# Beyond the Standard Model Across the Spectra

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• Minimal set of particles and parameters that accurately describes our universe



#### Have had great successes....

Discovery of gravitational waves, further confirming general theory of relativity and opening an era of multi-messenger astronomy





 Cosmic microwave background matches prediction of LCDM to excellent precision



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Higgs boson discovery, confirming theory of masses and electroweak symmetry breaking



Excellent agreement between theory and experiment



• Electron g-2 magnetic dipole moment

 $g/2 = 1.001 \ 159 \ 652 \ 180 \ 73 \ (28) \quad [0.28 \ \mathrm{ppt}] \ (\mathrm{measured})$   $g(\alpha)/2 = 1.001 \ 159 \ 652 \ 177 \ 60 \ (520) \quad [5.2 \ \mathrm{ppt}] \ (\mathrm{predicted}).$ 





... and great problems:

what is the **dark** matter that makes up most of the matter content of the universe?













why is the Higgs so light, or why is gravity so much weaker than the other forces? ("Hierarchy Problem")



- Symmetries and conservation laws are central to our understanding of particles and interactions
  - Can be continuous or discrete
    - invariance under translation symmetry: conservation of momentum
    - invariance under spatial inversion: parity symmetry



translation



- Symmetries and conservation laws have been used to successfully predict new particles
  - Pauli (1930) proposed the neutrino to preserve energy & momentum conservation in beta decays
  - Bethe (1938) developed theory of stellar nucleosynthesis, making use of the neutrino in the proton-proton process
  - Direct detection of reactor antineutrinos in proton capture discovered by Reines and Cowan (1956)





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### The Strong-CP problem

• Can we calculate the expected size of the neutron electric dipole moment?



 $|d_n| \sim 2 \times 10^{-16} \theta \cdot e \cdot \mathrm{cm}$ 

• Experimental upper bound:  $|d_n| < 10^{-26} \cdot e \cdot \text{cm}$   $\theta < 10^{-10}$ 

## The Strong-CP problem

- If  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is a fixed parameter of the theory, this is a huge unexplained tuning
- Solve the problem by promoting  $\theta$  to a dynamical field, the axion *a*, allowing it to adjust to minimize energy

• QCD effects give axion a mass, and it relaxes the CP angle to zero, solving the strong-CP problem



Peccei and Quinn, PRL 38, 1440, 1977 Weinberg, PRL 40, 223, 1978 Wilczek, PRL 40, 279, 1978



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Difficult to produce: requires large temperatures/densities





#### Cousins of the QCD Axion: Axion-like Particles, Scalars, and Dark Photons

• Complex string compactifications produce multiplicity of light string axions, moduli, dilatons, dark photons



 Automatically generated in the early universe (inflation or phase transition)

> Preskill, Wise, Wilczek (1983) Dine, Fischler (1982) Abbott, Sikivie (1982) Graham, Mardon, Rajendran 2015

Svrcek , Witten 2006 Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Dubovsky, Kaloper, March-Russell 2009 Dimopoulos, Giudice 1996

Cicoli, Goodsell, Jaeckel, Ringwald 2011 P. G. Cámara, L. E. Ibáñez, and F. Marchesano 2011



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 Impossible to conserve both energy and momentum: photons relativistic while dark matter is massive with a small velocity in our galaxy



Cannot change propagation of dark matter, but can manupulate light

#### Converting Dark Matter to Light

- Boundary conditions
  - Create `gapped modes' for photons
  - Standing waves have high energy, low momentum





• ADMX: First axion DM experiment to reach QCD axion parameter space

### Converting Dark Matter to Light

#### Dielectric layers

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- Add periodicity in the medium in which photons propagate
- Periodic index of refraction changes free solutions of photon modes
- Efficient dark matter to photon conversion



#### Converting Dark Matter to Light

- Molecules
  - Energy splitting between states sets dark matter absorption, followed by photon reemission



#### Converting Dark Matter to Light Sound

- Crystals:
  - Specific periodic structures create `optical' phonon modes with `non-relativistic' dispersion
  - Efficient dark matter to phonon conversion





# Nanowire Detection of Photons from the Dark Side $\lambda(\mu m)$





 First steps underway, use well-established optics and detector technology; possible to reach very small couplings / axions with larger setups

(Exp) Berggren, Charaev; Chiles, Nam; (Th) Arvanitaki, **MB**, Huang, Lasenby, Van Tilburg expanding collaboration Funded by DoE QUANTISED initiative

#### Requires State-of-the-Art Photodetection Techniques

- Use superconducting nanowire single photon detector (SNSPDs)
  - Small area, extremely low dark count rates
  - *High efficiency* in optical frequency range









Fabricated by Ilya Charaev, MIT

Deposition of 7 nm WSi film on silicon oxide substrate

Pattern WSi nanowires using e-beam lithography and reactive ion etching

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#### Searches of dark matter with light





### Beyond the Standard Model with Gravitational Waves



### Black holes and Gravitational Waves

 Ultralight bosons with compton wavelength comparable to black hole radius can form `gravitational atoms', bound by gravity



 Boson density in each bound state reaches exponentially large values by extracting the black hole's angular momentum and leads to gravitational wave emission





#### Superradiance

- A wave scattering off a rotating object can increase in amplitude by extracting angular momentum and energy.
- Growth proportional to probability of absorption when rotating object is at rest: dissipation necessary to increase wave amplitude



#### Superradiance condition:

Angular velocity of wave slower than angular velocity of BH horizon,

 $\Omega_a < \Omega_{BH}$ 

Zel'dovich; Starobinskii; Misner

#### Superradiance

- Particles/waves trapped near the BH repeat this process continuously
- For a massive particle, e.g. axion, gravitational potential barrier provides trapping

 $V(r) = -\frac{G_{\rm N}M_{\rm BH}\mu_a}{r}$ 

 For high superradiance rates, compton wavelength should be comparable to black hole radius:

$$r_g \lesssim \mu_a^{-1} \sim 3 \,\mathrm{km} \, \frac{6 \times 10^{-11} \mathrm{eV}}{\mu_a}$$

Zouros & Eardley'79; Damour et al '76; Detweiler'80; Gaina et al '78

Tool to search for axions:

Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Dubovsky, Kaloper, March-Russell 2009; Arvanitaki, Dubovsky 2010 **34** 

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 $\mu_a^{-1}$ 

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Boundary conditions at horizon give imaginary frequency: **exponential growth** of particle number around rapidly rotating black holes

$$E \simeq \mu \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{2n^2} \right) + i\Gamma_{\rm sr}$$
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#### Superradiance

 If new light axions exist, fast-spinning black holes will superradiate: lose energy and angular momentum to exponentially growing bound states of axions





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#### Superradiance

- Large energy density in the cloud, with time dependence set by the axion mass
- Sources monochromatic gravitational wave radiation
- Axion cloud depletes on long timescales through GW emission





Time evolution



Zhu, **MB**, Papa, Tsuna, Kawanaka, Eggenstein (2020)

- Weak, long signals last for  $\sim$  thousand-billion years, visible ٠ from our galaxy
  - Event rates up to thousands ٠
  - Search strategy similar to continuous wave searches for • gravitational waves from rotating asymmetric pulsars



#### Gravitational Wave Searches

• Future searches across frequencies: continued development of precision techniques





Precision force measurements with levitated sensors

Space-based missions



Atom interferometry



### Axion Waves



- Axion potential introduces self-interactions as well as a mass
- Self-interactions can source non-relativistic axion waves and lead to new dynamics



MB, M. Galanis, R. Lasenby, O. Simon, (in prep)

#### Axion Waves

In the presence of self-interactions, black hole energy is constantly converted to axion waves



- Signal strength *constant in time*
- Axion waves observable in dark matter spin precession experiments (e.g. CASPER)
- Requires different data analysis strategies (*c.f.* LIGO continuous waves search)

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#### Searches with black holes and gravitational waves





- non-photon interactions of the QCD axion
- gravitational tests of beyond-the-standard model physics