

### Matthias Schott Bread and Butter Physics



## City of Bonn

- Founded by the Romans 11 B.C. next to the Rhine River
- Middle ages: important religious centre
- Conquered by Napoleon in 1794
  - Afterwards part of Prussia
- Most famous citizen
  - Ludwig van Beethoven (1770\*)
- Capital of Germany from 1949 to 1991





## University of Bonn

### 1818: Foundation of the University

- by King Friedrich Wilhelm III.
- as partner university to Berlin
- Some Figures
  - 33.000 students
  - 6.000 PhD students
  - >600 professors in nearly all subjects
- Most successful excellence university within Germany
  - 5 Nobel-Prizes
  - 3 Field-medal winners
- ... and our own accelerator





## My Research Group in Bonn

## What could we talk about today?

### Searching for New Physics with Loops

W-Boson Properties

Light-by-Light Scattering

Strong Coupling Constant

(g-2) of the tau

### Searches for Axions

Axions at the LHC

Light Through Wall

Helioscope

### Cavity-based Searches



### Matthias Schott Search for Axion-Like Particles

Or why we did not find axion-like particles at the LHC, but might discover gravitational waves instead



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## Why Axions?

### Neutron Electric Dipole Moment

- violates P and T symmetry
- If CPT conserved, it violates CP
- Axions from Strong CP problem
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## Why Axion-Like Particles?

- "No" new physics model that does not have a gold-stone boson
  - e.g. pion in QCD
  - More general class of axion-like particles (ALPs)
    - coupling&mass are independent
- Many decay modes possible
  - This talk only covers photon decay modes
  - QCD Axion has two-photon vertex (Due to mixing with π<sup>0</sup>)
- For large enough PQ symmetry breaking scale, the axion may be the main constituent of DM



# Overview of Searches for ALPS



### Light Through Wall (LWS) Type Experiments

- Model-independence: yes
- Couplings: yes
- Mass: no / maybe
- QCD-Axion: no

- Helioscopes: Look at the sun
  - Model-independence: a bit
  - Couplings: no
  - Mass: no / maybe
  - QCD-Axion: yes





## Overview of Searches for ALPS

#### Dark Matter Searches

- Model-independence: no
- Couplings: no
- Mass: yes
- QCD-Axion: yes





- Collider Based Searches
  - Model-independence: depends
  - Couplings: depends
  - Mass: yes
  - QCD-Axion: no

# Be Careful when looking at Exclusion Plots!



- Note: Not all future experiments are shown!
- Only few experiments can probe only some very small regions of the QCD-Axion
  - ... and those are strongly model dependent.
  - ... people only zoom into the regions where they are sensitive!
  - ... it is a logarithmic plot!





## Axions at Colliders

- Many searches for light scalars ongoing, but most of them not really well motivated
- Higgs Portal could connect high energy physics with low energy phenomena
  - M. Bauer, M. Neubert, A. Thamm, Collider Probes of Axion-Like Particles
  - arXiv: 1708.00443v2
- Axion models that could explain the muonic (g-2) anomaly





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mass / eV

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• 5 GeV <  $m_A$  < 1 TeV: Light-by-light in p-p 10-2 Light-by-light scattering 10-3  $50 \text{ MeV} < m_A < 62 \text{ GeV}$ : g<sub>aγγ</sub>/GeV<sup>-1</sup> Light-by-light Anomalous Higgs boson  $10^{-4}$ In Pb-Pb decays into four photons  $10^{-5}$  $10^{-6}$ H->aa  $10^{-7}$ L  $10^{7}$  $10^{8}$  $10^{9}$  $10^{10}$  $10^{11}$ 1012

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- 5 GeV <  $m_A$  < 1 TeV:
  - Light-by-light scattering
- 50 MeV < m<sub>A</sub> < 62 GeV:
  - Anomalous Higgs boson decays into four photons
- 10 MeV < m<sub>A</sub> < 400 MeV</p>
  - Search for ALPs at the FASER experiment







## Light by Light Scattering

## Typical Di-Photon Events in ATLAS and CMS





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## Electromagnetic interactions in p+p and Pb+Pb collisions

- Typical Heavy Ion Collisions are a huge mess
- Ion and proton beams with relativistic energies generate large EM-fields
- photon-induced reactions
  - Pb ions/protons escape into the beam pipe without remnants in the ATLAS detector
- in "ultra-peripheral collisions": impact parameter is large
  - → suppress strong interactions

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[Fermi, Nuovo Cim. 2 (1925) 143] [Weizsacker, Z. Phys. 88 (1934) 612] [Williams, Phys. Rev. 45 (10 1934) 729]

## Search for Light-by-Light Scattering

- Light-by-light scattering in ultraperipheral Pb+Pb collisions
  - arxiv:1702.01625
  - arxiv:2008.05355
- Idea based of this measurement based on [D. d'Enterria et al. PRL 111 (2013) 080405]
  - Follow up in [A. Szczurek et al. PRC 93 (2016) 4, 044907]
- What do we expect in the detector?
  - Two photons and nothing else in the detector
    - $E_T > 3 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|\eta| < 2.37$
    - $m_{yy} > 6 \text{ GeV}, p_{T,yy} < 2 \text{ GeV}$
  - The Pb-ions would be scattered under a very small angle



- Veto event if it has charged tracks with hit in pixel
- Back-to-back photons
  - Acoplanarity = 1 Δφ / π < 0.01 (reduces CEP background)

## Light-by-Light Scattering Candidate





Run: 287931 Event: 461251458 2015-12-13 09:51:07 CEST



# Observation of the servation of the serv

#### 97 selected candidate events

- a signal expectation of 45
- a background expectation of 27 events
- x-sec measured in fiducial region
  - σ<sub>fid</sub> = 120±17(stat.)±13(syst.)±4(lumi.)
  - $\sigma_{SM} = 80 \pm 8 \text{ nb}$
- Light-by-light scattering results at the LHC can be reinter-pretated in upper bounds for axion-models



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## Higgs To Axion Decays

## Higgs Boson Decays into Axions

- Convention: Axions couple to Higgs
  - Inhibits a certain model dependence
- State-of-the-art photon identification does not work for
  - Highly collimated photons
  - Axions decay close to the calorimeter



#### Strategy:

- High mass range (5-60 GeV)
  - Look for 3-4 Photon events
- Low mass range (100 MeV 5 GeV)
  - Try to separate close-by photons with neural network based classifiers



# Some words on model-dependence

- Most axion models inhibit a certain model dependence
  - Exception: Axion-photon production
- Which axions could explain (g-2)µ
  - Requires coupling muons
    - Problem: wrong sign!
  - Solution: also coupling to photons
    - Wilson coefficient C<sub>yy</sub> needs to sufficiently large
- How about the assumption that axions couple to Higgs?
  - Trivially realized by loops: almost in every axion model the case
  - Sensitivity depends in the Wilson coefficient C<sub>ah</sub>, that describes the axion-Higgs coupling.
  - I used  $|C_{ah}|/\Lambda^2 = 0.01 \text{ TeV}^{-2}$





## Identify Merged Photons



NN based classifier using shower-shapes of the electromagnetic calorimeter

#### Training data

- Single Photons from Data and MC
- Merged Photons only from MC
- Systematics by varying shower shapes and  $Z \rightarrow ee \gamma$  events

# How about displaced photon signatures?

- Problem: how do we know the ATLAS detector response for displaced photons?
- Idea: Compare shower-shape variables of identified K-long decays
- Treat difference as systematic



## High Mass Region (5-62 GeV)



Prompt decays (large g<sub>ayy</sub> couplings): 4 standard "tight" photons

Super small background

- Long-lived axions (smaller g<sub>ayy</sub> coupling): >1 standard "tight" photon, 3 loose/ displaced photons
  - Background estimated using simple sideband approach

## Medium Mass Region (1-5 GeV)

- Photons from axion decays start to appear merged
  - Simultaneously study two regions
  - 1 single photon + 1 merged photon
  - 2 merged photons
- Background estimation again with a simple sideband approach









- Most stringent limits and first limits on ALP models with large lifetimes!
- Why didnt we find axions here? Well, because they are simply not there...
  - ... but there is a small parameter region left unprobed

## Low Mass Region (0.1-1 GeV) -I hereby apply for dinner!



- My summer 2023 at SUNY: Select H→γγ events (2 Single) and reinterpret the those for very low axion masses
  - Highly collinear axions will pass the standard single photon selection
  - Based only on public results only, but I hope to bring this through ATLAS :)

# We need to leave ATLAS for the Rest...









## Future Axion Searches and finally Gravitational Waves

## The FASER Experiment



- LHC was designed to search (and study) for heavy strongly coupled particles
  - Existing experiments well suited for this, and performing well
- Huge number of light SM hadrons in the LHC collisions are produced in the forward direction
  - Weakly coupled, light new particles (dark sector)
  - Weak coupling means very rarely produced, and long-lived
  - Neutrinos produced in hadron decay
  - Weak coupling means rarely interacting

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## The FASER Detector System



#### FASER is situated ~500m from the ATLAS collision point (η > 9.2)

- on the beam collision axis
- 0.6T permanent dipole magnets
- 1.5m long decay volume
- 2.5m long tracker (96 ATLAS SCTs)
- Scintillators for veto, trigger, and preshower (particle ID)
- 4 LHCb calorimeter modules
- Tungsten-emulsion FASERv detector for additional neutrino sensitivity





## Search for Axion Like Particles: Signal and Selection



Currently sensitive to axion-like particles (ALPs) coupling to SU(2)
 gauge bosons

- Mainly produced in B meson decays in our sensitivity range
- Signature: as a  $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  appearing from 'nothing' with ~TeV of energy
- Can decay anywhere in FASER

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## Search for Axion Like Particles: Signal and Selection



#### Selection

- Nothing in all 5 veto counters
- Evidence of EM shower in preshower
- > 1.5 TeV in calorimeter
- In time with LHC collision



#### Background

- Neutrino interactions
- Neutral hadrons
- Large-angle muons
- Non-collision / cosmics

Data control regions and simulation used in blinded analysis to evaluate backgrounds

## Search for Axion Like Particles: Signal Region and Limits

- New Results for Moriond 2024
- Observed 1 event in 58 fb<sup>-1</sup> after unblinding
- Expecting  $0.4 \pm 0.4$  from CC v interactions in pre-shower
- Probing new parameter space of this ALPs Model
- Further Information:
  - https://faser.web.cern.ch/physics/ publications



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### Recap of Searches with Cavities: ADMX, Haystack

- Galactic halo axion (or ALP DM)
  - photon conversion in cavity within a Bfield if resonant
  - Galactic halo axions have speeds
     β=10<sup>-3:</sup> 1.2 kHz spread in frequency

- Experimental Challenges
  - Signal Power: P=10<sup>-24</sup>W
  - Only few kHz band-width can be observed at one time
  - Scanning required (tunable Cavity)





- Use new 14T Magnet with a bore diameter of 100 mm
- Idea: To reduce noise, use a superconducting cavity
  - First time for an axion search experiment
  - Signal Power 10-24W,
  - Q-Factor 10<sup>6</sup>



- Study only one frequency: 8-10 GHz
   30 μeV to 40 μeV
  - Advantage: We do not need to tune the cavity and keep the Q-Factor high
  - Disadvantage: we need to be extremely lucky that we search at the right axion mass



## SUPAX: First Results and expected Sensitivity

- Dark Photons can convert within the SUPAX Cavity without B-field
  - First run sets limits on mixing parameter  $\chi < 9.88 \cdot 10^{-14}$  for m<sub>A</sub>=34.34 µeV
- Expect first data-taking with magnet in the coming months
  - Close to QCD Axion band when scanning one frequency
  - Developments for tunable cavity are ongoing
- ... does this experiment makes sense?
  - Yes, because it is interesting R&D for superconducting cavities
  - ... and clearly for HFGW





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### GravNet

A first dedicated effort probing high-frequency gravitational waves https://www.pi.uni-bonn.de/gravnet/

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Source

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- HFGWs may sweep through frequency space GravNet Built the optimal detector for one frequency
- HFGWs yield coherent signals across Earth (2) Built a network of optimal detectors

### How does a network of detectors help?





#### Input data of one cavity

- FFT of data in time-intervals
- Signal power per time-interval as time-series
- Future: Use directly recorded voltage as input
- Combine data of all cavities/experiments using an attention NN

**GravNet** - If you have a magnet on site, we are happy to provide you with a GW detector



### How to get even more sensitive?

 Signal Power of the axion in the cavity is given by

$$P_{\text{sig}} = \left(\frac{g_{\gamma}\alpha_{em}}{\pi}\right)^2 \frac{(\hbar c)^3 \rho_a}{\Lambda^4} \frac{B^2 \beta}{\left(1+\beta\right)^2} Q_0 V C_{010} \frac{2\pi f_0}{\mu_0}$$

- Large volume and high magnetic fields drive the sensitivity
- Where can we find large volumes with high magnetic fields?
  CMS!
- Problem: I guess CMS doesn't want to give up its LHC physics program
  - <u>e-Print: 2209.12024</u> (in case you want to know what one could get)
  - ... Let's see what the future brings







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## Summary

#### ALPs are certainly a hot topic

- Gravitational Waves might be even hotter
- Lets combine efforts! GravNet is open to new members

#### Some personal statements

- Search for vaguely motivated new particles seems to me a waste of time during HLLHC
  - LHC searches will (have to) move to search for long-lived particles
- IMHO: The future lies in precision physics!
  - Lepton collider

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Thanks to the ERC, which allowed this research

## Light Through Wall

#### EDM in QCD

Chavacteristic scale of QCD When yet's it strong AQCD ~ 200 HeV ( $m_{T}$ ) L) A GCD ~ 10<sup>-15</sup> m Grank Charge 9=113 Li Idul ~ 10<sup>-17</sup> m  $\frac{1}{3} \cdot O$ Lismall<sup>e</sup> More defailed Idul ~ 1... 10. 70<sup>-16</sup> Occum

$$L S W$$
spin-1
$$Spin-0$$

$$V$$

$$Roa = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$Roba = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$R$$

affe we : 
$$qL \ll \pi \Rightarrow F:\pi$$
  
 $N_{Dql}^{\delta} = H_{Lager}^{\delta} \cdot \eta \cdot P^{2} =$   
 $= H_{Loor}^{\delta} \cdot \frac{\pi}{42} \cdot B^{4} \cdot L^{4} \cdot g_{Add}^{\delta}$   
Limit ven  $g \cdot g_{egg} ban dorch$   
 $g_{Add} \leq \left(\frac{N_{Der}^{\delta}}{\mu_{Lobr}^{\delta}}\right) \cdot 2 \cdot B^{-1} L^{-7}$   
Reiffiel:  
 $N_{Lager}^{\delta} = 3 \cdot 10^{-16} \left(\frac{Phhon}{10}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot B^{-1} L^{-7}$   
 $B_{Heg} rive = 0.00 \ \pi T = 0.2 \ ev^{2}$   
 $L_{Heg} rive = 0.01 \ m = 5 \cdot 10^{-4} \ ev$   
Sensilivilat - Aye:  $\pi \cos \sigma$   
 $L_{3} = g_{AIX} \leq \pi \cos \sigma$ 

### Robert A J Matthews (Birmingham) Eur.J.Phys.16 (1995)







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Torque and lever force  $m\left(\frac{\alpha^{\prime}}{2}+S^{\prime}\right)\dot{\omega}=-m_{g}S\ cor\ \theta\qquad(3)$ We can derive a relation between  $\omega$  and  $\theta$  $(3) \cdot 2 \omega$ 2w ( - + S') i + 2wg Scor 0 = 0 26 ( a? + S2) 6 + 26 g Scor 6 = 0 ( -1 - S ) 02 - 29 Srin 0 = 0 =) w<sup>2</sup> = 295 a1 + 52 sin 6 Introduce overhanging parameter Sina (O(h fr) Central Toast Formula  $w^{2} = \frac{6}{a} \cdot \frac{n}{1+3w^{2}} \sin \theta$  (4) (4) gives the angle velocity once the toast is detached. If the velocity is large enough, the toast will rotate more than  $3\pi/2-\phi$ , i.e. lands for sure on the jam-side up Lanole al defactiment 4:60 =) jam-up condition: w.2) 37 - 4 (5) with  $\tau = \sqrt{\frac{2(h-2n)}{9}}$  (6)  $\begin{pmatrix} g = \ddot{\lambda} \\ = \lambda & g \neq 1 \\ = \lambda & g \neq 1$ 

What is the angle at which the sliding occurs? Force down must be larger than friction force F=NR From (1), (2), (4) follows my own  $\phi$  ) archan  $\left[\frac{\mu}{1+g_{1}^{2}}\right]$  (also lation  $\left(\frac{\mu(\gamma_{1})n'}{2}\right)$ What is the free-falling angular rotation rate  $\omega_0$ ? - What happens after sliding?  $P_n \in (G - \alpha(n + \varepsilon))$ (4 P2 Slightly non over hanging P2 has rotationally-induced having the provided horizontal velocity component a.E.w.sind Sliding brings this point over the table => detachment P2 is essentially unchanged from initial conditions - Free falling rotation rate is given by  $w_o^2 = \frac{G_{\theta}}{\alpha} \left[ \frac{\gamma_o}{\gamma + 3n^2} \right] \sin \phi \quad (P)$ Calculate lower limit of no to avoid jam side down - set  $\phi = \pi/2$  (highest rotation speed) use (5), (6) and (8)  $n_{0}$ )  $\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 12 \alpha^{1}}}{\alpha^{1}}$  with  $d = \frac{\pi^{2}}{12 (\frac{1}{2} - 2)}$