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# **Motivation, Cosmological Role and Experimental Searches**

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# **Axion Physics in a Nut Shell**



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# **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
- T 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 Phase from  
mass  

$$
\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \sum_{q} \bar{\psi}_q (iD - m_q e^{i\theta_q}) \psi_q - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu a} G_a^{\mu\nu} - \Theta \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu a} \tilde{G}_a^{\mu\nu}
$$

Remove phase of mass term by chiral transformation of quark fields

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

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_q \overline{\psi}_q (iD - m_q) \psi_q - \frac{1}{4} G G - \underbrace{(\Theta - \arg \det M_q)}_{-\pi \leq \overline{\Theta} \leq +\pi} \overline{G} \overline{\widetilde{\Theta}}
$$

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

◆ No physical impact if at least one  $m_q = 0$ 

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

# **Neutron Electric Dipole Moment**



Violates time reversal (T) and space reflection (P) symmetries

Natural scale $\frac{e}{2m_N}$  = 1.06 × 10<sup>-14</sup>e cm

Experimental limit  $|d|$  < 0.63  $\times$  10<sup>-25</sup>e cm

#### Limit on coefficient

$$
\overline{\Theta} \frac{m_q}{m_N} \lesssim 10^{-11}
$$

# **Strong CP Problem**



- CP conserving vacuum has  $\Theta = 0$  (Vafa and Witten 1984)
- QCD could have any  $-\pi \leq \Theta \leq +\pi$ , is "constant of nature"
- Energy can not be minimized:  $\Theta$  not dynamical **Peccei-Quinn solution:** Make  $\Theta$  dynamical, let system relax to lowest energy

# **Dynamical Solution**

Peccei & Quinn 1977, Wilczek 1978, Weinberg 1978

• Re-interpret  $\overline{\Theta}$  as a dynamical variable (scalar field)

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{CP}} = -\frac{\alpha_{\text{s}}}{8\pi} \overline{\Theta} \operatorname{Tr}(G\tilde{G}) \rightarrow -\frac{\alpha_{\text{s}}}{8\pi} \frac{a(x)}{f_a} \operatorname{Tr}(G\tilde{G})
$$

 $a(x)$  is pseudoscalar axion field,  $f_a$  axion decay constant (Peccei-Quinn scale)

• Axions generically couple to two gluons and mix with,  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\eta'$  mesons, inducing a mass (potential) for  $a(x)$ 

$$
m_a f_a = \frac{\sqrt{m_u m_d}}{m_u + m_d} m_{\pi} f_{\pi}
$$
 (Axion mass) $\sim$  (Récouplings)  $\sim$  (Récouplings)  $\times \frac{f_{\pi}}{f_a}$ 

• Potential (mass term) induced by  $\mathcal{L}_{CP}$  drives  $a(x)$  to CP-conserving minimum



# **35 Years of Axions**

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

the observed symmetries of strong interactions seem to follow automatically as a consequence of the gauge principle and renormalizability- $-P$ ,  $T$ , C, flavor conservation, the  $3 \oplus 3^*$  structure of chi-

mined.<sup>7</sup> In this case, if the strong interaction conserves  $P$  and  $T$ , we shall say the conservation is *automatic*.

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

# **The Cleansing Axion**







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

**Frank Wilczek**

# **Axion Bounds and Searches**



# **Searching for Axion-Like Particles**

**Searching for Solar Axions**

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#### Primakoff effect:

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



Pierre Sikivie:

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

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

• Axion haloscope: Look for dark-matter axions withA microwave resonant cavity

# **Parameter Space for Axion-Like Particles (ALPs)**



# **Search for Solar Axions**





**Axion Helioscope (Sikivie 1983)**

# **Axion-Photon-Oscillation**

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- ¾ Tokyo Axion Helioscope ("Sumico") (Results since 1998, up again 2008)
- ¾ CERN Axion Solar Telescope (CAST) (Data since 2003)

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

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# **Tokyo Axion Helioscope ("Sumico")**







Moriyama, Minowa, Namba, Inoue, Takasu & Yamamoto PLB 434 (1998) 147

Inoue, Akimoto, Ohta, Mizumoto, Yamamoto & Minowa PLB 668 (2008) 93

# **CAST at CERN**



# **Helioscope Limits**



# **Photon Regeneration Experiments**

Ehret et al. (ALPS Collaboration), arXiv:1004.1313



Recent "shining-light-through-a-wall" or vacuum birefringence experiments:

- ALPS(DESY, using HERA dipole magnet)
- BMV (Laboratoire National des Champs Magnétiques Intens, Toulouse)
- BFRT(Brookhaven, 1993)
- GammeV (Fermilab)
- LIPPS (Jefferson Lab)
- OSQAR (CERN, using LHC dipole magnets)
- PVLAS(INFN Trieste)



# **Parameter Space for Axion-Like Particles**



# **Shining TeV Gamma Rays through the Universe**



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

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# **Perspectives for ALPS-II (DESY)**





Photon regeneration experiment with 12+12 HERA dipoles

• May reach  $10^{-11}$  GeV<sup>-1</sup> level

### Challenges

- Optical system
- Getting dipoles straight
- Detectors
- Running a 260 m long system (decision 2015)

(Axel Lindner and Andreas Ringwalc Pls at DESY)

# **Next Generation Axion Helioscope (IAXO)**



Irastorza et al., "Towards a new generation axion helioscope", arXiv:1103.5334

# **Axions as Cold Dark Matter of the Universe**

**Dark Energy 73% (Cosmological Constant)**

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# **Axion as a Nambu-Goldstone Boson**

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{CP}} = \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \overline{\Theta} G_a \tilde{G}_a \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \left( \overline{\Theta} - \frac{a(x)}{f_a} \right) G_a \tilde{G}_a
$$
  
Periodic variable (angle)  

$$
\Phi = \frac{f_a + \rho(x)}{\sqrt{2}} e^{\frac{i a(x)}{f_a}}
$$

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$$

- New U(1) symmetry, spontaneously broken at a large scale  $f_a$
- Axion is "phase" of new Higgs field: angular variable  $a(x)/f_a$
- By construction couples to  $G\tilde{G}$  term with strength  $\alpha_s/8\pi$ , e.g. triangle loop with new heavy quark (KSVZ model)
- Mixes with  $\pi^0$ - $\eta$ - $\eta'$  mesons
- $m_a = \frac{\sqrt{m_u m_d}}{m_u + m_d} \frac{m_\pi}{f_\pi f_a}$ • Axion mass (vanishes if  $m_u$  or  $m_d = 0$ )

# **Creation of Cosmological Axions**

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

- $U_{PO}(1)$  spontaneously broken
- Higgs field settles in "Mexican hat"
- Axion field sits fixed at  $a_i = \Theta_i fa$

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

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



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

# **Axion Cosmology in PLB 120 (1983)**

#### THE NOT-SO-HARMLESS AXION

#### Michael DINE

The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ 08540, USA



# **Cosmic Axion Density**

Modern values for QCD parameters and temperature-dependent axion mass imply (Bae, Huh & Kim, arXiv:0806.0497)

$$
\Omega_a h^2 = 0.195 \,\Theta_i^2 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{GeV}}\right)^{1.184} = 0.105 \,\Theta_i^2 \left(\frac{10 \,\mu\text{eV}}{m_a}\right)^{1.184}
$$

If axions provide the cold dark matter:  $\Omega_a h^2 = 0.11$ 

$$
\Theta_{\rm i} = 0.75 \left( \frac{10^{12} \text{GeV}}{f_a} \right)^{0.592} = 1.0 \left( \frac{m_a}{10 \text{ }\mu\text{eV}} \right)^{0.592}
$$

•  $\Theta_i \sim 1$  implies  $f_a \sim 10^{12}$  GeV and  $m_a \sim 10$  µeV ("classic window")

•  $f_a \sim 10^{16}$  GeV (GUT scale) or larger (string inspired) requires  $\Theta_i \lesssim 0.003$ ("anthropic window")

# **Lee-Weinberg Curve for Neutrinos and Axions**



# **Cold Axion Populations**

**Case 1Inflation after PQ symmetry breaking** 

Homogeneous mode oscillates after  $T \leq \Lambda_{\text{OCD}}$ Dependence on initial misalignment  $\Omega_a \propto \Theta_i^2$ angle

Dark matter density a cosmic random number ("environmental parameter")

- Isocurvature fluctuations from large quantum fluctuations of massless axion field created during inflation
- Strong CMB bounds on isocurvature fluctuations
- Scale of inflation required to be small

**Case 2Reheating restores PQ symmetry** 

- Cosmic strings of broken  $U_{pQ}(1)$ form by Kibble mechanism
- Radiate long-wavelength axions
- $\Omega_a$  independent of initial conditions
- $N = 1$  or else domain wall problem

Inhomogeneities of axion field large, self-couplings lead to formation of mini-clusters

**Typical properties** 

- Mass  $\sim 10^{-12} M_{sun}$
- Radius  $\sim 10^{10}$  cm
- Mass fraction up to several 10%

# **Axion Production by Domain Wall and String Decay**



Recent numerical studies of collapse of string-domain wall system

$$
\Omega_a h^2 = (16 \pm 6) \left( \frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{GeV}} \right)^{1.19}
$$

$$
\times \left( \frac{g_{*,1}}{70} \right)^{-0.41} \left( \frac{\Lambda}{400 \text{ MeV}} \right)
$$

#### Implies a CDM axion mass of

 $m_a \sim 1$  meV

Hiramatsu, Kawasaki, Saikawa, Sekiguchi, arXiv:1202.5851 (2012)

Remains to be confirmed, interpretation of numerical studies not entirely straightforward

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$$
\sum_{x}^{\infty}
$$

# **Search for Galactic Axions (Cold Dark Matter)**



# **Axion Dark Matter Searches**

Limits assuming axions are the galactic dark matter with standard halo



# **ADMX Hardware**





# **SQUID Microwave Amplifiers in ADMX**

#### Presently the noise temperature of our HFET amps is  $\sim$  1.5K But the quantum limit at 1 GHz is  $\sim$  50 mK



\*Prof. John Clark and Dr. Darin Kinion (UC Berkeley)

Our latest SQUIDs are now within 15% of the Standard Quantum Limit

# **ADMX phase I: First-year science data (2009)**



FIG. 5 (color online). Axion-photon coupling excluded at the 90% confidence level assuming a local dark-matter density of  $0.45 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$  for two dark-matter distribution models. The shaded region corresponds to the range of the axion-photon coupling models discussed in [28].

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# **ADMX Comes to UW**





#### **August 2010: ADMX Moves to UW**





May 2011: Main Magnet Installed in Experiment Area (CENPA)



Gray Rybka – Patras 2011 – Mykonos, Greece – June 27, 2011 **School on Theoretical Physics** 9/13



# **Schedule** <del>-2010</del> Winter 2010 **Spring 2011** Summer 2011 – Funding Clears 2011-2012 Construct new insert small axion search here 2012-2013 Commission new insert, order dilution refrigerator 2013-2014 Install dilution refrigerator, commission 2015+ Definitive Axion search



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# **ADMX-HF at Yale (Steve Lamoreaux Group)**





ADMX-HF will also be a test-bed for innovative concepts, e.g. thin-film superconducting cavities

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# **For the long term, ADMX needs concurrent R&D**



*To get to 10 GHz (40* μ*eV), and ultimately 100 GHz (0.4 meV), we need to:*

- Develop new RF cavity geometries
- Develop new SQUID geometries

1 GHz







#### **Prospects for Searching Axion-like Particle Dark Matter with** Dipole, Toroidal and Wiggler Magnets

Oliver K. Baker<sup>1</sup>, Michael Betz<sup>2</sup>, Fritz Caspers<sup>2</sup>, Joerg Jaeckel<sup>3</sup>, Axel Lindner<sup>4</sup>, Andreas Ringwald<sup>4</sup>, Yannis Semertzidis<sup>5</sup>, Pierre Sikivie<sup>6</sup>, Konstantin Zioutas<sup>7</sup>.

arXiv:1110.2180v1 (10 Oct 2011)



 $Log_{10} m_a [eV]$ 

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# **What if the axion is found?**



And should the axion posses fine-structure, it would constitute a "movie" of the formation of our Milky Way galaxy

# **1D Infall and the Folding of Phase Space**



# **Fine Structure in the Axion Spectrum**

- Axion distribution on a 3-dim sheet in 6-dim phase space
- Is "folded up" by galaxy formation
- Velocity distribution shows narrow peaks that can be resolved
- More detectable information than local dark matter density



### **Dark Energy 73% (Cosmological Constant)**



WITH LIRA CLEANING POWER

**R** Prilled enzymes **R** Grease and oil dissolvers **B** Fabric whitener and brightener

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**Pier Chart of Dark Universe** 

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