

Axion Landscape



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High- and Low-Energy Frontiers in Particle Physics





"for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass"



"for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider"



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

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Bestiarium of Low-Mass Bosons



Weakly Interacting Sub-eV Particles (WISPs)

Axions (1 parameter family m↓a f↓a ~m↓π f↓π)
 Solves strong CP problem
 Could be dark matter

Axion-like particles (ALPs) Generic two-photon vertex, could be dark matter (2 parameters mla and glaγ)

String axions

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

Hidden photons

Low-mass gauge bosons from U'(1)(kinetic mixing parameter χ and mass $m \downarrow \gamma' \uparrow$)

Chameleons

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

CP Violation in Particle Physics

Discrete symmetries in particle physics

- C Charge conjugation, transforms particles to antiparticles violated by weak interactions
- P Parity, changes left-handedness to right-handedness violated by weak interactions
 - Time reversal, changes direction of motion (forward to backward)
- CPT exactly conserved in quantum field theory
- CP conserved by all gauge interactions violated by three-flavor quark mixing matrix



Physics Nobel Prize 2008

- All measured CP-violating effects derive from a single phase in the quark mass matrix (Kobayashi-Maskawa phase), i.e. from complex Yukawa couplings
- Cosmic matter-antimatter asymmetry requires new ingredients

The CP Problem of Strong Interactions

Real quark
massPhase from
Yukawa couplingAngle
variableCP-odd
quantity ~**E**·**B** $\mathcal{L}IQCD = \sum q \uparrow \square \psi Iq (iD - mIq efi \theta Iq') \psi Iq - 1/4$ $GI \mu va GIaf \mu v - \Theta \alpha Is / 8\pi GI \mu va GIaf \mu$

Remove phase of mass term by chiral transformation of quark fields $\psi \downarrow q \rightarrow e \downarrow \uparrow - i \gamma \downarrow 5 \ \theta \downarrow q / 2 \ \psi \downarrow q$

 $\mathcal{L}\downarrow \text{QCD} = \sum q \uparrow \textcircled{\psi} \downarrow q (iD - m \downarrow q) \psi \downarrow q - 1/4 \quad GG - \bigcup (\Theta - arg \det M \downarrow q) - \pi \leq \Theta \leq +\pi \alpha \downarrow s / 8\pi$

- \clubsuit Θ can be traded between quark phases and GG term
- ♦ No physical impact if at least one $m\downarrow q=0$
- Induces a large neutron electric dipole moment (a T-violating quantity)

Experimental limits: /O /<107–11 Why so small?

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Strong CP Problem



- CP conserving vacuum has $\Theta = 0$ (Vafa and Witten 1984)
- QCD could have any $-\pi \le \Theta \le +\pi$, is "constant of nature"
- Energy can not be minimized:

 not dynamical

 Peccei-Quinn solution: Make

 dynamical, let system relax to lowest energy

38 Years of Axions

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The Cleansing Axion









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

Phenomenological Axion Properties



Axion Bounds



Opportunities for detection



Astrophysical Bounds

*m*_{Planck}

Dark Energy 70% (Cosmological Constant)



Grease and oil dissolvers
 Fabric whitener and
 brightener

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

Dark Matter 25% Neutrinos 0.1–0.4%

Creation of Cosmological Axions by Re-alignment

$T \sim f \downarrow a$ (very early universe)

- U_{PQ}(1) spontaneously broken
- Higgs field settles in "Mexican hat"
- Axion field sits fixed at $ai = \Theta i f \downarrow a$



T~1 *GeV* (*H*~107–9 eV)

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



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

 $\Theta = 0$

Axion Cosmology in PLB 120 (1983)

THE NOT-SO-HARMLESS AXION

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		Received 10 September 1982 We identify a new cosmological problem for models which solve the strong <i>CP</i> puzzle with an invisible axion, unrelated to the domain wall problem. Because the axion is very weakly coupled, the energy density stored in the oscillations of the classical axion field does not dissipate rapidly; it exceeds the critical density needed to close the universe unless $f_a \leq 10^{12}$ GeV, where f_a is the axion decay constant. If this bound is saturated, axions may comprise the dark matter of the universe.		

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.

Primakoff effect:

Axion-photon transition in external static E or B field (Originally discussed for $\pi 10$ by Henri Primakoff 1951)



Two-photon vertex generic for $\pi 10$, η , axion-like particles (ALPs), gravitons

Pierre Sikivie:

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

- Axion helioscope: Look at the Sun through a dipole magnet
- Axion haloscope: Look for dark-matter axions with a microwave resonant cavity

Search for Galactic Axions (Cold Dark Matter)



Primakoff Conversion



Power of galactic axion signal

 $4 \times 10^{\uparrow} - 21 W V/0.22 m^{\uparrow}3 (B/8.5 T)^{\uparrow}2 Q/10^{\uparrow}5 \times (m \downarrow a /2\pi GHz) (\rho \downarrow a /5 \times 10^{\uparrow} - 25 g/cm^{\uparrow}3)$

Axion Searches



Looking for axion-like particles (ALPs)

Search for Solar Axions





Axion Helioscope (Sikivie 1983)

Axion-Photon-Oscillation

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

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

CERN Axion Solar Telescope (CAST)









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



Shining TeV Gamma Rays through the Universe



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

Next Generation Axion Helioscope (IAXO) at CERN



Need new magnet w/ – Much bigger aperture: ~1 m2 per bore

- Lighter (no iron yoke)
- Bores at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{room}}$
- Irastorza et al.: Towards a new generation axion helioscope, arXiv:1103.5334
- Armengaud et al.: Conceptual Design of the International Axion Observatory (IAXO), arXiv:1401.3233





Axion and Axion-Like Particle Searches



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