Axions from Monster Stars

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Axions and ALPs

<u>Axions (and ALPs) interact with SM fields</u>. This allow for a rich and interesting phenomenology, and for their possible detection



$$g_{a\gamma} = \frac{C_{a\gamma}\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \qquad g_{ap} = C_{ap}\frac{m_p}{f_a} \qquad g_{ap} = C_{an}\frac{m_n}{f_a} \qquad g_{ap} = C_{ae}\frac{m_e}{f_a}$$

Axions and ALPs

Most relevant axion channels











$$\rightarrow \varepsilon_P \simeq 2.8 \times 10^{-31} F(\xi) \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{\text{GeV}^{-1}}\right)^2 \frac{T^7}{\rho} \text{ erg g}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

with T in K and ρ in g cm⁻³, and $F(\xi)$ is $\mathcal{O}(1)$. Valid in nondegeneratae plasma

$$\rightarrow \varepsilon_{\rm C} \simeq 2.7 \times 10^{-22} g_{ae}^2 \frac{1}{\mu_e} \left(\frac{n_e^{\rm eff}}{n_e}\right) T^6 \, {\rm erg \ g}^{-1} \, {\rm s}^{-1}$$

where $n^{\rm eff}$ takes into account degeneracy effects. Competitive with bremsstrahlung at low ρ and high T

$$\rightarrow \varepsilon_{\rm B} \simeq 8.6 \times 10^{-7} F_B g_{ae}^2 T^4 \left(\sum \frac{X_j Z_j^2}{A_j}\right) \operatorname{erg} \mathrm{g}^{-1} \, \mathrm{s}^{-1}$$

valid in degenerate plasma conditions. The function F_B takes into account the mild density dependence of the degenerate rate

Di Luzio, Fedele, <u>M.G., Mescia, Nardi, JCAP 02 (2022) 02, 035</u>

Stars as FIPs Factories

FIPs can escape stars, once produced.

Volume production.

Large flux!



The Sun as Axion Factory

Coupling	Process	Energy
g	Primakoff (E) $\gamma \sim a$	$\sim (3-4) \mathrm{keV}$
συγ	Primakoff (B) $\bigotimes_{E, B}$	~ $(10 - 200) \text{ eV} (\text{LP})$ \$\le\$ 1 keV (TP)
8 _{ae}	ABC $e.g., e+Ze \rightarrow Ze+e+a$	~ 1 keV
	nuclear reactions $p + d \rightarrow {}^{3}\text{He} + a$	5.5 MeV
8 _{aN}	Nuclear de-excitation ${}^{57}\text{Fe}^* \rightarrow {}^{57}\text{Fe} + a$ ${}^{7}\text{Li}^* \rightarrow {}^{7}\text{Li} + a$ ${}^{83}\text{Kr}^* \rightarrow {}^{83}\text{Kr} + a$	14.4 keV 0.478 MeV 9.4 keV

The Sun as Axion Factory

$$\frac{dN_a}{dt} = 1.1 \times 10^{39} \left[\left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-10} \text{GeV}^{-1}} \right)^2 + 0.7 \left(\frac{g_{ae}}{10^{-12}} \right)^2 \right] \,\text{s}^{-1}$$



J. Redondo, JCAP 1312 (2013)

up to ~ 10^{39} axions/s ($\Rightarrow 10^{11}$ cm⁻² s⁻¹ axions on Earth), peaked at ~ keV

We can observe this flux with the Next Gen. Axion Helioscopes

 \rightarrow See Julia's talk

Plus, the additional axion flux from the other processes

Monster Stars



Di Luzio, MG, Nardi, Visinelli, <u>Phys.Rept. 870 (2020)</u>

Supergiants

Brand new catalog of Red SG, Sarah Healy et al., arXiv:2307.08785



Many candidates at a few kpc from the Sun.

See also → <u>M. Mukhopadhyay et al.</u>, <u>Astrophys.J. 899 (2020)</u>

Supergiants at d<200 pc

Table 1: List of SN progenitor candidates with having a mass $\gtrsim 10 M_{\odot}$ and within 250 pc from the Earth. We basically use the values listed in the Hipparcos catalogue [78]; otherwise, we show the reference for the source.

HIP	Common Name	Distance (pc)	Mass (M_{\odot})	RA (J2000)	Dec (J2000)
65474	Spica/ α Virginis	77(4)	11.43 ± 1.15 [79]	13:25:11.58	-11:09:40.8
81377	ζ Ophiuchi	112(3)	20.0 [80]	16:37:09.54	-10:34:01.5
71860	lphaLupi	142(3)	10.1 ± 1.0 [81]	14:41:55.76	$-47{:}23{:}17.5$
80763	Antares/ α Scorpii	170(30)	11 - 14.3 [82]	16:29:24.46	-26:25:55.2
107315	Enif/ ϵ Pegasi	211(8)	11.7(8) [81]	21:44:11.16	+09:52:30.0
27989	Betelgeuse/ α Orionis	$222^{+48}_{-34} \ [83]$	$11.6^{+5.0}_{-3.9} \ [84]$	05:55:10.31	$+07{:}24{:}25.4$



Figure 1: The position of the SN progenitors in Table 1 on the Mollweide projection of the celestial sphere, where the red and blue dots correspond to the spectral types of K/M and O/B, respectively. We also show by the gray dots the progenitors with d > 250 pc and $M \gtrsim 10 M_{\odot}$ listed in Table A1 in Ref. [87].

From S. F. Ge et al., IAXO as SN-scope JCAP 11 (2020) 059

Supergiant Axions



... however, in the case of Betelgeuse (~200 pc from us) $\Rightarrow 0(10^3)$ axions cm⁻² s⁻¹.

Too little for current experiments!

Supergiant Axions

Madal	Phase	$t_{ m cc}~[{ m yr}]~\log_{10}rac{L_{ m eff}}{L_{\odot}}$		1_{eff}	Primakoff		Bremsstrahlung		ıg	Compton			
model	rnase			$\log_{10} \frac{-611}{K}$	C^P	E_0^P [keV]	β^P	C^B	E_0^B [keV]	β^B	C^C	E_0^C [keV]	β^C
0	He burning	155000	4.90	3.572	1.36	50	1.95	1.3E-3	35.26	1.16	1.39	77.86	3.15
1	before C burning	23000	5.06	3.552	4.0	80	2.0	2.3E-2	56.57	1.16	8.55	125.8	3.12
2	before C burning	13000	5.06	3.552	5.2	99	2.0	6.4E-2	70.77	1.09	17.39	156.9	3.09
3	before C burning	10000	5.09	3.549	5.7	110	2.0	8.9E-2	76.65	1.08	22.49	169.2	3.09
4	before C burning	6900	5.12	3.546	6.5	120	2.0	0.136	85.15	1.06	31.81	186.4	3.09
5	in C burning	3700	5.14	3.544	7.9	130	2.0	0.249	97.44	1.04	50.62	210.4	3.11
6	in C burning	730	5.16	3.542	12	170	2.0	0.827	129.17	1.02	138.6	269.1	3.17
7	in C burning	480	5.16	3.542	13	180	2.0	0.789	134.54	1.02	153.2	279.9	3.15
8	in C burning	110	5.16	3.542	16	210	2.0	1.79	151.46	1.02	252.7	316.8	3.17
9	in C burning	34	5.16	3.542	21	240	2.0	2.82	181.74	1.00	447.5	363.3	3.22
10	between C/Ne burning	7.2	5.16	3.542	28	280	2.0	3.77	207.84	0.99	729.2	415.7	3.23
11	in Ne burning	3.6	5.16	3.542	26	320	1.8	3.86	224.45	0.98	856.4	481.2	3.11

$$\frac{d\dot{N}_a}{dE} = \frac{10^{42}}{\text{keVs}} \left[C^P g_{11}^2 \left(\frac{E}{E_0^P} \right)^{\beta^P} e^{-(\beta^P + 1)E/E_0^P} + (P \to B, C; g_{11} \to g_{13}) \right]$$



Flux increases adding g_{ae} coupling

M. Xiao, MG, et al., Phys. Rev. D 106 (2022)

The Very Last Stages of a Monster Star

$t_{\rm collpase} - t [{ m s}]$	C	$E_0 [{ m MeV}]$	β
0	1.68×10^3	2.54	2.50
10^{2}	1.19×10^3	2.08	2.49
10^{3}	9.33×10^2	1.77	2.50
10^{4}	5.98×10^2	1.57	2.47
10^{5}	1.63×10^2	1.13	2.10
10^{6}	2.15×10^2	0.85	2.39
107	7.31×10^1	0.61	2.10



Flux grows substantially in last seconds

$$\frac{d^2 n_{\gamma}}{dt dE} = \frac{10^{47} C g_{10}^2 P_{a\gamma}}{4\pi d^2} \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{\beta} e^{-(\beta+1)\frac{E}{E_0}} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{MeV}^{-1}$$

Mori, Takiwaki and Kotake, Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022)

Supergiant Axions

Axions can convert into photons in the magnetic field between us and the star

$$P_{a\gamma} = 8.7 \times 10^{-6} g_{11}^2 \left(\frac{B_{\rm T}}{1 \ \mu \rm G}\right)^2 \left(\frac{d}{197 \, \rm pc}\right)^2 \frac{\sin^2(qd)}{(qd)^2} \qquad \text{(Assuming B uniform)}$$

$$g_{11} \le 6.5 \text{ from}$$
helioscope (CAST)
bound
$$a_{\rm max} = \frac{\gamma}{B_{\rm ext}}$$

Hard X-ray to Soft gamma-Ray detectors

Huge interest in the low MeV region (see, e.g., ICRC talk by Andreas Zoglauer (2021)



The High Energy X-ray Probe (HEX-P)

Instrument and Mission Profile paper last week (on Dec 7)



Same target energy as NuSTAR.

3 co-aligned X-ray telescopes designed to cover the 0.2 – 80 keV bandpass

Soft Gamma-Ray Telescopes?





The CubeSat units (U), defined as $10 \times 10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^3$ in volume and 1.3 kg in mass, can be combined to form larger spacecrafts.

COMCUBE is a project of the European programme AHEAD2020 for a Compton polarimeter CubeSat mission to measure the polarization of bright gamma-ray bursts, and transient events in general. Presented at the Journées de la SF2A Société française d'astronomie et d'astrophysiques (2021) \rightarrow [communication from Aldo Morselli]

Soft Gamma-Ray Telescopes?



Aldo Morselli, F. Calore, MG, et al. (in preparation)

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The Very Last Stages of a Monster Star



Mori, Takiwaki and Kotake, Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022)

Other γ ray telescopes such as INTEGRAL are not performing surveys.



Supernova axions

General criterion (Raffelt) from observed ν -signal form SN 1987A:

The truly

monster stars

- $\varepsilon_x \lesssim 10^{19} \,\mathrm{erg} \,\mathrm{g}^{-1} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$
- @ $\rho = 3 \times 10^{14} \,\mathrm{g \, cm^{-3}}, T = 30 \,\mathrm{MeV}$

SN

 $T_c \simeq 30 \text{ MeV}$

 $\rho_c \simeq 3 \times 10^{14} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

Corresponds to $\sim 10^{56}$ axions/s.

About $\sim 10^{13} \,\mathrm{cm}^{-2} \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$ axions on Earth from Betelgeuse

Huge flux... but short!



Contributions from pion processes and from nucleon bremsstrahlung

Very significant progress in the last 3 years but still many uncertainties (See backup slides)



Alessandro Lella et al., in preparation

Detecting SN axions

Direct Detection

\rightarrow Cherenkov

- A. Lella et al., <u>arXiv:2306.01048;</u>
- Vonk, Guo, Meißner, <u>Phys.Rev.D</u> <u>105 (2022)</u>
- Li, Hu, Guo, Meißner, <u>2312.02564</u>
- P. Carenza et al., <u>arXiv:2306.17055</u>



 \rightarrow Colliders

- S. Asai, Y. Kanazawa, T. Moroi, T.
 Sichanugrist <u>Phys.Lett.B 829 (2022)</u>
- \rightarrow Heliscopes
- Ge, Hamaguchi, Ichimura, Ishidoshiro, Kanazawa, <u>JCAP 11 (2020)</u>;



Indirect detection

Through photon oscillations in $B_{\rm ext}$

- F. Calore et al. e-Print: <u>2306.03925</u>
- A. Lella et al. In preparation
- Meyer et al. <u>Phys.Rev.Lett. 118 (2017)</u>



Detecting SN axions

Direct Detection:

 \rightarrow Heliscopes

New research @UNIZAR, lead by Juan Anton Garcia Pascual, for the construction of the appropriate detector for these high energies



Will we detect Stellar Axions with Next Gen. Experiments?

Sun	 High potential to detect ALPs (including QCD axions) if m_a ≤ 100 meV and g_{aγ} ~ stellar bounds Possibility to explore solar magnetic field through g_{aγ} but likely not in next generation experiments Unlikely axions discover through g_{ae} in the near future Higher masses may be accessed through g_{aN}, but in large part in tension with SN1987A
Other stars	 Production can be much larger than in the Sun Require magnetic fields to compensate for large distance ⇒ Explore mostly very low mass region but sensitive to very small couplings
SN	 Huge production but for short time. Several nearby candidates Direct detection may be possible but we need JuanAn's new detector At very low mass, strong potential for detection with γ-ray observatories (e.g., Fermi LAT) At high mass, possible detection of decay products (e.g., Fermi LAT)

Conclusions and final comments

- Other stars besides the Sun may be very good ALP factories
- New interesting ideas are popping out and many things are still unexplored
- Come talk to me if you are interested in learning more about some of these aspects.

 \rightarrow Opportunities for students

Backup Slides

Supernova axions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = g_a \frac{\partial_\mu a}{2m_N} \Biggl[C_{ap} \bar{p} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 p + C_{an} \bar{n} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 n + \\ + \frac{C_{a\pi N}}{f_\pi} (i\pi^+ \bar{p} \gamma^\mu n - i\pi^- \bar{n} \gamma^\mu p) + \\ + C_{aN\Delta} \left(\bar{p} \Delta^+_\mu + \overline{\Delta^+_\mu} p + \bar{n} \Delta^0_\mu + \overline{\Delta^0_\mu} n \right) \Biggr]$$



P. Carenza et al., JCAP 10 (2019) 10, 016



Ho, Kim, Ko, Park, Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 7

Leads to a variety of processes, studied very recently



A. Lella et al, Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 10



K. Choi et al., JHEP 02 (2022) 143

Detecting SN axions



Through photon oscillations in B_{ext}

- F. Calore et al. e-Print: <u>2306.03925</u>
- A. Lella et al. In preparation
- Meyer et al. <u>Phys.Rev.Lett. 118 (2017)</u>

Observing Betelgeuse in hard X-rays

Dedicated NuSTAR observations did not find evidence for ALPs.

Fermi LAT as Axion SN-Scope

Calore, Carenza, Eckner, M. G., Lucente, Mirizzi, Sivo et al. arXiv:2306.03925

Significant opportunities to study axions and the SN itself

Pre-SN signal

Neutrinos are produced from thermal and beta processes.

K.M. Patton. C. Lunardini, R. Farmer and F. X. Timmes, ApJ 851 (2017)

Fermi LAT as Axion SN-Scope

M. Meyer , M. G., A. Mirizzi, J. Conrad, M.A. Sánchez-Conde, <u>Phys.Rev.Lett. 118 (2017)</u>

New analysis

 \rightarrow slightly reduced sensitivity. But...

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Pre-SN signal

Major difficulty: angular resolution.

Tanaka & Watanabe (2014)

Improves with use of Liquid Scintillator (LS) detector with a Lithium compound dissolved (LS-Li)

Be	etelgeuse				LS		LS-Li	
Γ	Time to CC	$N_{ m Total}$	$N_{ m Signal}$	$N_{ m Bkg}$	68% C.L.	90% C.L.	68% C.L.	90% C.L.
	4.0 hr	93	78	15	78.43°	116.17°	23.24°	33.98°
	1.0 hr	193	170	23	63.92°	98.42°	15.47°	22.26°
	$2 \min$	314	289	25	52.72°	81.79°	11.63°	16.67°

Adapted from: M. Mukhopadhyay, C. Lunardini, F.X. Timmes, K. Zuber, Astrophys.J. 899 (2020)

* Betelgeuse is 11.6° from S Monoceros A, B (~280 pc)

Stellar Evolution in a snapshot

Stellar core conditions

The rear ends of the arrows mark the indicated values of the absolute surface brightness in magnitudes $(0.8M_{\odot} \text{ star}).$

From G. Raffelt: <u>Stars as Laboratories for Fundamental Physics</u>, (1996)

Other stars?

Other MS have solar-like properties but are much further away. Less interesting.

Yet, there are many of them.

Diffuse axion flux recently calculated

 $-m_a = 1.00 \text{ keV} - m_a = 5.67 \text{ keV} - m_a = 9.22 \text{ keV} - m_a = 11.00 \text{ keV} - m_a = 12.37 \text{ keV}$ $-m_a = 15.00 \text{ keV} - m_a = 19.78 \text{ keV} - m_a = 24.36 \text{ keV} - m_a = 30.00 \text{ keV}$

If ALPs are sufficiently heavy, their decay produces an x-ray diffuse background: N. H. Nguyen, E. H. Tanin, M. Kamionkowski <u>arXiv:2307.11216</u>

Stellar Evolution in a snapshot

Stages of nucleosynthesis for a star of mass $\sim 25 M_{\odot}$

		Temperature	Density	Duration
Nuclear fuel	Main products	(K)	$(g \text{ cm}^{-3})$	(yrs)
Н	He	3.81×10^{7}	3.81	6.70×10^{6}
Не	C, O	1.96×10^{8}	762	8.39×10^{5}
С	O, Ne, Mg	8.41×10^{8}	1.29×10^{5}	522
Ne	O, Mg, Si	1.57×10^{9}	3.95×10^{6}	0.891
0	Si, S	2.09×10^{9}	3.60×10^{6}	0.402
Si	Fe	3.65×10^9	3.01×10^{7}	0.002

From Omar Benhar, Structure and Dynamics, of Compact Stars, Springer (2023). Data from Woosley, Heger, Weaver, <u>Rev Mod Phys, 74, 1015 (2002)</u>

Later Evolutionary Stages

Stars with $M \gtrsim 8 M_{\odot}$ go on burning until they develop a iron core

Observing Betelgeuse in hard X-rays

NuSTAR: NUclear Spectroscopic Telescope ARray

Is it really the best option?

First focusing high-energy X-ray (3–79 keV) telescope in orbit. Has two identical telescopes, each with an independent optic and focal-plane detector Each FOV $\sim 13' \times 13'$, with a half-power diameter of $\sim 60''$ for a point source near the optical axis.

From: F.A. Harrison et al. ApJ, 770, 103 (2013)

High Mass SN ALPs @ Fermi LAT

Eike Müller, Francesca Calore, Pierluca Carenza, Christopher Eckner, M.C. David Marsh, <u>arXiv:2304.01060</u>

... and Super Star Clusters

First hard X-ray observations of Betelgeuse (with NuSTAR)... no trace of Axions

- Xiao, Perez, <u>M.G</u>., Straniero, Mirizzi, Grefenstette, Roach, Nynka, <u>Phys.Rev.Lett. 126 (2021)</u>
- Xiao, Carenza, <u>M.G</u>., Mirizzi, Perez, Straniero, Grefenstette <u>Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022)</u>

Similar result from observations of Super Star Clusters

Dessert, Foster, Safdy, Phys.Rev.Lett. 125 (2020)

Summary: Detecting Stellar Axions

Where should we look ?

Very comprehensive recent analysis on identification of (near) SN from pre-SN neutrinos

M. Mukhopadhyay, C. Lunardini, F.X. Timmes, K. Zuber, Astrophys.J. 899 (2020)

31 candidates within 1 kpc from the sun.

Summary

- Stellar axions
- Why Monster Stars?
- Are we going to detect stellar axions in the next
 n-years? (log₁₀ n < 2, hopefully !)