# Nuove frontiere nella caccia all'assione

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EXP	status
CAST (CERN)	finished
ADMX (Seattle)	running
HAYSTAC (New Haven)	running
ALPs-II (DESY)	construction
CAPP (South Korea)	construction
ORGAN (Perth)	prototype
ABRACADABRA (MIT)	prototype
(Baby)IAXO (DESY)	preparation
MADMAX (DESY)	preparation
ACTION (South Korea)	proposed
KLASH (Frascati)	proposed
QUAX (Legnaro)	prototype
CASPEr (Mainz)	proposed

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[Redondo, circa end of 2017]



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- $\bigstar$  Time <u>now</u> to rethink the QCD axion !
  - I. Axion couplings [model independent vs. model dependent]
  - 2. Astro bounds on axion mass [critical approach]
  - 3. Re-opening the axion window [astrophobia = nucleophobia + electrophobia]
  - 4. Flavour complementarity



Strong CP problem

$$\delta \mathcal{L}_{\rm QCD} = \theta \, \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G \tilde{G} \qquad |\theta| \lesssim 10^{-10}$$

promote  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  to a dynamical field, which relaxes to zero via QCD dynamics



CD axion



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 $C_{\gamma} = -1.92(4)$   $C_p = -0.47(3)$   $C_n = -0.02(3)$   $C_e \simeq 0$ 

$$\frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \frac{C_{\gamma}}{f_a} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \qquad C_{\Psi} m_{\Psi} \frac{a}{f_a} [i\overline{\Psi}\gamma_5 \Psi] \qquad \left(\Psi = p, n, e\right) \qquad \begin{bmatrix} \text{From NLO Chiral Lagrangian,} \\ \text{Grilli di Cortona et al., 1511.02867} \end{bmatrix}$$

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#### <u>EFT breaks down at energies of order fa</u>

UV completion can still affect low-energy axion properties



### Axion models [UV completion]

• global U(1)<sub>PQ</sub> (QCD anomalous + spontaneously broken)





[Ringwald, Rosenberg, Rybka, Particle Data Group]

Lab exclusions

#### Astro/cosmo exclusions

#### DM explained / Astro Hints

Exp. sensitivities



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$$\langle p | \mathcal{L}_q | p \rangle = \langle p | \mathcal{L}_N | p \rangle$$

$$s^{\mu}\Delta q \equiv \langle p | \overline{q} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_{5} q | p \rangle$$

$$C_p + C_n = (c_u + c_d) (\Delta_u + \Delta_d) - 2\delta_s \quad [\delta_s \approx 5\%]$$
  

$$C_p - C_n = (c_u - c_d) (\Delta_u - \Delta_d)$$

Independently of matrix elements:

(1): 
$$C_p + C_n \approx 0$$
 if  $c_u + c_d = 0$   
(2):  $C_p - C_n = 0$  if  $c_u - c_d = 0$ 



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$$\frac{X_u}{N} \to c_u = \frac{X_u}{N} - \frac{m_d}{m_d + m_u} \qquad \frac{X_d}{N} \to c_d = \frac{X_d}{N} - \frac{m_u}{m_d + m_u}$$

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Nucleophobia can be obtained in DFSZ models with non-universal (i.e. generation dependent) PQ charges, such that

$$N = N_1 \equiv X_u + X_d$$

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• 2nd condition can be implemented via a 10% tuning

$$\tan \beta = v_2/v_1 \qquad c_u - c_d = \underbrace{\frac{X_u - X_d}{N}}_{c_{\beta}^2 - s_{\beta}^2} - \underbrace{\frac{m_d - m_u}{m_u + m_d}}_{\simeq \frac{1}{3}} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad c_{\beta}^2 \simeq 2/3$$

### Flavour connection

Nucleophobia implies flavour violating axion couplings !

 $[\mathrm{PQ}_d, Y_d^{\dagger} Y_d] \neq 0 \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad C_{ad_i d_j} \propto (V_d^{\dagger} \mathrm{PQ}_d V_d)_{i \neq j} \neq 0$ 

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• Low-energy flavour experiments

$$\frac{\partial_{\mu}a}{2f_a} \overline{f}_i \gamma^{\mu} (C_{ij}^V + C_{ij}^A \gamma_5) f_j$$

$$\begin{split} K &\to \pi a \qquad m_a < 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{eV}}{|C_{sd}^V|} & \text{[E787, E949 @ BNL, 0709.1000]} & \text{NA62} \\ B &\to K a \qquad m_a < 3.7 \times 10^{-2} \frac{\text{eV}}{|C_{bs}^V|} & \text{[Babar, I 303.7465]} & \text{Belle-II} \\ \mu &\to e a \qquad m_a < 3.4 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{eV}}{\sqrt{|C_{\mu e}^V|^2 + |C_{\mu e}^A|^2}} & \text{[Crystal Box @ Los Alamos, Bolton et al PRD38 (1988)]} \\ \end{split}$$











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## Stellar cooling anomalies

- Hints of excessive cooling in WD+RGB+HB can be explained via an axion
- requires a sizeable axion-electron coupling in a region disfavoured by SN bound\*





Model	Global fit includes	$\int f_a \left[ 10^8  \mathrm{GeV} \right]$	$m_a \; [\mathrm{meV}]$	aneta	$\chi^2_{\rm min}/{\rm d.o.f.}$
	WD,RGB,HB	0.77	74	0.28	14.9/15
DFSZ I	WD,RGB,HB,SN	11	5.3	140	16.3/16
	WD,RGB,HB,SN,NS	9.9	5.8	140	19.2/17
	WD,RGB,HB	1.2	46	2.7	14.9/15
DFSZ II	WD,RGB,HB,SN	9.5	6.0	0.28	15.3/16
	WD,RGB,HB,SN,NS	9.1	6.3	0.28	21.3/17

★ Nucleophobic axions should improve fit, allowing for fully perturbative Yukawas

\*SN bound a factor ~4 weaker than PDG one ?

[Chang, Essig, McDermott 1803.00993]

### DM in the heavy axion window

• Post-inflationary PQ breaking with  $N_{DW} \neq I$ 

[Kawasaki, Saikawa, Sekiguchi, 1412.0789 1709.07091]



#### Need to know where to search



$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} = \frac{m_a}{\mathrm{eV}} \frac{2.0}{10^{10} \mathrm{GeV}} \left(\frac{E}{N} - 1.92\right)$$

E/N anomaly coefficients, depend on <u>UV completion</u>

$$|E/N - 1.92| \in [0.07, 7]$$

[Particle Data Group (since end of 90's). Chosen to include some representative KSVZ/DFSZ models e.g. from:

- Kaplan, NPB 260 (1985),
- Cheng, Geng, Ni, PRD 52 (1995),
- Kim, PRD 58 (1998)]



• Field content

Field	Spin	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	$U(1)_{PQ}$
$Q_L$	1/2	$\mathcal{C}_Q$	$\mathcal{I}_Q$	$\mathcal{Y}_Q$	$\mathcal{X}_L$
$Q_R$	1/2	$\mathcal{C}_Q$	$\mathcal{I}_Q$	$ \mathcal{Y}_Q $	$\mathcal{X}_R$
$\Phi$	0	1	1	0	1

[Kim '79, Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov '80]

PQ charges carried by a vector-like quark  $Q = Q_L + Q_R$ 

[original KSVZ model assumes  $Q \sim (3, 1, 0)$ ]

$$\partial^{\mu} J^{PQ}_{\mu} = \frac{N\alpha_s}{4\pi} G \cdot \tilde{G} + \frac{E\alpha}{4\pi} F \cdot \tilde{F} \qquad \qquad N = \sum_Q \left( \mathcal{X}_L - \mathcal{X}_R \right) T(\mathcal{C}_Q) \\ E = \sum_Q \left( \mathcal{X}_L - \mathcal{X}_R \right) \mathcal{Q}_Q^2 \qquad \qquad \} \text{ anomaly coeff.}$$

and a SM singlet  $\Phi$  containing the "invisible" axion ( $f_a \gg v$ )

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \rho(x) + f_a \right] e^{ia(x)/f_a}$$

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cosmological issue if thermally produced in the early universe !



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- $U(I)_Q$  is the Q-baryon number: if exact, Q would be stable
- if  $\mathcal{L}_{Qq} \neq 0$  U(1)<sub>Q</sub> is further broken and Q-decay is possible [Ringwald, Saikawa, 1512.06436]
- decay also possible via d>4 operators (e.g. Planck-induced)

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 $\Lambda_{\rm Landau}^{\rm 2-loop}[{\rm GeV}]$ 

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#### More Q's

• Combined anomaly factor

$$R_Q^1 + R_Q^2 + \dots$$
  $\frac{E_c}{N_c} = \frac{E_1 + E_2 + \dots}{N_1 + N_2 + \dots}$ 

• Strongest coupling (compatible with LP criterium)

 $(3, 3, -4/3) \oplus (3, 3, -1/3) \oplus (\overline{6}, 1, -1/3)$   $E_c/N_c = 170/3$ 

• <u>Complete decoupling</u> within theoretical error possible as well:

$$\begin{array}{c} (3,3,-1/3) \oplus (6,1,-1/3) \\ (\overline{6},1,2/3) \oplus (8,1,-1) \\ (3,2,-5/6) \oplus (8,2,-1/2) \end{array} \right\} \quad E_c/N_c = (23/12,64/33,41/21) \approx (1.92,1.94,1.95)$$

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} = \frac{m_a}{\text{eV}} \frac{2.0}{10^{10} \text{ GeV}} \left(\frac{E_c}{N_c} - 1.92(4)\right)$$

about photophobia: "such a cancellation is immoral, but not unnatural"

[D. B. Kaplan, (1985)]

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 $\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} N G^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{a\,\mu\nu} - \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} E F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$ 

gauge

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- Messages for exp.'s :
- I. The QCD axion might already be in the reach of your experiment !
- 2. Don't stop at E/N = 0(go deeper if you can)

