#### REAPR Resonantly Enhanced Axion Photon Regeneration

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### Axions

 Postulated in the late 1970s as a consequence of not observing CP violation in the strong interaction.

$$L_{CP} = -\frac{\alpha_{s}}{8\pi} (\Theta - \arg \det M_{q}) \operatorname{Tr} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}$$
$$0 \le \Theta \le 2\pi$$

- The measurement of the electric dipole of the neutron implies  $\overline{\Theta}$  < ~10<sup>-10</sup>. => Strong CP Problem of QCD
  - This is very much on the same order of an issue with the Standard Model as the hierarchy problem that motivates supersymmetry.
  - Axions originate from a new symmetry that explains small  $\overline{\Theta}$

Bjorken "Axions are just as viable a candidate for dark matter as sparticles" Wilczek "If not axions, please tell me how to solve the Strong-CP problem" Witten "Axions may be intrinsic to the structure of string theory"

### Axions

- Axion mass related to the pion mass:  $m_a \sim m_\pi f_\pi/f_a$
- Axions couple to two photons

Photon coupling  

$$L_{a\gamma} = -\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4}F\tilde{F}a = g_{a\gamma}\vec{E}\cdot\vec{B}a \qquad a - - -f_{\gamma}\rho_{\gamma}\rho_{\gamma}\gamma \qquad a - - -f_{\gamma}\rho_{\gamma}\rho_{\gamma}\gamma \qquad Baffelt$$

 An axion-like-particle (ALP) is a more general particle that can arise from either a pseudoscalar or scalar field, φ, and no longer has the connection to the pion.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\phi}{M} F_{\mu\nu} \widetilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\phi}{M} (\vec{\vec{E}} \cdot \vec{\vec{B}})$$
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\phi}{M} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\phi}{M} (\vec{\vec{E}} \cdot \vec{\vec{E}} - \vec{\vec{B}} \cdot \vec{\vec{B}})$$

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## PVLAS Experiment (2006)

 Designed to study the vacuum by optical means: birefringence (generated ellipticity) and dichroism (rotated polarization)





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#### **PVLAS** Rotation Results



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#### **PVLAS ALP Interpretation**

A new axion-like particle with mass at 1.2 meV and  $g\sim 2\times 10^{-6}$  is consistent with rotation and ellipticity measurements.



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#### milli-eV Mass Scale

- milli-eV (10<sup>-3</sup>) eV mass scale arises in various areas in modern particle physics.
  - Dark Energy density
    - $\Lambda^4 = 7 \times 10^{-30} \text{ g/cm}^3 \sim (2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^4$
  - Neutrinos
    - $(\Delta m_{21})^2 = (9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^2$
    - $(\Delta m_{32})^2 = (50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^2$
  - See-saw with the TeV scale
    - meV ~ TeV<sup>2</sup>/ $M_{planck}$
  - Dark Matter Candidates
    - Certain SUSY sparticles (low mass gravitino)
    - Axions and axion-like particles

# Motivation and target

- We had two points of motivation
  - PVLAS anomaly
  - milli-eV new particles that couple to photons
- Search for New Physics on par with Dark Matter experimental efforts
- We also had a target with goals to unambiguously test the suggested PVLAS ALP interpretation
- Similar to DM efforts testing SUSY

# Light Shining Through a Wall



$$P_{regen}^{GammeV} = (3.9 \times 10^{-21}) \times \frac{(B_1/5 \text{ T})^2 (B_2/5 \text{ T})^2 (\omega/2.33 \text{ eV})^4}{(M/4 \times 10^5 \text{ GeV})^4 (m_{\phi}/1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^8} \\ \times \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{(m_{\phi}/1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^2 (L_1/2.0 \text{ m})}{(\omega/2.33 \text{ eV})}\right) \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{(m_{\phi}/1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^2 (L_2/2.0 \text{ m})}{(\omega/2.33 \text{ eV})}\right)$$

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#### GammeV Collaboration

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Ten person team including a summer student, 3 postdocs, 2 accelerator / laser experts, 4 experimentalists (nearly everyone had a day job) PLUS technical support at FNAL

Nov 2006 : Initial discussion and design (Aaron Chou, WW leaders) Apr 2007 : Review and approval from Fermilab (\$30K budget!) May 2007 : Acquire and machine parts Jun 2007 : Assemble parts, test electronics and PMT calibration Jul 2007 : First data but magnet and laser problems

- Aug 2007 : Start data taking in earnest
- Sep 2007 : Complete data taking and analysis
- Jan 2008 : PRL Accepted

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## Apparatus

**G**amme**V** was located on a test stand at Fermilab' s Maget Test Facility. Two shifts/day of cryogenic operations were supported.

Laser box /

Tevatron magnet





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port

Vacuum

Cryogenic magnet feed can Cryogenic magnet return can

#### Vary wall position to change baseline: Tune to the correct oscillation length

![](_page_13_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Vary wall position to change baseline: Tune to the correct oscillation length

![](_page_14_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### GammeV Results

Spin	Position	# Laser pulse	# photon / pulse	Expected Background	Signal Candidates
Scalar	Center	1.34 M	0.41e18	1.56±0.04	1
Scalar	1 m	1.47M	0.38e18	1.67±0.04	0
Pseudo	Center	1.43M	0.41e18	1.59±0.04	1
Pseudo	1m	1.47M	0.42e18	1.50±0.04	2

![](_page_15_Figure_2.jpeg)

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# GammeV Limits

 Results are derived. We show 3σ exclusion regions and completely rule out the PVLAS axion-like particle interpretation by more than 5σ.
 Pseudoscalar
 Scalar

![](_page_16_Figure_2.jpeg)

 Job is done. Limit generally improves slowly (4<sup>th</sup> root) vs. longer running time, or increased laser power, etc.
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### Other experiments worldwide

![](_page_17_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_17_Figure_2.jpeg)

configurations of LSW technique.

ALPS

PLB 689, **149** (2010)

![](_page_17_Figure_6.jpeg)

#### LSW as an intensity frontier experiment

- LSW uses
  - An intense beam of photons
  - New Physics weakly coupled to ordinary matter
  - Detection of a non-SM rare process = discovery
- LSW hindered by 4<sup>th</sup> root of the coupling constant due to production and regeneration but there are positives to purely lab exp't.
- Coupling to photons opens several experimental options using modern lasers and optical techniques

# Motivation for $g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} \sim 10^{-(11ish)}$

#### Anomalous observation of high energy gamma rays

![](_page_19_Figure_2.jpeg)

 High energy gamma rays can penetrate the opaque wall of background photons by converting into axions at the source, and then reconverting into photons in the galaxy.

#### Large uncertainties and so this is just a hint that there might be possible New Physics.

# **REAPR:** Future LSW

Resonantly enhanced axion-photon regeneration

![](_page_20_Figure_2.jpeg)

F. Hoogeveen and T. Ziegenhagen, Nucl. Phys. B **358**, 3 (1991) Mueller, Sikivie, Tanner, van Bibber, Phys. Rev. D **80**, 072004 (2009) Phys. Rev. Lett. **98**, 172002 (2007)

 $\mathcal{F}$  factor of 10^5

**Prob**(regeneration):

magnetic field length

30 -> 360 Tm (x12)

0-bkgd int time (x3)

finesse factor:  $\mathcal{FF}$ 

(x300)

Linearly:

1⁄4 - root:

Production cavity:  $\mathcal{F}^{\text{fa}}$ High finesse amplifies forward moving photons x  $\mathcal{F}$ Regeneration cavity:

E field of regenerated photon amplified until

quantum measurement -> E2 proportional to  $\mathcal{FF}$ 

#### Measurement device:

loose a factor of  $\mathcal F$  for regenerated photon to be detected

## GRIM REAPR

"This time we mow the axion down for good"

![](_page_21_Picture_2.jpeg)

# **REAPR** Requirements

![](_page_22_Figure_1.jpeg)

- Optimize magnetic field length Talk by P. Mazur
- High finesse cavities Talk by D. Tanner
- Cavities locked to each other with no leakage from the generation cavity
- Need sensitive photon detection

### Possible reach

![](_page_23_Figure_1.jpeg)

Baseline design with BL=180 Tesla-meters, with F=3 10<sup>5</sup>, P=10W, Integration time T=30 days.

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## R&D Phase

- Magnets
  - We are "on the list" for Tevatron magnets
  - Explore possible modifications to magnets
  - Preliminary discussions on the scope to operate a magnet string
- Optical cavities
  - Synergy with the Fermilab holometer project
- Optical bench and signal detection
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  - To-be proposed demonstrator

### **Tevatron Magnets**

• Besides those in the Tevatron, there are existing spares

![](_page_25_Picture_2.jpeg)

- More important is magnet infrastructure at Fermilab
- Not excluded ... new high field magnets

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# Strawperson optical design

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

- Use two lasers.
- Laser 1 injects power into generation cavity
- Laser 2 is offset locked to Laser 1
- Offset frequency  $\Omega$  = integer \* FSR of the cavities
- Regeneration cavity is PDH locked to Laser 2
- Laser 2 used to for heterodyne readout of signal in regeneration cavity

G. Mueller (D. Tanner, Univ of FL, DOE Intensity Frontier Workshop)

# Spin-off from GammeV

- The Fermilab Holometer.
  - Two 40m long interferometers to test for a possible jitter in space-time.

![](_page_27_Figure_3.jpeg)

## 40 m cavity at FNAL

![](_page_28_Picture_1.jpeg)

# 40 m cavity in lock

End station vacuum vessels hold custom optical cavity mirrors and eventually beamsplitters

U.Chicago graduate students R.Lanza, L.McCuller

Spot on input mirror

![](_page_29_Picture_4.jpeg)

#### Have not fully studied 5ppm mirrors

#### **Seismic Noise**

![](_page_29_Figure_7.jpeg)

#### TEM00 cavity mode

![](_page_29_Figure_9.jpeg)

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# Optical bench demonstrator

#### One possibility

- Univ of Florida to build optical bench to test/develop locking scheme and readout.
- FNAL supplies permanent magnets (0.5T 2m)
- Perform ALP search

![](_page_30_Figure_5.jpeg)

 Possibility exists to bring optical bench to FNAL to first do a resonant regeneration hidden sector photon search (new phase space for lower mass HSPs).

## Conclusions

- Fermilab has published results on axion-like particles and also chameleons.
- Next experiments such as REAPR are much more ambitious and we are starting to get experience with optical cavities and interferometers. We have a R&D path.
- New ideas are frequent and might lead to experiments not yet thought of such as holographic noise.
- GammeV has trained two postdocs (now Wilson fellows) and the third postdoc, Jason Steffen, lead the GammeV-CHASE experiment. In addition, we worked with two young theorists who now have permanent jobs!
- Nature picks its own parameters. Relatively low cost, high risk, but high payoff physics has an appropriate place.

# Axion and WISP momentum

- Hidden sector photons, axions, and WISPs working group at the DOE Physics at the Intensity Frontier Workshop
- Vistas in Axions (April 2012, Seattle)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Patras Workshop (July 18-22, Chicago)

![](_page_32_Figure_4.jpeg)

Registration now open axion-wimp.desy.de