### Astrophysical transient bounds on Feebly Interacting Particles

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Stuff that happens in little time in the sky

Particles with mass below the GeV scale ly edoardo Vitagliano edoardo.vitagliano@unipd.it University of Padua



### Why sub-GeV FIPs?

- Could be DM mediators → information on DM-SM cross sections (Pospelov et al. *Phys. Lett. B* 662 (2008) 53, Knapen et al. *Phys. Rev. D* 96 (2017) 115021 etc.)
- Can be top-down inspired (Hook et al. *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 124 (2020) 22, 221801, Di Luzio et al. *Phys.Rept.* 870 (2020) 1-117 etc.)
- Relation to particle-physics conundra (neutrino masses, secret  $\nu$  interactions,  $g_{\mu} 2$ , string theory etc.) (Chen et al. *Phys. Rev. D* 95 (2017) 115005, Svrcek & Witten JHEP 06 (2006) 051, Arvanitaki et al. *Phys.Rev.D* 81 (2010) 123530)
- FIPs can have couplings to different SM particles (e.g. Bauer et al. JHEP 12 (2017) 044)









# Take home messages

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### Light masses (DM candidates), $m_{\rm FIP} \lesssim 1 \, {\rm keV}$

Stellar bounds still the most constraining in large part of the parameter space

Heavy(ish) masses (DM mediators),  $m_{\rm FIP}\gtrsim 1\,{\rm keV}$ 

- Look for other observables in other cases—decays!
- Best bounds on new feebly interacting particles coupling to photons, charged leptons, or neutrinos
- Supernovae and neutron star mergers can produce particles up to the GeV scale—cover the gap between beam dumps and cosmology



Cooling bounds (30+ years old)

# Stellar collapse

### Protoneutron star, it has

- $T_{\text{surface}} = \mathcal{O}(10 \,\text{MeV})$
- $T_{\rm core} \gg T_{\rm surface}$
- $\rho = 3 \times 10^{14} \text{g/cm}^3$
- $R_{\rm PNS} = 20 \, \rm km$

And produce many neutrinos,

- $L_{\nu} = 3 \times 10^{53} \text{erg}/3 \text{s}$
- Energy deposited: 1%
- Signal duration  $\tau \simeq 10 \, {\rm s}$



### (Analogous to photons in the Sun)

We can get a feeling without simulations of the signal

The expected energy, flux, and duration of the neutrino signal can be evaluated roughly:

$$E_{\text{binding}} \simeq \frac{3}{5} \frac{GM^2}{R} = 1.60 \times 10^{53} \operatorname{erg}\left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{10 \,\mathrm{km}}{R}\right)$$
$$M \simeq 1.4M_{\odot}, R = 15 \,\mathrm{km} \to T = \frac{2}{3} \langle E_{\mathrm{kin}} \rangle \simeq 17 \,\mathrm{MeV}$$
$$t_{\mathrm{diff}} \simeq R^2 / \lambda \simeq \mathcal{O}(10 \,\mathrm{s}) \text{ with caveats}$$

Therefore:  $0.5 \times 10^{53}$  erg for each neutrino species, with energies  $\mathcal{O}(10 \,\text{MeV})$  and a signal of  $\mathcal{O}(1 - 10 \,\text{s})$ 

### Grand unified neutrino spectrum at Earth



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# **SN 1987A Neutrino Observations**

- Several neutrino experiments were able to see events
- Cherenkov detectors: Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven (IMB) and Kamiokande II
- Scintillator detectors: Baksan Scintillator Underground Telescope (BUST), Liquid Scintillation Detector (LSD)



# **SN 1987A Neutrino Observations**







2002 Nobel prize to Masatoshi Koshiba (Kamiokande)

2015 Nobel prize winner Takaaki Kajita was a postdoc there

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Good overall agreement in total and average neutrino energies, but puzzling results concerning event timing

### Energy loss bounds from supernovae

The existence of a feebly interacting particle can affect the duration of the neutrino signal of a supernova



### Energy loss bounds from supernovae

- The emission of new particles affect the cooling time of the protoneutron star
- Several papers in the 1980s (1D simulations with an energy sink) found the relative cooling time (right figure, axion-nucleon coupling).
  Observable: duration of the neutrino signal at IMB and KII
- All simulations on a common footing: new particle emission should not exceed  $\epsilon_a = 10^{19} \text{erg g}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ , or in terms of the total energy



Fig. 13.1. Relative duration of neutrino cooling of a SN core as a function of the axion-nucleon Yukawa coupling  $g_a$ . In the free-streaming limit axions are emitted from the entire volume of the protoneutron star, in the trapping limit from the "axion sphere" at about unit optical depth. The solid line is according to the numerical cooling calculations (case B) of Burrows, Turner, and Brinkmann (1989) and Burrows, Ressell, and Turner (1990); the dotted line is an arbitrary completion of the curve to guide the eye. The signal duration is measured by the quantity  $\Delta t_{90\%}$  discussed in the text; an average for the IMB and Kamiokande detectors was taken.

Raffelt (1994)

 $L_{\phi} \lesssim L_{\nu}(1s) = 3 \times 10^{52} \,\mathrm{erg \, s^{-1}}$ Computed at  $T = 30 \,\mathrm{MeV}$  and  $\rho = 3 \times 10^{14} \,\mathrm{g \, cm^{-3}}$ 

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New bounds on photon, charged lepton, neutrino coupling

### Look for different observables

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Axion-like particles with a coupling to photons at tree-level or at one-loop



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**Gamma-ray decay** observed by the Gamma-Ray Spectrometer (GRS) on board the Solar Maximum Mission (SMM) satellite that operated 02/1980–12/1989

Oberauer et al. Astropart.Phys. 1 (1993) 377-386 Chupp et al. *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 62 (1989) 505-508 Jaeckel et al., Phys.Rev.D 98 (2018) 5, 055032 Caputo, Raffelt, **Vitagliano**, *Phys.Rev.D* 105 (2022) 3, 035022 Hoof and Schulz (2022)

 They also create a diffuse from all the SNe in the history of the universe

Calore et al. Phys. Rev. D 102 (2020) 123005 Caputo, Raffelt, **Vitagliano**, *Phys.Rev.D* 105 (2022) 3, 035022

BUT...

# Long lifetimes: fireball formation



Diamond, Fiorillo, Marques-Tavares, Vitagliano, Phys. Rev. D 107 (2023) 10, 103029

**Editors' Suggestion** 

- The bounds from decay to gamma-ray do not apply everywhere!
- For a large region of masses and couplings, axions form a fireball
- The expected flux is at much smaller frequencies
- New bounds from Pioneer Venus Observatory



# Bounds from GW170817



- Neutron star mergers produce a heavy mass NS remnant without a mantle!
- Huge temperature and densities
- Extremely sensitive measurements by X-ray detectors of GW 170817
- Fresh bounds on  $m_a > 1 \text{ MeV}$  axions



### Short lifetimes: New bound from decay in the mantle





Caputo, Raffelt, Janka, Vitagliano, Phys. Rev. Lett. 128 (2022) 22, 221103

- Typical SN explosion energy 1-2 B 1 B (bethe) =  $10^{51}$  erg
- Neutron star binding energy 200-400 B
- Some SNe have very small observed explosion energies < 0.1 B</li>
- New restrictive limits from low-energy SNe



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### Leptonic couplings: example with muons



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# Majoron (mass generation for neutrinos)

Many BSM particles have coupling to neutrinos:

- gauge bosons from  $U(1)_{L_{\mu}-L_{\tau}}$ ,  $U(1)_{B-L}$ ... symmetries
- Scalar and pseudo scalars, e.g. Majorons related to the neutrino mass generation



Fiorillo, Raffelt, Vitagliano, Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 (2023) 2, 021001

To simplify things, we will assume an extremely simple case: (pseudo)scalars coupling diagonally to all neutrino flavors



# High-energy neutrinos from SN 1987A

Looking for high-energy events (100 MeV) at Cherenkov detectors in 1987, IMB and Kamiokande II



The cross section in the detector is  $\sigma_{\nu N} \simeq G_F^2 E_{\nu}^2$ , much larger for high-energy neutrinos from  $\phi$  decay



See also our new results in Fiorillo, Raffelt, Vitagliano Phys. Rev. Lett. 132 (2024) 2, 021002

2022



Telalovic, Fiorillo, Martínez-Miravé, **Vitagliano**, Bustamante e-Print: 2406.15506 [hep-ph]

- A new observable: time spread of neutrinos at neutrino and dark matter detectors from the next galactic SN (useful **only** when combined with the spectrum)
- Worst case scenario: HyperK will improve bounds by orders of magnitude
- Best case scenario: we could be able to reconstruct mass and couplings to different flavors if a high-energy neutrino flux is observed

#### (see also Kensuke Akita poster)



New bounds on millicharged particles

Self-interacting particles



Be careful with self-interacting DM models!

- Because of self-interactions, they form a fluid upon exiting the SN
- Use **fluid-dynamics** to describe the evolution of the outgoing flux, kinetic theory not appropriate
- Millicharged particles coupling constraints moved by one order of magnitude compared to Chang, Essig, Mcdermott (*JHEP* 01 (2017) 107)
- Can also deposit energy (new bounds from low-energy SNe)



### **Self-interacting particles**

Figrillo & Vitagliano a Drint: 2404 07714 [hap nh]

(A similar story applies to self interacting neutrinos)

Editors' Suggestion

Fiorillo, Raffelt, Vitagliano, Phys. Rev.D 109 (2024) 2, 023017 Fiorillo, Raffelt, Vitagliano, Phys. Rev. Lett. 132 (2024) 2, 021002



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Brand new!

 $\times 10^{-1}$ 

 $Q = 6 \times 10^{-7}$ 

2024

Srand new! 2023

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### Ongoing

- Robustness of SN 1987A QCD axion bounds
- QCD axion bounds from cooling Neutron Stars
- Trapping regime

Apply these bounds to your favorite model! New gauge bosons, dark photons, sterile neutrinos, scalars... And let us hope for a discovery!



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Some extra physics with other couplings!

# QCD axion bounds (dating back to the 80s)

- Raffelt, Lect. Notes Phys. 741 (2008) 51 [hep-ph/0611350] Burst duration calibrated by early numerical studies "Generic" emission rates inspired by OPE rates  $f_a \gtrsim 4 \times 10^8 \,\text{GeV}$  and  $m_a \lesssim 16 \,\text{meV}$  (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Chang, Essig & McDermott, JHEP 1809 (2018) 051 [1803.00993] Various correction factors to emission rates, specific SN core models  $f_a \gtrsim 1 \times 10^8 \,\text{GeV}$  and  $m_a \lesssim 60 \,\text{meV}$  (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Carenza, Fischer, Giannotti, Guo, Martínez-Pinedo & Mirizzi, JCAP 10 (2019) 016 & Erratum [1906.11844v3] Beyond OPE emission rates, specific SN core models: similar to Chang et al.  $f_a \gtrsim 4 \times 10^8 \,\text{GeV}$  and  $m_a \lesssim 16 \,\text{meV}$  (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Carenza, Fore, Giannotti, Mirizzi & Reddy [arXiv:2010.02943] Including thermal pions  $\pi - + p \rightarrow n + a$  (factor 3 larger emission)  $f_a \gtrsim 5 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}$  and  $m_a \lesssim 11 \text{ meV}$  (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Bar, Blum & D'Amico, Is there a supernova bound on axions? [1907.05020] Alternative picture of SN explosion (thermonuclear event) Observed signal not PNS cooling. SN1987A neutron star (or pulsar) not yet found. (but see "NS 1987A in SN 1987A", Page et al. arXiv:2004.06078)

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Trapping in SNe

What happens for MFP  $\leq R_{PNS}$ ? Trapping regime is notoriously complicated

Two examples: axions and majorons

- Trapping well known since early days and treated as the emission from a Stefan-Boltzmann sphere (Turner, Phys.Rev.Lett. 60 (1988) 1797, see also Burrows et al. *Phys.Rev.D* 42 (1990) 3297-3309)
- More recently, Chang, Essig, Mcdermott (*JHEP* 09 (2018) 051) introduced a modified luminosity criterion (MLC) to account for opacity
- 2019
- This criterion has been applied also to axion-photon couplings (Carenza et al., *JCAP* 10 (2019) 10, 016), finding two different results for SB emission and MLC. Why?
- 2022 One need to account for angle averages! SB and MLC equivalent for axions with photon couplings as shown in Caputo, Raffelt, **Vitagliano** (*JCAP* 08 (2022) 08, 045)

### Trapping regime (axions)

Further in the trapping regime: detecting QCD axions from SN 1987A in the detector

- Proposed already by Engel, Seckel and Hayes (Phys.Rev. Lett. 65 (1990) 960)
- Recently revisited by Lella et al. (2306.01048)
- Problem: when MFP  $\simeq R_{\rm PNS},$  SN profiles should be modified
- Solution: use stars that have larger MFP! Ongoing work on neutron stars (Bottaro, Caputo, Fiorillo, Vitagliano)



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#### **Editors' Suggestion**

#### Small effects on the neutrino signal when solving all steps in the development of the neutrino fluid

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#### Large Neutrino Secret Interactions, Small Impact on Supernovae

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#### Supernova Emission of Secretly Interacting Neutrino Fluid: Theoretical Foundations

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# Axion-like particles with photon coupling



#### Heats up the mantle of low-energy SNe (see Caputo, Raffelt, Janka,

Vitagliano, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 128 (2022) 22, 221103)

### GW170817

(see Diamond, Fiorillo, Marques-Tavares, Tamborra, **Vitagliano**, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 132 (2024) 10, 10)

# SN 1987A at SMM and PVO

(see Diamond, Fiorillo, Marques-Tavares, **Vitagliano**, *Phys.Rev.D* 107 (2023) 10, 103029)

### Goes away for low $T_{\rm RH}$

(see Langhoff, Outmezguine, Rodd *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 129 (2022) 24, 241101)