

Axions, WIMPs and WISPs

Bottom-Up Approach

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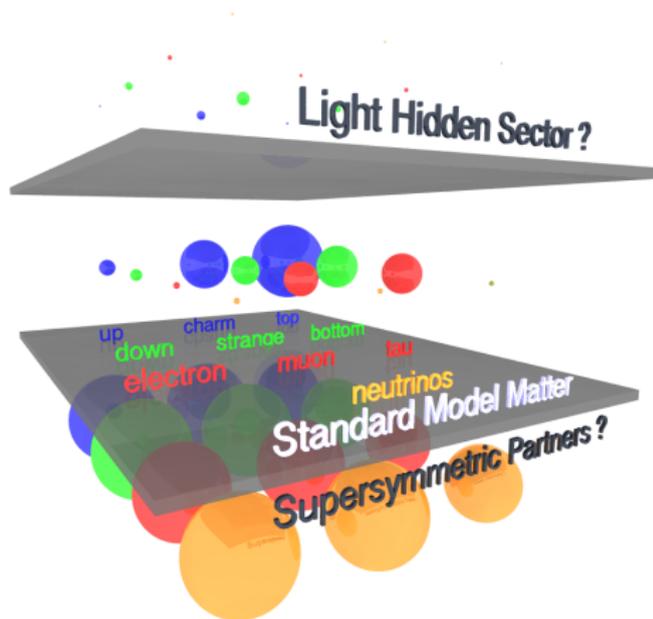
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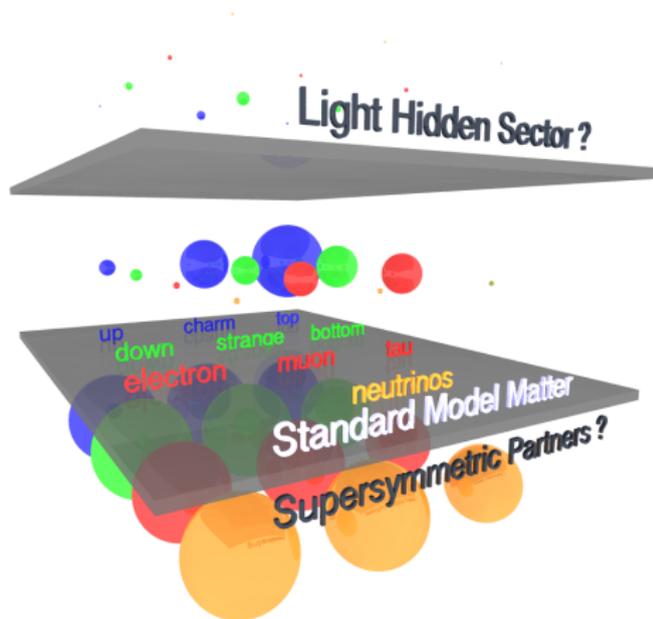
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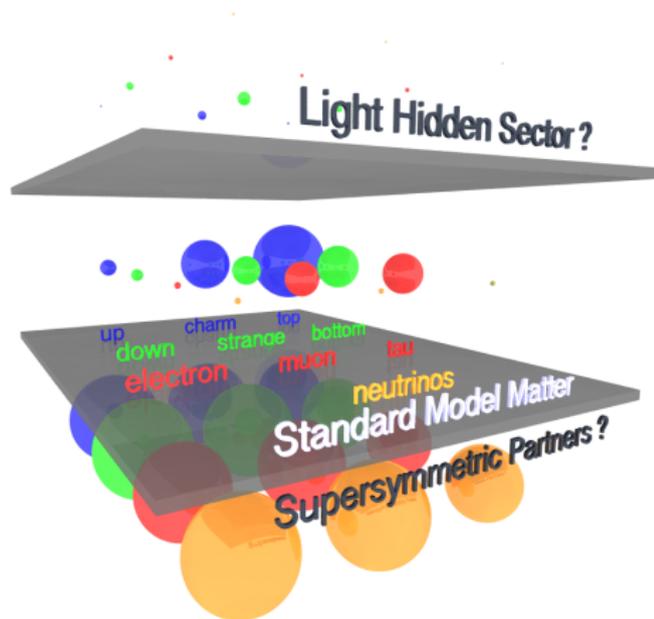
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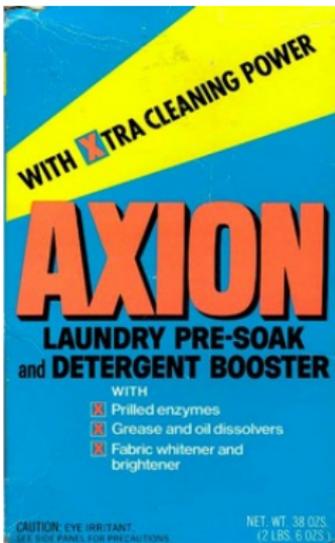
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Due to lack of time (and personal bias), I will mainly focus on **Axions** and other **WISPs**.

[WIMPs → talks by L. Covi, A. Jenkins, J. Read & L. Roszkowski]

Axions and their Relatives



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[Weinberg'78]

$$m_a \simeq \frac{f_\pi m_\pi}{f_a/\mathcal{N}} \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1+z} \simeq 6 \text{ meV} \left(\frac{10^9 \text{ GeV}}{f_a/\mathcal{N}} \right)$$
$$(z \equiv m_u/m_d \simeq 0.56 \quad f_\pi \simeq 93 \text{ MeV} \quad m_\pi \simeq 135 \text{ MeV})$$

- **Coupling to photons:**

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- effective parameters:

\mathcal{E}/\mathcal{N} : ratio of QED and QCD anomalies

f_a/\mathcal{N} : effective $U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$ breaking scale

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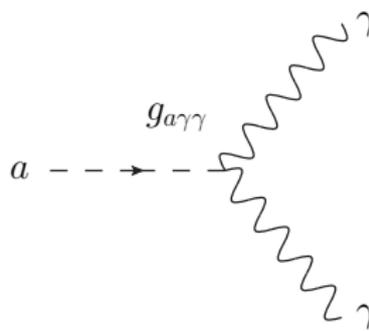
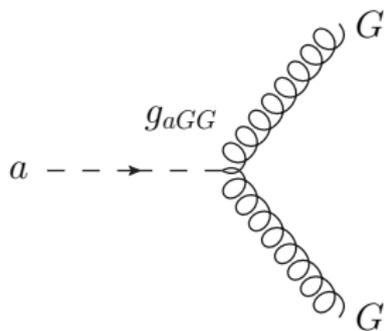
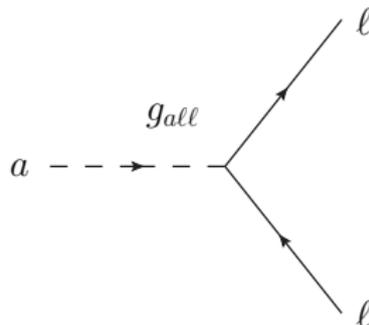
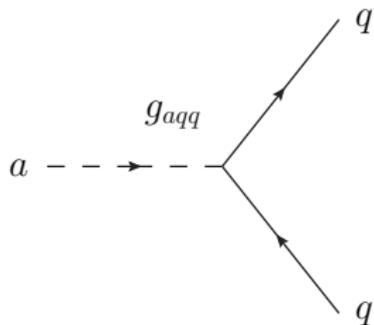
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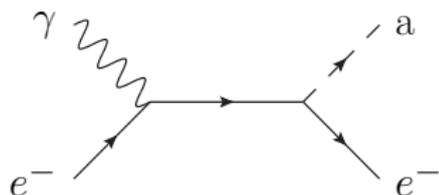
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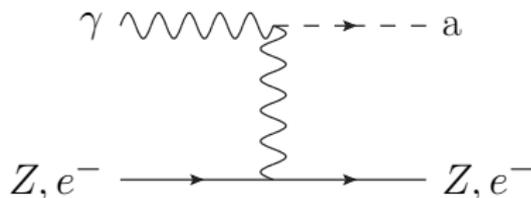
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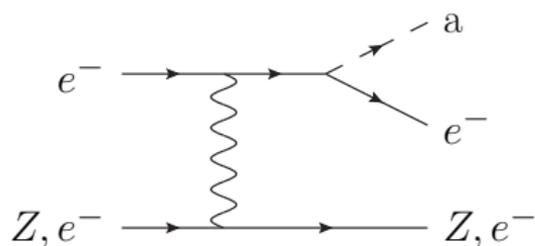
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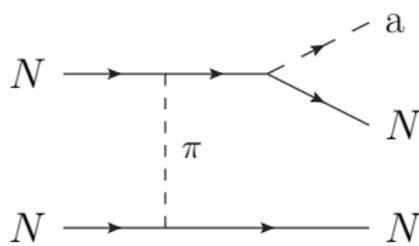
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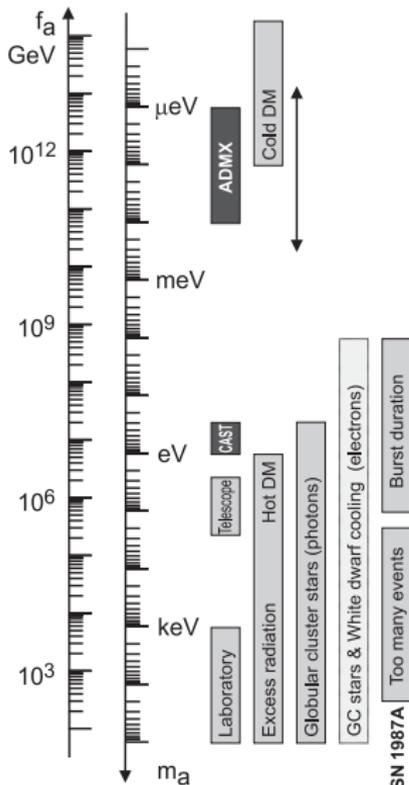
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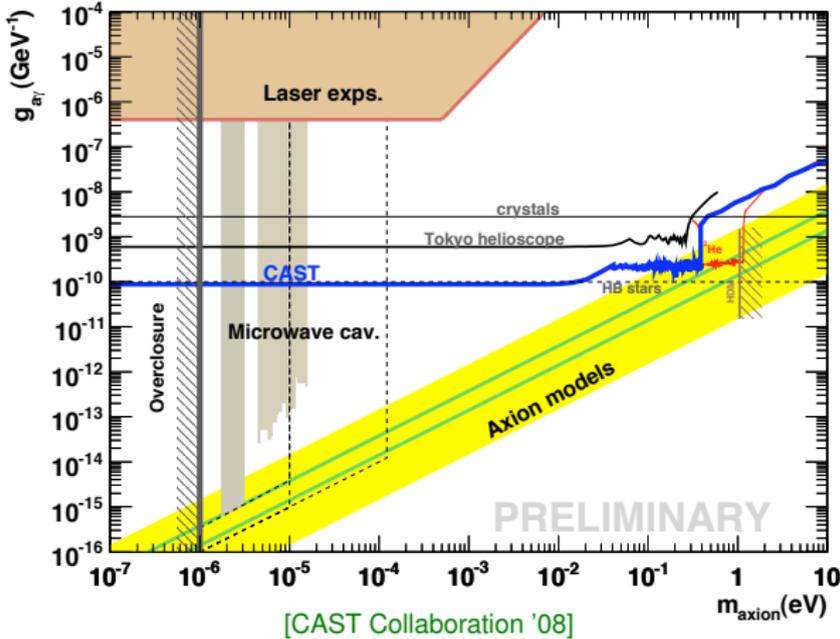
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[PDG'08]

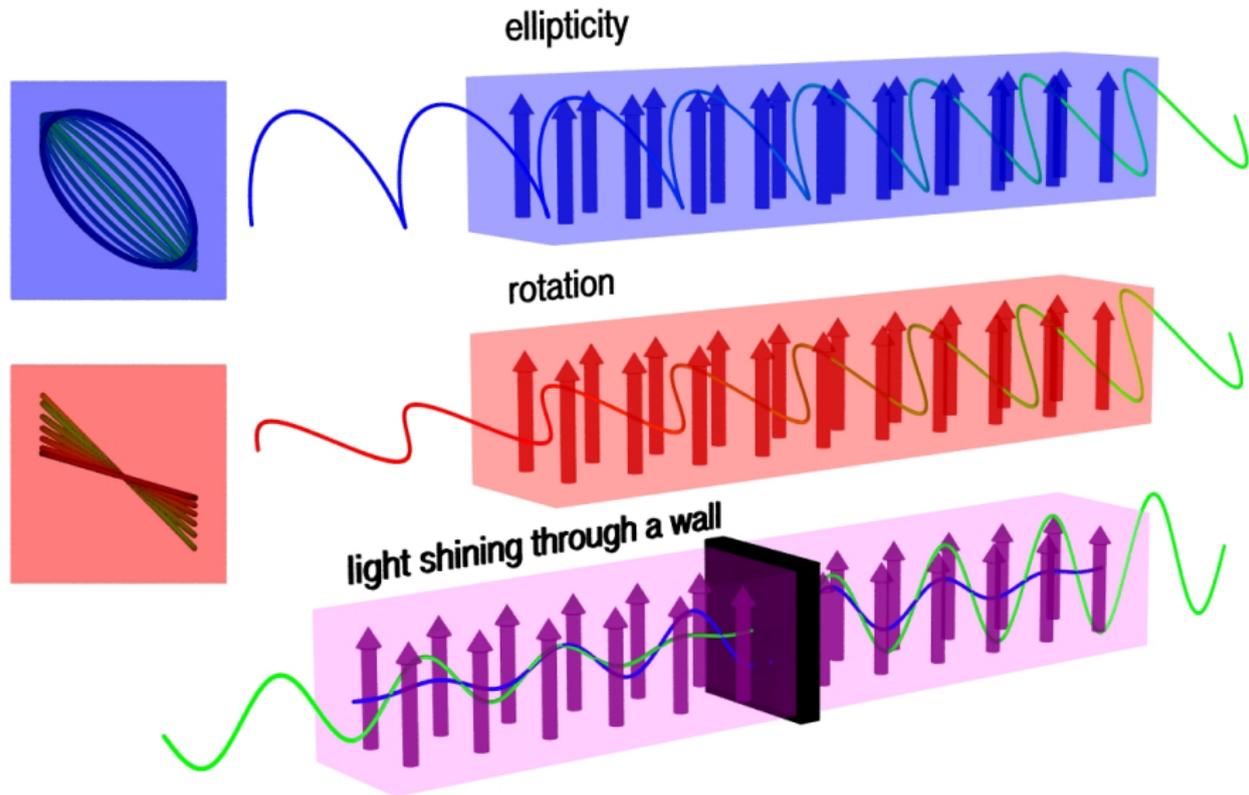
- **Stellar Evolution** [e.g. Raffelt'86]
 - Solar Age, Solar Model, Helioseismology [Schlattl&Raffelt'98]
 - White Dwarves (g_{aee}) [Raffelt'86;Isern et al.'08]
 - SN 1987A (g_{aNN}) [Ellis/Olive'87;Turner'88;Raffelt'06]
 - Globular Cluster Stars [Raffelt'86;Raffelt&Dearborn'87]
- **Solar Axion Emission**
 - Axion Helioscopes [Sikivie'83,'84]
 - Bragg Diffractive Scattering [Buchmüller&Hoogeveen'90]
- **Axion Dark Matter**
 - Overclosure of Universe
 - Structure Formation [Hannestad&Raffelt'03;Hannestad et al.'05]
 - Axion Decay [Bershady et al.'91;Grin et al.'06]
 - Axion Haloscopes [Sikivie'83,'84;Bradley et al.'03]
- **Laboratory Experiments**
 - Regeneration, Vacuum Birefringence&Dicroism (more on this later)

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- ★ ADMX (→ talk by G. Rybka)
- ★ Tokio Helioscope (→ talk by R. Ohta)
- ★ CAST (→ talks by E. Ferrer-Ribas, M. Karuza & K. Jakovcic)

Axion-Like Particles (ALPs) in Laser Experiments



[Okun'82,Sikivie'83,Anselm'85,van Bibber et al.'87,Raffelt&Stodolsky'88]

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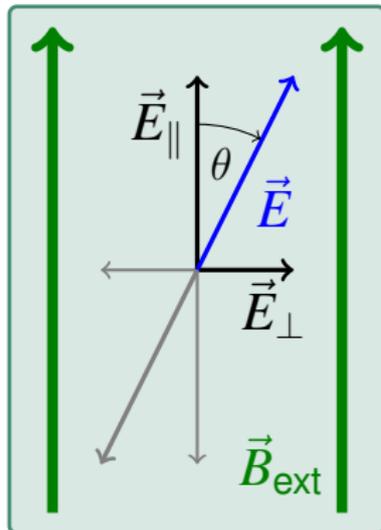
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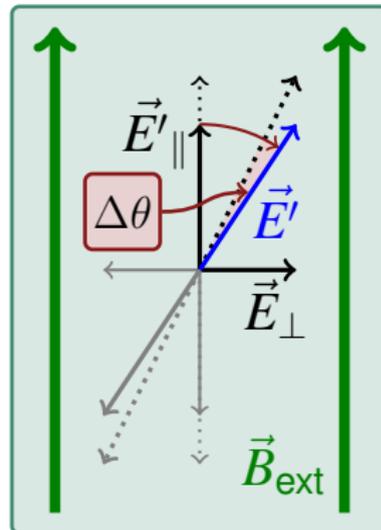
coupling g



Anisotropic light absorption causes a **rotation** $\Delta\theta$ of the polarization plane.

e.g. axion-like particles:

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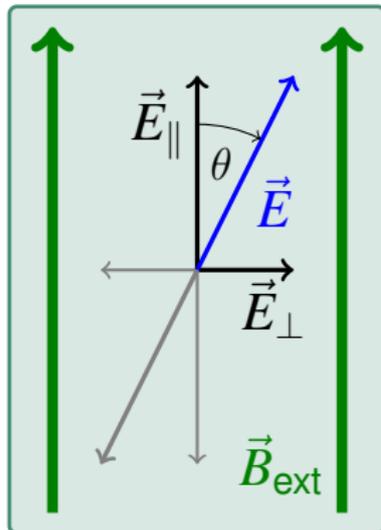
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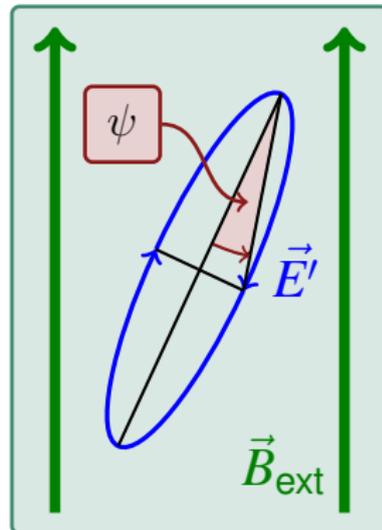
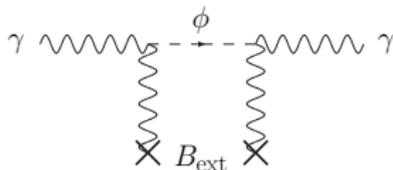
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Anisotropic speed of light propagation causes a phase shift and **ellipticity** ψ .

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- **ellipticity:**

$$-\psi^{(+)} = \psi^{(-)} = \frac{N_{\text{pass}}}{2} \left(\frac{gB\omega}{m_\phi^2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\ell m_\phi^2}{2\omega} - \sin \left(\frac{\ell m_\phi^2}{2\omega} \right) \right) \sin 2\theta$$

- **rotation:**

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- **“light-shining-through-a-wall” (LSW):**

$$\dot{N}_{\gamma \text{ reg}}^{(-)} = \dot{N}_0 \left[\frac{N_{\text{pass}} + 1}{2} \right] \frac{1}{16} (gB\ell \cos \theta)^4 \left(\frac{\sin \left(\frac{\ell m_\phi^2}{4\omega} \right)}{\frac{\ell m_\phi^2}{4\omega}} \right)^4$$

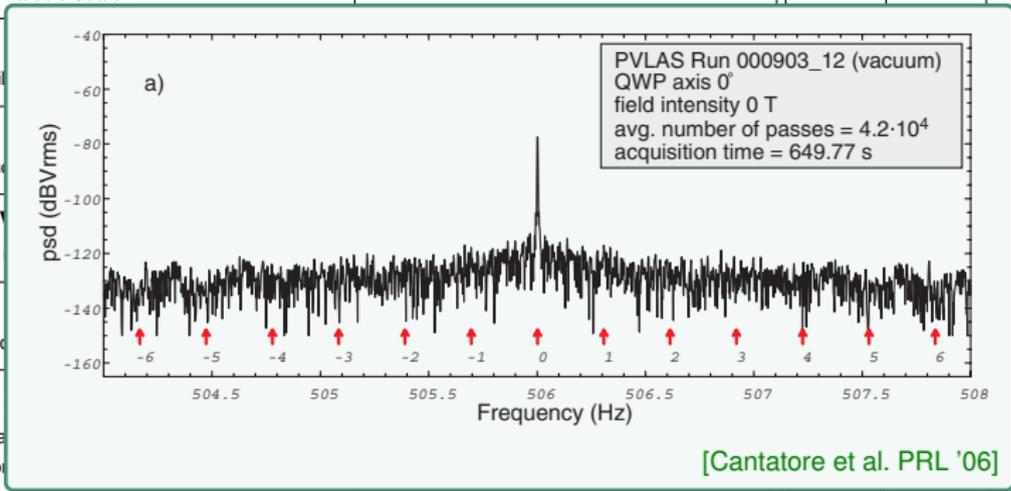
★ typically: $\ell/\omega \simeq \text{m/eV} \simeq (45\mu\text{eV})^2$ and $B\ell \simeq \text{Tesla m} \simeq \text{GeV}$ (!)

Laser Experiments: History & Presence

Experiment	Reference	$\Delta\theta$	ψ	LSW
ALPS (DESY/D) "Axion-Like Particle Search"	arXiv:0905.4159	✗	✗	✓
BFRT (BNL-Fermilab-Rochester-Trieste)	Phys.Rev. D47 (1993)	✓	✓	✓
BMV (LULI/F) "Biréfringence Magnétique du Vide"	Phys.Rev.Lett. 99 (2007) Phys.Rev. D78 (2009)	✗	✗	✓
GammeV (Fermilab/USA) "Gamma to meV particle search"	Phys.Rev.Lett. 100 (2008) Phys.Rev.Lett. 102 (2009)	✗	✗	✓
LIPSS (Jefferson Lab/USA) "Light Pseudoscalar or Scalar particle Search"	Phys.Rev.Lett. 101 (2008) arXiv:0810.4189	✗	✗	✓
OSQAR (CERN/CH) "Optical Search for QED vacuum magnetic birefringence, Axions and photon Regeneration"	Phys.Rev. D78 (2008)	✗	✗	✓
PVLAS (INFN/I) "Polarizzazione del Vuoto con LASer"	Phys.Rev.Lett. 96 (2006) Erratum-ibid. 99 (2007) Phys.Rev. D77 (2008)	✓	✓	(✓)
Q&A (Hsinchu/Taiwan) "QED & Axion"	Mod.Phys. A22 (2007)	✓	✗	✗

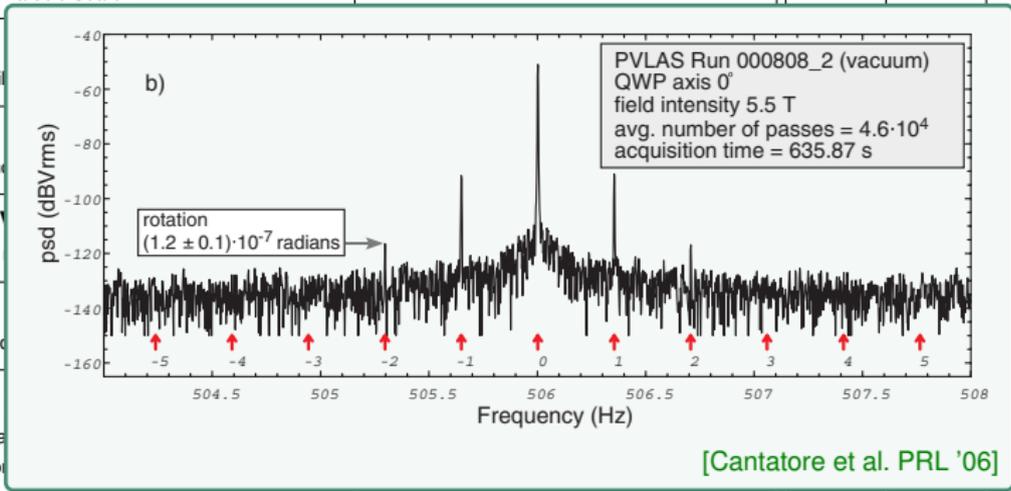
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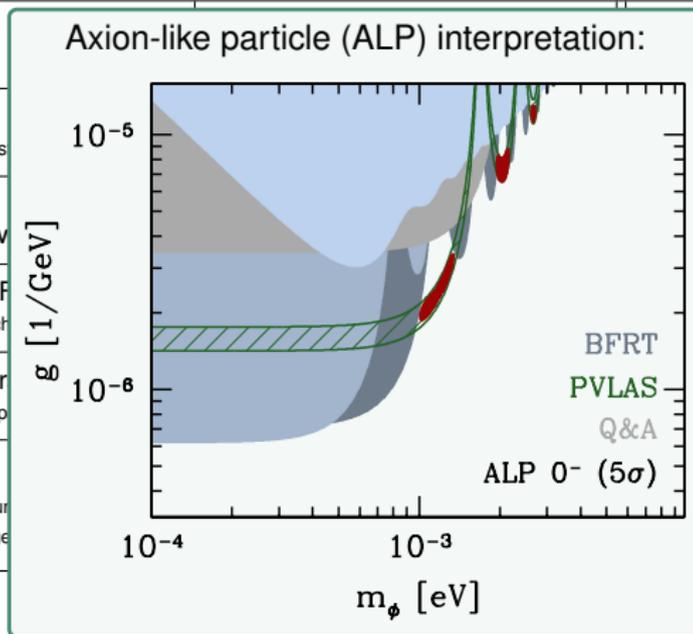
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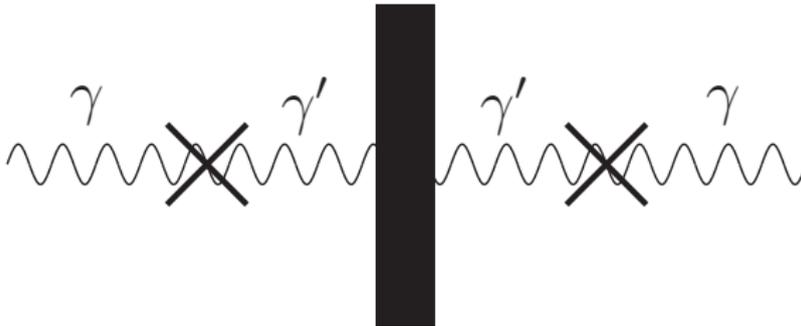
Axion-like particle (ALP) interpretation:

PVLAS'07, BMV, GammeV, and OSQAR
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Weakly Interacting Sub-eV Particles



WISPs

- Standard Model may communicate with hidden sectors via **renormalizable operators**, e.g.

$$\mathcal{L}_\chi = -\frac{1}{2}\chi F^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu} \quad , \quad \mathcal{L}_\kappa = -\kappa|\theta|^2|\phi|^2 \quad , \quad \mathcal{L}_\lambda = \lambda\theta\bar{\psi}\psi \quad , \quad \dots$$

- **Theoretical motivation:**

Extra $U(1)$ s and matter are ubiquitous in string and GUT extensions of the Standard Model.

- ★ **Phenomenological approach:**

Can there exist very light ($m \ll eV$) hidden sectors with extremely weak interactions ($\chi \ll 1$ and $\kappa \ll 1$)?

- ★ **Model-building approach:**

Could these particles be responsible for experimental or observational data?

(→ talks in session 'Tentative Signals for WISPs')

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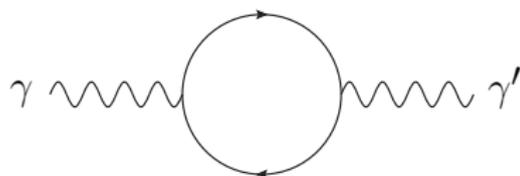
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- Kinetic mixing $\chi > 0$ generically arises in field or string theoretic setups

[Holdom'86, Dienes/Kolda/March-Russell'96, Foot&Kobakhidze'07]

[Lüst, Stieberger'03; Abel&Schofield'03; Berg, Haack, Körs'04]

- Two fermions with charges $(1, 1)$ and $(1, -1)$ and masses m and m' : [Holdom'86]



$$\chi \simeq \frac{eg_X}{16\pi^2} \log\left(\frac{m'}{m}\right) \simeq \frac{eg_X}{16\pi^2} \frac{\Delta m}{m}$$

- candidates of SM extensions cover a wide range [Dienes, Kolda, March-Russell'96]

$$\chi \simeq C \frac{eg_X}{16\pi^2} \frac{\Delta m_{\text{split}}}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \simeq g_X \underbrace{C}_{10-100} \underbrace{(10^{-16} - 10^{-4})}_{\text{GMSB}} \underbrace{\phantom{10^{-4}}}_{\text{GUT}}$$

Mini-Charged Particles (MCPs)

scalar ϕ_ϵ

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{sc}} = -|D_\mu \phi_\epsilon|^2 - m_\epsilon^2 |\phi_\epsilon|^2$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - i\epsilon e A_\mu$$

Dirac spinor ψ_ϵ

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{Dsp}} = \bar{\psi}_\epsilon (i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - m_\epsilon) \psi_\epsilon$$

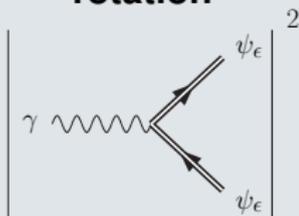
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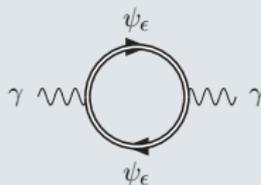
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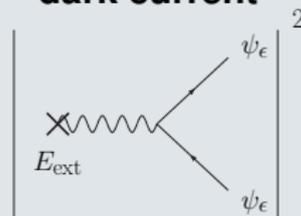
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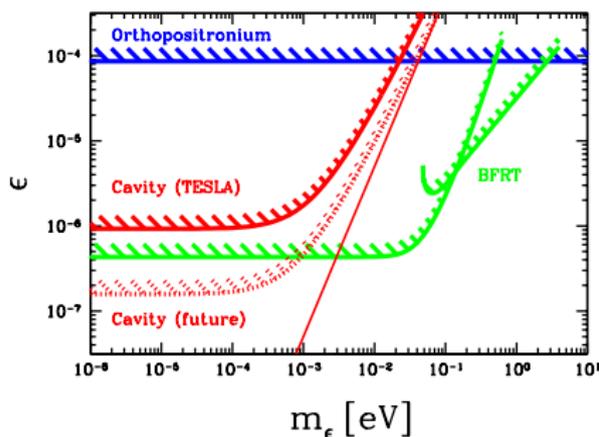
“dark current”



- dressed MCP propagator in external magnetic field depend on field orientation w.r.t. the polarization axis
- “light-shining-through-a-wall” only via hidden photon-photon oscillations
- “dark-current-through-a-wall” originating in strong electric fields

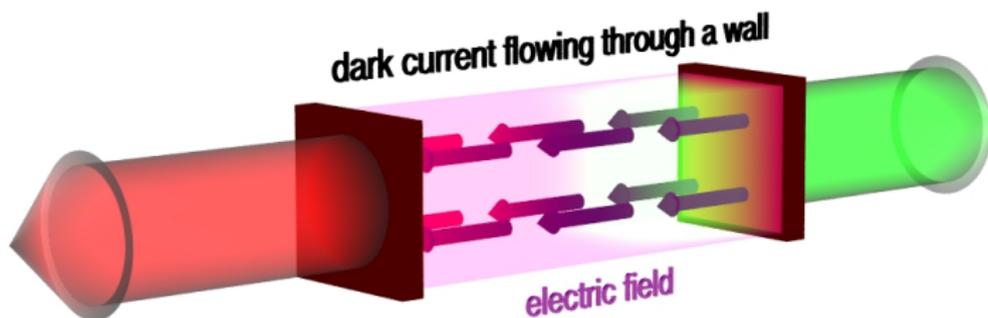
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- Schwinger pair production of MCPs reduce the quality factor Q of the cavity.
- TESLA accelerator cavities:
 $\mathcal{E}_0 = 25 \text{ MV/m}$ with $L_{\text{cav}} = 10 \text{ cm}$ and high quality factor: $Q \sim 10^{10}$
- **AC/DC @ DESY:**
MCPs produced in an accelerator cavity (**AC**) and traversing a wall (l) can be detected by their dark current (**DC**).



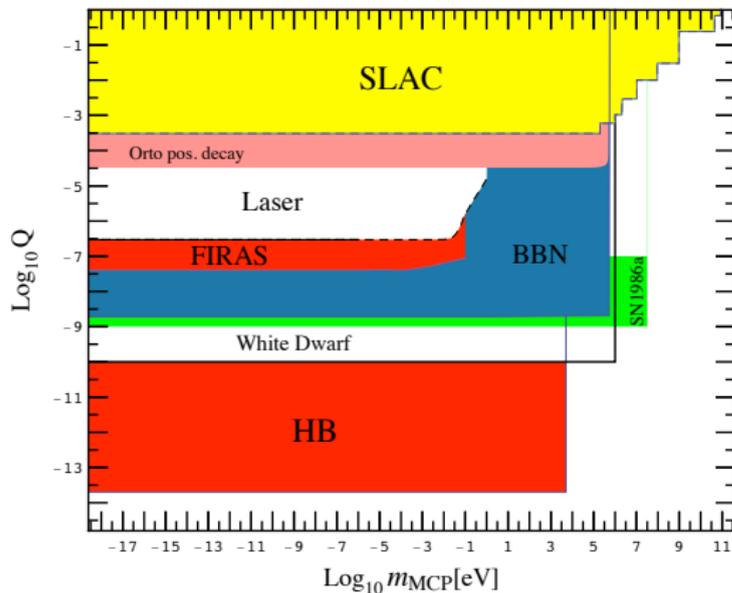
m_e [eV]

[Gies/Jäckel/Ringwald '06]



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Minicharged Particles



[Redondo'08]

- **Stellar Evolution**
 - SN 1987A [Raffelt'96]
 - Globular Cluster Stars [Raffelt'96]
 - White Dwarves [Dobroliubov&Ignatiev'90]
- **Cosmological Bounds**
 - BBN [Davidson et al.'00]
 - CMB [Melchiorri et al.'07]
 - SN Dimming [Ahlers'09]
- **Laboratory Searches**
 - Beam Dump [Prinz'98]
 - Direct Search [Akers'95]
 - Orthopositronium Decay [Dobroliubov&Ignatiev'89] [Badertscher et al. '06]
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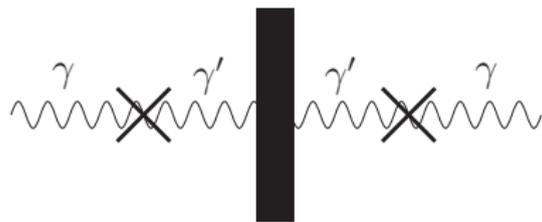
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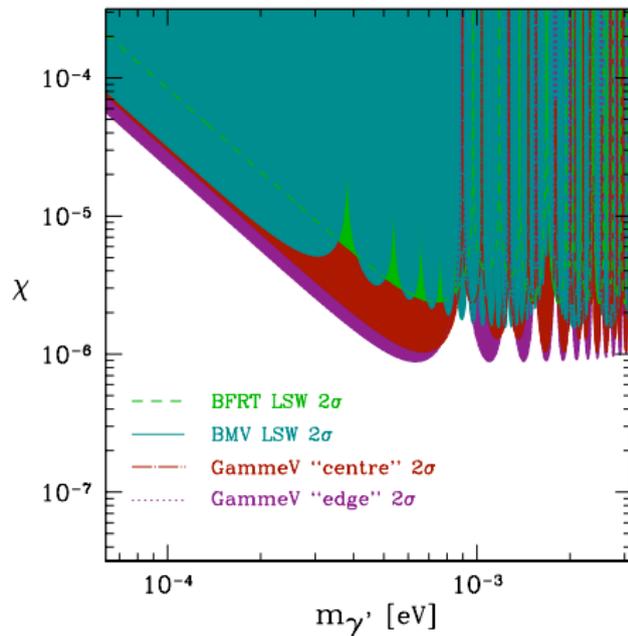
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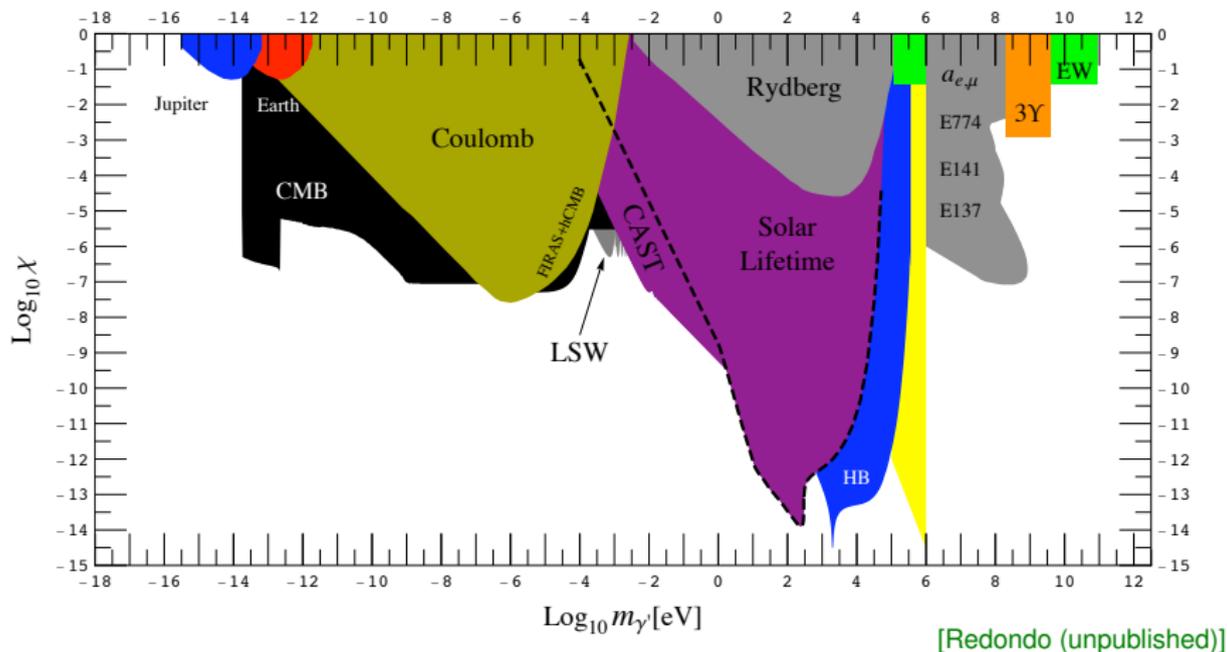


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Summary

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- Many direct and indirect signals of the axion from astrophysics, cosmology and laboratory experiments.
- In general, low energy hidden sectors of ALPs and other WISPs have a rich phenomenology.
- Many further ideas that I haven't covered:
 - 'Environmental' WISPs
 - Chameleons (→ talk by P. Brax)
 - Hidden Higgs
 - Hidden Monopoles and Magnetic Mixing (→ talk by F. Brümmer)
 - ...

→ Thank you for your attention!

Appendix

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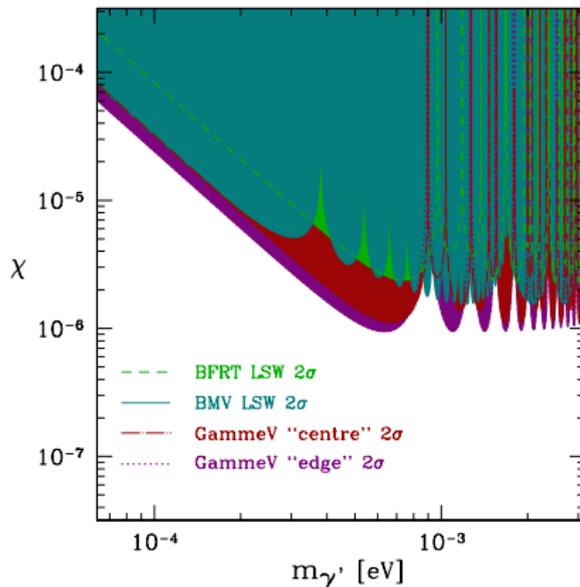
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- massive γ' with $m_{\gamma'}^2 \approx q_X^2 g_X^2 v_\theta^2$
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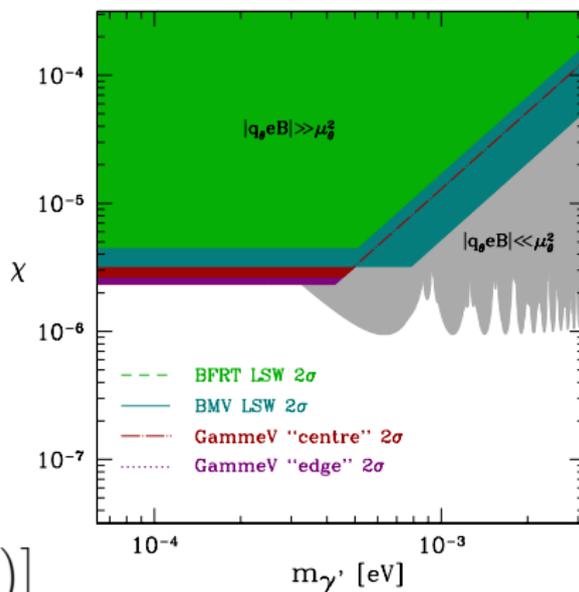
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→ **unbroken** hidden $U(1)_X$: $|q_\theta eB| \gg \mu_\theta^2$

- would-be Higgs acts as a scalar MCP
- MCP induces a **refractive index** Δn and **absorption coefficient** κ depending on polarization.

$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow \gamma'} = \chi^2 \left[1 + e^{-\frac{\kappa z}{\chi^2}} - 2e^{-\frac{\kappa z}{2\chi^2}} \cos \left(\frac{\Delta n \omega z}{\chi^2} \right) \right]$$



Higgs Portal Mixing

- most general gauge-invariant and renormalizable Higgs potential ($\lambda_{\phi/\theta} > 0$ and $4\lambda_{\phi}\lambda_{\theta} > \kappa^2$):

$$V_{\text{Higgs}} = \underbrace{-\mu_{\phi}^2|\phi|^2 + \lambda_{\phi}|\phi|^4}_{\text{SM Higgs potential}} \underbrace{-\mu_{\theta}^2|\theta|^2 + \lambda_{\theta}|\theta|^4}_{\text{hidden-Higgs potential}} \underbrace{+\kappa|\phi|^2|\theta|^2}_{\text{"Portal term"}}$$

- symmetry breaking in unitary gauge:

$$\theta \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_{\theta} + \theta), \quad \phi \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, v_{\phi} + \phi)$$

- Higgs mass matrix:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs mass}} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \theta & \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2\lambda_{\theta}v_{\theta}^2 & \kappa v_{\phi}v_{\theta} \\ \kappa v_{\phi}v_{\theta} & 2\lambda_{\phi}v_{\phi}^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \theta \\ \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$m_H^2 \approx 2v_{\phi}^2\lambda_{\phi}, \quad m_h^2 \approx m_H^2 \sin^2 \alpha \left(\frac{4\lambda_{\theta}\lambda_{\phi}}{\kappa^2} - 1 \right), \quad \sin \alpha \approx \frac{\kappa\rho}{2\lambda_{\phi}}.$$

Higgs Portal Mixing

- most general gauge-invariant and renormalizable Higgs potential ($\lambda_{\phi/\theta} > 0$ and $4\lambda_{\phi}\lambda_{\theta} > \kappa^2$):

$$V_{\text{Higgs}} = \underbrace{-\mu_{\phi}^2|\phi|^2 + \lambda_{\phi}|\phi|^4}_{\text{SM Higgs potential}} \underbrace{-\mu_{\theta}^2|\theta|^2 + \lambda_{\theta}|\theta|^4}_{\text{hidden-Higgs potential}} \underbrace{+\kappa|\phi|^2|\theta|^2}_{\text{"Portal term"}}$$

- symmetry breaking in unitary gauge:

$$\theta \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_{\theta} + \theta), \quad \phi \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, v_{\phi} + \phi)$$

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Non-Newtonian Forces

- Higgs–matter coupling with Higgs mixing:

$$\frac{m_f}{v_\phi} H \rightarrow \frac{m_f}{v_\phi} (\cos \alpha H - \sin \alpha h)$$

- effective Higgs–nucleon coupling: [Gunion et al.'89]

$$\mathcal{L} = -g_{HNN} H \bar{\psi}_N \psi_N \quad g_{HNN} = \frac{m_N}{v_\phi} \frac{2n_H}{3 \left(11 - \frac{2}{3}n_L\right)}$$

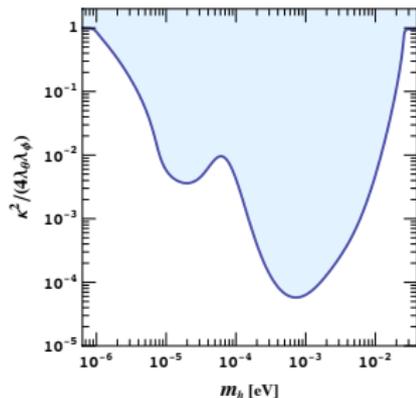
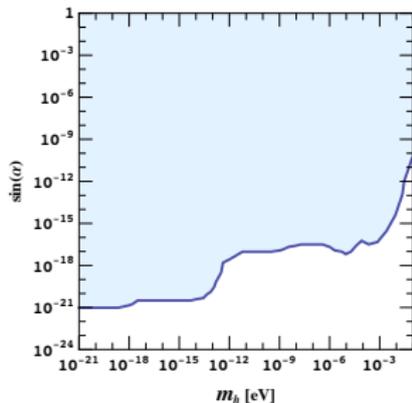
$$n_H = \#(\text{heavy quarks}) / n_L = \#(\text{light quarks})$$

- “Portal term” provides a **non-Newtonian contribution** to the gravitational force.

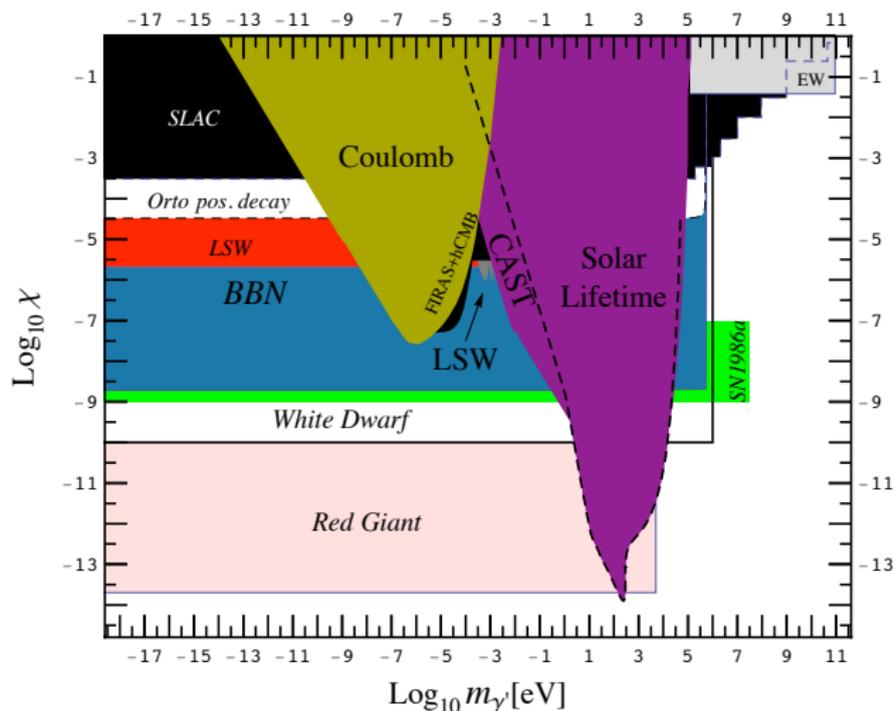
$$V(r) \approx G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r} + \frac{1}{4\pi} g_{HNN}^2 \sin^2 \alpha \frac{n_1 n_2}{r} e^{-m_h r}$$

- Hidden-Higgs mass and mixing is related via:

$$m_h^2 \approx m_H^2 \sin^2 \alpha \left(\frac{4\lambda_\theta \lambda_\phi}{\kappa^2} - 1 \right)$$



Summary: Bounds on Kinetic Mixing



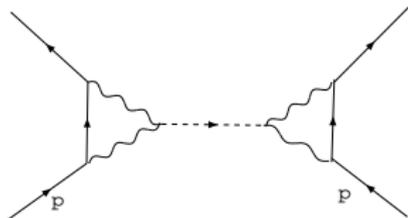
(Regions labeled in *italic* are bounds that apply if the hidden-photon receives its mass via a Higgs mechanism.)

Non-Newtonian Forces

- non-Newtonian forces** of scalar ALPs from induced Yukawa couplings:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi pp} = y_p \phi \bar{\psi}_p \psi_p \quad y_p \sim \frac{3}{2} \frac{\alpha}{\pi} g m_p \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_p}$$

$$V(r) = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r} + \frac{y_p^2}{4\pi} \frac{n_1 n_2}{r} e^{-m_\phi r}$$

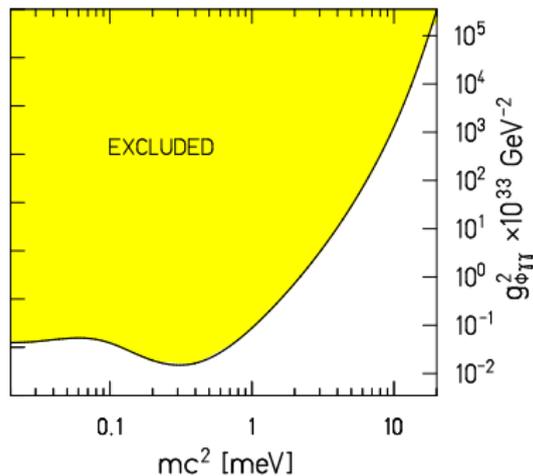


[Adelberger et al. '06]

$$g \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-17} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

for $m_\phi = 1 \text{ meV}$ and $\Lambda \gg m_p$

Scalar Axion-Like Particles



[Adelberger et al. '06]

$$m_\phi \sim (1.0 - 1.5) \text{ meV}$$

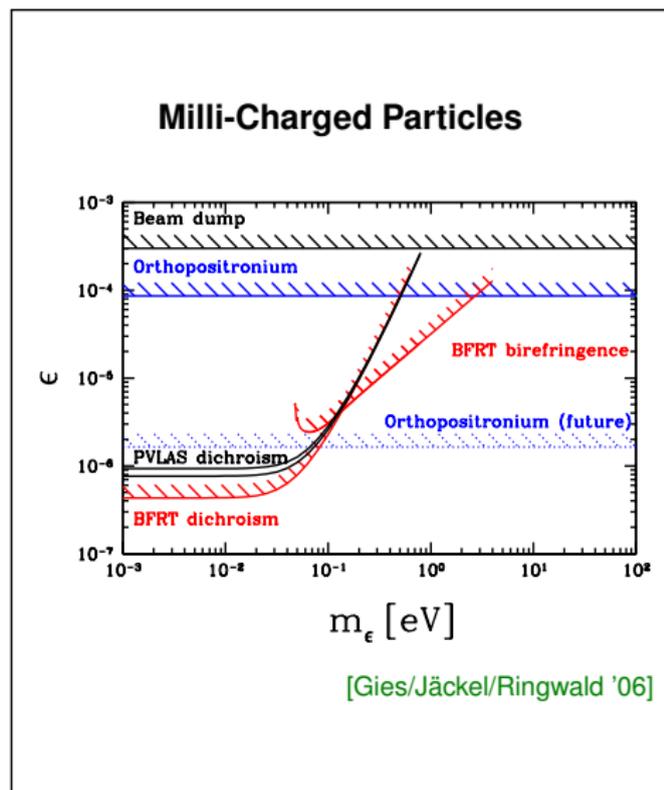
$$g \sim (1.7 - 5.0) \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

MCP: Reactor Neutrino Experiments

- Gamma rays produced in nuclear power reactors may convert into $\epsilon^+ \epsilon^-$ pairs.
- Experimental signature of $\epsilon - e^-$ scattering is identical to magnetic $\bar{\nu} - e^-$ scattering!
- \Rightarrow Reactor experiments looking for the neutrino magnetic moment are also sensitive to MCPs!
- The TEXONO experiment (Taiwan) probing $\mu_{\bar{\nu}_e}$ gives a bound on the MCP fractional charge of $\epsilon < 10^{-5}$ for $m_\epsilon < 1$ keV. [TEXONO Coll. '03]
- May be improved in near future with massive liquid argon detectors. [Gninenko/Krasnikov/Rubbia '06]

MCP: Invisible Orthopositronium Decay

- milli-charged particles contribute to the branching ratio of invisible orthopositronium (OP) decay
[Dobroliubov/Ignatiev '89]
- $\text{Br}(\text{OP} \rightarrow \psi_\epsilon^+ \psi_\epsilon^-) \sim \frac{3\pi\epsilon^2}{4\alpha(\pi^2-9)} \sim 371\epsilon^2$
[Dobroliubov/Ignatiev '90]
- $\text{Br}(\text{OP} \rightarrow \text{invisible}) \lesssim 4.2 \times 10^{-7}$
[Mitsui et al. '93, Badertscher et al. '06]
- future experiments (ETH-Zurich, INR-Moscow, NNLN-Berkeley) may reach a sensitivity of $\text{Br}(\text{OP} \rightarrow \text{invisible}) \sim 10^{-9}$
[e.g. Rubbia '06]



Evading Astrophysical Bounds: Examples

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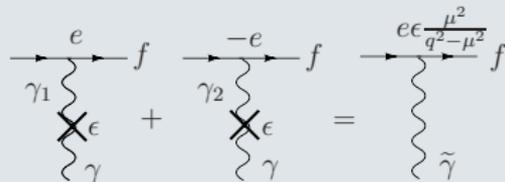
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- e.g. paraphoton models $U(1)^3$ with gauge kinetic mixing [Massó/Redondo '06]

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$$\text{and } \mathcal{M}_A^2 = \text{Diag} \{m_\gamma^2, \mu^2, 0\}$$

“hidden” fermions f with charge $(0, 1, -1)$



induced electric charge:

$$q_f(k^2 \simeq \omega_P^2) \simeq \frac{\mu^2}{\omega_P^2} q_f(k^2 \simeq 0)$$

typical plasma frequencies in stellar environments: $\omega_P = \mathcal{O}(\text{keV})$

\Rightarrow Astrophysical bounds apply for MCPs with $\epsilon \times (\mu/\omega_P)^2 \ll \epsilon$ for $\mu \ll \Omega_P$.

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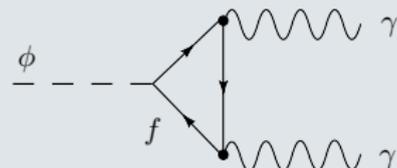
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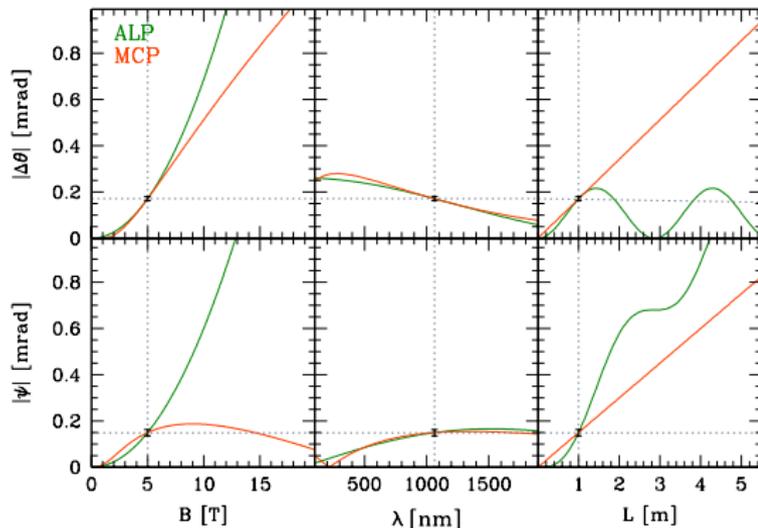
$$g \sim \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \epsilon^2 (q^2) \frac{y_f}{m_f}$$

⇒ Astrophysical bounds on ALPs may be evaded as well! [Massó et al. '06]

ALP vs. MCP: Parameter Variation

Scenarios may be further distinguished in future polarization experiments with variations in **magnetic field** B and **cavity length** L
 e.g. Q&A (Taiwan), BMV (Toulouse), laser background experiments (Jena), ...

	$\Delta\theta > 0$ ($\theta = \pi/4$)	$\Delta\theta < 0$ ($\theta = \pi/4$)
$\psi > 0$ ($\theta = \pi/4$)	ALP 0^- or MCP $\frac{1}{2}$ (large m_ϵ)	MCP $\frac{1}{2}$ (small m_ϵ)
$\psi < 0$ ($\theta = \pi/4$)	MCP 0 (small m_ϵ)	ALP 0^+ or MCP 0 (large m_ϵ)



[Ahlers/Gies/Jäckel/Ringwald '06]