LECTURE: Astrophysical Aspects

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Summary

- *- Some important facts about Stars*
- *- Feebly Interactive Particles (FIPs) and Stars*
- *- Exploring the sky with axions?*

Part 1: Stars

Stars as Labs for Very Rare Processes

Example: the SM process

D. D. Clayton, "Principles of Stellar Evolution and Nucleosynthesis", Chicago (1984)

$$
e^+ e^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu} \nu
$$

has a branching ratio 10^{−19} times smaller than the process

$$
e^+ e^- \to \gamma \gamma
$$

Yet, it controls the late evolution of massive stars.

Another very rare process, $\gamma \rightarrow \bar{\nu} \nu$ *, controls the stellar evolution during the RGB.*

Stars: An intuitive picture…

Stars are self-gravitating bound systems, which radiates energy supplied by an internal (nuclear) source

→ *D. Prialnik (2009)*

As the gas compresses, under the effect of gravity, temperature and density increase.

Eventually, at $T \sim 1$ keV, hydrogen is ignited.

We have a star!

Note: in most cases the gas can be described as an ideal gas even at the very high density typical of the stellar cores!! → See Backup Notes

Limitation 1: Onset of Degeneracy

Degeneracy pressure has a stronger dependence on the density!

 \rightarrow if we keep increasing the density, eventually we reach degeneracy:

density is no longer dependent on the temperature.

$$
T \sim A M^{2/3} \rho^{1/3} - B \rho^{2/3}
$$

 e.g. \rightarrow Padmanabhan,
invitation to astrophysics (2006)

There is a maximal temperature (dependent on M).

For the cloud to become star it is required to ignite H

$$
\rightarrow M \gtrsim 0.1 M_{\odot}
$$

Limitation 2: Radiation Pressure

Radiation pressure opposes gravity

For very large mass, the radiation pressure may be so large that it prevents the formation of a bound state.

 \rightarrow *M* $\lesssim 100 M_{\odot}$

The stellar mass range is relatively narrow

 $0.1 M_{\odot} \lesssim M \lesssim 100 M_{\odot}$

A more detailed picture: Energy

→ *D. Prialnik (2009)*

… A more detailed picture: Stability

Energy:
$$
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Equilibrium: $L_{\text{nuc}} = L$. We can use the viral theorem (hydrostatic equilibrium). Ignore U_{rad} . A small perturbation from equilibrium:

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Ideal, Non-degenerate gas:

 $P \propto T \Rightarrow T$ decreases as well, and L_{nuc} is suppressed \rightarrow <u>Self-regulating system</u>. Equilibrium! Nuclear reactions can be sustained (and so the star can go on living in a stable configuration) for as long as there is nuclear fuel

At this point *the configuration is determined entirely by the stellar mass*, aside from a small influence of the metal content.

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 \rightarrow The system is not self-regulated. Unstable system. Nuclear reactions lead to runaway. Expansion may lead to restoration of non-deg. conditions

Summary: Stellar Evolution

Key Features:

- Approximate evolution of central conditions: $T_c \sim M^{2/3} \rho_c^{1/3}$
- Nuclear burning stable only in non-deg. conditions.
- Nuclear reactions very sensitive to T . Implies, onion structure for advanced stages.

From from Iben (1985). Fig 2.12 in Hansen, Kawaler, Trimble, Stellar Interiors (2004)

Part 2: FIPs & Stars

Light particles, $m \leq T$, can be efficiently *thermally produced in stellar core…*

… and can efficiently contribute to the energy transport (L), especially if weakly coupled

This is often known (not always correctly) as FIPs cooling

FIPs and Stars

FIP production may cause:

- *1. Quantitative Changes (e.g., modify the evolutionary times of some phases)*
- *2. Qualitative changes (e.g., modify the evolution of a star, prevent some phases from happening…)*

Stars produce FIPs which might be detectable (directly or indirectly)

Energy consideration

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Energy Produced

Equilibrium:

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Suppose, now we add a weakly coupled FIP

 \rightarrow *L* increases and hence L_{nuc} increases.

The enormous majority of stellar bounds on FIPs is found using this method.

There are, however, many other ways that could be used to test new physics with stars. We should explore new possibilities

A counterintuitive result:

Ideal, Non-degenerate gas:

Higher $L_{\text{nuc}} \rightarrow$ Higher T (nuclear burning is a steep function of T)

 \rightarrow exotic FIPs energy loss heats up the system!!

→ We can constrain FIPs by measuring the core temperature of the star!! (Not easy, see \rightarrow S. Hoof talk, Wed. @ 15:55)

Example, the solar temperature is well measured by the flux of neutrinos from B8 is extremely sensitive to the temperature ($\phi_{B8} \sim T_c^{18}$) ⇒ axion constraint → [P. Gondolo and G. Raffelt, Phys. Rev. D 79 \(2009\)](http://www.apple.com)

→ more efficient cooling (faster evolution) of degenerate systems (e.g., WDs)

→ modify rate of period change in some degenerate systems:

E.g. for WD Variables

$$
\frac{\dot{P}}{P} \propto \left| \frac{\dot{T}}{T} \right|
$$

There are other less (or not at all) studied effects of FIPs on Stars, e.g., modify the evolution, impact on convection, impact on nucleosynthesis, or even modification of the Equation of State (EOS)

Some additional info in Backup Material

Observing the Stars

episode. Heavier stars burn brighter stars burn brighter (crudely *Massimus brighter (crudely respect*ed) and the $\frac{111030}{2110}$ or $\frac{110}{20}$ *<* ⁰*.*7−0*.*9*M*! have not yet completed their hydrogen-burning *We can observe (almost) only the surface of stars*

Numerical codes provide the link with core properties

G. Raffelt, Stars as Laboratories (1996).

Anomalous Stellar Energy Losses Bounded by Observations 27 Stellar Evolution → Main Sequence Stars

™ *a* ∞ *M M M a M M M a M M a Most of the stellar life is spent* \blacksquare burning H into He in the core **core**

G. Raffelt, Stars as Laboratories (1996).

Solar bounds on axions

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P. Gondolo and G. Raffelt, [Phys. Rev. D 79 \(2009\)](https://arxiv.org/pdf/0807.2926.pdf)

A more complete analysis gives

[→] *^g* () *^a^γ* < 4.1 [⋅] ¹⁰−¹⁰ GeV−¹ ³ *^σ* Vinyoles, Serenelli, Villante, Basu,

Redondo & Isern, [JCAP 10 \(2015\) 015](https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.01639v2)

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 $\rightarrow g_{\alpha\gamma} < 4.1 \cdot 10^{-10} \,\text{GeV}^{-1}$ (3 σ)

 $\sim 6 \times 10^{12}$ axions cm⁻² s⁻¹

on Earth, peaked at \sim keV.

Allowed by astrophysics, but excluded by experimental searches

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→ Julia Vogel's talk
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G. Raffelt, Stars as Laboratories (1996).

After the H in the core is exhausted, a light *star star moves in the RGB.* sequence; our Sun is thought to have completed about half of this eparator stars moves in the RGB.

No Core Burning! Core looks like a WD surrounded by H-burning shell. $U\cap$ curve used early U is main-sepected very expect to \sim

When the core becomes degenerate, $\rightarrow R \propto M^{-1/3}$

- \rightarrow The core shrinks from the shell ashes
- \rightarrow The envelop expands and cools (Red Giant)

The gravitational energy from the core heats up the shell \rightarrow the luminosity increases

The physics is driven by the core mass, not by the total mass (as in MS phase)

The evolution is much faster than the self-regulating MS phase.

G. Raffelt, Stars as Laboratories (1996).

FIPs (including neutrinos) → COOLING (degenerate medium)

- \rightarrow Prevent the core from reaching the temperature required to ignite He
- \rightarrow The core has time to grow more.

 $\mu_{12} = 9$

Currently, the RGB Tip analysis provides the strongest bounds on:

Axion-electron coupling:

 $g_{ae} \sim 0.60_{-0.58}^{+0.32} \times 10^{-13}$, g_{ae} ≤ 1.48 × 10⁻¹³ (95 % C.L.)

and on the neutrino magnetic moment:

 μ_{ν} < 1.5 × 10⁻¹² $\mu_{\rm B}$ (95 % CL)

Recently, the bounds from RGB have been questioned in two publications

The criticism is that the uncertainties are much larger than those used in the papers which derived the bonds. However, the uncertainties proposed in seem largely inflated.

O. Straniero et al., [Astron.Astrophys.](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2010.03833.pdf) [644 \(2020\)](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2010.03833.pdf)

F. Capozzi, G. Raffelt, [Phys.Rev.D 102 \(2020\) 8](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.03694)

- N Franz, M Dennis, J Sakstein, [arXiv:2307.13050](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.13050)
- M Dennis, J Sakstein, [arXiv:2305.03113](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.03113)

Becoming a HB stars.

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With the onset of a new and strongly temperature-dependent source of energy, the core expands.

Although the hydrogen-burning shell remains the dominant source of the star's luminosity, the expansion of the core pushes the hydrogenburning shell outward, cooling it and causing the rate of energy output of the shell to decrease

 \rightarrow abrupt decrease in the luminosity of the star.

The star moves to the HB region, at lower luminosity

The final luminosity is fixed only by the core mass and hence by the He-ignition temperature $\;\rightarrow\;$ HB-stars lay on a line with constant L and different $T_{\rm eff.}$

 L \approx constant since this depends only on the He mass core, which is set by the He-flash.

 \rightarrow HB distribution in $T_{\rm eff}$

High mass loss \rightarrow small radius \rightarrow bluer $(L \propto R^2 T_{\text{eff}}^4 = \text{const})$

NOTE: *The apparent bending in the blue region is a filter effect* → *e.g., Raffelt, Stars as Labs (1996), fn. 5*

R-parameter: number ratio of HB and RGB \sim lives. Because the universe is 10−20 Gyr old, stars with universe is 10−20 Gyr old, stars with with \sim *and RGB* and RGB and RGB and RB and RB and RB are the set of \mathcal{A} and RB are the s

The ratio depends on the efficiency of the energy loss in the two evolutionary stages

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The latest analysis showed a slight discrepancy between the predicted and observed R-parameter.

Ayala, Dominguez, M.G., Mirizzi, Straniero, PRL 113 (2014)

Stellar Evolution → AGB and R2

The number ratio of AGB over HB l is the R parameter i *s the* R $_2$ *-parameter* $\frac{1}{2}$

 $R_2 =$ N_AGB $N_{\rm HB}$

AGB stars have a He-burning shell which is hotter and less dense than the core of HB stars.

 \rightarrow it will lose more energy in axions, *since the rate scales as* T^7/ρ *.*
Stellar Evolution \rightarrow AGB and R2

Recent determination

 $R_2 = 0.117 \pm 0.005$,

based on the Hubble Space Telescope photometry of 48 globular clusters. [Constantino et al., MNRAS 456, 4 \(2015\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.04845)

$$
g_{a\gamma} \le 4.7 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}
$$

Figure 1. Comparison of R_2 for clusters shown in Table 1, limited to those with at least two different sources of photometry. The R_2 determined from the Sandquist (2000), Piotto et al. (2002), and Sarajedini et al. (2007) data are shown in black dash-dots, red dashes, and a blue solid line, respectively. The dotted grey line shows the maximum difference between R_2 determinations from different photometry.

Axions → M.J. Dolan, F.J. Hiskens & R.R. Volkas, [JCAP 10 \(2022\)](https://inspirehep.net/literature?sort=mostrecent&size=25&page=1&q=find%20eprint%202207.03102)

Dark Photons → Dolan, Hiskens, Volkas, e-Print: [2306.13335](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.13335)

No evidence for the hint from R-parameters analysis

Stellar Evolution \rightarrow White Dwarfs

Lighter stars go to the AGB at the end of the central He, and end up as CO White Dwarfs.

G. Raffelt, Stars as Laboratories (1996).

The WDLF is a powerful way to measure the cooling efficiency

*dN*WD *dV dL* ∝ 1 $L_{\gamma} + L_{\nu} + L_{x}$

Stellar Evolution \rightarrow White Dwarfs

The shape of the WDLF shows specific contributions to cooling, e.g., neutrinos!

G. Raffelt, Stars as Laboratories (1996).

- The data showed a ~2σ hint for additional cooling [M. Bertolami et. al. \(2014\)](https://arxiv.org/pdf/1406.7712.pdf)

- The cooling shows the T-dependence of axion-bremsstrahlung [MG., Irastorza, Redondo, Ringwald JCAP 05 \(2016\)](https://inspirehep.net/literature/1411398)

Old analysis. Needs revision!

Stellar Evolution: WD

WD Variables (WDV)

Measures of the period change rate in WD variables offer a way to test the cooling of WDs | · *P*/*P*| ∝ · *T*/*T*

L. Di Luzio, M.G., E. Nardi, L. Visinelli, Phys.Rept. 870 (2020)

Observations over the past ~30 yr showed consistently $\dot{P}_{\rm obs} > \dot{P}_{\rm th}$, which seems to imply an overly efficient cooling.

• Many works starting form Isern, Hernanz, Garcıa-Berro (1992).

• Latest result from Kepler+ [ApJ 906 \(2021\) 7.](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2010.16062.pdf) Confirms the anomaly

Stellar Global Fits

Di Luzio, Fedele, M.G., Mescia, Nardi, [JCAP 02 \(2022\) 02, 035](https://inspirehep.net/literature/1925662)

Later Evolutionary Stages

Stars with $M \gtrsim 8 M_{\odot}$ go on burning until they develop a iron core

From Woosley, Heger, Weaver, Rev Mod Phys, 74, 1015 (2002)

Core Collaps Supernova

→ See [G. Raffelt, Astro Lecture 2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBP2vywo7LE&list=PL1CFLtxeIrQqEzNUjuaPYwdOJwM6YxXy8&index=8), Axion Beyond Boundaries Workshp, GGI 2023

Neutrino signal associated with SN 1987A at Kamiokande-II, Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven, and Baksan Scintillator Telescope confirmed several expectation about CC SN.

Bounds on new physics. Roughly, $L_x \leq L_y$

Supernova Axion Bounds

- [Raffelt, Lect. Notes Phys. 741 \(2008\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0611350) OPE rates. $f_a \gtrsim 4 \times 10^8\,{\rm GeV}$ ($m_a \lesssim 16\,{\rm meV}$) (KSVZ, proton coupling)
- [Chang, Essig & McDermott, JHEP 1809 \(2018\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.00993) Semiquantitative, various correction factors
- $f_a \gtrsim 1 \times 10^8\,{\rm GeV}$ ($m_a \lesssim 60\,{\rm meV}$) (KSVZ, proton coupling)
- [Carenza, Fischer, MG, Guo, Martínez-Pinedo & Mirizzi, JCAP 10 \(2019\),](https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.11844) Beyond OPE,
- $f_a \gtrsim 4 \times 10^8\,{\rm GeV}$ ($m_a \lesssim 15\,{\rm meV}$) (KSVZ, proton coupling)
- [Carenza, Fore, MG, Mirizzi & Reddy, Phys.Rev.Lett. 126 \(2021\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.02943), Including thermal pions $\pi^- + p \to n + a$ $f_a \gtrsim 5 \times 10^8\,{\rm GeV}$ ($m_a \lesssim 11\,{\rm meV}$) (KSVZ, proton coupling)

Neutron Stars

Significant recent progress

- L. B. Leinson, *JCAP* 08 (2014), Cas A Hint at $g_{an}^2 \approx 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$
- K. Hamaguchi et al. *Phys.Rev.D* 98 (2018) 10, Cas A, $g_{ap}^2 + 1.6g_{an}^2 \le 1.1 \times 10^{-18}$
- D M. Beznogov et al. *Phys.Rev.C* 98 (2018) 3, NS in HESS J1731-347 $g_{an}^2 \le 0.77 \times 10^{-19}$
- L. B. Leinson, JCAP 11 (2019), NS in HESS J1731-347 $g_{an}^2 \le 1.1 \times 10^{-19}$

 \rightarrow Correspond to $m_a \approx 30$ MeV, similar to SN1987A

The cooling of a NS can be observed through many years. Exotic cooling would modify these observations.

Neutron Stars

See [M. Buschmann & J. Foster@GGI 2023](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXQjxQY1_us&list=PL1CFLtxeIrQqHhmNSz_ta5kTdktqSYiIZ&index=10), for many more details

Axion Hint from Neutron Stars?

Excess of X-ray emission (XMM-Newton + Chandra) in the 2 - 8 keV energy range from the nearby Magnificent Seven isolated NS

Buschmann, Co, Dessert, Safdi, [Phys.Rev.Lett. 126 \(2021\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.04164)

ALPs still a viable option.

Compatibility with other astro bounds requires electro-phobia.

 is quite large at those *gaγgan* masses. Yet, QCD axion models that explain it exist

 \rightarrow Darmé, Di Luzio, MG, Nardi, [Phys.Rev.D 103 \(2021\)](https://inspirehep.net/literature?sort=mostrecent&size=25&page=1&q=find%20eprint%202010.15846)

Black Holes as Axion Labs?

Black hole superradiance.

Build up boson population near BH. Non thermal mechanism.

See Francesca Day Wed.@13:15 and Yifan Chen Wed.@2:55

Part 3: The Hunt for Stellar Axions

Axion Telescopes?

Axions could be excellent astrophysics messengers.

They could be far superior to photons and neutrinos to study some aspects of stellar evolution.

Dedicated axion experiments could be used to access the solar core and to learn about various solar properties:

- Solar magnetic field
	- C. A. J. O'Hare, A. Caputo, A. J. Millar, E. Vitagliano [Phys.Rev.D 102 \(2020\) 4](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2006.10415)
- Solar temperature profile
	- S. Hoof, J. Jaeckel, L. J. Thormaehlen, [arXiv:2306.00077](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.00077)
- Solar chemical composition
	- J. Jaeckel, L. J. Thormaehlen, [Phys.Rev.D 100 \(2019\) 12](https://arxiv.org/pdf/1908.10878)

The Sun as Axion Factory: Summary

Other MS stars?

Other MS have solar-like properties but are much further away. Less interesting.

Yet, there are many of them.

Diffuse axion flux recently calculated

If ALPs are sufficiently heavy, their decay produces an x-ray diffuse background: N. H. Nguyen, E. H. Tanin, M. Kamionkowski [arXiv:2307.11216](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.11216)

 $m_a = 1.00 \text{ keV}$ = $m_a = 5.67 \text{ keV}$ = $m_a = 9.22 \text{ keV}$ = $m_a = 11.00 \text{ keV}$ = $m_a = 12.37 \text{ keV}$

 $m_a = 15.00 \text{ keV}$ — $m_a = 19.78 \text{ keV}$ — $m_a = 24.36 \text{ keV}$ — $m_a = 30.00 \text{ keV}$

Di Luzio, MG, Nardi, Visinelli, Phys.Rept. 870 (2020)

Supergiants

Brand new catalog of Red SG, Sarah Healy et al., [arXiv:2307.08785](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2307.08785.pdf)

Many candidates at a few kpc from the Sun.

See also [M. Mukhopadhyay et al.,](https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.02045) →*[Astrophys.J. 899 \(2020\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.02045)*

A Telescope for Supergiants

Axions are sensitive to all late evolutionary stages. Surface photons are not.

M. Xiao et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 126 (2021); M. Xiao et al., Phys. Rev. D 106 (2022)

Axion telescopes for massive stars. Is it feasible?

Very small axion flux, even at \sim 100 pc

Axions can convert into photons in the magnetic field between us and the star

$$
P_{a\gamma} = 8.7 \times 10^{-6} g_{11}^2 \left(\frac{B_T}{1 \mu G}\right)^2 \left(\frac{d}{197 \text{ pc}}\right)^2 \frac{\sin^2 qd}{(qd)^2}
$$
 (Assuming B uniform)
\n $g_{11} \le 6.5$ from
\nhelioscope (CAST) Limits sensitivity at high
\nbound
\nmass
\nAnswer: 60° and 60° and 60°.

Betelgeuse, a case study

First hard X-ray observations of Betelgeuse (with NuSTAR)… no trace of Axions

- *• Xiao, Perez, M.G., Straniero, Mirizzi, Grefenstette, Roach, Nynka, Phys.Rev.Lett. 126 (2021)*
- *• Xiao, Carenza, M.G., Mirizzi, Perez, Straniero, Grefenstette Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022)*

… and Super Star Clusters

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- *• Xiao, Carenza, M.G., Mirizzi, Perez, Straniero, Grefenstette Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022)*

Similar result from observations of Super Star Clusters

Dessert, Foster, Safdy, Phys.Rev.Lett. 125 (2020)

Polarization Effects

A different proposal:

 \rightarrow look at polarization of light from MWD

C. Dessert, D. Dunsky, B. Safdi, [Phys.Rev.Lett. 128 \(2022\) 9](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2203.04319.pdf)

Supernova axions

- $\varepsilon_x \lesssim 10^{19} \, \text{erg} \, \text{g}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$
- $Q \rho = 3 \times 10^{14}$ g cm⁻³, *T* = 30 MeV

About $\sim 10^{13}\,{\rm cm}^{-2}\,{\rm s}^{-1}$ axions on Earth from Betelgeuse

Huge flux… but short!

observed *ν*-signal form SN 1987A:

SN $T_c \simeq 30$ MeV $\rho_c \simeq 3 \times 10^{14} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

Detecting SN axions

Fermi LAT as Axion SN-Scope

M. Meyer , M. G., A. Mirizzi, J. Conrad, M.A. Sánchez-Conde, Phys.Rev.Lett. 118 (2017)

→ *slightly reduced sensitivity. But…*

High Mass SN ALPs @ Fermi LAT

Eike Müller, Francesca Calore, Pierluca Carenza, Christopher Eckner, M.C. David Marsh, [arXiv:2304.01060](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2304.01060.pdf)

Black Holes Axions

Brito, Cardoso, Pani, arXiv:1501.06570

Black hole superradiance. Detectable GW from axion cloud around a BH.

Axion Factory! No need for an initial axion

However, no direct axion detection

Advanced Ligo as axion telescope

Active searches going on

- *• C. Palomba et al. Phys.Rev.Lett. 123 (2019)*
- *• L. Sun, R. Brito, M. Isi, Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020)*

Limitations: geometrical factor limit the boson mass to very small values: axion Compton wavelength ~ BH size \Rightarrow m_a < 10⁻¹¹ eV

Will we detect Stellar Axions with Next Gen. Experiments?

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- *[Feebly Interacting Particles: FIPs 2022 workshop report](https://inspirehep.net/literature/2656339)*, updated to early 2023
- *[G. Raffelt lectures at GGI-2023](https://www.ggi.infn.it/showevent.pl?id=438)* (2 lectures), clear and updated
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- R. Kippenhahn, A. Weigert, A. Weiss, *Stellar Structure and Evolution*, Springer (2012). Very detailed.

Conclusions and final comments

- Stars are excellent labs and factories for axions and other FIPs
- New interesting ideas are popping out and many things are still unexplored
- Much more about stellar axions (and other FIPs) than what I covered (Apologies!)

Backup Slides

Stars: An intuitive picture…

Stars are self-gravitating bound systems, which radiates energy supplied by an internal (nuclear) source

 $1. \rightarrow$ Stars are spherical (or, almost spherical)

1D codes are very efficient at describing stars

 $2. \rightarrow$ No need for GR (in most cases)

 $3. \rightarrow$ The core density of stars is very high, for Earth standards. Yet, (in most cases) the ideal gas approximation works well

Stars and Stellar Evolution

Stars have a large variety of characteristics.

A lot of their evolution depends on the initial mass, with some less dependence on the initial composition.

Surface temperatures \sim 1 eV (~visible); core temperatures \sim several keV (x-ray)

SNe and NS: surface temperature ~ x-rays and core is several MeV (gamma rays)

Stars are Spherical

Stars are self-gravitating bound systems, which radiates energy supplied by an internal (nuclear) source → *Prialnik (2009)*

Gravity dominates over sufficiently large systems, since it is not screened. Assuming $\epsilon_c \approx (0.1-1) \text{eV}$ and a standard density, we can see that $\epsilon_g \gg \epsilon_c$ for $R \gg R_g \approx 1000 \, \text{km}$

 \rightarrow Planets are spherical

- \rightarrow Rocks and meteorites are not spherical (chemical binding $\rightarrow \,$ short range \rightarrow anisotropic).
- \rightarrow Stars are spherical (or, almost spherical)

The kinetic energy of rotation relative to the gravitational binding energy is of the order

$$
\frac{M\omega^2 R^2}{GM^2/R} = \frac{\omega^2 R^3}{GM} \sim 2 \times 10^{-5} \ll 1
$$

Anisotropies due to the magnetic field are, typically, even smaller.

$$
\rightarrow
$$
 1D codes are very efficient at describing stars
Compactness and GR

For a spherical object we can define (unambiguously) the compactness

To get an intuition of how large this parameter is, notice that

$$
\frac{GM_{\odot}}{c^2R} \simeq 1.47 \text{ km}^{-1}
$$

A large compactness (*C* ∼ 1) indicates that General Relativity effects are important.

GR is not required (in most cases)

Special relativity and quantum mechanics are essential

Ideal Gas Approximation?

Stellar cores are very dense and so atoms are tightly packed.

The solar core is about 150 $\rm\,g\,cm^{-3}$, which should be compared with the density $\rho = 22.6 \, \text{g} \, \text{cm}^{-3}$ of Osmium, the densest stable element.

Yet, the ideal gas is a good approximation to describe the stellar interior.

The reason is duplex.

- 1. In most cases, the stellar interior conditions are such that **matter is highly ionized** and ionized matter can be compressed to extremely high values while still keeping the ideal gas properties.
- 2. the **Coulomb potential energy**, normally $\sim {\rm eV}$, is considerably **lower than the thermal energies**, normally $\sim \text{keV}$ or higher

→ *e.g., D.D. Clayton (1984)*

… A more detailed picture: Stability

Now, let's look at this a little more quantitatively.

From **Hydrostatic equilibrium:**

$$
\frac{dP_c}{P_c} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{d\rho_c}{\rho_c}
$$

Equation of state: $P \propto \rho^a T^b \rightarrow$ *dPc Pc* $= a$ *dρ^c ρc* + *b* dT_c T_c

Combining the two equations

$$
\left(\frac{4}{3} - a\right) \frac{d\rho_c}{\rho_c} = b \frac{dT_c}{T_c}
$$

- Non-degenerate gas: $a = b = 1$. Compression (caused by energy loss) \Rightarrow temperature increase and viceversa. Negative Heat Capacitance and self-regulating system.

- Degenerate Gas: $4/3 \le a \le 5/3$, $b \ll 1$. No self-regulation.

The Role of FIPs in Stars: Degeneracy Effects

If $L_{\text{nuc}} \approx 0 \rightarrow \dot{E}_{\text{tot}} < 0 \rightarrow$ The star cools down

- accelerated evolution of degenerate systems (e.g., WDs) \rightarrow
- → shorten rate of period change in some degenerate systems: WDs $\dot{P}/P \propto |\dot{T}/T|$
- \rightarrow Drive partially degenerate systems into deeper degeneracy. Qualitative change

The core departures from the standard trajectory between the He- and the C-burning stages, as soon as the neutrino cooling becomes more important than the radiation energy loss.

A. Heger, A. Friedland, M.G., V. Cirigliano, [APJ. 696 \(2009\)](https://arxiv.org/pdf/0809.4703.pdf)

The Role of FIPs in Stars: Stellar Instabilities

Something that has not been studied very much, so far, is the role of FIPs in driving a star into or out of an instability region.

Example:

 \rightarrow convection is driven by a very strong temperature gradient $\left|\frac{1}{\cdot} \right|$. *dT dr*

 \rightarrow An efficient additional energy transport may reduce $\left[\frac{1}{\sigma}\right]$, and drive the star out of a convection zone. *dT dr*

 \rightarrow Convection can be observed (asteroseismiology) and plays a significant role on chemical mixing.

 \rightarrow Can the role of FIPs be identified ?

$Stellar Evolution \rightarrow Red Giant Branch$

G. Raffelt, Stars as Laboratories (1996).

Stellar Evolution \rightarrow Horizontal Branch

Generalization at large mass.

Supernova axions

Extreme environment $\rho \sim 3 \times 10^{14}$ g cm⁻³, $T \sim 30$ MeV.

Primakoff requires ∝ *g*² *aγ J. Brockway, E. Carlson, G. Raffelt, Phys. Lett. B 383, 439 (1996); J. Grifols, E. Masso, R. Toldra, Phys. Rev. Lett. 77, 2372 (1996) A. Payez, C. Evoli, T. Fischer, M. G., A. Mirizzi, A. Ringwald, JCAP 1502 (2015).*

P. Carenza et al., JCAP 10 (2019) 10, 016 $\frac{\textsf{Bremsstrahlung}}{\textsf{A}} \propto g_{aN}^2$

 P ion induced $\propto g_{aN}^2$

P. Carenza, B. Fore, M.G., A. Mirizzi, S. Reddy, Phys.Rev.Lett. 126 (2021)

Pion abundance was underestimated. Breakthrough result in B. Fore and S. Reddy, Phys. Rev. C 101, 035809 (2020)

The Sun as Axion Factory

$$
\frac{dN_a}{dt} = 1.1 \times 10^{39} \left[\left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-10} \textrm{GeV}^{-1}} \right)^2 + 0.7 \, \left(\frac{g_{ae}}{10^{-12}} \right)^2 \right] \, \textrm{s}^{-1}
$$

up to $\sim 10^{39}$ axions/s (⇒ 10^{11} cm⁻² s⁻¹ axions on Earth), peaked at \sim keV

We can observe this flux with the Next Gen. Axion Helioscopes (See Julia Vogel's talk)

J. Redondo, JCAP 1312 (2013)

The Sun as Axion Factory

Furthermore, axions can be produced in conversion in the solar magnetic field

→ Sebastian Hoof talk, Wed. @ 15:55

Solar axions from Nuclear Reactions

Recent progress in the search for axions from nuclear reactions in the Sun. Important examples:

Comprehensive discussion in R. Massarczyk, P.H. Chu, S.R. Elliott, Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022)

Axions Impact on EOS

Nuclear chiral perturbation theory with QCD axion leads to non-derivative nucleon couplings

 $\sigma_{\pi N} \simeq 50$ MeV $V(\phi) = -\frac{m_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^2}{4} \left(1 - \frac{4\sigma_{\pi N} n_N}{m_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^2}\right) \left(\cos{\frac{\phi}{f_a}} - 1\right)$ $V(\phi)$ $O(1)$ at nuclear density $\langle \phi \rangle = 0$ In models in which the expected mass is reduced ($1 \rightarrow \epsilon$), the additional term may be sufficient for shifting the min of $V(\phi)$ the axion potential from 0 to πf_a

 $-\pi f_a$

 $+\pi f_a$

- *• Hook & Huang [1708.08464](https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.08464),*
- *• Balkin+ [2105.13354](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.13354)*

Axions Impact on EOS: WD Mass-Radius Relation

R. Balkin, J. Serra, K. Springmann, S. Stelzl & A. Weiler, e-Print: [2211.02661](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.02661)

→ Nice recent presentation in [Stefan Stelzl talk at COST 2023](https://agenda.infn.it/event/34125/contributions/206212/attachments/109232/155129/Talk_%20Bari_Stelzl.pdf)

SN axions and Fiereball Formation

- **-** Massive ALPs, $a \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$: fireball formation outside progenitor star
- The photon energy is downgrades from \sim 100 MeV to sub-eV

→ Diamond, Fiorillo, Marques-Tavares, Vitagliano, [Phys.Rev.D 107 \(2023\)](https://inspirehep.net/literature?sort=mostrecent&size=25&page=1&q=find%20eprint%202303.11395)

Summary: Detecting Stellar Axions

Pre-SN signal

Neutrinos are produced from thermal and beta processes.

K .M. Patton. C. Lunardini, R. Farmer and F. X. Timmes, ApJ 851 (2017)

Pre-SN signal

Major difficulty: angular resolution. Improves with use of Liquid Scintillator (LS) detector with a Lithium compound dissolved (LS-Li)

Tanaka & Watanabe (2014)

Adapted from: M. Mukhopadhyay, C. Lunardini, F.X. Timmes, K. Zuber, Astrophys.J. 899 (2020)

✴ Betelgeuse is 11.6 from S Monoceros A, B (~280 pc) [∘]

Where should we look ?

Very comprehensive recent analysis on identification of (near) SN from pre-SN neutrinos M. Mukhopadhyay, C. Lunardini, F.X. Timmes,

K. Zuber, Astrophys.J. 899 (2020)

31 candidates within 1 kpc from the sun.

Helioscopes as Axion SN-Scopes

Ge, Hamaguchi, Ichimura, Ishidoshiro, Kanazawa (2020) [arXiv:2008.03924]

Color Magnitude Diagram

