

Axion emission from strange matter in core-collapse SNe

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The QCD axion is one of the best motivated BSM particles

- solves the strong CP problem by a symmetry
- constitutes a viable Dark Matter candidate
- may address additional problems such as flavor
[Ema *et al*, Calibbi *et al*]

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⇒ cool down faster than expected from established mechanisms

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For Q_ν , difficult to go beyond a crude estimate

$$Q_\nu \sim 1.5 \times 10^{19} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s.g}} \times \rho \quad \text{with} \quad \rho \sim \rho_{\text{core}} \sim 3 - 8 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

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Calculable within assumptions :

- distribution functions not obvious away from ideal-gas assumption
- effective quantities $(\mu^*, m^*, E^*) \rightarrow$ in-medium effects

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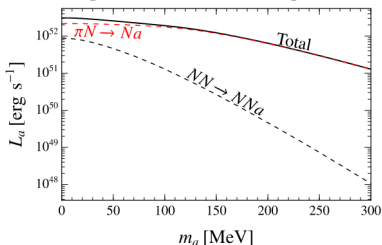
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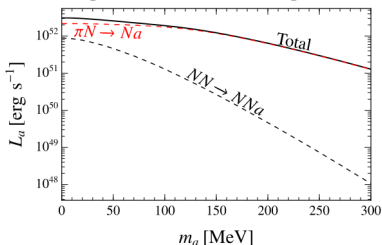
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Also discussed $\Lambda \rightarrow n + a$ [Camalich et al]

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Our conclusions must be proved robust w.r.t.

- axion-matter modeling
we address this question within a consistent EFT approach
- SN-core modeling
we consider different EoS and also vary the thermodynamic parameters

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All contribute positively to $Q_a^{tot} \rightarrow$ even if B_i , B_f , M fractions are "small", the large number of processes (~ 100) yields a relevant constraint

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Interactions are fixed by the global symmetries (Noether currents)
and the couplings are defined unambiguously from axion-quark
couplings

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{axion-hadron}} = \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \left(\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{axion-hadron couplings} \\ \text{parametrized in terms of} \\ \text{the fundamental } k\text{-couplings}}}{x_R^b(k_R)} J_R^{\mu,b}(U; B) + x_L^b(k_L) J_L^{\mu,b}(U; B) \right)$$

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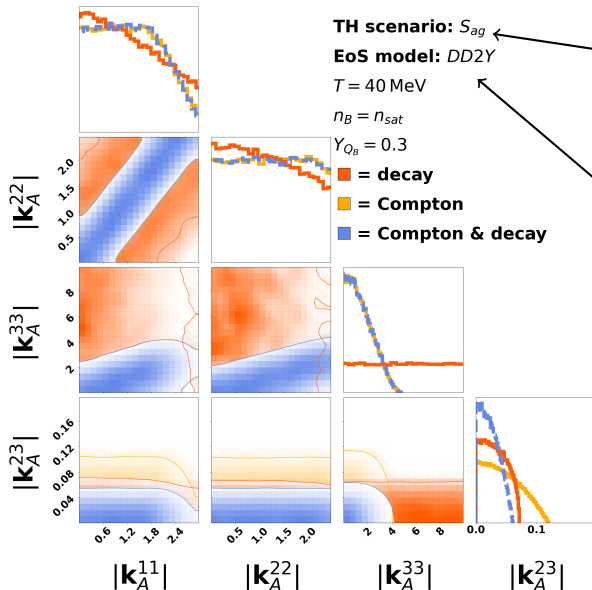
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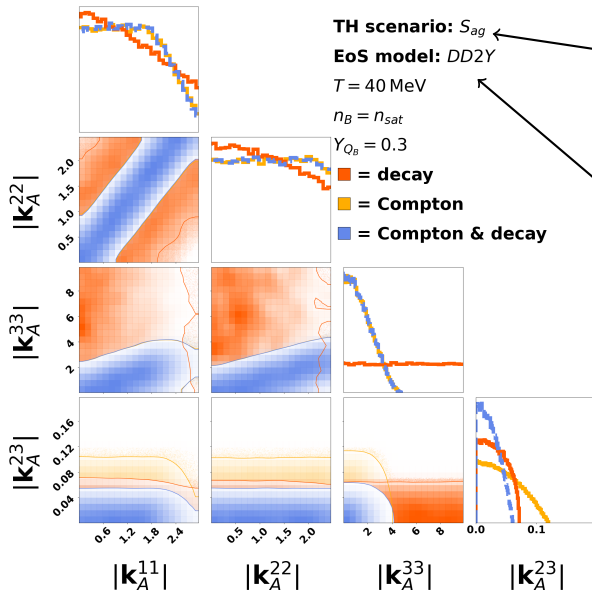
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Main findings :

- bounds on $|k_A^{23}|$
- $k_A^{ii} \leftrightarrow k_A^{jj}$

TABLE II: Q_a bounds on $|(\mathbf{k}_A)_{23,33}|$ according to the theory scenario (in parentheses) and the SN model. Bounds assume $f_a = 10^9$ GeV. The larger boldfaced (smaller) value quoted in each table entry refers to DD2Y (SFHoY).

\mathbf{k} coupling (scenario)	$n_B = n_{\text{sat}}$		$n_B = 1.5 n_{\text{sat}}$	
	30 MeV	40 MeV	30 MeV	40 MeV
$ (\mathbf{k}_A)_{23} $ (S_{ag})	0.35 0.15	0.12 0.061	0.38 0.097	0.14 0.052
$ (\mathbf{k}_A)_{33} $ (S_{ag})	8.8 8.9	4.4 4.8	5.9 3.9	3.1 2.9

k_A^{11} & k_A^{22} constrained by isolated neutron star data
[Buschmann *et al*]

These bounds are "transferred" to k_A^{33} by Q_a

- SNe are excellent probes of fundamental physics, in particular of well-motivated SM extensions
- SNe probe axion interactions not only with ordinary, but also beyond-1st-generation matter
- Progress in the understanding of the sources is necessary to go beyond crude bounds

- Better understand axion-strahlung
- Further explore the thermodynamic dependence
- ...

Thank you for your attention

$$dQ_a = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n_i} \frac{f_i d^3 \vec{p}_i}{(2\pi)^3 2E_i} \right) \left(\prod_{f=1}^{n_f} \frac{\bar{f}_f d^3 \vec{p}_f}{(2\pi)^3 2E_f} \right) |\mathcal{M}_{fi}|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(P_i - P_f)$$

Type of particle	f_k	\bar{f}_k
Axion	0	1
Bosons	$f_k = (e^{(E_k - \mu_k)/T} - 1)^{-1}$	$\bar{f}_k = 1 + f_k$
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$$= \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{q} \gamma^\mu (k_V + k_A \gamma_5) q \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{a}{f_a} \bar{q} ([k_V; M_q] + \{k_A; M_q\} \gamma_5) q + \partial_\mu O^\mu \quad (3)$$

$$k_V = k_R + k_L \quad \& \quad k_A = k_R - k_L \quad (4)$$

Conservation of charge, $k_{A,V}$ hermitian and (3) imply we can choose

$$k_A = \begin{pmatrix} k_A^{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_A^{22} & k_A^{23} \\ 0 & \bar{k}_A^{23} & k_A^{33} \end{pmatrix}, \quad k_V = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_V^{23} \\ 0 & \bar{k}_V^{23} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

7 free parameters!

To interpret our results we used two theoretical models (for QCD axion $m_a \ll T$ and $f_a = 10^9$ GeV) :

- **Flavor model** where we assume the flaxion/axiflavor model
- **Agnostic model** where we assume experimental bounds from previous analysis

$$(|k_V^{23}| < 3 \times 10^{-3}, |k_A^{23}| < 100, |k_A^{11}| < 3, |k_A^{22}| < 2.5, |k_A^{33}| ?)$$

In the agnostic model, the bounds over k_A^{11} and k_A^{22} propagate on k_A^{33} via the correlations.

The SNe core is understood as a thermodynamic system therefore dependent on local variables T , n_B and Y_e .

Local values T , n_B , Y_e make it possible to determine point per point the effective quantities according to the equation of state (EoS) here DD2Y or SFHoY (more strange matter than DD2Y) [Oertel et al, 2016]

We consider the global values T , n_B , Y_{Q_B} (Y_{Q_B} correlates with Y_e).

Different standard scenarios :

- DD2Y or SFHoY
- $T \in \{30; 40\}$ MeV
- $n_B \in \{1; 1.5\} n_{sat}$
- $Y_{Q_B} = 0.3$

which corresponds to $2 \times 2 \times 1 = 8$ SNe scenarios

$$Q_a = \alpha_V \left(\frac{|k_V^{23}|}{f_a} \right)^2 + \alpha_A \left(\frac{|k_A^{23}|}{f_a} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \alpha_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 \beta_{ij} \frac{k_A^{jj}}{f_a} \right)^2$$

$Q_a < Q_\nu$ (Raffelt bound) implies

- bounds over $|k_{A,V}^{23}|$
- new correlations between k_A^{ii}

$B_i + M \rightarrow B_f + a$ diagrams

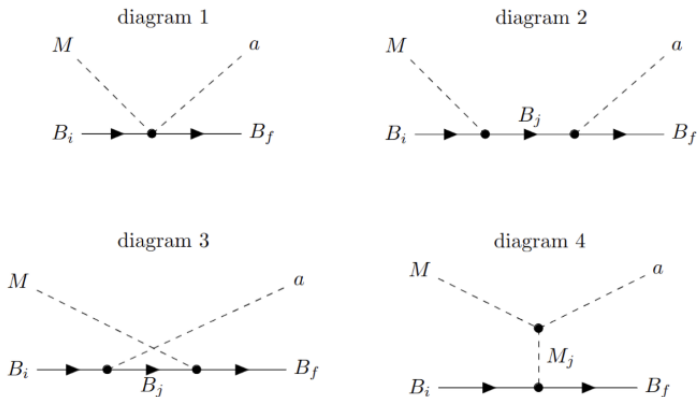


FIG. 1: The diagrams contributing to $B_i M \rightarrow B_f a$, with $B_{i,f}$ initial- or final-state octet baryons, M octet mesons, and a the axion.

