rightarrow off-resonance

■ $\Delta m=0.002, \Delta P=0.074$;
(E)=6.69 keV \rightarrow off-resonance

Three plots showing the converted axion spectrum $N_\gamma \times 10^{10} / \text{keV} / \text{day} / \text{cm}^2$ versus energy E_a in eV. The x-axis ranges from 2000 to 14000 eV. The top plot shows a resonance peak at 4.48 keV. The middle and bottom plots show off-resonance peaks at 5.36 keV and 6.69 keV, respectively. A 'new aID' label is present in the middle plot.

converted axion spectrum

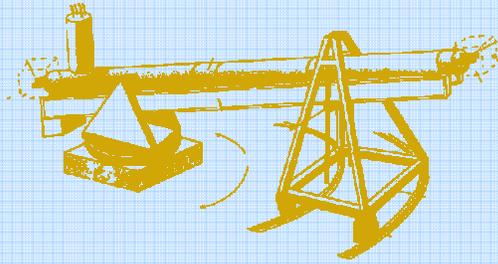
$\Delta m=0.0088, \Delta P=0.332$ (4 steps)
(E)=6.48 keV \rightarrow off-resonance

$$|q| = \frac{m_a^2 - m_\gamma^2}{2E}$$

$\Delta m=0.0214, \Delta P=0.83$ (10 steps)
(E)=6.46 keV \rightarrow off-resonance

Two plots showing the converted axion spectrum $N_\gamma \times 10^{10} / \text{keV} / \text{day} / \text{cm}^2$ versus energy E_a in eV. The x-axis ranges from 2000 to 14000 eV. The top plot shows a resonance peak at 6.48 keV with 4 steps. The bottom plot shows a resonance peak at 6.46 keV with 10 steps. Both plots are labeled 'new aID'.

Search for HE/LE solar axions with CAST



The CAST gamma-ray calorimeter

Motivation

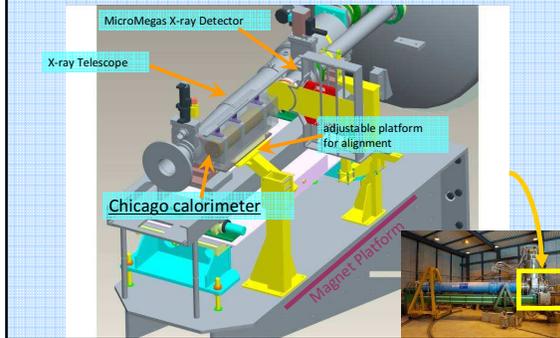
- Axions or other exotica might be emitted in nuclear reactions within the sun (M1)
- Maximize sensitivity to high energy (MeV) axion signal via axion- γ conversions in laboratory magnetic field
- Set limits on axion couplings and mass through solar model constraints



Search for solar axion emission from ^7Li and $\text{D}(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$ nuclear decays
JCAP, arXiv:0904.2103

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Calorimeter installation on CAST magnet platform

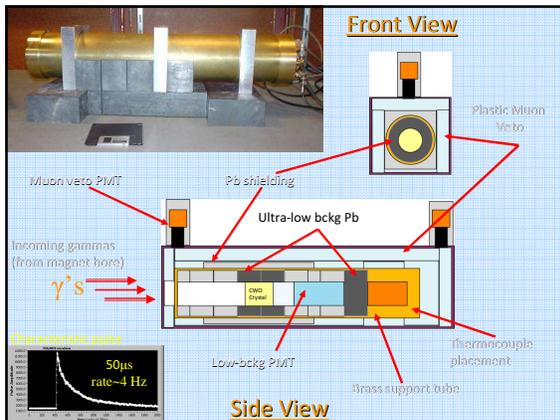


Calorimeter Design and Properties

- Large inorganic scintillating crystal (CdWO_4)
- Low intrinsic background, high γ efficiency
- Low-background photomultiplier tube (PMT)
- Pulse shape discrimination
- Env. radon displacement
- Plastic scintillator as a 4π active muon veto
- Borated thermal neutron absorber
- Sub-200 keV threshold
- 200 MeV dynamic range

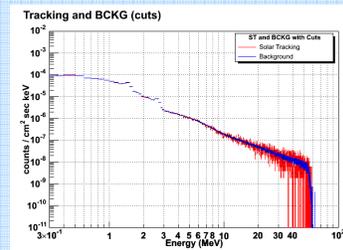


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Compare solar tracking spectrum with background

- Solar tracking and background energy spectra for the CAST calorimeter
- Search for axion signal \rightarrow look at residual!



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Look for excess signal buried in data

Residual: Tracking - Norm'd BCKG (cuts)

- 95% CL peak
- Best fit (signal)
- Best fit (bckg)
- Best fit (sig+bckg)

Allowed counts to 95%CL = 6.87734e-05 counts/cm²/sec
 Allowed counts (sum) to 95%CL = 2.43116e-04 counts/cm²/sec

- Signal:
 - mono-energetic peaks at low energies
 - structured energy deposition at high energies
- Obtain 95% CL (2σ) allowed counts at each energy

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Final results from the CAST calorimeter

Limits on $g_{a\gamma}$ vs. m_a

- 0.5 MeV
- 20 MeV
- CAST 2011 Low
- Helioseismology self-consistency limit

- Alternatively, can use CAST X-ray limit on $g_{a\gamma}$ (e.g., PRL 94, 121301, 2005) to set upper limit on solar-axion flux Φ_a
- Use the helioseismology limit on Φ_a ($0.2L_\odot$) to set upper limit on the axion-photon coupling $g_{a\gamma}$

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14.4 keV solar axions byproduct

Search for 14.4 keV solar axions emitted in the M1-transition of ^{57}Fe nuclei with CAST.

TPC

ICAP12(2009)002 arXiv:0906.4488

Low Energy Axions

BarBE:

Introduction
 > Is there a non-standard flux of low energy axions emitted by the sun?
 a CAST 'first'

Visible photons would convert into axions in the strong B fields of the Sun's surface.

Next steps:

- Long-term: explore the whole sub keV region
- Short-term: possibly extend up to 100 eV

An optical device (PMT + APD) was coupled to a magnet end.

First measurements in the visible (2-4 eV energy range) in two periods in 2007 and 2008:

no signal excess over background

Improved detector (noise/100)
 Integrate permanently in parasitic mode during the ^{57}Fe scan.

arXiv:0809.4581

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LES ~axions

B-conversion, $B=30 T$, $r=0.75R_{\text{up}}$, $m_a=10 \text{ eV}$

$10^{10} \text{ g}_{a\gamma}^2 \text{ keV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

$L_B \approx 6 \times 10^{-5} g_{10}^2 L_\odot$ $\rightarrow \sim 5\% L_{\text{tot axion}}$
 $m=10 \text{ eV} \ \& \ 100 \text{ Tesla}$

$L_{a,B} = 5 \times 10^{-4} B_i \left(\frac{m_a}{451 \text{ eV}} \right)^{4/3} \log_{10} \left(\frac{m_a}{451 \text{ eV}} \right)$
 G. Raffelt

A. Mirizzi, 3rd Axion-WIMPs Workshop, Patras, June 2007

Conclusions

- CAST progressing with the Phase-II according to schedule:
 - ^4He results published (JCAP02(2009)008).
 - ^3He data taking ongoing.
- No axion found by CAST so far. Relevant parameter space excluded.
 - Compatible with best astrophysical limits
 - Entering realistic QCD axion model band for the first time.
- Solar axion byproducts: HE, LE ("visible"), 14.4 keV from nuclear transitions,...
- Outlook: In combination with relic axion searches (ADMX, "CAST") a big part of the QCD axion model region could be explored within the next decade.

Other physics with CAST

- **Relic axions** - Extrapolate recent ideas for CAST?
 - $\lambda_{\text{de Broglie}} \sim 1-10[\text{m}] \sim L_{\text{magnet}}$
- **Paraphotons**
- **Chameleons**
- **(RE)evaluation ...never ends**
 - exciting perspectives TBC!!
 - proposal to CERN-SPSC 5th April 2011

Towards a new generation axion helioscope

→ in ~10 years



Motivation, physics case

- Improve CAST results substantially. It is worth? How much we need to improve?
- Physics case:
 - Large region of allowed QCD axions at 0.01-1 eV scale
 - But also: ALPs at low mass. Hints from astrophysics.
- **No other axion detection technique can realistically improve CAST in the midterm.**
- → To push for a NGAH as the next large infrastructure for axion physics is justified scientifically, feasible(?), fundable.

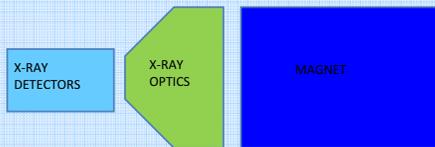
Astrophysics hints for WISPs @

$$m_a \sim 10^{-10} - 10^{-7} \text{ eV} \quad \& \quad g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

- Observation of VHE γ from distant sources (intergalactic medium more transparent to γ than expected) by Cerenkov telescopes
- Spectra from distant sources (HESS sources)
- UHECRs from HiRes, correlated with blazars. (Also correlated with local galactic field?)
- Scatter of x-ray and g-ray luminosity relations of AGN.
 - all these point to similar ALP parameters
- Many more hints but pointing to other ALP parameters, or just stating unexplained observations that could generically fit an ALP-photon scenario.
- Caveat: papers answering some for this "hints" claiming other solutions based on known physics.

Axion Helioscopes FOM

- 3 elements drive the sensitivity of an axion helioscope



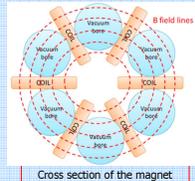
$$\frac{1}{\text{FOM}} \propto g_{a\gamma\gamma}^4 \propto \underbrace{b^{1/2} \epsilon_a^{-1}}_{\text{detectors}} \times \underbrace{a^{1/2} \epsilon_a^{-1}}_{\text{optics}} \times \underbrace{(BL)^{-2} A^{-1}}_{\text{magnet}} \times \underbrace{t^{-1/2}}_{\text{exposure}}$$

where b is the time- and area-normalized background of the detector, ϵ_a its efficiency; a is the focal spot area of the optics, ϵ_a its throughput; B is the magnet field strength, L its length, and A its cross sectional area; t is the exposure time.

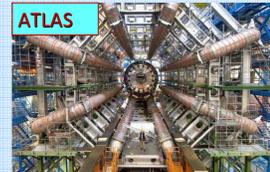
New "magnet" à la ATLAS



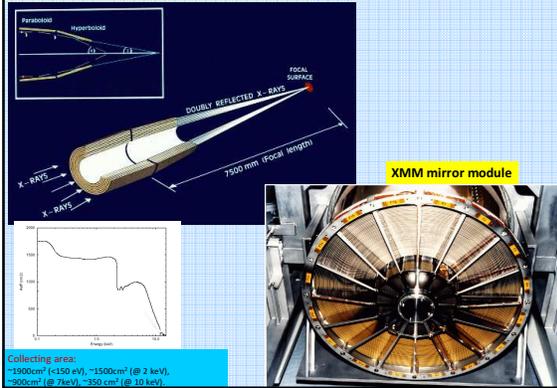
L. Walckiers / CERN suggestion



- CAST enjoys one of the best existing magnets than one can "recycle" for axion physics (LHC test magnet)
- Only way to make a step further is to built a new magnet, specially conceived for this.
- Work ongoing, but best option up to know is a **toroidal configuration**:
 - Much bigger aperture than CAST: ~0.5-1 m / bore
 - Lighter than a dipole (no iron yoke)
 - Bores at room temperature



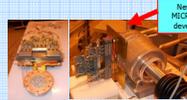
Light Path in XMM-Newton Telescope



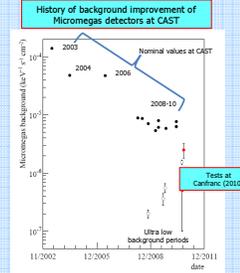
New generation of helioscopes

- CAST has shown the way to improve the helioscope technique:
 - Coupling X-ray focusing devices
 - Low background detectors
 - Shielding techniques
 - Wider sun tracking range

- Most importantly, **larger magnet**



New low-background MICROMEGAS detectors developed within CAST



Igor G. Irastorza / Universidad de Zaragoza

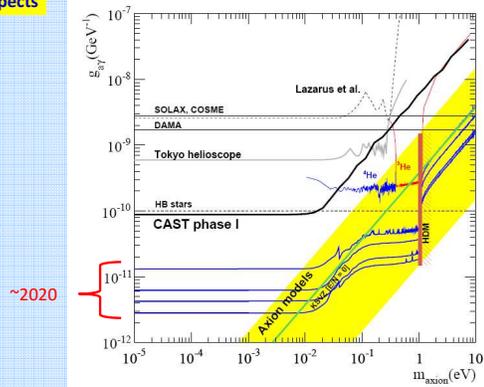
Main experimental challenges

seem reasonable, but need to be demonstrated

- **Goals for the next 1-2 years:**

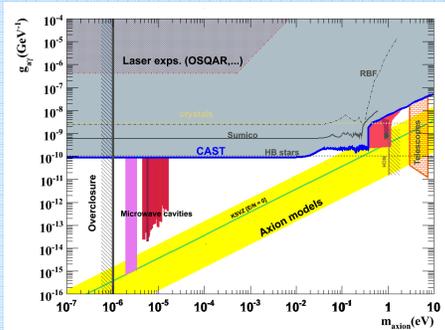
- **Magnet**
 - Built a new magnet, tailored to our needs
 - Main goal: $B^2L^2A \sim \times 1000$ better than CAST (desirable), $\times 100$ (minimum)
 - Other construction technical issues \rightarrow feasibility study, design study.
 - Work already going on. Next steps?
- **Optics**
 - Cost-effective large optics (all magnet instrumented), 0.5-1 m², several bores
 - Optimization: number of optics, dead space, focal length...
 - prospects with Nustar tooling.
- **Detectors**
 - Main goal: background $\sim 10^{-7}$ c/keV/cm²/s
- **Platform**, general assembly engineering
 - 40-50% Sun coverage?

Prospects



CAST in the Axion MAP soon

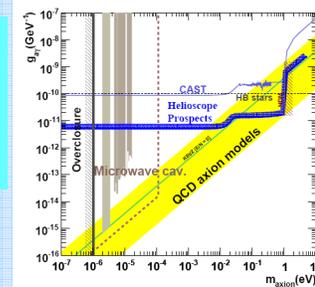
Now and ...



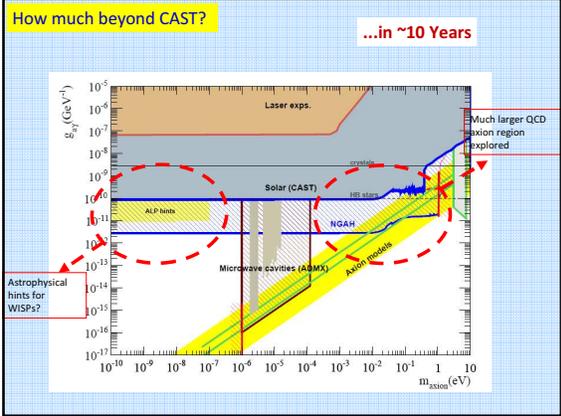
Towards a new generation of helioscopes

Large parts of the model region for QCD axions could be explored in the coming decade

Combination of Helioscope experiments and Dark matter axion searches (ADMX)



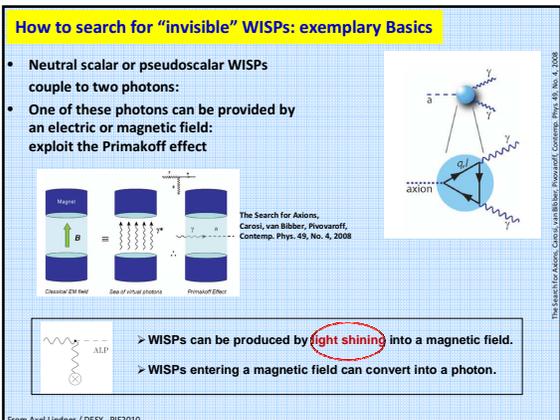
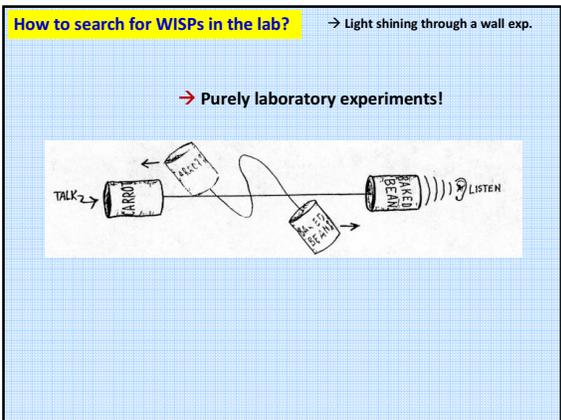
• Th. Papaevangelou talk in 'New Opportunities in the Physics Landscape at CERN Workshop.'



- ### Politics – some useful concepts to be faced
- **NGAH fundable project?**
 - New generation of WIMP dark matter experiments (1+ ton of detector mass): EURECA, XENON1T, DARWIN, in Europe, SuperCDMS, LUX, MAX, etc., in US, are 10-100 Meur projects. A few of them will be surely funded. NGAH physics case is not inferior to theirs. Rather the opposite, being NGAH unique in its genre.
 - **WIMPs vs. Axions**
 - WIMP lobby is far larger. Need to bring the discussion into scientific grounds: there is no reason to disregard the “axion option”
 - NGAH is the next step after CAST. Not to fund it represents to kill 90% of axion physics (at least in Europe).
 - **Helioscope vs. microwave**
 - Microwave cavities (ADMX) are sensitive **only** to QCD axions, not ALPs. Because, they need to assume them to be the dark matter.
 - In the search for QCD axions, NGAH and ADMX (or CAST?) are **complementary**.

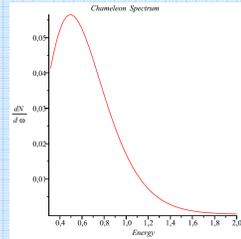
- ### From Axions to ALPs and to WISPs
- There might be much more than a QCD axion only:
- **ALPs: “axion-like particles”**
String Axiverse A. Arvanitaki, S. Dimopoulos, S. Dubovsky, N. Kaloper, and J. March-Russell, arXiv:0905.4720 [hep-th]. String theory suggests the simultaneous presence of many ultralight axions, possibly populating each decade of mass down to the Hubble scale 10^{-33} eV. Conversely the presence of such a plenitude of axions (an “axiverse”) would be evidence for string theory, ...
 - **WISPs, Weakly Interacting Slight Particles,** (axions and ALPs, hidden sector photons, mini-charged particles) occur naturally in string-theory motivated extensions of the Standard Model
Naturally Light Hidden Photons in LARGE Volume String Compactifications; M. Goodsell, J. Jaeckel, J. Redondo and A. Ringwald, arXiv:0909.0515 [hep-ph], JHEP 0911:027,2009; Extra “hidden” U(1) gauge factors are a generic feature of string theory that is of particular phenomenological interest. They can kinetically mix with the Standard Model photon and are thereby accessible to a wide variety of astrophysical and cosmological observations and laboratory exp’s.
 - **Solar Chameleons**
P. Brax, K. Zioutas, Phys. Rev. D 82, 043007 (2010)
- From Axel Lindner / DESY, P1F2010

- ### Summary on Motivation
- There might be a “low energy particle physics frontier” hiding unknown particles with sub-eV masses (**WISPs**).
 - The **axion** remains particular interesting as a
 - solution to the CP conservation of QCD,
 - candidate for Dark Matter.
 - There might be a plenitude of **Weakly Interacting Slight Particles**
 - occurring naturally in string-theory inspired extensions of the Standard Model,
 - opening a window to physics beyond the TeV scale.
 - Theory starts to develop detailed scenarios and predictions for WISPs to be probed by experiments.
 - Not only detections, but also upper-limits on WISP productions might become important ingredients for theory.
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How to search for "invisible" WISPs: exemplary Basics

- Neutral scalar or pseudoscalar **WISPs**: exploit the **Primakoff effect**
- Neutral vector bosons ("hidden sector photons" **HP**): exploit mixing with "ordinary" photons \rightarrow **paraphotons**
- Minicharged particles (**MCP**, about $10^{-6} e$): "loop effects".
- **Chameleons** (via Primakoff effect)
 - ... solar chameleons @ CAST \rightarrow
 - rest mass = f(environment)
 - \rightarrow **dark energy candidates**

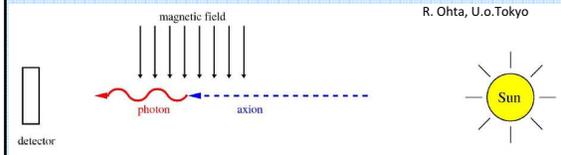


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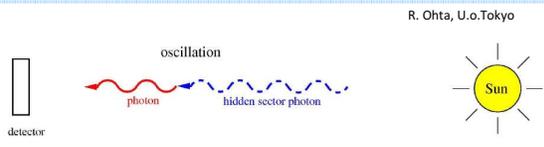
Axions / chameleons \rightarrow DM / DE \rightarrow coupling to 2 photons



R. Ohta, U.o.Tokyo

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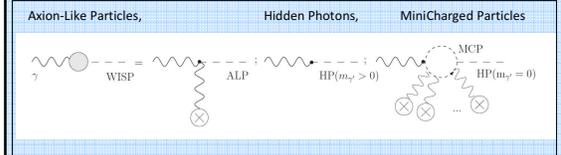
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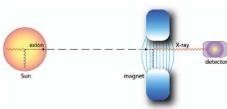
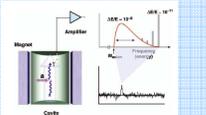
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How to search for "invisible" WISPs: Astrophysics

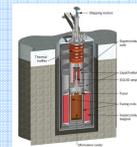
- **Indirect:** WISPs would open up **new energy loss channels** for hot dense plasmas
 - stringent limits on WISP characteristics from the lifetime of stars, length of neutrino pulse from SN and cosmic microwave background radiation for example.
- **Direct:**
 - Search for axions, HP, chameleons from the sun (e.g., CAST)
 
 - Search for halo dark matter axions (ADMX, ...?CAST?..)
 

The Search for Axions, Ghoshal, arXiv:hep-th/0606232, ConfProc. Phys. JPN No. 4, 2008

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How to search for "invisible" WISPs: Astrophysics

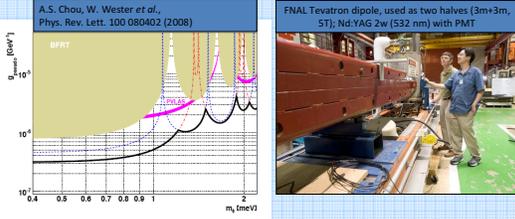
- **Indirect:** WISPs would open up **new energy loss channels** for hot dense plasmas
 - stringent limits on WISP characteristics from the lifetime of stars, length of neutrino pulse from SN and cosmic microwave background radiation for example.
- **Direct:**
 - Search for axions, HP, Chameleons, from the sun, e.g., CAST \rightarrow more?
 - Search for halo dark matter axions (ADMX, ...?CAST?..)



<http://www.astro.uva.nl/~axion/>
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**Several new photon regeneration experiments:
ALPS, BMV, GammeV, LIPSS, OSQAR, ...?**



These limits however are still orders of magnitude weaker than the limits established by astrophysics (Horizontal Branch Stars) and CAST

Outlook

The world-wide laboratory experiments in this research field are strengthening, but there is still a way to go!

Light shining through walls

Experiment	ω	P_0	β_0	Magnets
ALPS (DESY) [61, 62]	2.33 eV	4 W	300	$B_y = B_x = 5$ T $L_y = L_x = 4.21$ m
BFRF (Brookhaven) [64, 65]	2.47 eV	3 W	100	$B_y = B_x = 3.7$ T $L_y = L_x = 4.1$ m
BMV (LULI) [66, 67]	1.17 eV	$8 \times 10^{11} \frac{1}{\text{pulse}}$ (14 pulses)	1	$B_y = B_x = 12.3$ T $L_y = L_x = 0.1$ m
GammeV (Fermilab) [68]	2.33 eV	$4 \times 10^{17} \frac{1}{\text{pulse}}$ (3600 pulses)	1	$B_y = B_x = 5$ T $L_y = L_x = 3$ m
LIPSS (JLab) [69, 70]	1.03 eV	180 W	1	$B_y = B_x = 1.7$ T $L_y = L_x = 1$ m
OSQAR (CERN) [71, 72]	2.5 eV	15 W	1	$B_y = B_x = 9$ T $L_y = L_x = 7$ m
BMV (ESRF) [73]	50/90 keV	10/0.5 mW	1	$B_y = B_x = 3$ T $L_y = 1.5, L_x \sim 1$ m

Table 1. Some experimental parameters of the past and current generation of LSW experiments.
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Light shining through walls, J. Redondo, A. Ringwald, arXiv:1011.3743v1 [hep-ph]

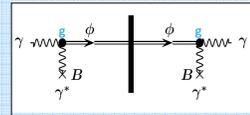
~6 LSW experiments

E.g., the '... german exper' at DESY: ALPS

→ Thanks to Axel Lindner / DESY

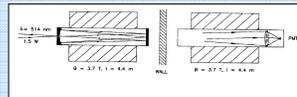
How to search for "invisible" WISPs: Lab Experiments

Experiments with intense laser beams providing very high photon number fluxes or extremely good control of beam properties.
- More direct: "light-shining-through-a-wall" (LSW)



Note:
 $P_{\gamma \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \gamma} \sim g^4$

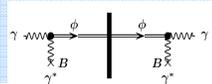
Okun 1982, Skivie 1983, Ansel'm 1985, Van Bibber et al. 1987



G. Russo et al. (BFRF Experiment), Z. Phys. C 56 (1992) 505

Axion Production in a magnetic Field

- The production (and re-conversion) of WISPs takes place in a coherent fashion.
- For ALPs (Φ):



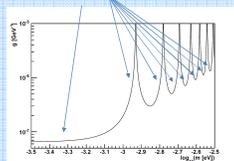
$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow \phi}(B, \ell, q) = \frac{1}{4} (g B \ell)^2 F(q\ell) \quad F(q\ell) = \left[\frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}q\ell)}{\frac{1}{2}q\ell} \right]^2 \quad q = p_\gamma - p_\phi$$

l: length of B field

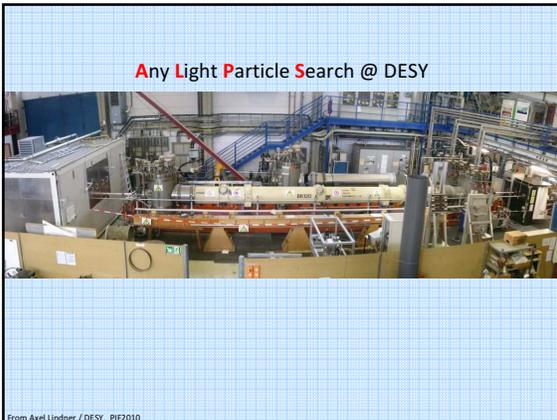
With $P_{\gamma \rightarrow \phi} = P_{\phi \rightarrow \gamma} = P$: $g = (P)^{1/4} \cdot 2 \cdot (L \cdot B) / F^{1/2}$

Take note:
 $P(B \text{ field}) / P(\text{beam dump}) = 10^6 \cdot (mm/\lambda_{\text{axion}}) \cdot (B/T)^2 \cdot (L/m)^2$

(A. Ringwald, J. Redondo, arXiv:1011.3743v1 [hep-ph])



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Any Light Particle Search @ DESY

A "light-shining-through-a-wall" experiment

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The main components of a LSW exp.

- Powerful laser:** optical cavity to recycle laser power (high quality laser beam)
- Strong magnet:** HERA dipole: 5 T, superconducting (unfortunately just one)
- Sensitive detector:** CCD (determines wavelength of laser light!)

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A powerful Laser System

- Trick: the light of a relatively low power laser with excellent beam characteristics is reflected back and forth inside an optical resonator (cavity) thus enhancing the effective laser power.

D. Tainner, PATRAS 2009

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The Laser System

Lock by adapting the distance between the mirrors to the variations of the laser frequency.

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The Laser System

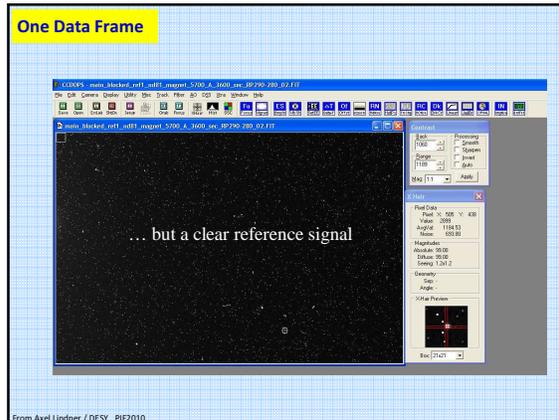
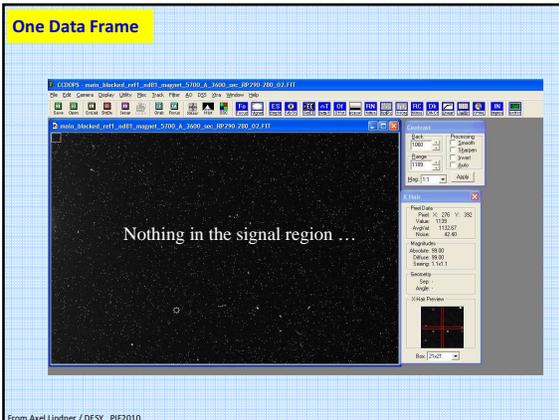
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The Detector

- Conventional low noise CCD, where the light is focused onto very few pixels to minimize dark current and read-out noise.

Beam spot on the CCD (pixel size 13 μm).

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ALPS Results

- Unfortunately, no light is shining through the wall!

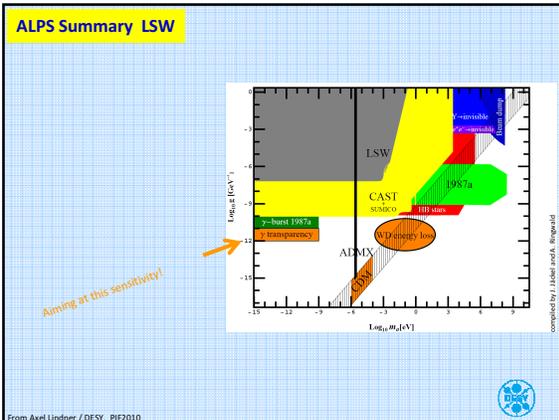
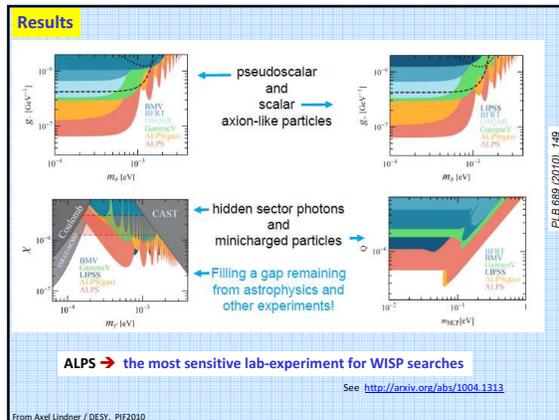
laser hut HERA dipole detector

γ WISP γ

$3.5 \cdot 10^{21} / \text{s}$ $< 10^3 / \text{s}$

PLB Vol. 689 (2010), 149, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1004.1313>

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Hints for WISP Physics?

Theory:

- A QCD axion in the mass region of 10^5 to 10^4 eV would be a "perfect" cold Dark Matter candidate.
- A zoo of WISPs is expected from string theory inspired extensions of the Standard Model. (A. Arvanitaki, S. Dimopoulos, S. Dubovsky, N. Kaloger, and J. March-Russell, arXiv:0905.4720 [hep-th]; M. Goodsell, J. Jaeckel, J. Redondo and A. Ringwald, arXiv:0909.0515 [hep-ph], JHEP 0911:027,2009)

Astrophysics:

- Axions and the cooling of white dwarf stars. (J. Isern et al., arXiv:0806.2807v2 [astro-ph], Astrophys. J. L. 682 (2008) L109)
- Evidence for a New Light Boson from Cosmological Gamma-Ray Propagation? (M. Rencardelli et al., arXiv:0902.0895v1 [astro-ph.CO])
- Does the X-ray spectrum of the sun points at a 10 meV axion? (K. Zioutas et al., arXiv:0903.1807v4 [astro-ph.SR])
- Large-Scale Alignments of Quasar Polarization Vectors: Evidence at Cosmological Scales for Very Light Pseudoscalar Particles Mixing with Photons? (D. Hutsemekers et al., arXiv:0809.3088v1 [astro-ph])
- Signatures of a hidden cosmic microwave background (J. Jaeckel, J. Redondo, A. Ringwald, Phys. Rev. Lett. 101:191801,2008)

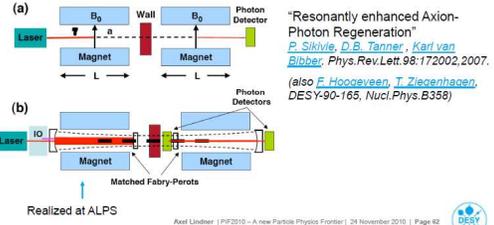
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... improvements ?

Double resonantly enhanced WISP regeneration experiment

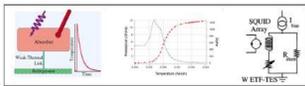
Essential:

- > Implementation of a second cavity in the regeneration part of the experiment to enhance the conversion probability WISP → photon.



Detectors

- > Strive for a "background-free" single photon counter: Transition Edge Sensor @ 100 mK?



This will be investigated in collaboration with Italian partners (Camerino, Genoa and Trieste).

→ Also for CAST

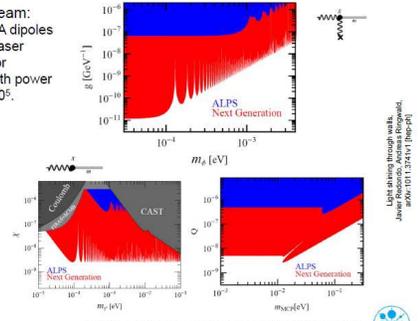
- > Heterodyne detection: mix two signals and search for a Fourier component?

$$S = |E_{SO}e^{i(\omega_1 t + \phi)} + E_{LO}e^{i\omega_2 t}|^2 = E_{LO}^2 + 2E_{LO}E_{SO} \cos(\Omega t + \phi)$$

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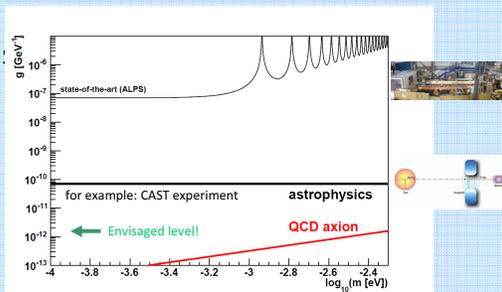
Dreamed LSW experiment

- An ALPS II dream:
- 20+20 HERA dipoles
 - 300 kW IR laser
 - TES detector
 - 2nd cavity with power built-up of 10⁵.



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A possible Scenario for LSW experiments

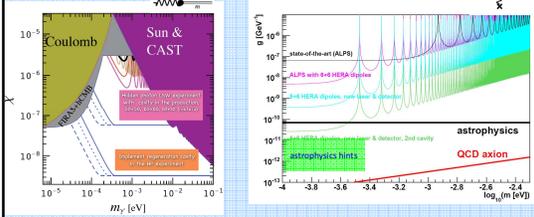


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Physics Prospects of ALPS II

First phase: Hidden sector photon search, no magnets required.

Second phase: Any Light Particle Search with magnets.



(compiled by J. Redondo)

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mimic CAST



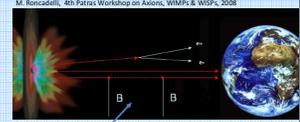
(in)direct axion-signals ?

Hints for ALP Physics: Cosmological TeV γ -propagation

TeV photons should be absorbed by e^+e^- pair production due to interaction with the extragalactic background light (EBL):

$$\gamma_{TeV} + \gamma_{EBL} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$$

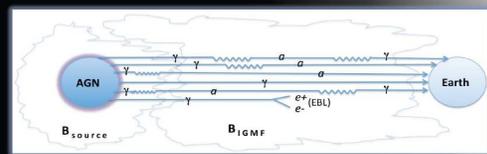
However, the TeV spectra of distant galaxies do hardly show any absorption.



TeV photons may "hide" as ALPs!

Photon axion conversion at HE

- Axions (pseudoscalar boson) were postulated to solve the strong-CP problem in the 70s.
- Good Dark Matter candidates
- They are expected to convert into photons (and viceversa) in the presence of magnetic fields:



AGNs located at cosmological distances will be affected by both mixing in the source (e.g. Hooper & Serpico 07) and in the IGMF (De Angelis+07):

- A. Source mixing: flux attenuation
- B. IGMF mixing: flux attenuation and/or enhancement

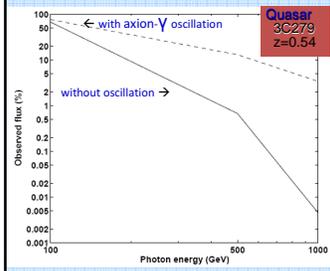
$$E_{crit}(GeV) \equiv \frac{m_a^2}{0.4 B_G} \frac{M_{11}}{M_{11}}$$

In order to observe both effects in the gamma-ray band, we need ultralight axions.

Miguel A. Sánchez Conde, http://www.inic.es/galeria/mass/Extras_Files/TeVDA10_sanchezconde_200710.pdf

Large transparency to extragalactic light

→ "New Physics"



- EBL difficult to observe VHE
- The arrival of photons >220 GeV + $z=0.54$ is unexpected.

De Angelis, private communication

MAGIC Telescope:
Obs'd VHE γ 's >220 GeV 5.1σ
30" ICRC'07, Merida, Mexico
astro-ph/0709.1475, 10/9/2007

Photons survive (dashed line) with an enhancement factor ~ 20 as expected in the absence of an α - γ oscillation: $m_a \ll 10^{-10} eV$, $\theta_{a\gamma\gamma} < 2.5 \cdot 10^{-12} GeV^{-1}$

→ \sim axion
De Angelis, Mansutti, Roncadelli, astro-ph/0707.4312, subm. PRL (2007)

Evidence for a New Light Boson from Cosmological Gamma-Ray Propagation?

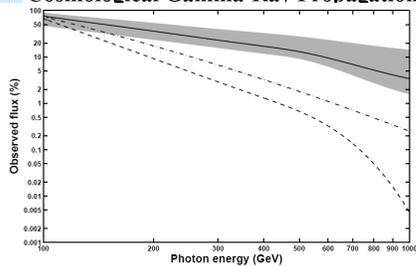


FIGURE 2. The two lowest lines give the fraction of photons surviving from a source at the same distance of 3C279 without the oscillation mechanism, for the "best-fit model" of EBL (dashed line) and for the minimum EBL density compatible with cosmology [2]. The solid line represents the prediction of the oscillation mechanism for $B \approx 10^{-9}$ G and $L_{dom} \approx 1$ Mpc within the "best-fit model" of EBL. The gray band is the envelope of the results obtained by independently changing B and L_{dom} within a factor of 10 about their preferred values. M. Roncadelli, A. De Angelis, O. Mansutti, astro-ph/200902.0895

Galactic Center

→ Origin of diffuse X-rays?

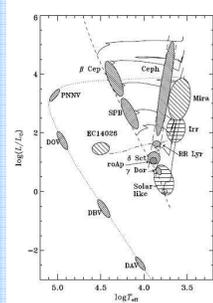
too hot (~ 90 MK) to be a gravitationally bound plasma!

→ how to produce it?

e.g., spontaneous radiative decay of KK-axions?

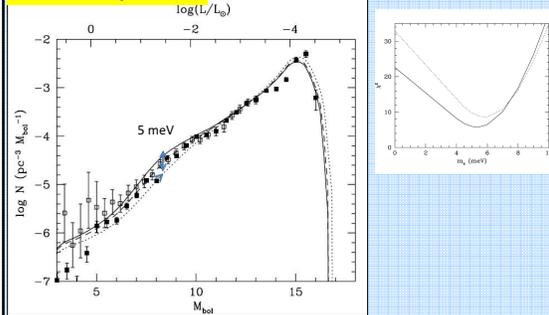
The white dwarf population: one of the best studied!

- # They are the end stage of low and intermediate-mass stars
- # Their evolution is just a cooling process
- # The basic physical ingredients of their evolution are well identified (not all has been satisfactorily solved yet)
- # Impressively solid observational background for testing theory.



Courtesy of Christensen-Dalgaard

The luminosity function



Axion emission dominated by bremsstrahlung (~T)
Best fit obtained introducing axions with a mass ~5 meV

From 3 independent results:

- WDs (g_{ae})
- SN1987A (g_{aN}) ← limit
- Solar X-rays ($g_{a\gamma\gamma}$)

$m_{axion} \approx 10-20$
[meV/c²]

→ CAST!?

... focus on the Sun.



10 December 1998

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Physics Letters B 443 (1998) 201–208

Search for energetic cosmic axions utilizing terrestrial/celestial magnetic fields

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[doi:10.1016/S0370-2693\(98\)01346-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0370-2693(98)01346-X)

Detecting solar axions with x-ray satellites

<http://theory.tifr.res.in/~jigsaw/talks/huber.pdf>

http://wingate.uoregon.edu/BSM_Fall05/davoudiasl.pdf

PRL 97, 141302 (2006) PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS week ending 6 OCTOBER 2006

Detecting Solar Axions Using Earth's Magnetic Field

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 (Received 20 October 2005; published 4 October 2006)

We show that solar axion conversion to photons in the Earth's magnetosphere can produce an x-ray flux, with average energy $\langle \omega \rangle = 4$ keV, which is measurable on the dark side of the Earth. The smallness of the Earth's magnetic field is compensated by a large magnetized volume. For axion masses $m_a \leq 10^{-4}$ eV, a low-Earth-orbit x-ray detector with an effective area of 10^6 cm², pointed at the solar core, can probe the photon-axion coupling down to 10^{-14} GeV⁻¹, in 1 yr. Thus, the sensitivity of this new approach will be an order of magnitude beyond current laboratory limits.

.... + **orbiting X-ray detector**

→ "dark earth"

→ worked out...

<http://prl.aps.org/pdf/PRL/97/14/e141302>

Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics
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A feasibility study for measuring geomagnetic conversion of solar axions to x-rays in low Earth orbits

Hooman Davoudiasl¹ and Patrick Huber^{2,3}

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(in)direct axion-signals?

Key Observation

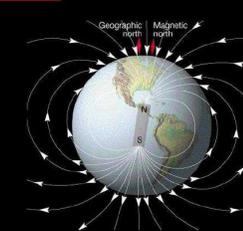
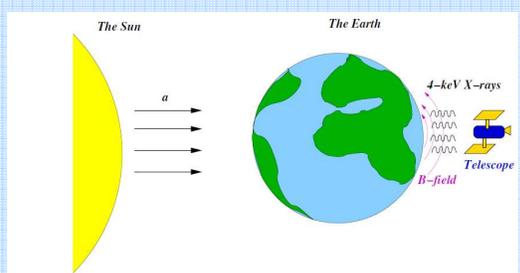
- Earth's magnetic field: $B_{\oplus} \approx 0.3$ G.
- $B_{\oplus} \propto 1/r^3$
- $L \ll R_{\oplus} \approx 6400$ km $\Rightarrow B_{\oplus} \approx$ Constant.
- We will use $L_{\oplus} \approx 1000$ km.

Earth as the conversion region:
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\oplus} \approx 30$ T m.
 $\mathcal{F}(\text{CAST}) \approx 83$ T m.
 \mathcal{F}_{\oplus} and $\mathcal{F}(\text{CAST})$ are comparable!

Conversion of high energy cosmic axions in B_{\oplus}
 Zloutas, Thompson, Paschos (1998)

A low-earth-orbit X-ray detector with $A \gg A_{\text{CAST}}$ can outperform CAST.

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- Using the Earth to shield solar X-rays.
- Collect data on the night side.

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Geomagnetic field map

A feasibility study for measuring geomagnetic conversion of solar axions to x-rays in low Earth orbits

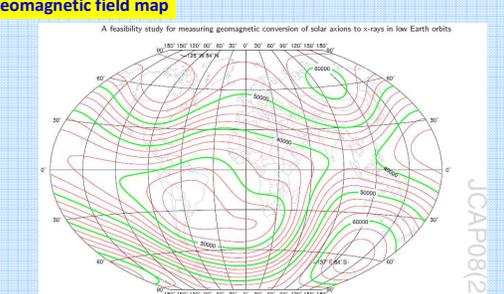


Figure 2. Map of the total magnetic field strength at sea level for 2 July 2008 [22]. Green, thick contours are in steps of 10000 nT, thin red lines are in steps of 2500 nT. The numbers on top of the green, thick contours are the magnetic field strength in nT. The black dots denote the positions of the magnetic dip pole for each year from 2005 to 2010. The coordinates give the position of the magnetic pole on 2 July 2008. The map is a Winkler triple projection.

http://iopscience.iop.org/1475-7516/2008/08/026/pdf/1475-7516_2008_08_026.pdf

Observation strategy

- enter earth shadow
- turn towards the sun
- observe
 - non-imaging – point on target for signal, point off target for background
 - imaging – use on-target pixels for signal, off-target pixels for background
- turn away from the sun
- exit earth shadow

<http://theory.tifr.res.in/~jigsaw/talks/huber.pdf>

Axion-Photon Conversion:

$$p_\gamma(L) = 2 \left(\frac{B}{2M} \right)^2 \left[\frac{1 - \cos(qL)}{q^2} \right]$$

Numerical inputs:

$$m_a \leq 10^{-4} \text{ eV}, M = 10^{10} \text{ GeV},$$

$$B = b_\oplus = 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ T},$$

$$\omega = 4 \text{ keV},$$

$$L = L_\oplus = \pi/q_{\text{max}} \simeq 600 \text{ km}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_\gamma(L_\oplus) \approx 10^{-18}.$$

q_{max} corresponds to $m_a = 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$.

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Flux estimate

$m_a = 10^{-4}$ and $E_a = 4 \text{ keV}$ the oscillation length $L = \pi/q$ is 600 km.

Using $g_{a\gamma} = g_{10}$ we get $p_\gamma \simeq 10^{-18}$.

If we integrate the axions flux from the sun over an energy range from 1 – 10 keV we obtain $\simeq 4 \times 10^{11}$ axions $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

This yields a x-ray fluence of

$$4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ photons cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Taking an observation time of $t = 10^7 \text{ s}$ and collecting area of $A = 10^4 \text{ cm}^2$ we get 10^4 x-ray photons. The signal is proportional to g_{10}^4 .

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X-ray satellites

- Collecting areas range from a few cm^2 up to a few 1000 cm^2
- Altitudes range from several 100 km up to several 10 000 km
- Imaging vs non-imaging detectors
- Slew rate – how fast can they turn

A sensitive x-ray detector must not be pointed towards the sun since this would lead to severe damage. They can start turning towards the sun only once they are in the earth shadow and have to turn away before they leave the earth shadow, the time in the shadow is determined by the orbit.

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Solar-axion flux at Earth:

$$\Phi_a = 3.67 \times 10^{11} (10^{10} \text{ GeV}/M)^2 \text{ axions cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

X-ray flux at $L_\oplus \simeq 600 \text{ km}$, $M = 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$:

$$\Phi_\gamma(L_\oplus) \approx 4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ photons cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- $\delta t \sim 10^7 \text{ s}$ and $A \sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^2 \Rightarrow N_{\text{signal}} \sim 10^4$.
- Sensitivity to $M = 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$.

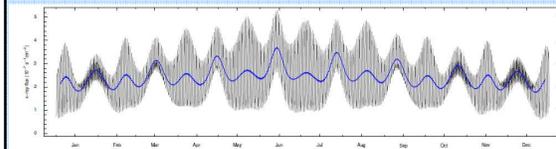
Q: Can we observe this flux?

A: Yes.

Let us look at some typical X-ray telescopes.

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Fluxes throughout the year



Clear signal, once measured

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X-ray missions

RXTE

- $A_{\text{eff}} \sim 7000 \text{ cm}^2$; $E_\gamma \in [1, 50] \text{ keV}$.
- Angular resolution: 0.5° (Sun: 0.5°).
- Orbit: 600 km.
- 1996-1999 calibration: $\delta t \simeq 2.5 \times 10^4 \text{ s}$ of dark earth data.
- Background: 3 counts s^{-1} , $E_\gamma \in [2, 10] \text{ keV}$.



$\Rightarrow N_B \simeq 7.5 \times 10^4$

RXTE Sensitivity: $\sqrt{N_B}/(\delta t A_{\text{eff}}) \sim 1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

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X-ray missions

LOBSTER

- $A_{\text{eff}} \sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^2$; $E_\gamma \in [0.5, 3.5] \text{ keV}$.
- Angular resolution: $3'$
- Core of the sun: $3'$, one pixel.
- Orbit: 350 km; to fly on ISS.
- Background per pixel: $10^{-5} \text{ counts s}^{-1}$

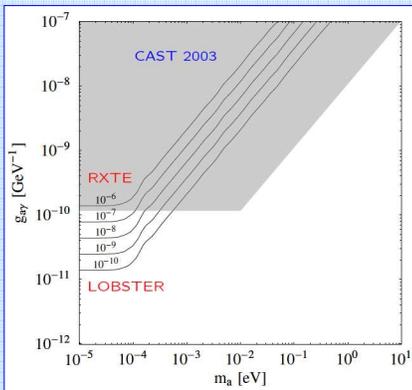


$\Rightarrow N_B \sim 100$ for $\delta t \sim 10^7 \text{ s}$

LOBSTER Sensitivity: $\sqrt{N_B}/(\delta t A_{\text{eff}}) \sim 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

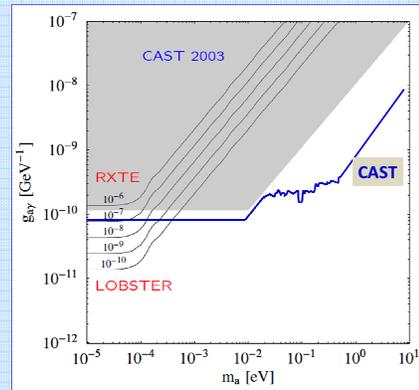
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Comparison with CAST for $m_a \lesssim 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$:

$$\frac{N_\oplus}{N_{\text{CAST}}} = \frac{\mathcal{F}_\oplus^2}{\mathcal{F}_{\text{CAST}}^2} \times \frac{A_\oplus}{A_{\text{CAST}}} = (30/83)^2 \times (10^4/29) \simeq 45.$$

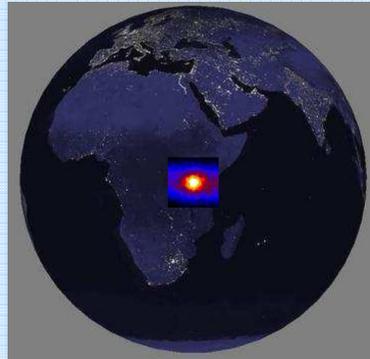
The orbiting telescope has a performance equal to 45 CAST experiments!

★ X-ray signatures are distinct:

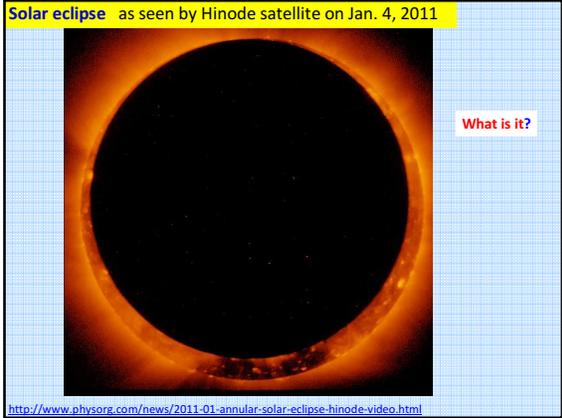
- Direction of the solar core.
- Black-body distributed with $T \simeq 1.1 \text{ keV}$.
- Flux variations: annual (Earth-Sun distance) and orbital (B_\oplus).

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.... midnight Sun image in X-rays through the Earth!



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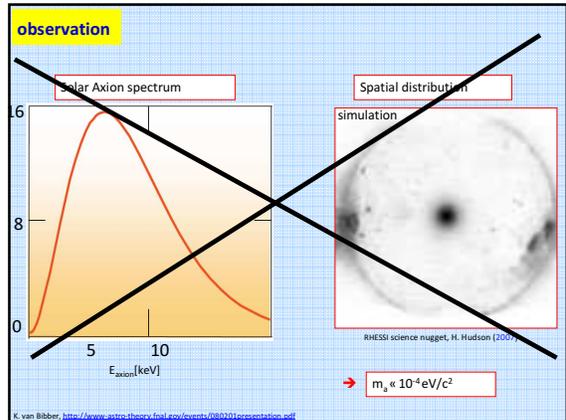
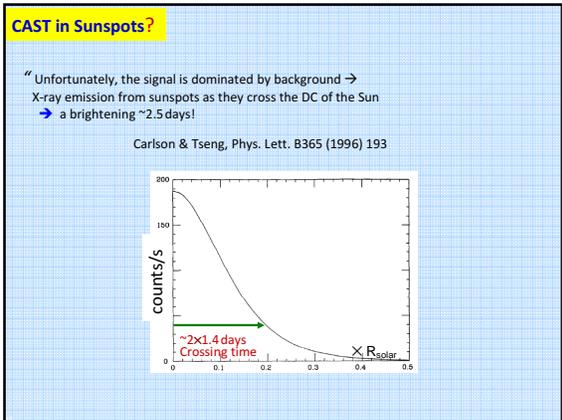
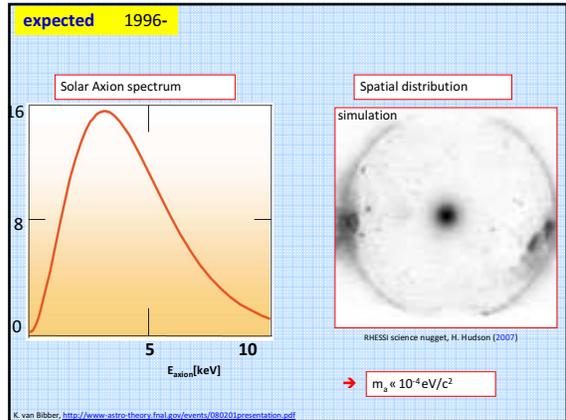


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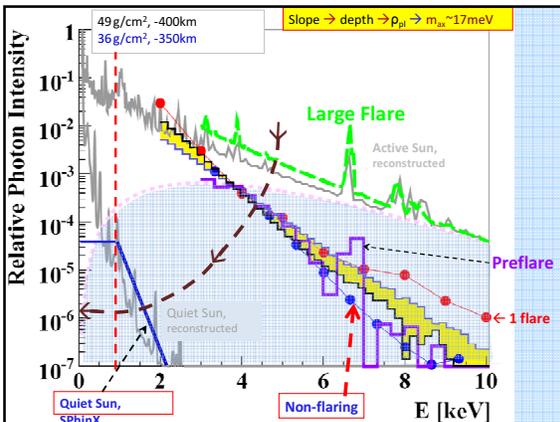
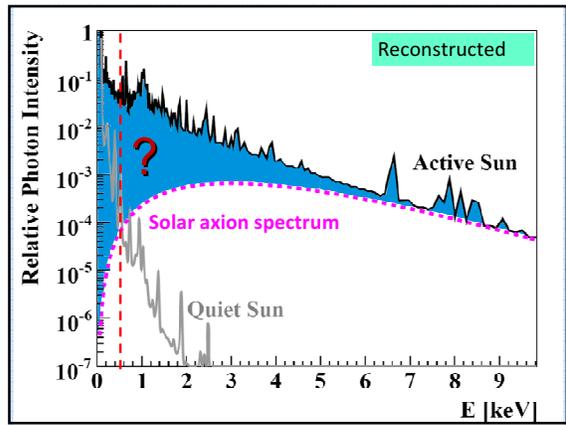
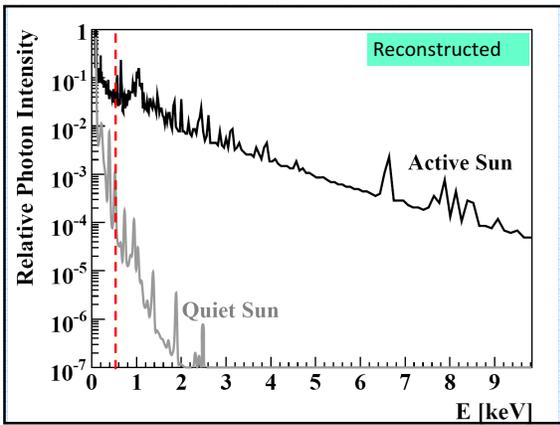
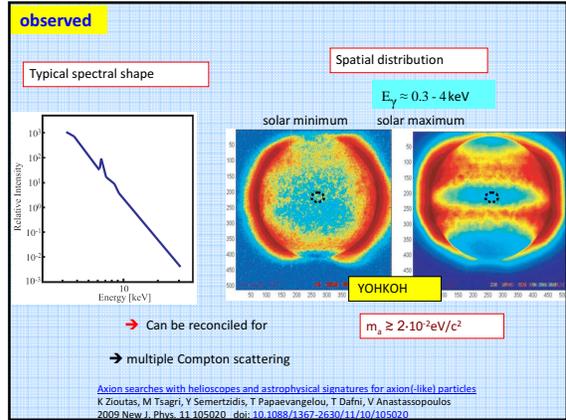
... mimic **CAST @ Sun's surface B ?**

Searching for ~axions with space missions!

e.g., Yohkoh, RHESSI, HINODE, ...



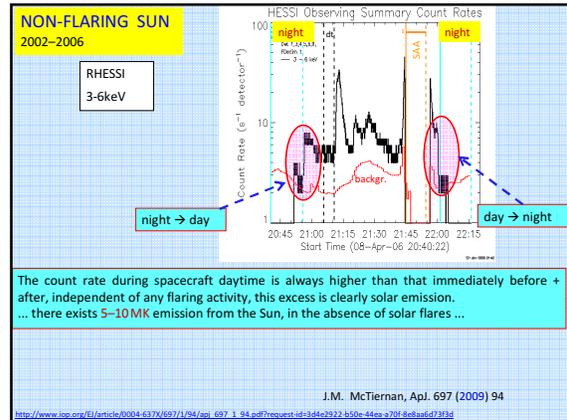
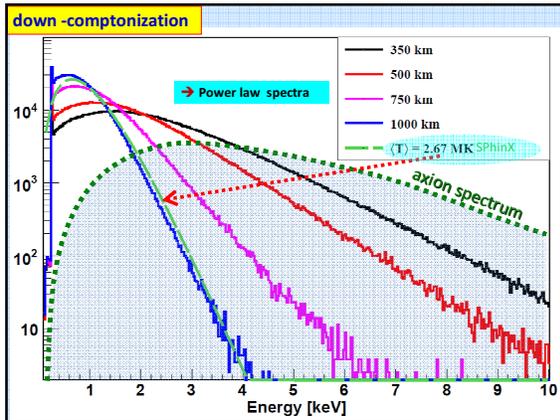
Instead



Axion-photon conversion

... if it occurs below surface due to plasma resonance?

→ Geant4 ...



The X-ray excess of ~unknown origin ...

- Quiet Sun
 - soft X-rays ← coronal heating problem
 - hard X-rays ← power law spectrum
- Non-flaring ARs (& preflares?)
 - hard X-rays / ~flaring “temperatures” !
 - / power law spectrum

...fits an $m_{\text{axion}} \approx 0.017 \text{ eV}/c^2$ scenario initiated near the magnetic photosphere.

It is remarkable + fascinating that the Sun emits intense X-rays ... it still remains a mystery .

S.Tsuneta, AAPP Bulletin, 19(#3) (2009) 11
<http://www.cospa.ntu.edu.tw/aappbulletin/data/19-3/11Hinode.pdf>

FLARES: unpredictable magnetic “explosions”

- Where does solar flare energy come from?
- ... at least the magnetic field serves as a **conduit** for the energy flux supplying the flare. 2010
- The solar “reconnection flare” concept is deceptive, ... many unknowns. (HS Hudson, SPD, May 2008)

http://xxx.lanl.gov/PS_cache/arxiv/pdf/1006/1006.5318v1.pdf

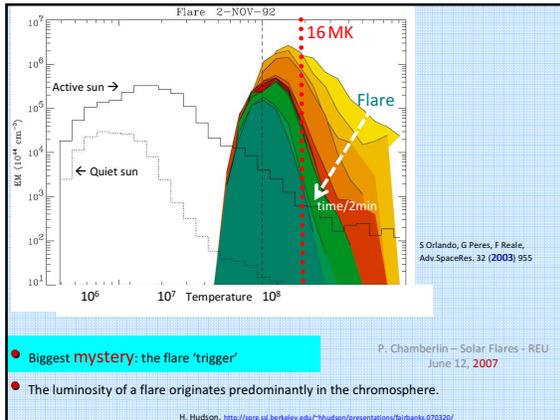
Die Flare-Häufigkeit in Fleckengruppen unterschiedlicher Klasse + magnetischer Struktur
(Mittellungen des Astrophysikalischen Observatoriums Potsdam Nr. 87)

H. Künzel “pointed out the first clear connection between flare productivity + magnetic structure”
Sammiti, Tang, Zirin, ApJ, 540 (2000) 583

Abstract

Zur Untersuchung der Flare-Häufigkeit in Fleckengruppen unterschiedlicher Klasse und magnetischer Struktur werden von 2406 im Zeitraum 1956 bis 1958 entstandenen Fleckengruppen 886 mit Flare-Erscheinungen verbundene und für die statistische Betrachtung geeignete Fleckengruppen der Klassen A bis F verwendet. Der Anteil der zusammen mit Flares aufgetretenen Fleckengruppen an der Zahl aller beobachteten Fleckengruppen wird angegeben. Aus der Zahl aller beobachteten Flares jeder Fleckengruppenklasse werden die mittleren täglichen Flare-Zahlen getrennt für Flare- und Sichtbarkeitsstage der Fleckengruppen und die mittleren Flare-Zahlen bezogen auf die Anzahl der Fleckengruppen ermittelt. An diesen Ergebnissen sind die Flares der Importance 1 (1: 1; 1+) mit 93% beteiligt. Die Anteile der Flares mit der Importance 2 (2: 2+; 2+) bzw. 3 (3: 3+; 3+) betragen dagegen nur 6.5% bzw. 0.5%. Die Flare-Häufigkeit nimmt zu höheren Fleckengruppenklassen hin zu. Innerhalb der Klassen D, E und F sind nach Unterteilung der Fleckengruppen in , und Gruppen, bei denen in einem Fleckenhof mehrere Kerne mit entgegengesetzter Polarität beobachtet wurden, deutliche Unterschiede in der Flare-Häufigkeit festzustellen. Es zeigt sich, daß die Flare-Zahlen magnetisch komplexer Fleckengruppen (und) merklich größer sind, als die normaler -Gruppen. Die größten Flare-Zahlen innerhalb der Klassen treten jedoch bei Fleckengruppen mit entgegengesetzter Polarität mehrerer Kerne in einem Fleckenhof auf.

Astronomische Nachrichten, 285 (1960) 271. <http://www3.internetservice.wiley.com/journal/112751651/Abstract/108271v1.688179u>



Past:

Modelling the internal structure of stars → mid-1800's

- Understanding the Sun.
- A paradox: no known energy source capable of sustaining the Sun for the period of time it was believed to have existed on the basis of geological evidence.
- A mystery until the 1930's
- Theory of stellar evolution had foreshadowed the discoveries of nuclear fusion / fission.

Much of the physics which we use in our models has been calculated theoretically but not verified experimentally, since the temperatures and densities cannot be reached in terrestrial laboratories.

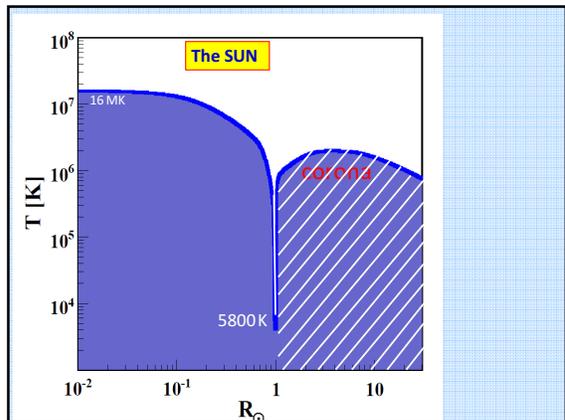
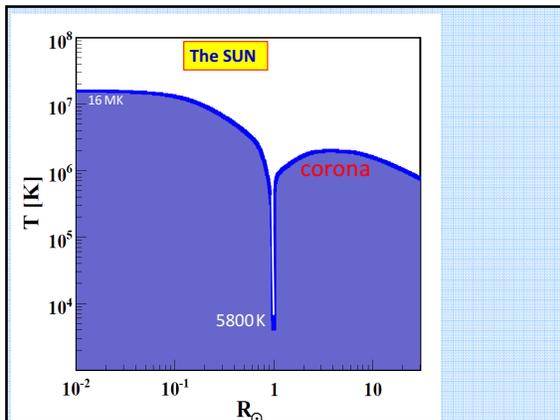
→ Solar X-rays, similarly??

http://rocky.as.utexas.edu/~mikemon/mike_diss.pdf

Focus on paradoxes ...

Frank Wilczek

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Solar atmosphere:

→ **Solar coronal heating mystery**

The microscopic heating mechanism is unknown!

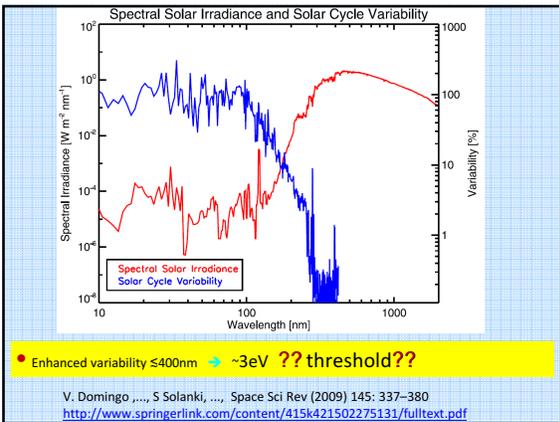
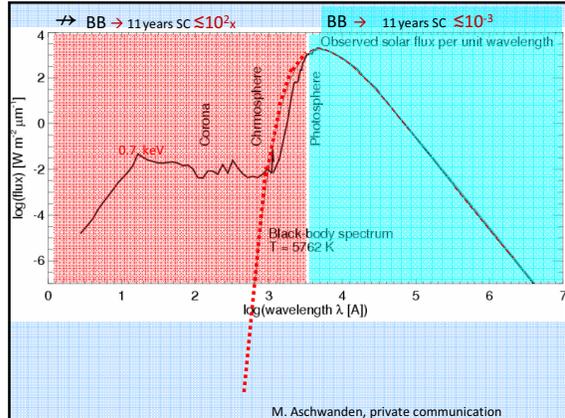
E. Marsch,
http://www.tpi.mpa.de/solar-system-school/lectures/rosmmsystem_2006/Corona.pdf

Suggestion:

- whole Sun external irradiation by trapped KK-type axions, or other WISPs, or ...??.
- +
 - B-converted axions / WISPs (occasionally)

Sun ≠ bb

Coronal heating: a buzzword!!



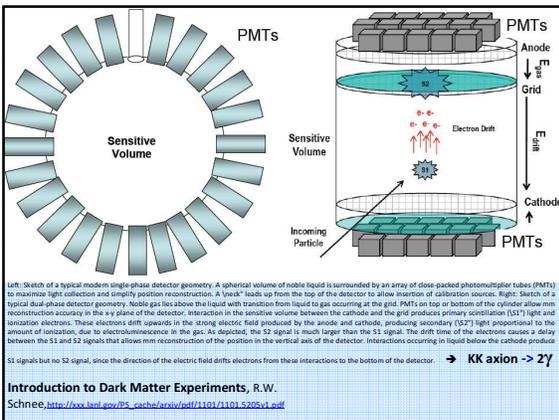
Gravitationally self-trapped solar exotic

e.g., ~KK-axions around the Sun.

E.g., $10^{-4} M_{\odot}$ explains $a=10^{-7} \text{cm}^2/\text{s}^2$
 > Pioneer anomaly

→ exercise!!

L. Di Lella, K. Zioutas, Astroparticle Phys. 19 (2003) 145



***) Grotrian (1939)**

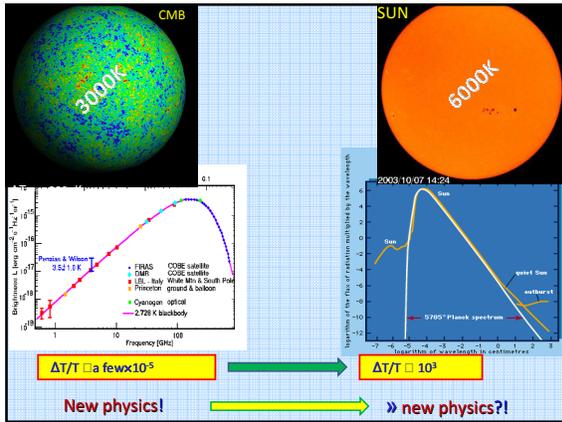
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The coronal heating problem *), i.e., the heating of the solar corona up to a few hundred times the average temperature of the underlying photosphere, is **one of the most perplexing and unresolved problems in astrophysics to date.**

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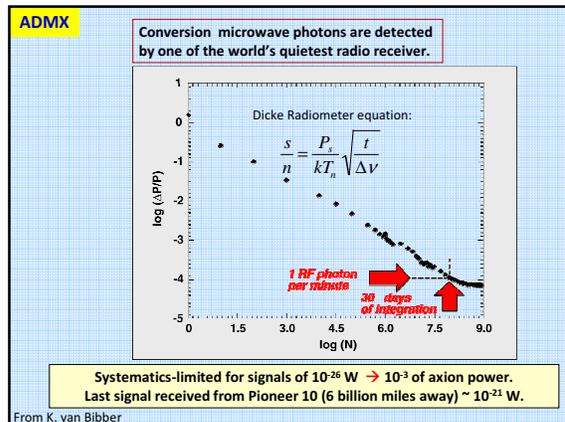
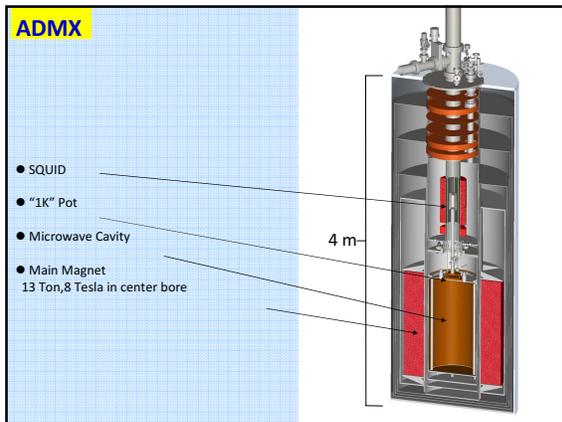
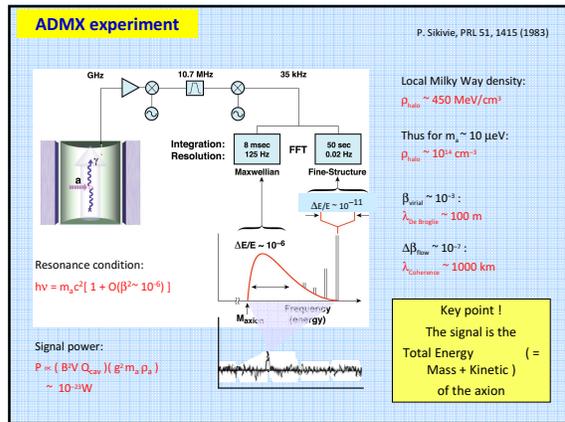
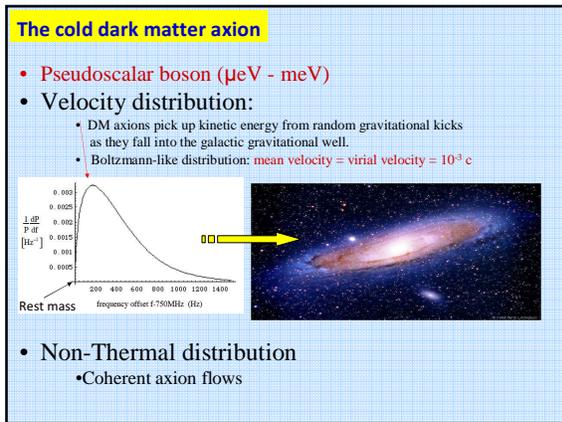
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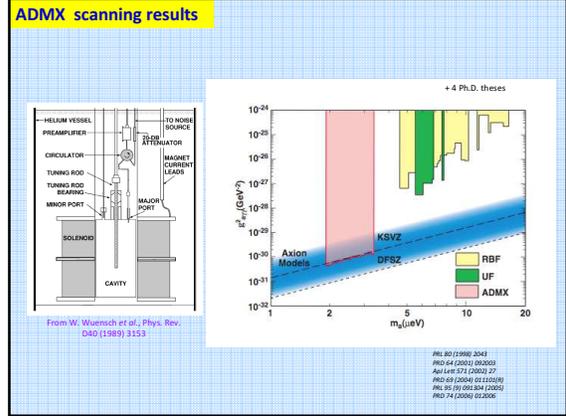
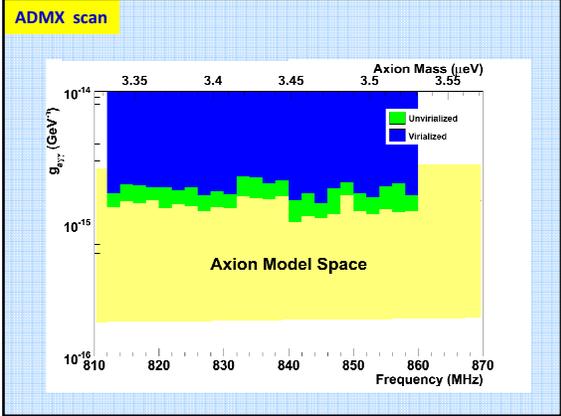
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<http://iopscience.iop.org/0004-637X/711/1/228>



Relic axions

→ axionic dark matter →





ADMX results

Successfully operated experiment with SQUID amp near 7 Tesla field

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

SQUID-Based Microwave Cavity Search for Dark-Matter Axions

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Searches in the μeV mass range are a plausible cold dark-matter candidate and may be the dominant non-relativistic component in a non-relativistic axion scenario. We report on the first microwave photon axion search using a superconducting two-junction Josephson junction readout. Our axion search range is approximately 812–860 MHz with a resolution of 48 MHz. This experiment includes KSVZ dark-matter models with $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$ between 3.3×10^{-15} and 3.5×10^{-15} GeV^{-2} and with the range for a definitive axion search quantum-limited SQUID amplifiers.

DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.104.041301

Covered 812 – 860 MHz = 48 MHz

Total Run Time: 19 months

Continuous Data Collecting: 8 months

Rydberg-atom single-quantum detectors

Atoms with a single electron promoted to a large principal quantum number, $n \gg 1$. Superposition of Rydberg states yields “classical atoms” with macroscopic dimensions (e.g. ~ 1 mm).

Potential for highly sensitive microwave photon detectors (“RF photo-multiplier tubes”) realized by Kleppner and others in the 1970’s. The axion experiment is an ideal application for Rydberg atoms:

- Large transition dipole moments $\rightarrow \langle n \pm 1 | e | n \rangle \propto n^2 a_0$
- Long lifetimes $\rightarrow \tau_n \propto n^3$ ($l \ll n$); $\tau_{100} \approx 1$ msec
- Transitions span microwave range $\rightarrow \Delta E_n = E_{n+1} - E_n = 2R/n^2$; $\Delta E_{100} = 7$ GHz

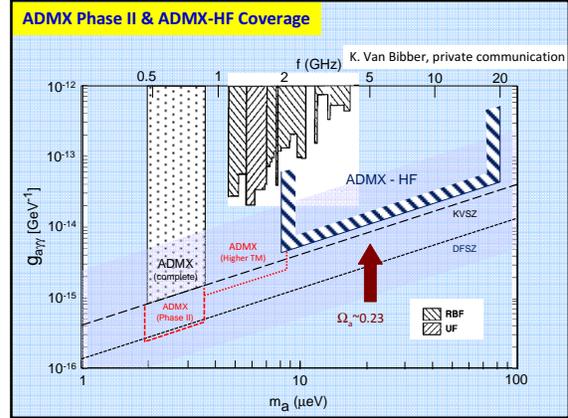
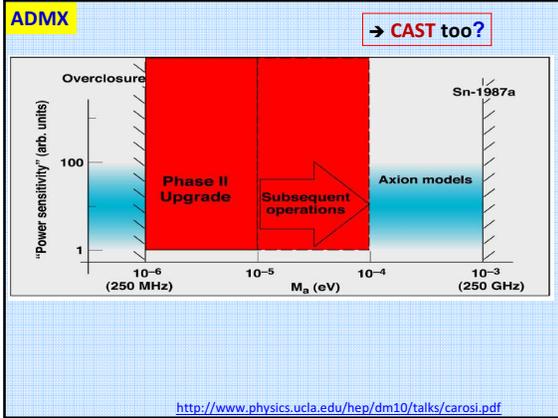
Most importantly, being a phaseless detector (photons-as-particles), the Rydberg-atom detector can evade the standard quantum limit: $\hbar\nu = kT$

Rydberg single-quantum detection (S. Matsuki et al., Kyoto)

The blackbody spectrum has been measured at 2527 MHz a factor of ~ 2 below the standard quantum limit (~ 120 mK)

Future?

\rightarrow Karl van Bibber, private communication, 2011



Relic ~axions also with CAST?

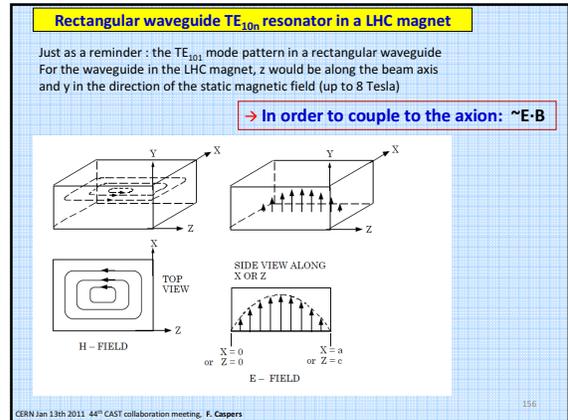
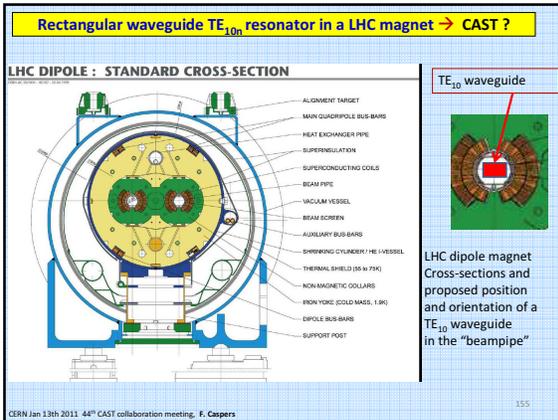
Collaboration between CAST, CERN, DESY, Yale U.

Engineering aspects of microwave axion generation and detection experiments using RF cavities

Fritz CASPERS CERN-BE-RF-BR

- **Outline**
- A microwave (axion) transmitter and receiver cavity set-up with high electromagnetic isolation
 - The “**box in a box**” concept with permanent control of RF leakage
 - Signal detection methods with very narrow observation bandwidth
- **Rectangular waveguide TE_{10n} resonator in a LHC magnet**
 - The transmitter cavity
 - The receiver cavity
- **Axion radiation patterns** (antenna diagram)-approximative figures
- The microwave radiometer – a short introduction
- Chromium Sesquioxide - an interesting axion conversion material
- A recent ultra sensitive microwave single photon receiver concept
- Conclusion and outlook

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Two Cavity setup with very high isolation

The "box in a box concept"

Feasibility, engineering aspects and physics reach of microwave cavity experiments searching for hidden photons and axions
Published in JINST, Nov 16, 2009

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Abbreviations
 BP=Bandpass
 LP=Lowpass
 ADC=Analog digital converter
 OEC=Optical/electric converter
 EOC=Electric/optical converter
 G=Generator (DC power source)
 $\Delta f_1, \Delta f_2, \Delta f_3 < 20$ KHz

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Rectangular waveguide TE_{10n} resonator in a LHC magnet

A WARM BORE ANTICRYSTAT FOR SERIES MAGNETIC MEASUREMENTS OF LHC SUPERCONDUCTING DIPOLE AND SHORT-STRAIGHT SECTION MAGNETS.
 Presented at the 2010 Complex Engineering Conference and Instrumentation Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, CERN-TH.2010.160, 20-26 September 2010, Antiferries, Alberta, Canada.

O. Dünkel, P. Legrand and P. Sievers
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 CH-1211 Geneva 23, Switzerland

All LHC main dipole magnets will be tested under operating conditions to verify their performance. The field measurement equipment works at ambient temperature and pressure. Each magnet is therefore equipped with two warm bore anticystrats. As a consequence a total of nearly 80 anticystrats, of different lengths have to be assembled, handled and serviced during the test period. Two main constraints determine the frame for the design of these anticystrats: inside a given beam pipe aperture of 55 mm kept at 1.9 K, a warm bore aperture of 80 mm must provide the highest possible mechanical stability and robustness for numerous mounting cycles as well as the lowest possible heat losses towards the cryogenic system. In addition, compatibility with high magnetic fields and an ambient vacuum of about 10⁻⁶ mbar have to be maintained. This paper describes how a satisfactory mechanical stability as well as heat losses in the order of 0.8 W/m are achieved with a design based on very careful space and material optimizations. Other aspects like assembly, installation, thermal behavior and temperature control during the operation are described.

FIGURE 2. Layout of a cold test bench for dipole magnets equipped with anticystrats.

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A coaxial line setup in an LHC magnet – transv. el. field distributions

Coax cable with small amount of dielectric can reduce the dielectric content even much further just using just very few plastic or ceramic splines.

Transverse electric field distribution on coax line (upper) and for the TE₁₀ and TE₂₀ mode in a waveguide (lower)

A TE₁₀ type Gaussian beam has a rather similar transverse electric field distribution as the TE₁₀ mode waveguide; the DC B-field would be vertical for both pictures.

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A coaxial line setup in an LHC magnet

- As already mentioned in one of the previous slides we might have the possibility to install a coax line with about 40 mm diameter of the outer conductor in the second bore e.g. of the CAST LHC magnet.
- Why?
- This configuration should have the same **directional characteristic** as the laser beam in vacuo.
- But in contrast to the laser beam we would be sensitive in micro eV range.
- Now there are two possibilities:
 - Operating in the resonant mode with the first possible coax resonance around 10 MHz since the length of the LHC magnet is about 15 meter and the first resonance is $\lambda/2$. All other resonances would be spaced by 10 MHz. (usable up to about 4 GHz when waveguide cutoff of the coax line comes in).
 - OR: operating in the travelling wave mode i.e. observing all the noise from a few MHz to about 4 GHz using a **microwave radiometer**
- But the key question: What should/could/should we measure then (Axions, chameleons anything else) if targeting at the sun...
- BUT !** There is a basic difference between the field in a coax line and a Gaussian (laser) beam; the laser beam has a well defined polarisation (hor., vert. circ.) and the electric field in a coax line has circular symmetry...can we expect an interaction at all, if there is some transverse but not azimuthal B-Field ? The TE-mode in a rectangular waveguide is in this respect much closer to the Gaussian beam , but the phase velocity is way off.

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Chromium Sesquioxide – a candidate for axion conversion materials

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Relativistic nature of a magnetoelectric modulus of Cr₂O₃ crystals: A four-dimensional pseudoscalar and its measurement

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The magnetoelectric effect of chromium sesquioxide (Cr₂O₃) has been determined experimentally as a function of temperature. One measures the electric field-induced magnetization on Cr₂O₃ crystals or the magnetic field-induced polarization. From the magnetoelectric moduli of Cr₂O₃ we extract a four-dimensional relativistic invariant pseudoscalar \hat{d} . It is temperature dependent and of the order of $\sim 10^{-13}$ Z₀, with Z₀ as vacuum impedance. We show that the new pseudoscalar is odd under parity transformation and odd under time-inversion. Moreover, it is for Cr₂O₃ what Reifeger's gradient is for the two-port theory, the axion field for axion electrodynamics, and the PEMC (perfect electromagnetic conductor) for electrical engineering.

DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevA.77.022106 PACS number(s): 11.30.Er, 75.50.Ec, 03.50.Dn, 14.80.Mz

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VII. OTHER SUBSTANCES AND SYMMETRIES PERMITTING MAGNETOELECTRICITY WITH THE AXION PIECE

In the present article the relativistic analysis is based on data of the antiferromagnet Cr₂O₃, because it represents so far probably the best studied magnetoelectric material and has diagonal components of the linear magnetoelectric effect tensor α (see Eq. (47)). However, other materials and symmetries could have served the same purpose, in principle. Among the 122 Heesch-Shubnikov point groups 58 ones are permitting the linear magnetoelectric effect [76], and therefore 32 ones possess diagonal components of the magnetoelectric tensor α [27,77]. Strictly speaking, our magnetoelectric tensor α in Eq. (47) belongs to the EB scheme, see Eqs. (12) and (13), whereas the corresponding tensor in the literature [78] is the one of the EH scheme. However, as we can see in Eq. (47), because of $\mu = -1$ the differences are marginal and do not touch our arguments.

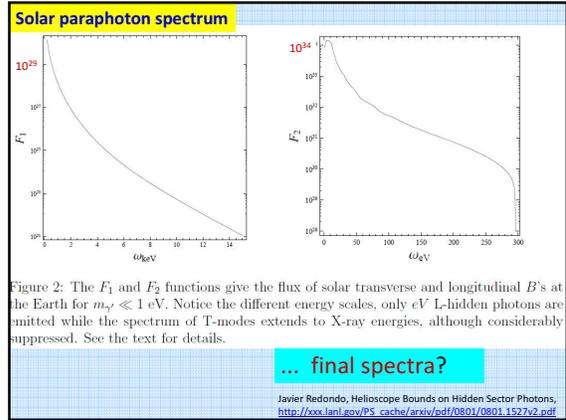
One can distinguish three types of diagonals (for the complete set of magnetoelectric tensors see, e.g., Refs. [27,77,78], Table I.5.8.1, for the examples cited, see Ref. [27], Table I.5.8.2, except for [60,79]).

(i) 19 point groups with $\alpha_{11} \neq \alpha_{22} \neq \alpha_{33}$.
 Examples:
 Point group $m'm'm'$: DyAlO₃, GdAlO₃, TbAlO₃,
 Point group m' : Ni₃B₂O₁₁,
 Point group $m'm'2$: Cu₃B₂O₇Cl.
 (ii) 8 point groups with $\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{22} \neq \alpha_{33}$ ($\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{22} = \alpha_{33}$, $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{21}$).
 Examples:
 Point group $3m'$: [Cr₂O₃] [62], Nb₂Mn₂O₈, Nb₂Co₂O₈,
 Ta₂Mn₂O₈, Ta₂Co₂O₈,
 Point group $3'$: Cr₂O₃ [60,62],
 Point group $4/m'm'2$: Fe₃Ta₂O₁₄,
 (iii) 5 point groups with $\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{22} = \alpha_{33}$.
 Examples:
 Point group $2'3m'$ (expected): Cr₃B₂O₁₁Br, Cr₃B₂O₁₁I [78], Cu₃B₂O₁₁I [79].
 Thus it is clear that the pseudoscalar \hat{d} occurs in quite a number of different substances. Its existence can no longer be denied.

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On

- Paraphotons → Hidden sector
- Chameleons → Dark energy



CAST = Cern μ Araphoton Solar Telescope ...

Mirror(s)	
XRT present	→ low threshold
XMM/Newton	→ after axion run finishes without magnet

Light Path in XMM-Newton Telescope

CAST' XRT without magnet:
→ after CAST!

XMM mirror module

Collecting area:
 ~1900cm² (@150 eV), ~1500cm² (@ 2 keV),
 ~900cm² (@ 7keV), ~350 cm² (@ 10 keV)

ADMX: chameleon & HSP search

Chameleons

Scalars/pseudoscalars that mix with photons, and are trapped by cavity walls. Arise in some dark energy theories. Detectable by slow decay back into photons in cavity

Hidden-sector photons

Vector bosons with photon quantum numbers and very weak interactions. Detectable by reconvertng HSPs back into photons in ADMX cavity

<http://www.physics.ucla.edu/hep/dm10/talks/carosi.pdf>

ADMX: chameleon search

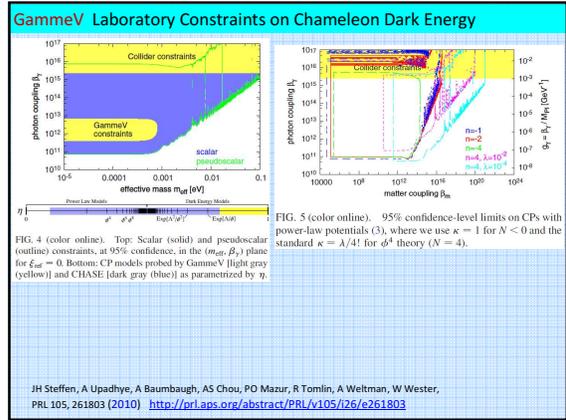
Chameleons: Particles whose mass depends on local matter density. (possible dark energy particle)
 Can mix with photons but have trouble moving through walls.

Step 1: Injected RF power excites E&M and chameleon modes

Step 2: Power is turned off, E&M modes decay

Step 3: Chameleon modes slowly decay into E&M modes which are detected through antennas

<http://www.physics.ucla.edu/hep/dm10/talks/carosi.pdf>



Solar Chameleons with CAST

...coming soon!

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DANKE!

Excercise!!

→ Sun as DM converter?

→ $B + \rho_e$

Magnetised plasmas @ Sun's atmosphere

→ (relic) ~axion-to-photon conversion?

Flare (kernels)

- $\rho_e \sim 10^{14}/\text{cm}^3 \rightarrow \omega_{pl} \sim 3 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{eV} \sim 100\text{GHz} \rightarrow 3\text{mm}$

Spicules (~1% surface)

- $\rho_e \sim 10^{12}/\text{cm}^3 \rightarrow \omega_{pl} \sim 3 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{eV} \sim 10\text{GHz} \rightarrow 30\text{mm}$
($>10x \rho_e$ -environment)

...?more places?...

Excercise!!

Spectrum?

→ a rest mass region not easily accessible yet!

Light Deficit in sunspots ✓

Photon ↔ axion

↓

many tries
(multiple scatterings)

↓

1 try

Disappearance of photons into ~axions :

- $I_{\text{missing}} \sim B^2$
- $\rightsquigarrow 100\% \rightsquigarrow 1/2, 1/3, 1/4$
- Dynamic Sun -> disk / limb

→ source of LES ~axions!?