Astrophysics shedding light on exotic light states.

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[Quanta (2015)]

Collider searches

Direct detection





Low-energy probes







Astrophysics



Light fractionally charged particles & their possible non-perturbative production in compact astrophysical objects...











[Vogel, Redondo (2013); Fundamental Physics at the Intensity Frontier (2012)]





$$\varphi$$

$$q_f(k^2 \simeq \omega_P^2) \simeq \frac{\mu^2}{\omega_P^2} q_f(k^2 \simeq 0)$$

[Masso, Redondo (2006); Melchiorri, Polosa & Strumia (2007); Abel, Jaeckel, Khoze & Ringwald (2008)...]

Non-perturbative Production



Schwinger Pair Production





[Schwinger (1951),...]





[Goldreich & Julian (1969),...]

Schwinger Pair Production In Electric & Magnetic Fields

$$\Gamma_{\chi\bar{\chi}}^{\rm EB} = \frac{\epsilon^2 e^2 EB}{4\pi^2 \hbar^2} \coth\left[\frac{\pi cB}{E}\right] \exp\left[-\frac{\pi m_{\chi}^2 c^3}{\hbar \epsilon eE}\right]$$

[Nikishov (1970), Korwar & AT (2018)...]

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Neutron Star Vacuum Gaps & Electric Fields



$$|\vec{E}_{\rm NS,PG}| = \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{\rm NS} B_{\rm NS} R_{\rm NS} \cos^3 \theta$$

[Goldreich & Julian (1969); Handbook of Pulsar Astronomy (2005)]



Energetics

 $\int d\mathcal{V} \left[\frac{d^2 \mathcal{E}_{\text{\tiny RL}}}{dt \, d\mathcal{V}} + \frac{d^2 \mathcal{E}_{\text{\tiny SPP}}^{\chi \bar{\chi}}}{dt \, d\mathcal{V}} \right] \lesssim \int d\mathcal{V} \frac{1}{\mathcal{T}_{\text{\tiny M}}} \left| \frac{\vec{B}_{\text{\tiny M}}^2}{2\mu_0} + \frac{\epsilon_0 \vec{E}_{\text{\tiny M,PG}}^2}{2} \right|$

 $\epsilon~\lesssim~10^{-12}$

$$\frac{d^2 \mathcal{E}_{\rm SPP}^{\chi\bar{\chi}}}{dt \ dV} = \Gamma_{\chi\bar{\chi}}^{\rm EB} \epsilon e |\vec{E}_{\rm M,PG}| l_0 + \Gamma_{\chi\bar{\chi}}^{\rm EB} \epsilon e |\vec{E}_{\rm M,PG}'| (l-l_0)$$

$$\left\langle \int d\mathcal{V} \frac{d^2 \mathcal{E}_{\text{RL}}}{dt \, d\mathcal{V}} \right\rangle_{\text{M}}^{\text{PQXR}} = 4.3 \times 10^{34} \, \text{ergs s}^{-1}$$

[McGill Magnetar Catalog (2016)]

Limits



[Korwar & AT (2017)]

(Magnetically charged Particles)

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 $\partial_{\mu}F^{\mu
u} = -eJ^{
u} \ , \ \ \partial_{\mu}\tilde{F}^{\mu
u} = -gK^{
u}$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{n^{\alpha}n^{\mu}}{2n^{2}} \Big[\eta^{\beta\nu} \big(F^{A}_{\alpha\beta}F^{A}_{\mu\nu} + F^{\tilde{A}}_{\alpha\beta}F^{\tilde{A}}_{\mu\nu} \big) - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu}{}^{\nu\gamma\delta} \big(F^{\tilde{A}}_{\alpha\nu}F^{A}_{\gamma\delta} - F^{A}_{\alpha\nu}F^{\tilde{A}}_{\gamma\delta} \big) \Big] \\ - eJ_{\mu}A^{\mu} - \frac{4\pi}{e} K_{\mu}\tilde{A}^{\mu} .$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{n^{\alpha}}{n^{2}} \left(n_{\mu} F^{A}_{\alpha\nu} - n_{\nu} F^{A}_{\alpha\mu} - \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha}{}^{\beta} n^{\gamma} F^{\tilde{A}}_{\gamma\beta} \right)$$

[Zwanziger (1971)]

Kinetic mixing & Milli magnetically charged particles

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{\text{MMM}} \supset &-\frac{n^{\alpha}n^{\mu}}{2n^{2}} \Big[\eta^{\beta\nu} \big(F^{A}_{\alpha\beta}F^{A}_{\mu\nu} + F^{\tilde{A}}_{\alpha\beta}F^{\tilde{A}}_{\mu\nu} \big) - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu}{}^{\nu\gamma\delta} \big(F^{\tilde{A}}_{\alpha\nu}F^{A}_{\gamma\delta} - F^{A}_{\alpha\nu}F^{\tilde{A}}_{\gamma\delta} \big) \Big] - eJ_{\mu}A^{\mu} - \frac{4\pi}{e} K_{\mu}\tilde{A}^{\mu} \\ &- \frac{n^{\alpha}n^{\mu}}{2n^{2}} \Big[\eta^{\beta\nu} \big(F^{A}_{\text{D}\alpha\beta}F^{A}_{\text{D}\mu\nu} + F^{\tilde{A}}_{\text{D}\alpha\beta}F^{\tilde{A}}_{\text{D}\mu\nu} \big) - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu}{}^{\nu\gamma\delta} \big(F^{\tilde{A}}_{\text{D}\alpha\nu}F^{A}_{\text{D}\gamma\delta} - F^{A}_{\text{D}\alpha\nu}F^{\tilde{A}}_{\text{D}\gamma\delta} \big) \Big] \\ &- \frac{m^{2}_{\text{D}A}}{2} A_{\text{D}\mu}A^{\mu}_{\text{D}} - e_{\text{D}}J_{\text{D}\mu}A^{\mu}_{\text{D}} - \frac{4\pi}{e_{\text{D}}}K_{\text{D}\mu}\tilde{A}^{\mu}_{\text{D}} + \chi \frac{n^{\alpha}n^{\mu}}{n^{2}} \eta^{\beta\nu} \big(F^{A}_{\text{D}\alpha\beta}F^{A}_{\mu\nu} - F^{\tilde{A}}_{\text{D}\alpha\beta}F^{\tilde{A}}_{\mu\nu} \big) \;. \end{split}$$

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[Zwanziger (1971), Terning et. al. (2019)]

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[Anson & Huang (2017)]

Magnetic-field-induced quadrupole moments



[Chandrasekhar & Fermi (1953), Ferraro (1953),...]

$$B_r = B_0 \cos \theta \qquad B_\theta = -B_0 \sin \theta \qquad (r < R) \quad ,$$

$$B_r = B_0 \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^3 \cos \theta \qquad B_\theta = \frac{1}{2} B_0 \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^3 \sin \theta \qquad (r > R) \quad .$$

$$r(\cos \theta) = R + \zeta P_l(\cos \theta) \quad (\zeta \ll R)$$

$$\delta E = \frac{3}{25} \left(\frac{\zeta}{R}\right)^2 \frac{GM^2}{R} + \frac{9}{20} \zeta B_0^2 R^2$$



Magnetic fields generically lead to a quadrupole deformation

> [Chandrasekhar & Fermi (1953), Ferraro (1953),...]

Quadrupole ellipticities

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_{Q} = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{\tilde{Q}_{33}}{I_3}$$

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_{Q}^{\text{const.}} = \frac{2}{15} \frac{B^2}{B_*^2}$$

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_{Q}^{\text{l-poly.}} = \frac{36\pi^5 (12 - \pi^2)}{5(\pi^2 - 6)^3} \frac{B^2}{B_*^2}$$

[Haskell (2007),...]

[Ushomirsky et. al. (2000), Owen et. al. (2005), Lasky et. al. (2015), LIGO/ VIRGO (2019)...]

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_{\mathrm{Q}}^{\mathrm{Obs.~GRB}} \lesssim 10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$$



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$$10^{11} \text{ K} \rightarrow 10^{6} \text{ K}$$

over a few thousand years



[Shapiro & Teukolsky (1983), Vigano et. al. (2013),...]

Finite temperature Schwinger pair production

[Korwar & AT (2018)]

Exponential enhancement compared to zero
 temperature
 Presence of a critical temperature below which
 thermal enhancements switch off.

[Gies (1999), Brown (2015), Medina & Ogilvie (2017), Gould & Rajantie (2017), Korwar & AT (2018),...]



[Chandra, Korwar & AT (2019)]



[Chandra, Korwar & AT (2019)]

Continuous gravitational waves

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{k}}^{TT}_{ij} = \frac{1}{r} \hat{\Lambda}_{ij;kl}(\hat{n}) \frac{2G}{c^4} \ddot{\mathcal{Q}}_{kl} \left(t - \frac{r}{c} \right)$$

$$\begin{split} h_{+} &= h_{0} \sin \alpha \Big[\frac{1}{2} \cos \alpha \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \Omega_{\rm NS} t_{r} - \sin \alpha \frac{1 + \cos^{2} \theta}{2} \cos 2 \Omega_{\rm NS} t_{r} \Big] ,\\ h_{\times} &= h_{0} \sin \alpha \Big[\frac{1}{2} \cos \alpha \sin \theta \sin \Omega_{\rm NS} t_{r} - \sin \alpha \cos \theta \sin 2 \Omega_{\rm NS} t_{r} \Big] . \end{split}$$

$$k_0 = -rac{6G}{c^4} ilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{33}rac{\Omega_{
m \scriptscriptstyle NS}^2}{r} \; .$$

[Ipser (1971), Thorne (1980), Bonazzola & Gourgoulhon (1996)...] Continuous gravitational waves

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$$h_0 = -\frac{6G}{c^4} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{33} \frac{\Omega_{\rm NS}^2}{r} . \qquad \qquad B^2 \propto \frac{P\dot{P}}{\sin^2 \alpha}$$

[Ipser (1971), Thorne (1980), Bonazzola & Gourgoulhon (1996)...]

 $h_0^{2\Omega_{\rm NS}} \simeq 10^{-31} \,\mathfrak{D}\left(\frac{R_{\rm NS}}{10\,{\rm km}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{{
m kpc}}{r}\right) \left(\frac{{
m s}}{P}\right) \left(\frac{P}{10^{-11}}\right)$

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[Chandra, Korwar & AT (2019)]







[ATNF pulsar Catalog (2005)]

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[Chandra, Korwar & AT (2019)]

J1714-3810hg10a B0540-69shh84 [ATNF pulsar Catalog (2005)] $h_0 \gtrsim 10^{-26} - 10^{-27}$, [10 Hz, 100 Hz] [LIGO/VIRGO] $h_0 \gtrsim 10^{-24} - 10^{-26}$, [10 Hz, 100 Hz][ET]

Millisecond Magnetars





Very small time periods & extremely large Magnetic fields

 $P_0 \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \,\mathrm{ms} \qquad B_0 \sim 10^{16} \,\mathrm{G}$

[Dai et. al. (1998), Metzger et. al. (2011) Rowlinson et. al. (2013),...]

Neutron star magnetic field and spin-down evolution



[Chandra, Korwar & AT (2019)]

Millisecond Magnetar early stage continuous GWs with MMMs



[Chandra, Korwar & AT (2019)]

Millisecond Magnetar early stage continuous GWs with MMMs

 h_0

 Γ_T



 $rac{\dot{T}_{ ext{\tiny NS}}(t)}{\dot{B}(t)} \gtrsim rac{\xi g}{2m} \; .$

 Γ_0

 $T_C(m,\xi,B) \equiv \frac{\xi g B}{2m}$



- The extreme environments in compact stellar objects, such as neutron stars, provide avenues for testing novel effects inaccessible to terrestrial experiments, as well as putting limits on new physics.
- Energetic, magnetic & spin-down evolution in Magnetars, for instance, may place novel, non-trivial constraints on milli electrically charged particles via their non-perturbative production.
- Energetic arguments place stringent limits on milli magnetic
 monopoles, as well.
- Non perturbative production of milli magnetic monopoles in neutron stars could alter the evolution of the magnetic-field-induced quadrupole moments.
- Early stage continuous gravitational waves from millisecond Magnetars therefore may contain characteristic imprints, distinct from conventional astrophysical ones, that will be signatures for these exotic states.



Backup slides



[Snowmass (2013)]



[Snowmass (2013)]

