

Stars as Particle-Physics Laboratories Old Ideas and New Developments





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High- and Low-Energy Frontiers in Particle Physics



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Muons in SN cores and neutron stars

Neutrinos (active & sterile) Axions & friends Dark photons, fuzzy dark matter, muon-philic bosons, ...

Feebly-interacting particles (FIPs) (e.g. CERN 2020 workshop report arXiv:2102.12143)

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Some Early Papers on Stellar Particle Physics

Neutrinos

- Bernstein, Ruderman & Feinberg: Electromagnetic properties of the neutrino, Phys. Rev. 132 (1963) 1227
- Gribov & Pontecorvo: Neutrino astronomy and lepton charge, PLB 28 (1969) 493
- Cowsik:

Limits on the radiative decay of neutrinos, PRL 39 (1978) 511

• Falk & Schramm:

Limits from supernovae on neutrino radiative lifetimes, PLB 79 (1978) 511

Axions & light Higgs (ca 1978)

- Vysotsky, Zeldovich, Khlopov & Chechetkin: Some astrophysical limitations on the axion mass, Pisma Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 27 (1978) 533 [JETP Lett. 27 (1978) 502]
- Dicus, Kolb, Teplitz & Wagoner: Astrophysical bounds on the masses of axions and Higgs particles, PRD 18 (1978) 1829
- K. O. Mikaelian: Astrophysical implications of new light Higgs bosons, PRD 18 (1978) 3605
- K. Sato: Astrophysical constraints on the axion mass and the number of quark flavors, Prog. Theor. Phys. 60 (1978) 1942

EVOLUTION OF STARS



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

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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



Borexino has for the first time observed solar neutrinos from the CNO hydrogen fusion cycle

Coronavirus How Iceland subdued COVID-19 with science

Family planning Research and invest in contraceptives that meet women's needs Environment The effect of noise and light pollution on US bird populations



Hydrogen Burning in Stars



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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



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Thermal Neutrinos: Production Processes



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

Vitagliano, Redondo & Raffelt, arXiv:1708.02248

Grand Unified Neutrino Spectrum (GUNS) at Earth



Observation of Excess Electronic Recoil Events in XENON1T

arXiv:2006.09721 (17 June 2020), ~ 370 citations inSPIRE (Jan 2022)



Caused by solar neutrinos or axions from the Sun?



Solar neutrinos with dipole moments $\mu_{\nu} = 14 - 29 \times 10^{-12} \mu_{\rm B}$ (90% CL) (Astro bound $\mu_{\nu} < 1.5 \times 10^{-12} \mu_{\rm B}$)



Solar axions (keV energies) (Also violates astro bounds)

Astrophysical bounds on the masses of axions and Higgs particles Rocky Kolb's

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PhD work

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Lower bounds on the mass of a light scalar (Higgs) or pseudoscalar (axion) particle are found in three ways: (1) by requiring that their effect on primordial nucleosynthesis not yield a deuterium abundance outside present experimental limits, (2) by requiring that the photons from their decay thermalize and not distort the microwave background, and (3) by requiring that their emission from helium-burning stars (red giants) not disrupt stellar evolution. The best bound is from (3); it requires the axion or Higgs-particle mass to be greater than about 0.2 MeV.

The first process considered is the Primakoff process, ${}^{16} \gamma + Z \rightarrow \phi + Z$, shown in Fig. 2. The cross section for this process near threshold is



FIG. 2. $\gamma + Z \rightarrow \phi + Z$ via the Primakoff process.

First discussion of Primakoff effect for WW axions ($m_a \gg T$)

For "invisible axions" ($m_a \ll T$) Plasma screening effects crucial in G.Raffelt's PhD work & PRD 33,897:1986 Still used today

Experimental Tests of the "Invisible" Axion

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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.



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



...and look for X-Rays!



Tokyo Helioscope (Sumico) Fully stearable, 2.3 m long, 4 Tesla Moriyama+ [hep-ex/9805026] $G_{a\gamma\gamma} < 0.60 \times 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ See also Ohta+ [1201.4622]

CAST (1998–2021) Stearable, 9.26 m long, 9 Tesla Anastassopoulos+ [1705.02290] $G_{a\gamma\gamma} < 0.66 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

CAST Movie on YouTube https://youtu.be/XY2IFDXz8aQ Rochester-Brookhaven-FermiLab Lazarus+ PRL 69 (1992) 2333 Few hours of data, fixed magnet $G_{a\gamma\gamma} < 0.77 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$





(Baby) IAXO Sensitivity Forecast



- Conceptual Design of the International Axion Observatory (IAXO), arXiv:1401.3233
- Conceptual Design of BabyIAXO, arXiv:2010.12076

Dark Matter Axion-Photon Conversion in Neutron Star Magnetospheres

Very narrow radio line

Dark matter axions $m_a \sim \mu eV$, $v_a \sim 10^{-3}c$

Axion mass and plasma frequency Degenerate near NS surface → Resonant conversion PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 125, 171301 (2020)

Featured in Physics

arXiv:2004.00011

See also Battye+ 2107.01225

Green Bank and Effelsberg Radio Telescope Searches for Axion Dark Matter Conversion in Neutron Star Magnetospheres

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Detecting QCD axions requires more observation time and/or larger telescopes (FAST, SKA)

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Effelsberg

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Thermal Imaging Scopes



PULSAR AXION KEY XM 22

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What can we learn from this discontinuous evolution?



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Galactic Globular Cluster M55

























TRGB in 46 Globular Clusters [Cerny+ 2012.09701]



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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}) moves away from center
- Core mass at ignition \mathcal{M}_{tip} grows
- Bolometric brightness at ignition M_{tip} increases
New TRGB Calibration from 22 Globular Clusters

Straniero+ arXiv:2010.03833 (8 Oct. 2020)



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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

Hubble Tension



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Axion Bounds from TRGB Calibrations



Updated TRGB Calibrations Capozzi & Raffelt, arXiv:2007.03694

Bounds from "water megamaser" galaxy NGC 4258, compared with stellar evolution theory (95% CL) $g_{ae} < 1.6 \times 10^{-13}$ **DFSZ-axions** $\frac{f_a}{\cos^2\beta} > 1.1 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}^{\epsilon}$ **^** Ze Neutrino Dipole Moments $\sqrt{\sum_{i} |\mu_{i}|^{2}} < 1.5 \times 10^{-12} \mu_{\rm B}$ (95% CL)

Neutrino-electron scattering (Borexino) $\mu_{\nu}^{\rm eff} < 28 \times 10^{-12} \mu_{\rm B} \ (90\% \ {\rm CL})$

Dark Photon Limits



Caputo, Millar, O'Hare & Vitagliano, arXiv:2105.04565

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Black Hole

Crab Nebula – Remnant of SN 1054

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> Crab Pulsar Chandra X-ray composite image

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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in the Tarantula Nebula in the Large Magellanic Cloud Distance 50 kpc (160.000 light years)

Supernova 1987A 23 February 1987

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

Axion Detection Opportunities from Stars



Axion conversion in neutron star magnetospheres

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)

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Where is the Neutron Star of SN 1987A?

No pulsar or neutron star has been seen until now (35 years later)
 Infra-red excess observed by ALMA: In "the blob" strong indication for NS expected position, remnant hidden by dust [Cigan+ arXiv:1910.02960]

Most plausible model: Thermally cooling non-pulsar NS [Page+ arXiv:2004.06078]

https://www.bbc.com/news/scienceenvironment-50473482

Atacama Large Millimeter/Submillimeter Array (ALMA) at ESO in Chile

Operational Detectors for Supernova Neutrinos

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Local Group of Galaxies

Shock Revival by Neutrinos

Stalled shock wave must receive energy to start re-expansion against ram pressure of infalling stellar core

Shock can receive fresh energy from neutrinos!

Hydrodynamic Instabilities (3D Simulations)

Convection

Standing accretion shock instability

SASI

Flavor Conversion in Core-Collapse Supernovae

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Supernova Bounds on Radiative Particle Decays

Low-Energy Supernovae Severely Constrain Radiative Particle Decays

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arXiv:2201.09890 (24 Jan 2022)

Typical SN explosion energy 1–2 B

Brand New

Some SNe have very small observed explosion energies < 0.1 B (e.g. subluminous type II-P SNe)

Restrictive limits on energy deposition in progenitor star by particle decays!

1 B (bethe) = 10^{51} erg Neutron-star binding energy 200–400 B (0.11–0.22 M_{SUN})

Muon-Philic Bosons from Supernovae

Diffuse 100 MeV gamma rays from SN 1987A and from all past supernovae

Photo-production in SN core

Muons very abundant in SN core! (but only recently muonic SN models)

Muon loop

Muonic Boson Limits: Supernova Redux

Excludes explanation of muon magnetic-moment anomaly by a scalar-boson (muon-philic boson) contribution

Caputo, Raffelt & Vitagliano, arXiv:2109.03244 (30 pages)

Brand New

Cosmic Star Formation and Core Collapse Rates

Star-formation rate (1)

Core-collapse distribution

DSNB Prediction

Search for the Diffuse SN Neutrino Background

科學院為能物理研究所

Data taking 2023

Particles from Stars: What to expect?

New Ideas ...

- Extension & refinements of existing arguments
 (ordinary stars, Red Giants, (variable) white dwarfs, neutron star cooling, ...)
- Search for solar axions: (baby) IAXO, XENON n tonne, ...

Search for magnetically converted ALPs from magnetic white dwarfs & neutron stars (x-ray satellites)

Radio search for axion dark matter conversion in neutron star magnetospheres (new detetectors SKA, ...)

- Next galactic supernova observation (3% chance every year!)
- **U** Theoretical developments in collective neutrino flavor evolution

Gravitational-wave evidence for superradiance from black holes

Thanks

Solar Neutrino Spectroscopy with Borexino

M.Wurm, Solar Neutrino Spectroscopy, arXiv:1704.06331

Next Generation Axion Helioscope (IAXO)

Need new magnet w/ – Much bigger aperture: ~1 m² per bore – Lighter (no iron yoke)

– Bores at T_{room}

- Conceptual Design of the International Axion Observatory (IAXO), arXiv:1401.3233
- Physics potential of the International Axion Observatory (IAXO), arXiv:1904.09155

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, see also Dessert+ arXiv:2104.12772, 26 Apr 2021

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Shining TeV Gamma Rays through the Universe

2110.03679

Bounds on axionlike particles from the diffuse supernova flux

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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 $C_n m_a \lesssim 2 \text{ meV}$ $g_{an}^2 < 1.1 \times 10^{-19}$

Magnificent Seven & PSR J0659 (ages $> 10^5$ years)

• Buschmann et al. arXiv:2111.09892

 $m_a < 16 \text{ meV}$ (95% CL) for KSVZ axions

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

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: $2 \times 10^{-11} > \mu_a > 6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ eV}$

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



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

Gravitational Wave Signals



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

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Superradiance

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Abstract

Superradiance is a radiation enhancement process that involves dissipative systems. With a 60 year-old history, superradiance has played a prominent role in optics, quantum mechanics and especially in relativity and astrophysics. In General Relativity, black-hole superradiance is permitted by the ergoregion, that allows for energy, charge and angular momentum extraction from the vacuum, even at the classical level. Stability of the spacetime is enforced by the event horizon, where negative energy-states are dumped. Black-hole superradiance is intimately connected to the black-hole area theorem, Penrose process, tidal forces, and even Hawking radiation, which can be interpreted as a quantum version of black-hole superradiance. Various mechanisms (as diverse as massive fields, magnetic fields, anti-de Sitter boundaries, nonlinear interactions, etc...) can confine the amplified radiation and give rise to strong instabilities. These "black-hole bombs" have applications in searches of dark matter and of physics beyond the Standard Model, are associated to the threshold of formation of new black hole solutions that evade the no-hair theorems, can be studied in the laboratory by devising analog models of gravity, and might even provide a holographic description of spontaneous symmetry breaking and superfluidity through the gauge-gravity duality. This work is meant to provide a unified picture of this multifaceted subject. We focus on the recent developments in the field, and work out a number of novel examples and applications, ranging from fundamental physics to astrophysics.

→ arXiv:1501.06570