GdL New Directions

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- http://wiki.ge.infn.it/wn-newdirections/index.php/Main_Page

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Programma di oggi

- Oggi è un punto di partenza.
- Stato della teoria
 - LSS & : Nicola Bartolo (10m)
 - CMB & : Alessandro Melchiorri (10m)
- Stato Esperimenti : Paolo de Bernardis (10m)
- Discussione generale

Nicola Bartolo Alessandro Melchiorri

WHAT NEXT – new directions

- PROPOSTE SPERIMENTALI
 - SEARCH FOR HIDDEN PARTICLES
 - DARK PHOTONS @ COLLIDERS
 - VERTICAL ARRAYS FOR HORIZONTAL SHOWERS
 - NEUTRINO ASTRONOMY
 - EQUIVALENCE PRINCIPLE GGG
 - GRAVITOMAGNETISM LENSE-THIRRING
 - GAMMA-GAMMA SCATTERING
 - CMB POLARIZATION INFLATON



Walter Bonivento

Dark photon searches using displaced vertices at low energy e⁺e⁻ colliders

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Abstract

The existence of a new, photon-like, massive particle, the γ' or dark photon, is postulated in several extensions of the Standard Model. These models are often advocated to explain some recent puzzling astrophysical observations, as well as to solve the unsofar unexplained deviation between the measured and calculated values of the muon anomaly. Dark photons can be produced at e⁺e⁻ colliders both in continuum events and in vector meson transitions and can eventually decay into an electron-positron pair. For a proper choice of the parameters of the theory, a γ' can have a relatively long lifetime and can therefore be observed as an e⁺e⁻ vertex well separated by the primary interaction point. This case is discussed in reference to very high luminosity e⁺e⁻ colliders either in construction or under study in several laboratories in the world. It is shown that a search strategy based on the detection of displaced vertices can be in principle very effective in covering a rather wide and to date unexplored region of the theoretical parameters space

Fabio Bossi dark photons

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Since a century cosmic rays are based on direct cosmic particle detection in space (below PeV) or on secondary downward vertical airshowers (above TeVs). We consider the guaranteed physics of horizontal (hadron) air-showers, HAS, developing at high (30 - 40) km altitudes, above and below these energy windows. Their morphology and information traces are different from vertical ones. Hundreds of km long HAS are often split by geomagnetic fields in a long (fan-like) showering with a twin spiral tail. The horizontal fan-like airshowers are really tangent and horizontal only at North and South poles. At different latitude their showering plane are turned and inclined by geomagnetic fields. In particular at magnetic equator such tangent horizontal East-West airshowers are bent and developed into a vertical fan air-shower, easily detectable by a vertical array detector (hanging elements by gravity). Such *medusa* arrays maybe composed by inflated floating balloons chains. The light gas float and it acts as an calorimeter for the particles, while it partially



Daniele Fargion

Neutrino oscillations and high energy neutrino astronomy

- Beaming neutrino and antineutrinos across the Earth to disentangle neutrino mixing parameters
 - <u>http://iopscience.iop.org/0004-637X/758/1/3/</u>
 - http://arxiv.org/abs/1012.3245
- Astronomia con neutrini di alta energia
 - Tau airshowers prodotti da nu-tau
 - NIM A588:146-150, 2008;
 - arXiv:1402.4243



slides from Anna Nobili



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G-GranSasso GInGeR (Gyroscopes In General Relativity)



Test di Relatività generale con un esperimento underground, gravitomagnetismo terreste (lenseThirring) misurato con 1% Geodesia: misura veloce della velocità della terra Geofisica

19/09/2012

A. Di Virgilio, Trieste 2012





Angela Di Virgilio

The $\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$ scattering in the range $\sqrt{s} \sim 1-2$ MeV could be a powerful probe into the structure of quantum vacuum, and its scattering cross section strongly depends on a regularization procedure. Therefore, accurate measurements of the polarized crosssections of the gamma-gamma scattering process could yield important clues towards the solution of the cosmological constant problem.

There are different options to set up a gamma-gamma scattering experiment. One of them has been described in the recent IRIDE proposal [6] (see also [7]), and it utilizes two Compton-backscattered laser beams. Another, possibly much cheaper solution could utilize Compton-backscattered photons from the DAFNE electron beam and X-ray photons from SPARC-X.

[6] M. Ferrario et al., NIM A 740 (2014) 138.

[7] E. Milotti et al., Int. J Quantum Information 10 (2012) 1241002.

Edoardo Milotti gamma-gamma scattering





B modes are a unique probe

of new physics near the GUT and Planck scales

- The generation of primordial gravitational waves with wavelength extending to very large scales near and beyond our horizon is a unique and spectular probe of inflation
- If the BICEP2 measurement is correct, the energy scale of inflation is already measured quite accurately
- A key aim of high-energy theory is to construct models of new physics near the Planck scale that include inflation.
- Knowing the slope of the spectrum of tensor perturbations would provide a new observational constraint of physics in this energy range that CANNOT be probed by any other means



PLANCK







Fig. 11. *Planck TE* (left) and *EE* spectra (right) computed as described in the text. The red lines show the polarization spectra from the base ACDM *Planck*+WP+highL model, *which is fitted to the TT data only*.



Fig. 27. Stacked maps of the CMB intensity *I* and polarization Q_r at the position of the temperature extrema, at a common resolution of 30 arcmin. Maps are displayed for CMB temperature cold spots (left) and hot spots (right) for the *Planck* CMB estimates (top row) and for the Λ CDM*Planck* best fit model prediction (bottom row).

Planck E-modes : astro-ph/1303.5062



There are a lot of CMB polarization experiments already under way or very far along

- ACT
- KECK
- CLASS
- EBEX
- PIPER
- PIXIE
- POLARBEAR
- SPTpol
- SPIDER
- LSPE
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KECK (spud) 2560 TES 5 cameras Two colours

Data from 2012 & 2013 seasons in hand.
9.5 μK rt s
Now with two cameras at 95 GHz



CLASS will deploy a 40 GHz and 0.005 Q a 90 GHz channel this year. 0.004 W1 The telescope scans 70% of the r 95% Upper Limit sky and is designed to explore the re-ionization peak. 0.003 W2 0.002 HF150 90° 10° $[\mu K^2]$ 10^{-1} 0.001 HF220 WMAP r Upper Limit BC Sensitivity r = 0.2 10^{-2} 0.000L 880 10⁻³ 1 2 3 4 Survey Time (Years) = 0.01**BICEP 3yr** CBI QUIET QUaD $(2\ell+1)/2$ 10^{-4} POLARBEAR 100.0 = BICEP2 CLASS 10^{-5} lensing 10^{-6} 10^{-7} 10^{3} 10^{2} 10^{1}

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SWIPE STRIP

The Large Scale Polarization Explorer







- The Large-Scale Polarization Explorer is
 - a spinning stratospheric balloon payload
 - flying long-duration, in the polar night
 - aiming at CMB polarization at large angular scales
 - using polarization modulators to achieve high stability
- Frequency coverage: 40 250 GHz (5 channels)
- Angular resolution: 1.5 2.3 deg FWHM
- Sky coverage: 20-25% of the sky per flight target both reionization bump and horizon bump.
- Combined sensitivity: 10 $\mu K arcmin$ per flight



SWIPE



- The Short Wavelength Instrument for the Polarization
 Explorer
- Uses overmoded bolometers, trading angular resolution for sensitivity
- Sensitivity of photon-noise limited bolometers vs # of modes:



Number of modes actually coupling to the bolometer absorber



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N modes (geom) =	15	25	40
f (GHz)	90	145	220
λ (mm)	3.3	2.1	1.4
N det =	37	58	83
FWHM (deg) =	2.4	1.9	1.6
NET (μK/sqrt(Hz)) =	15	25	30
NET Focal Plane (µK/sqrt(Hz))=	2.5	3.3	3.2

Target : r = 0.01 in a single long-duration flight in the polar night Covering large angular scales

Very much complementary to SPIDER, EBEX

Flight in 2016

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Winter flights recently demonstrated from Longyearbyen (78N)



Simulazioni: Luca Pagano

Nessun effetto sistematico

Advantages of LSPE

- ... in terms of systematic effects:
 - Designed as a polarimeter from the very beginning - Polarization modulation obtained with a rotating HWP
 - Wide frequency coverage (all foregrounds monitored)
 - Wide sky coverage (winter flights, northern hemisphere)
 - Clean beam patterns (multimoded horns)

Detector technology for LSPE

- Low frequecy channels: coherent integrated radiometers from JPL (44, 90 GHz)
- High frequency channels (90, 140, 220 GHz) : multimode detectors, possibly made in Italy
 - TES (ASI mm-wave technologies)
 - KIDs (INFN CSN 5, RIC)





- Introduction (PdB)
- Detector Array Design & Mfg 231-2AD UniRoma1 (PdB)
- **FE Electr. Design & Mfg 232-2AD TAS-I (Massimilano Pecora)**
- Detector Chips Design & Mfg 233-2BA UniGe (Flavio Gatti)
- Test UniRoma1 234-2BA (PdB)







Thales



SPIDER focal plane. 2048 pixels, diffraction limited Several M\$



LSPE focal plane (1/2). 37 pixels, multimoded Low-cost

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• INFN CSN5 activity RIC (2007-2009):

KIDs

- Kinetic inductance detectors
- made in Italy (fabrication @FBK, design and test @Sapienza G31)
- Process well developed, good final performance (Calvo et al. 2010)
- Further developments in sinergy with CALDER
 - fabrication @IFN-CNR, design and test @Sapienza G31)
- Needs optimization for large scale and space use
- Needs dedicated funds



LSPE

- Design of cryostat, gondola and ACS completed
- Cryostat fabrication started
- SWIPE detectors to be finalized very soon
- Flight in 2016 from Longyearbyen (Svalbard)







CORE Cosmic ORigins Explorer

A satellite mission for probing cosmic origins, neutrinos masses and the origin of stars and magnetic fields

through a high sensitivity survey of the microwave polarization of the entire sky

A proposal in response to the European Space Agency Cosmic Vision 2015-2025 Call

Call for medium missions – 2010-dec-03

Polarized Radiation Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission

PRISM

Probing cosmic structures and radiation with the ultimate polarimetric spectro-imaging of the microwaye and far-infrared sky



Call for science themes for Large Missions 2013-may-24

forthcoming ESA call: M4 medium mission – sometimes in 2014



Simulazioni: Luca Pagano



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Microwave and Far-IR polarimetric spectroimaging of the full sky

Paolo de Bernardis Sapienza University of Rome for the PRISM collaboration (see www.prism-mission.org)

Science Themes for the L2 and L3 missions Presentation meeting 3-4 September 2013

Institut Océanographique de Paris

Proposed implementation

www.prism-mission.org

- Ariane 5 , orbit around Sun-Earth L2 point
- Main satellite : two cryogenic instruments:
 - Wide-field polarimetric imager (3.5m telescope @ 10K, 7000+ bolometers @ 0.1K)
 - Absolute spectrometer (FTS @ 2.7K, 0.5-15 GHz resolution)
- Ancillary satellite for
 - precision instruments calibration
 - High-datarate TM relay



Strawman mission

- PRISM will cover the 30 GHz 6 THz frequency range with two instruments:
 - A thousands-pixels **polarimetric imager** with 30 broad *diffraction limited* bands ($\Delta v/v \approx 0.25$), plus Galactic lines monitors (either narrow bands or spectrometers on chip with $\delta v/v \approx 0.025$). Its sensitivity will be limited by intrinsic photon noise, minimized by cooling the 3.5m telescope to <10K. Its optical axis is offset from the spin axis by 30°.
 - An **absolute spectrometer** cooled to 2.7K, with an angular resolution of 1.4°, and both a high and a low spectral resolution observing mode ($\Delta v \approx 0.5$ GHz and 15 GHz respectively). Its optical axis is aligned to the spin axis.
- The platform will orbit around the L2 Sun-Earth Lagrange point.
- A companion satellite will provide calibrators for in-flight beam and polarization mapping, and a high-gain pointing antenna for high data-rate telemetry.



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• As the precession axis is being moved, each pixel is visited by each detector of the imager in every possible orientation.



Accurate polarimetry without polarization modulators

- Our imager beams are small (1'@1mm)
- Even with beam ellipticity at the edges of the focal plane of the order of 1%, we can average many independent beams to get a synthetic beam with 0.01% ellipticity, still having enough resolution for the scales of interest for B-modes.
- The spin + precess scan strategy allows for a wide and even coverage of polarization angles in all pixels.

Comparing Planck vs PRISM constraints on inflation



• The Planck mission has excluded a large number of inflationary models but many others remain. Prism will be able to reduce the parameter space *r*-*n_s* by orders of magnitude (grey-region)



Measuring B-modes

- Measuring B-modes to ∆r=0.001 will require exquisite control of polarized foregrounds.
- Current extrapolations with the simplest allowed foreground models predict that the galactic foreground will outshine the Δr=0.001 primordial by about x100 in all frequency channels, and emission properties are likely to be more complicated than many of the optimistic foreground forecasts suggest
- While forthcoming experiments could find (or have already found) hints of cosmological B modes, only a large mission with wide frequency coverage, high angular resolution, and exquisite polarization puruty can provide a reliable and precise measurement.



Non-Gaussianity

- All inflationary models predict a small amount of non-Gaussianity. One of the key PLANCK results was to rule out all the models with large non-Gaussianity proposed by theorists to explain the WMAP hint of f_{NL}~87.
- At present nothing more involved than a simple single scalar field model is needed to satisfy Planck constraints.
- PRISM will provide the ultimate CMB constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity thanks to its full-sky coverage and exquisite angular resolution. (Other probes have to rely on uncertain modeling.)



Figure 5: *Planck* CMB temperature bispectrum [84] (left) and primordial (right) and late-time (middle) non-Gaussian shapes [84, 83]. Note the periodic CMB ISW-lensing signal (middle) in the squeezed limit along the edges, which is seen at the 2.5σ level in the *Planck* bispectrum on the left. Scale-invariant signals predicted by many inflationary models are strongly constrained by the *Planck* bispectrum, although 'oscillatory' and 'flattened' features hint at new physics. A example of an inflationary 'feature' model is shown on the right. PRISM will probe these hints with an order of magnitude more resolved triangle configurations.

Probing primordial power spectrum on very small scales using spectral distortion

- Current constraints on the power spectrum (and the spectral index n_s) are limited by the size of current horizon (CMB quadrupole) on large scales, and by nonlinearity and Silk damping on small scales.
- Little improvement can be expected from galaxy surveys and SKA because of these fundamental limitation.
- The small scale primordial power dissipated by Silk damping does not disappear completely, but leaves its imprint in **spectral distortions** from the perfect CMB blackbody spectrum. **Important target for the PRISM spectrometer.**





Search for B-modes in the CMB

- Impressive technology & methods development :
- Large bolometer arrays, polarization modulators, long duration balloon experiments, optimal polarization extraction techniques, de-lensing, correlations ...
- CMB polarization space-mission studies. COrE, PRISM not selected. Forthcoming opportunity : M4 (difficult, when spoiled with PRISM, but boosted by BICEP2 claim)
- See http://www.core-mission.org/
- Italian contribution & know-how important, despite of lack of resources. Opportunities to boost our share and discovery potential are there, and should be taken.