Cosmological search of axion dark matter

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Learning QCD from cosmology





- Expansion history of Universe
- Drop of Ω_{gw} at f ~ 10-7Hz
- PBH abundance w/M $_{\odot}$

Through dark matter ?



if 1st order PT : Production of GWs, Magnetic fields ...

Axion dark matter



Axion as dark matter

- T ~ f Symmetry breaking

azimuthal symmetry axion is massless



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- T ~ 0.1 GeV

Axion acquires potential through the non-perturbative effect of QCD matters.

→ dark matter

No number changing process $\rho_a \sim m_a n_a \propto 1/(Volume)$



Topological susceptibility

Effective field theory treatment Free energy : $F(\theta, T) = -\ln Z/V$

 $V_{\text{eff}} \sim F(\theta, T) - F(0, T)$ $\theta = \frac{\phi}{f} \qquad \qquad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \qquad \qquad F(\theta, T) - F(0, T) \sim \frac{1}{2} \chi(T) \theta^2$ $\mathcal{L} \ni \theta q(x) \qquad q(x) \equiv \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi^2} \theta F_{\mu\nu a} F^{\mu\nu a}$ $\chi = \int d^4x \langle q(x)q(0) \rangle_{\theta=0}$ $m_a^2(T)f^2 = \chi(T)$ QCD meets cosmology

 $T \propto 1/a$

Temperature dep. axion potential from QCD dynamics

$$V(\theta, T) = \frac{\chi(T)}{\chi(T=0)} V_0(\theta)$$

Axion abundance



(Misalignment) Axion abundance



2 axion scenarios

i) PQ symmetry was broken during inflation $f \ge H_{inf}$



ii) PQ symmetry got broken after inflation $f < H_{inf}$



AMC formation in post-inflationary scenario



Axion minicluster (AMC) search

- Microlensing
- Pulsar Timing array

.... and so on





Kolb&Tkacev(95), Fairbairn et al. (17), Dai&Miralda–Escude(19)



If yes, a detection of AMC gives the upper bound on *f*.

$f < H_{inf}/2\pi < 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$ (PLANCK/BICEP/Keck)



Fukunaga, Kitajima & Y.U.(20), Kitajima, Kogai, Y.U. (in prep.)

PQ symmetry broken during inflation $f \ge H_{inf}$



- ✓- Direct int.
 - Indirect int. via gravity (clustering) Arvanitaki et al. (19)

2) Self interaction $\lambda \phi^4$ ($\lambda < 0$) attractive force for $\phi/f \sim \pi$

Direct interaction w/QCD matters (~ radiation)



Indirect interaction w/QCD matters (~ radiation)



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Through eq.

$$\nabla_{\mu}T^{\mu}{}_{\nu(\text{axion})} = -\nabla_{\mu}T^{\mu}{}_{\nu(\text{rad})}$$

$$\uparrow$$
indirect
direct

Linear perturbation

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at longitudinal gauge

 $\delta \phi$: Inhomogeneity of axion Φ : Gravitational potential

Equations

 $\begin{array}{l} \partial_t^2 \delta \phi + 3H \partial_t \delta \phi + \left(\frac{k}{a}\right)^2 \delta \phi + V_{\phi\phi} \delta \phi + 4\dot{\phi} \partial_t \Phi - 2V_{\phi} \Phi + V_{\phi\rho} \delta \rho_{\rm r} = 0\\ \text{incl. self-int.} \quad \text{indirect int.} \quad \text{direct int.} \\ \Delta \Phi \sim 4\pi G \delta \rho \quad + \text{GR corrections} \end{array}$

 $\underline{\mathsf{IC}}$ $\Delta\equiv\pi-\phi_i/f$ (+ slow-roll initial velocity)

 $\pi = \sum_{n=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n}$



Linear perturbation: $\Delta = O(1)$

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$$\partial_{t}^{2}\delta\phi + 3H\partial_{t}\delta\phi + \left(\frac{k}{a}\right)^{2}\delta\phi + \frac{V_{\phi\phi}\delta\phi}{10^{4}} + \frac{4\dot{\phi}\partial_{t}\Phi - 2V_{\phi}\Phi}{10^{4}} + \frac{V_{\phi\phi}\delta\rho}{10^{4}} = 0$$

no self-int. indirect int. direct int.
(axion) $V_{\phi\rho_{r}} \neq 0$, $V_{\phi\phi} \sim m^{2}$ (ALP like) $V_{\phi\rho_{r}} = 0$, $V_{\phi\phi} \sim m^{2}$
$$\int_{k=10^{4}}^{10^{4}} \frac{10^{4}}{k=10^{4}} \frac{10^{4}}{10^{4}} \frac{10^{4}}{k=10^{4}} \frac{10^{4}}{10^{4}} \frac{10^{4}}{10^{4$$

 ζ^{p} ~Primordial amplitude (of radiation)

Significance of direct interaction



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Arvanitaki et al. (19)

$\delta \rho_{\rm rad} / \rho_{\rm rad} \sim \text{const. oscillation}$

 Φ ~ decaying oscillation

 $\Delta \Phi \sim 4\pi G \delta \rho \sim 4\pi G \delta \rho_{\rm rad}$ $\Phi \sim (\delta \rho_{\rm rad} / \rho_{\rm rad}) \times (aH/k)^2 \propto (\delta \rho_{\rm rad} / \rho_{\rm rad}) \times a^{-2}$

(in subhorizon)

Impact of self-interaction

Floquet theorem (1883) axion in coherent oscillation \rightarrow resonant growth $\delta\phi \propto e^{\mu_k m t}$

10 strong 9 1.8 8 1.6 7 1.4 1.2 6 interaction 0.8 4 0.6 3 0.4 2 0.2 0 weak 8 9 10 0 IR wave number L JV/

Parametric Resonance in cosmology

Cosmic expansion makes Bose enhancement inefficient.

$$q(t) \propto \phi_{bg}^{\#}(t) \propto \rho_{bg}^{\#\#}(t) \quad (\#, \#\# > 0) \qquad A_k(t) \sim \left(\frac{k}{a(t)m}\right)^2$$
Time scale of \checkmark

$$= 1/H_{osc}$$
Time scale of exp.growth
$$= \text{Period of oscillation}$$

$$\mathcal{T}' = 2\pi/m$$

0

2

3 4 5 6 7

8

9 10

Parametric Resonance in cosmology



 $V(\phi) \sim m^2 \phi^2$

Onset of oscillation

 $H_{\rm osi} \sim m$ $T \sim 1/m \sim 1/H_{\rm osi}$



 $m_1 >> m_2$ (also due to temp. dep.of m)

 $H_{\rm osi} \sim m_2$

 $T' \sim 1/m_1 << 1/H_{osi} \sim 1/m_2$

Power spectrum of axion density perturbation

10^{2} $\Delta = 10^{-5}\pi$ 10^{0} $\Delta = 10^{-4}\pi$ $\tilde{k} \equiv k/(a_c H_c)$ $\Delta = 0.9\pi$ 10^{-2} $\check{k}^3 |\delta\rho_{\rm a,r}/\rho_a|^2$ 10^{-4} 10^{-6} 10^{-8} 10^{-10} $\mathcal{P}_{\tau}=2.1 \times 10^{-9}$ 10^{-12} 10^{-14} Kitajima, Kogai, Y.U. (in prep.) $10^{-2} \ 10^{-1} \ 10^{0} \ 10^{1} \ 10^{2} \ 10^{3} \ 10^{4} \ 10^{5}$ $10^6 \quad 10^7 \quad 10^8$

break down of perturbation

- Radiation sources $\delta \rho_a$ only in sub horizon scales
- Resonance peak for fine-tuned IC, $\Delta << 1$

Axion abundance

For $\Delta <<1$, Ω_a is enhanced due to the delayed oscillation.



Oscillation starts earlier as \searrow (black line: $\Omega_a = \Omega_c$)

Turner(86), Lyth(92),...

For $\Omega_a = \Omega_c$, i.e., DM=axion



AMC formation



 $\delta \rho_a / \rho_a$ reaches O(1) at T=Tc,

1) ${\cal P}_{\zeta} > 10^{-3}$ at $k \sim a_{\rm c} H_{\rm c}$

2) For $\mathcal{P}_{\zeta} \sim 10^{-9}$, fine-tuned IC w/ $\Delta < 10^{-3}$

Future issues



More realistic input from QCD physics

If time permits....

ALP dark matter



nHz GW signature from ALP dark matter

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Phys. Rev. Lett. 126. (2021) 12, 121301 Kitajima, Soda, Y.U.

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ALP dark matter w/GUT scale f

axion w/ $f \sim 10^{15-16} \text{GeV} (H_{\text{inf}} < f)$ anthropic window



Model building

Svrcek & Witten (06)



Sigl & Trivedi (18)



non-thermal production $\Omega_a h^2 \sim 2.8 \left(\frac{g_{*osc}}{10}\right)^{-1/4} \left(\frac{m}{10^{-14} \text{eV}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{f\theta_i}{10^{16} \text{GeV}}\right)^2$

Recall reheating

Transition from inflation to thermalized Universe

Traschen, Brandenberger (90), Kofman, Línde, Starobínsky (97) Khlebníkov, Tkachev (96),



Bottom-line story

Detectable GWs via pulsar observations



nHz GW from pulsar timing array (PTA)



Time residual of periodic emissions from pulsars (rapidly rotating NSs)

 $n/(a_{\rm OSC}m)$

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ALP dark matter w/GUT scale f

Weakly coupled w/SM ∝1/f

axion w/ f~1015-16GeV

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